

# Rigid Body Collisions

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# Rigid Body Dynamics

## Collision and Contact

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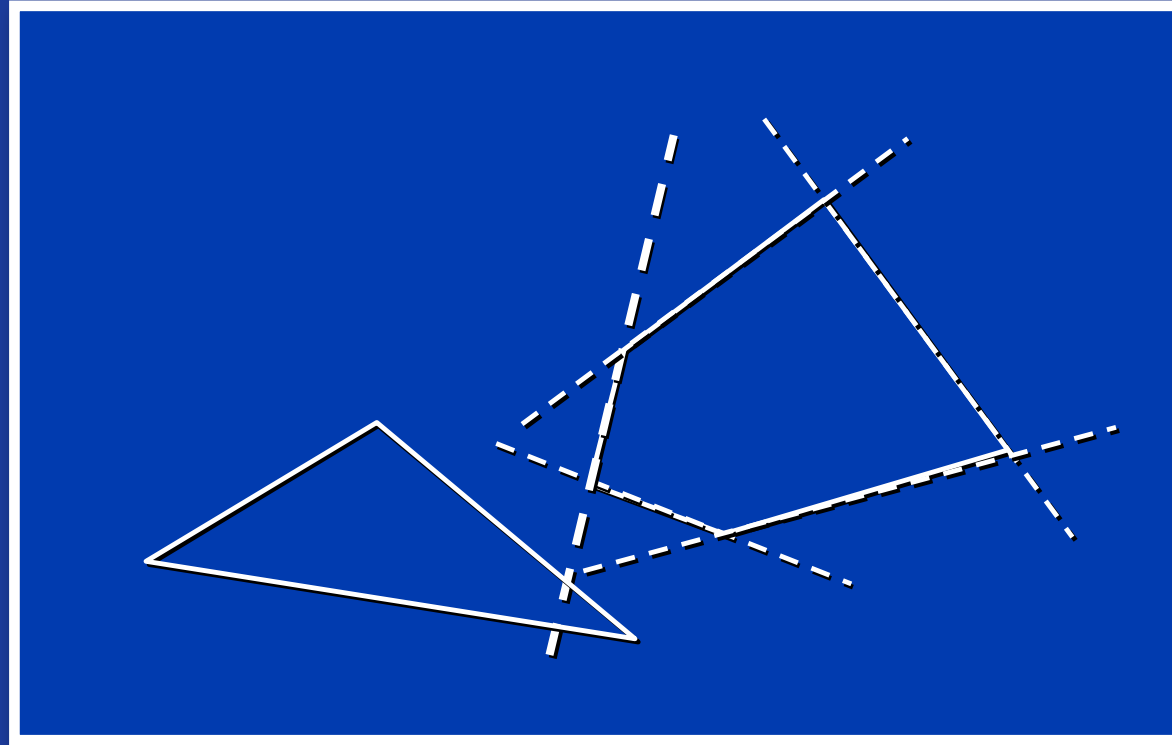
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# Problem

- Positions **NOT OK**

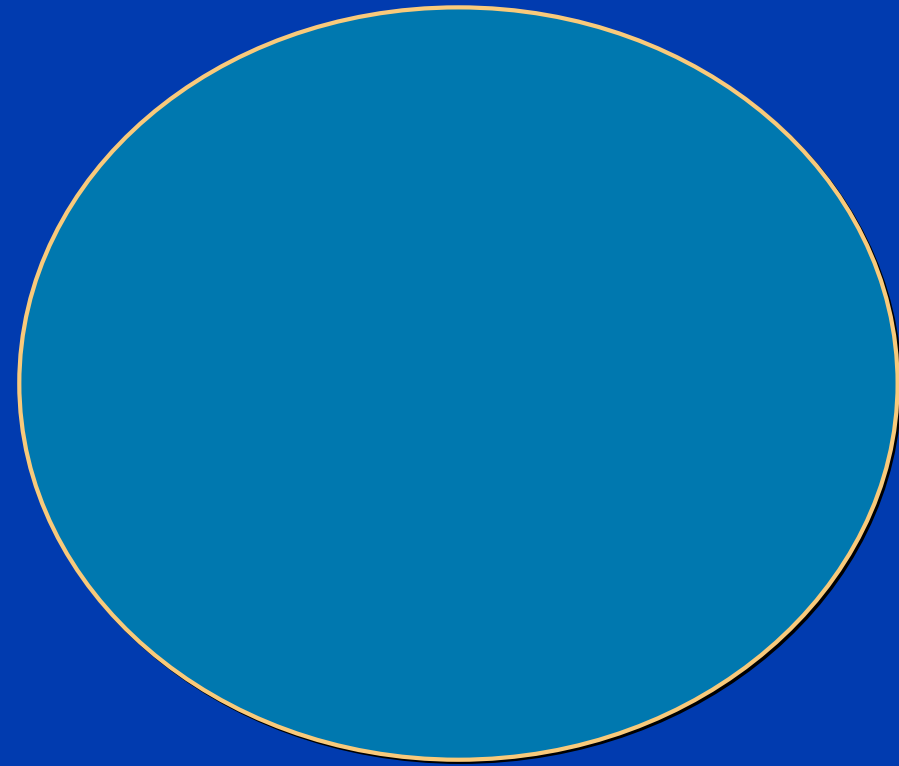
# Collision Detection



Assume we have some **spatial** collision detection algorithm.

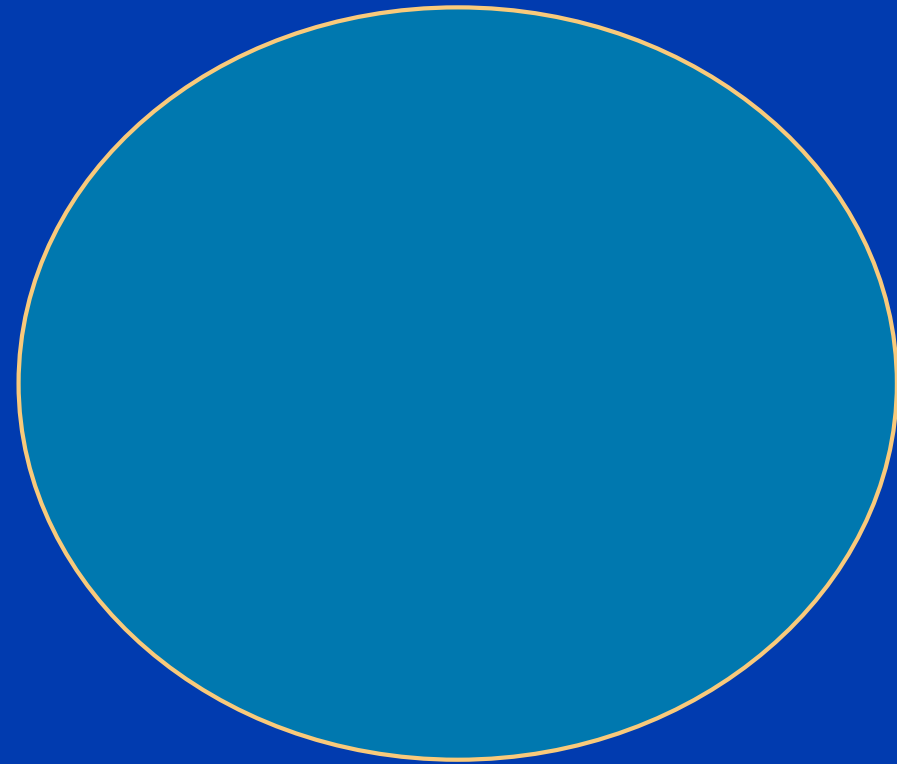
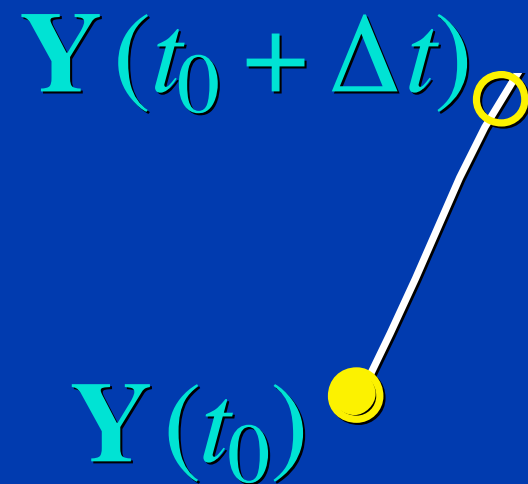
(This can be solved in less than  $O(n^2)$  time.)

# Simulations with Collisions



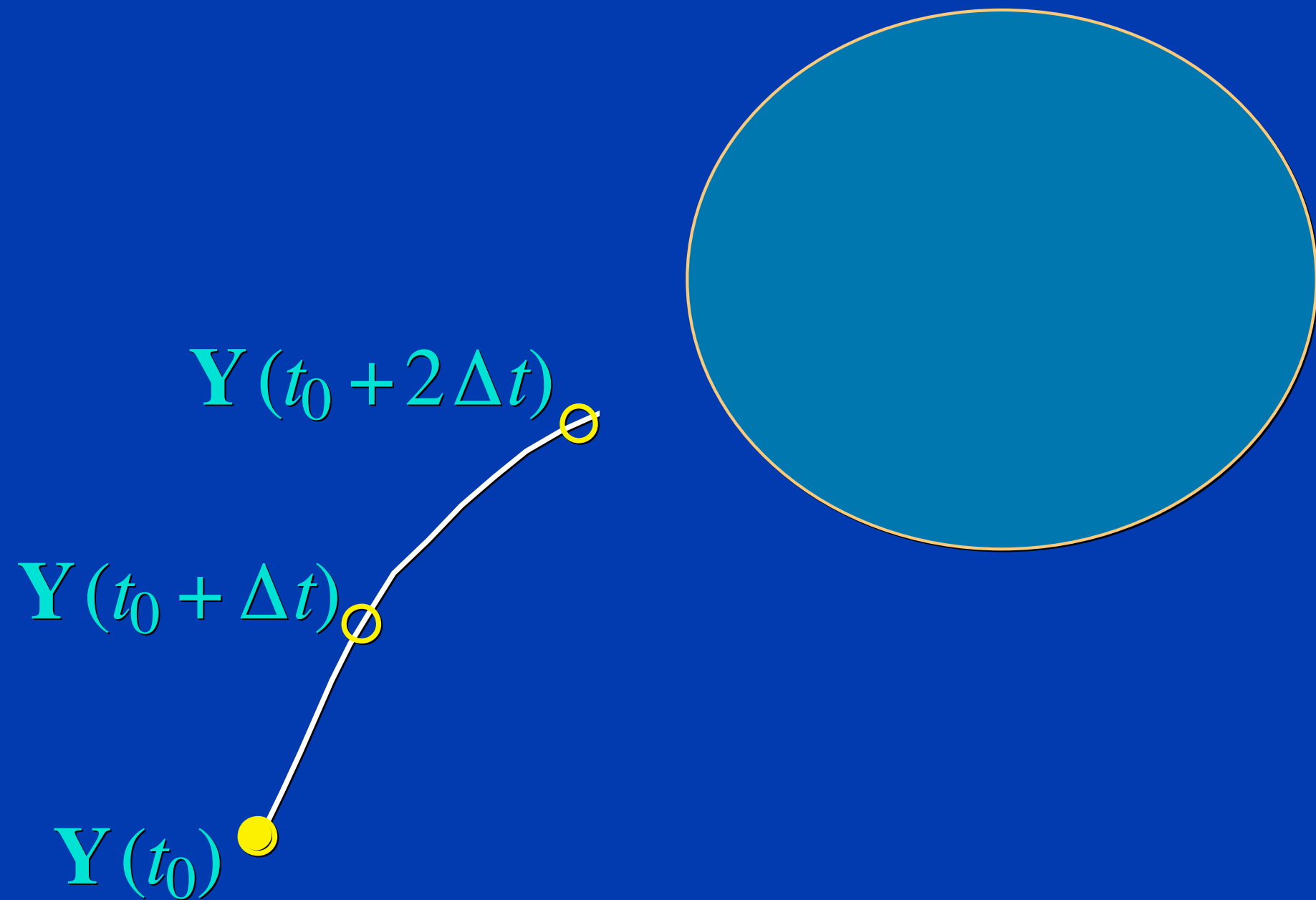
$Y(t_0)$  ●

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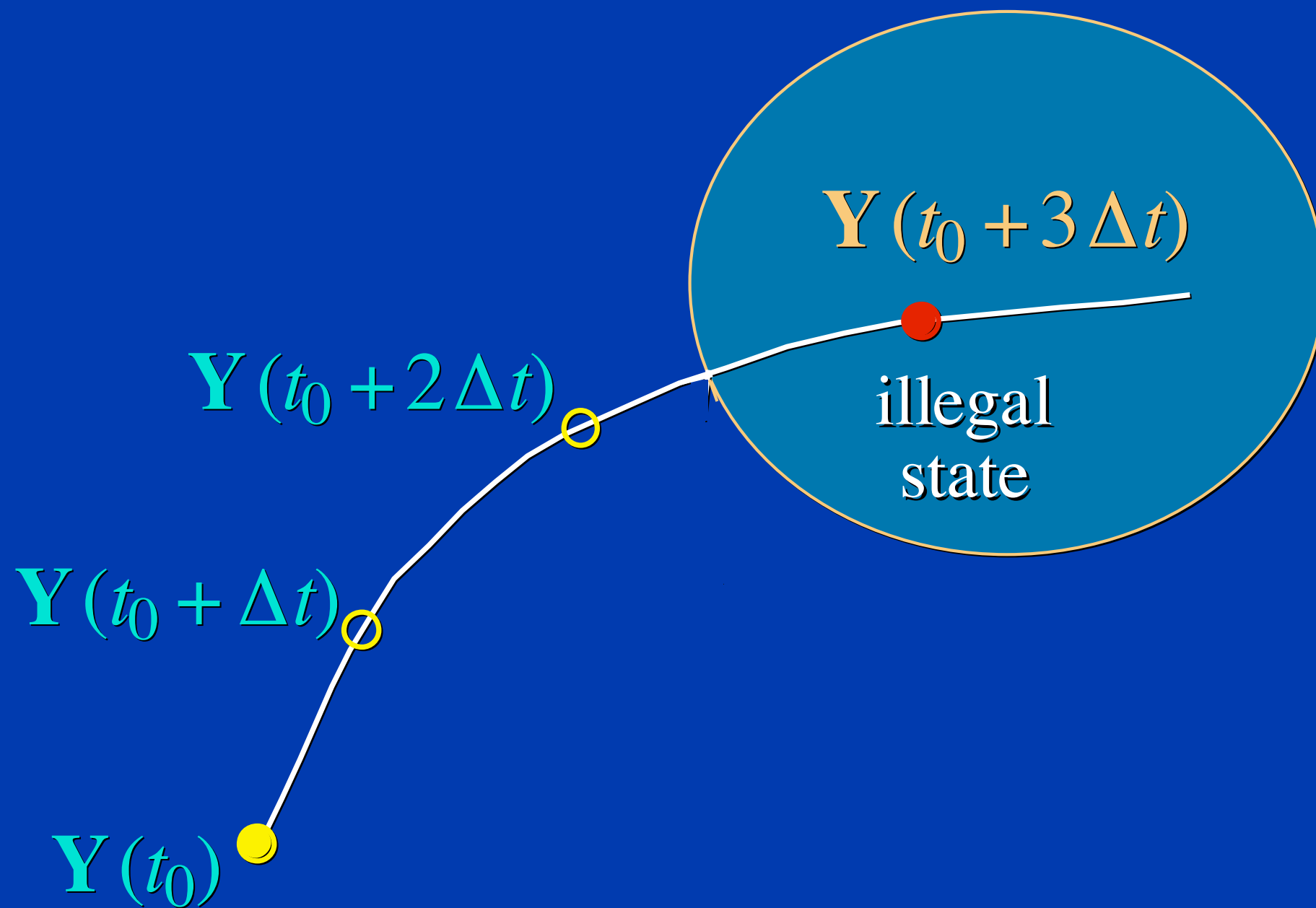




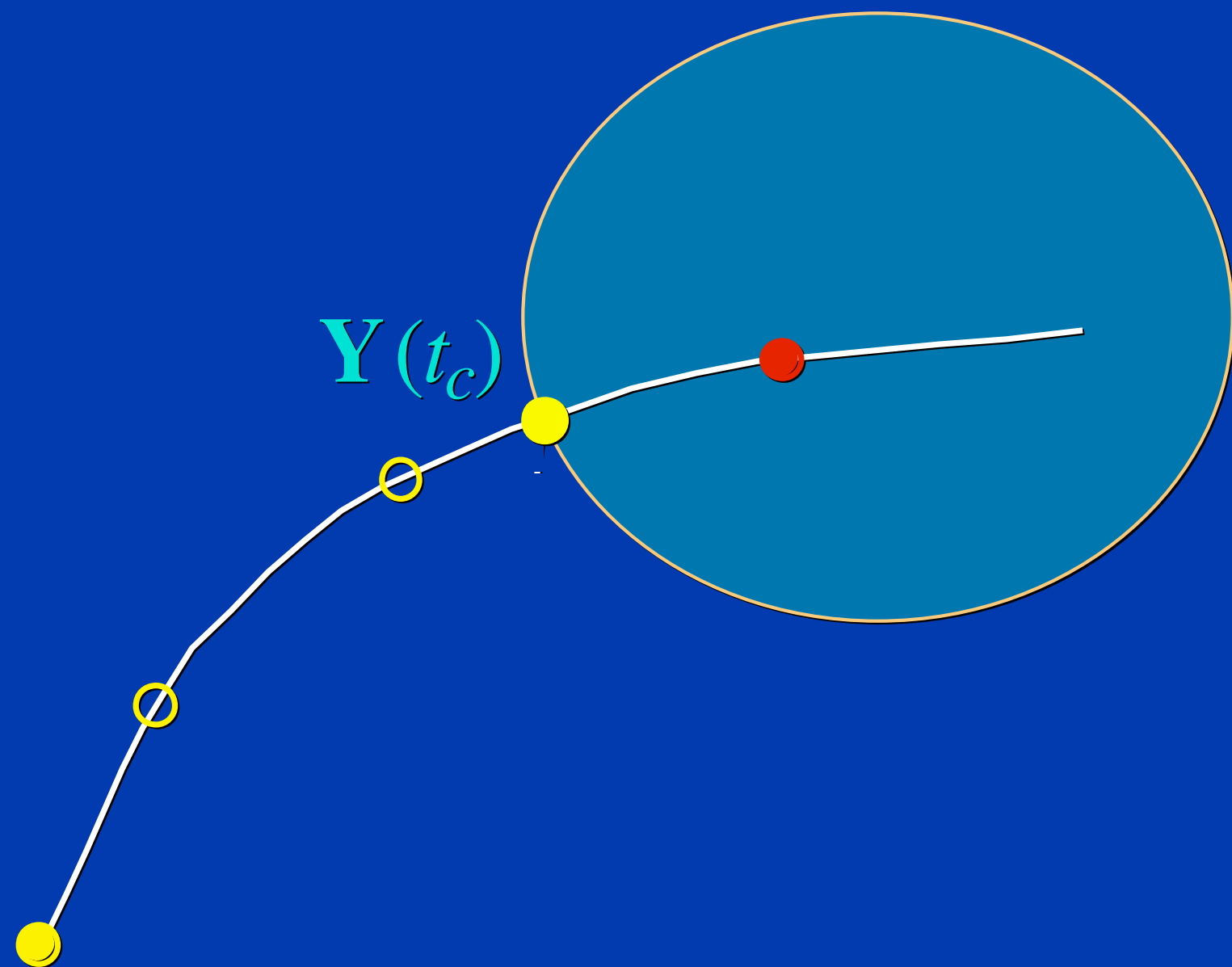
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# An Illegal State Y



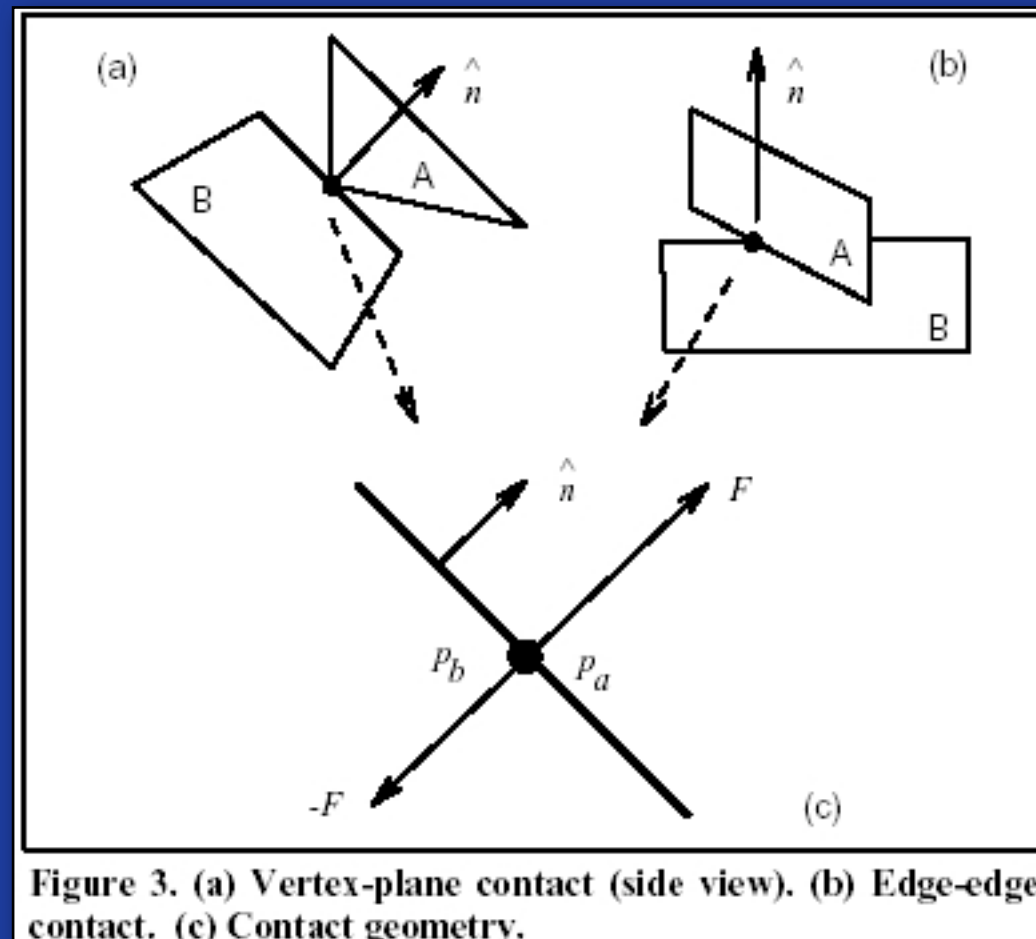
# Backing up to the Collision Time



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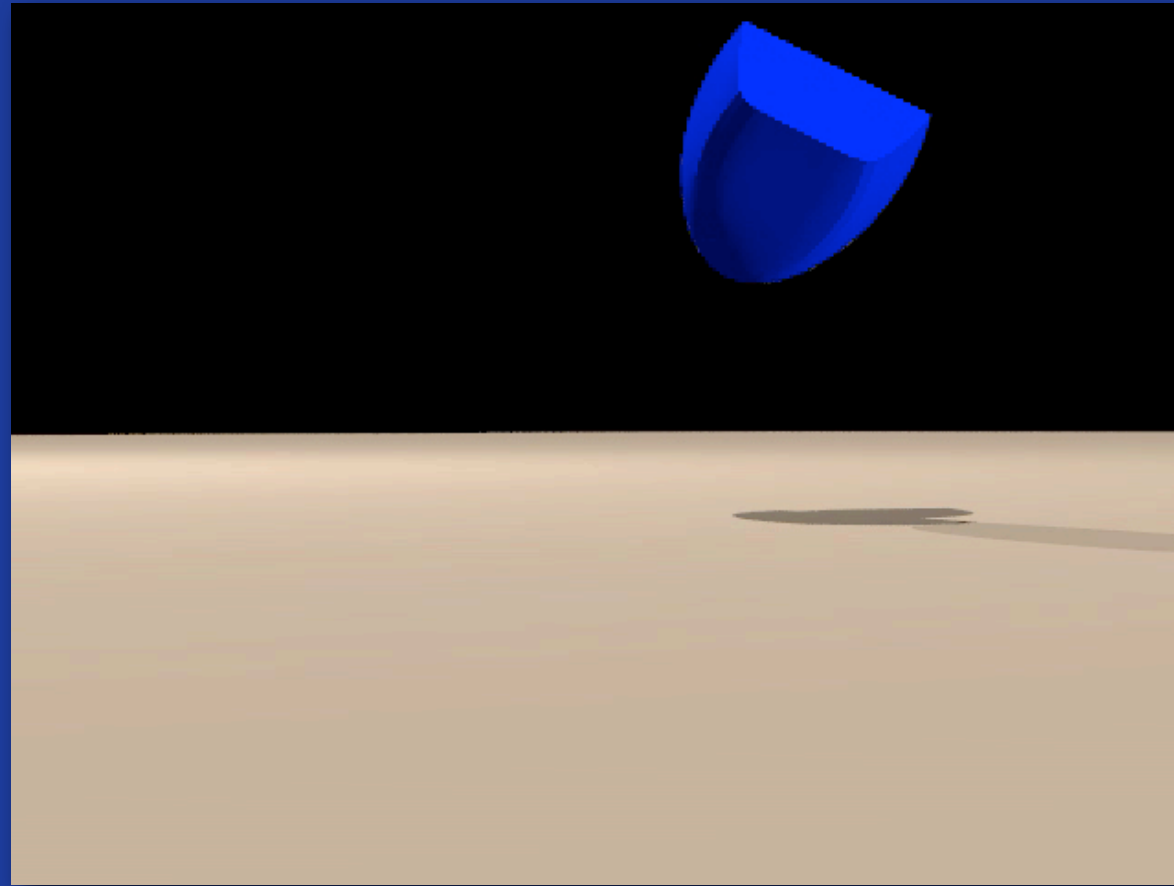
# Geometric Contact



source: <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~van/cpsc526/Vjan2003/projects/gao/index.html>

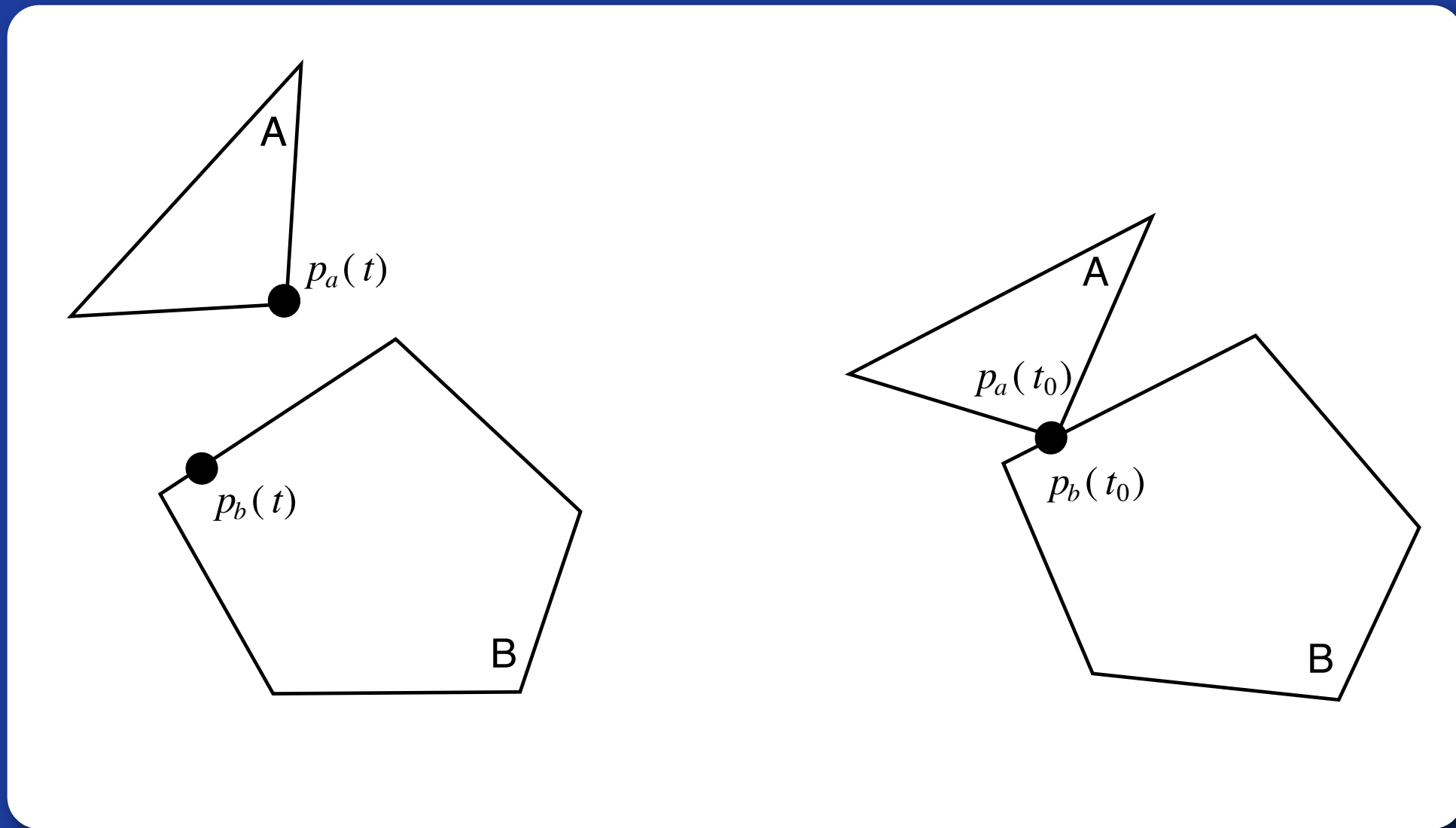
- Vertex-Face
- Edge-Edge

# Physical Contact



- **Impulse Collision (“bounce”)**
- **Resting Contact**

# Physical Contact

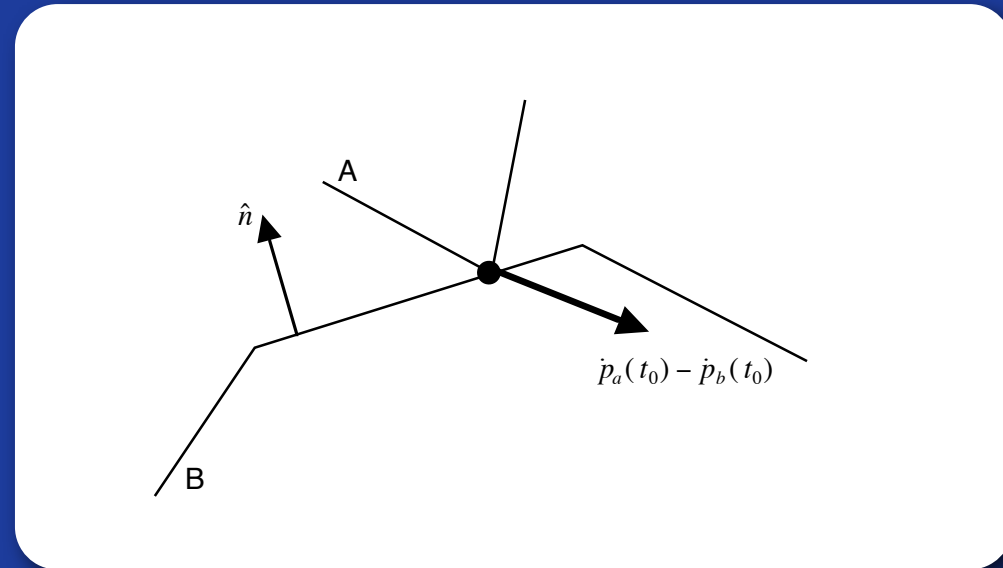


$p_a(t)$  = contact point on body A

$p_b(t)$  = contact point on body B

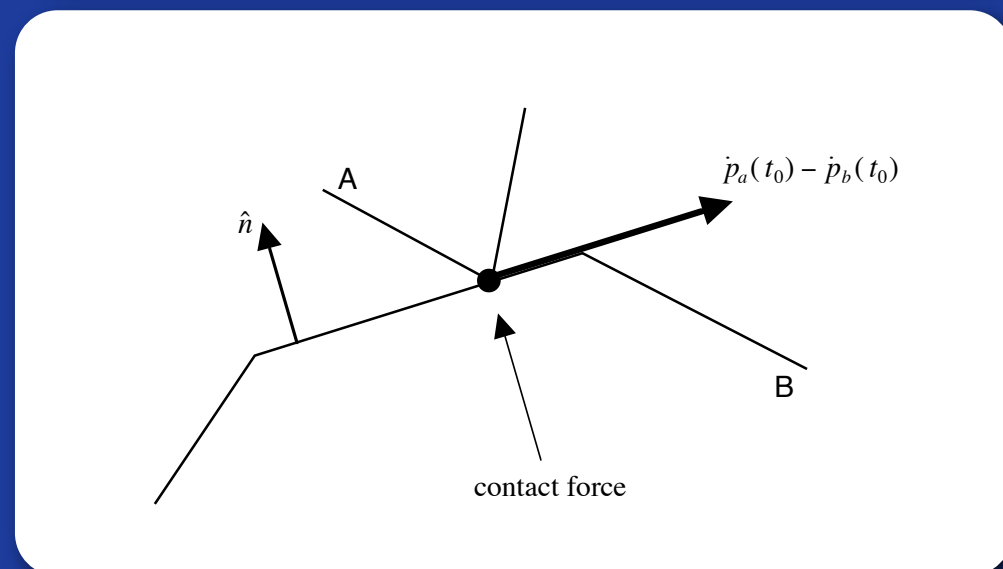
$p_a(t_0) = p_b(t_0)$  but in general  $\dot{p}_a(t_0) \neq \dot{p}_b(t_0)$

# Physical Contact



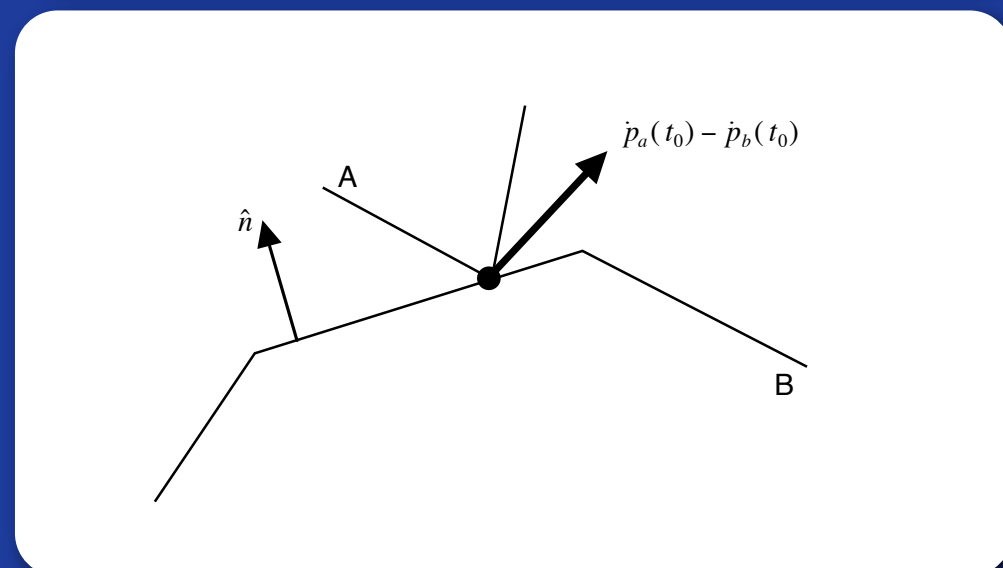
$$(\dot{p}_a(t_0) - \dot{p}_b(t_0)) \cdot \hat{n} < 0$$

**Impulse collision.**



$$(\dot{p}_a(t_0) - \dot{p}_b(t_0)) \cdot \hat{n} = 0$$

**Resting contact.**



$$(\dot{p}_a(t_0) - \dot{p}_b(t_0)) \cdot \hat{n} > 0$$

**No collision.**



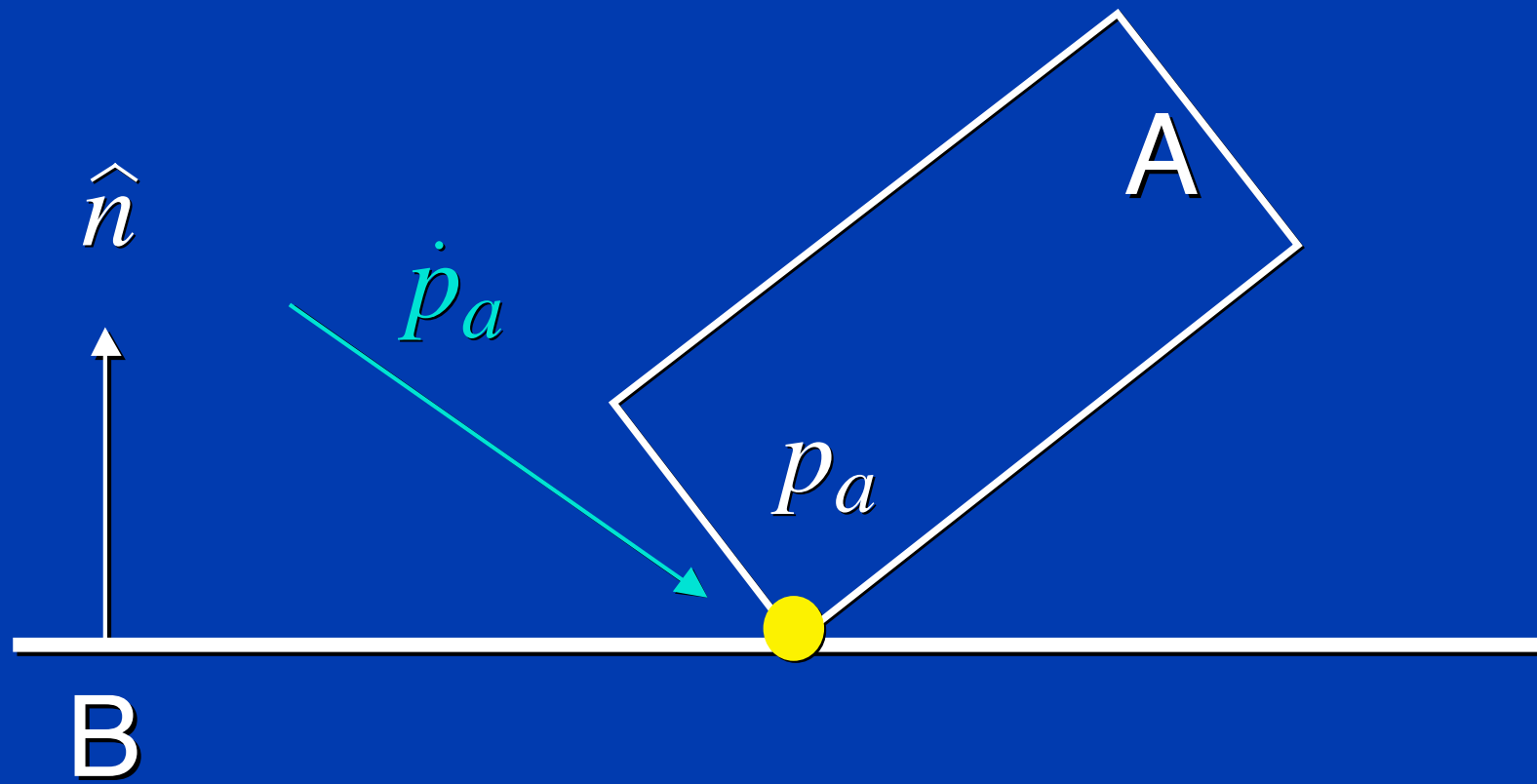
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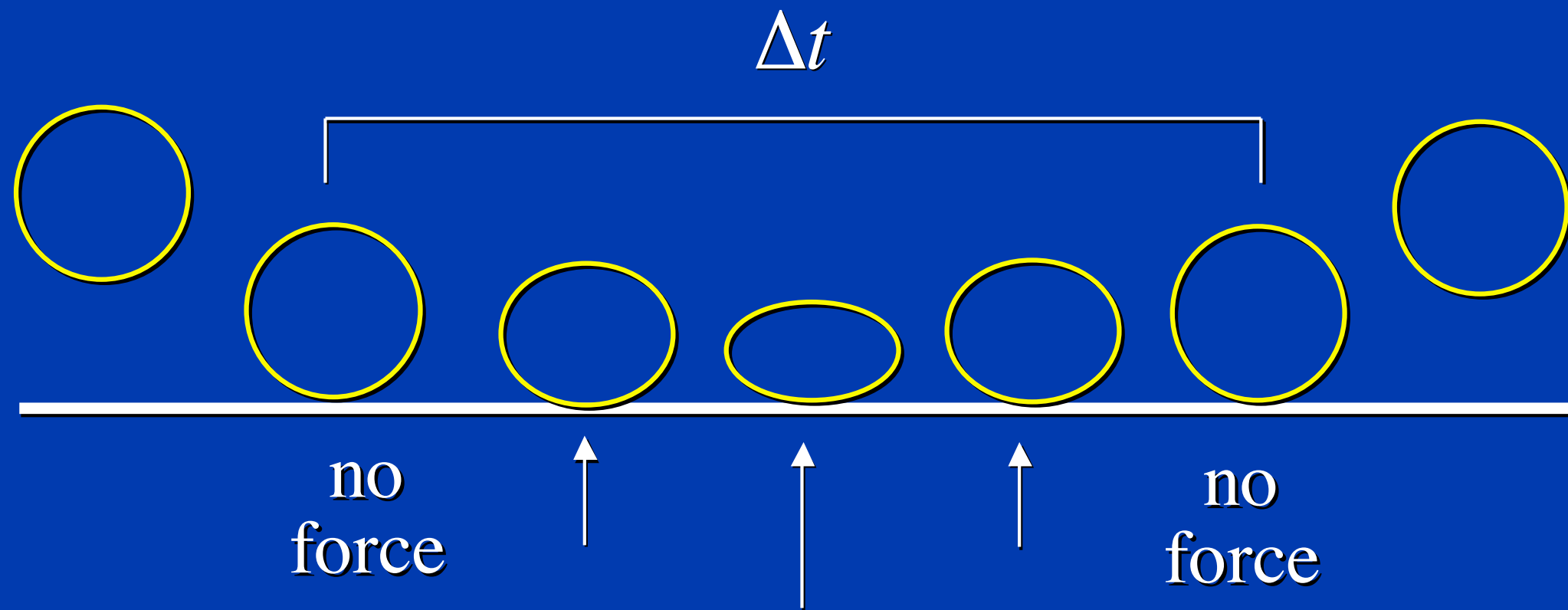
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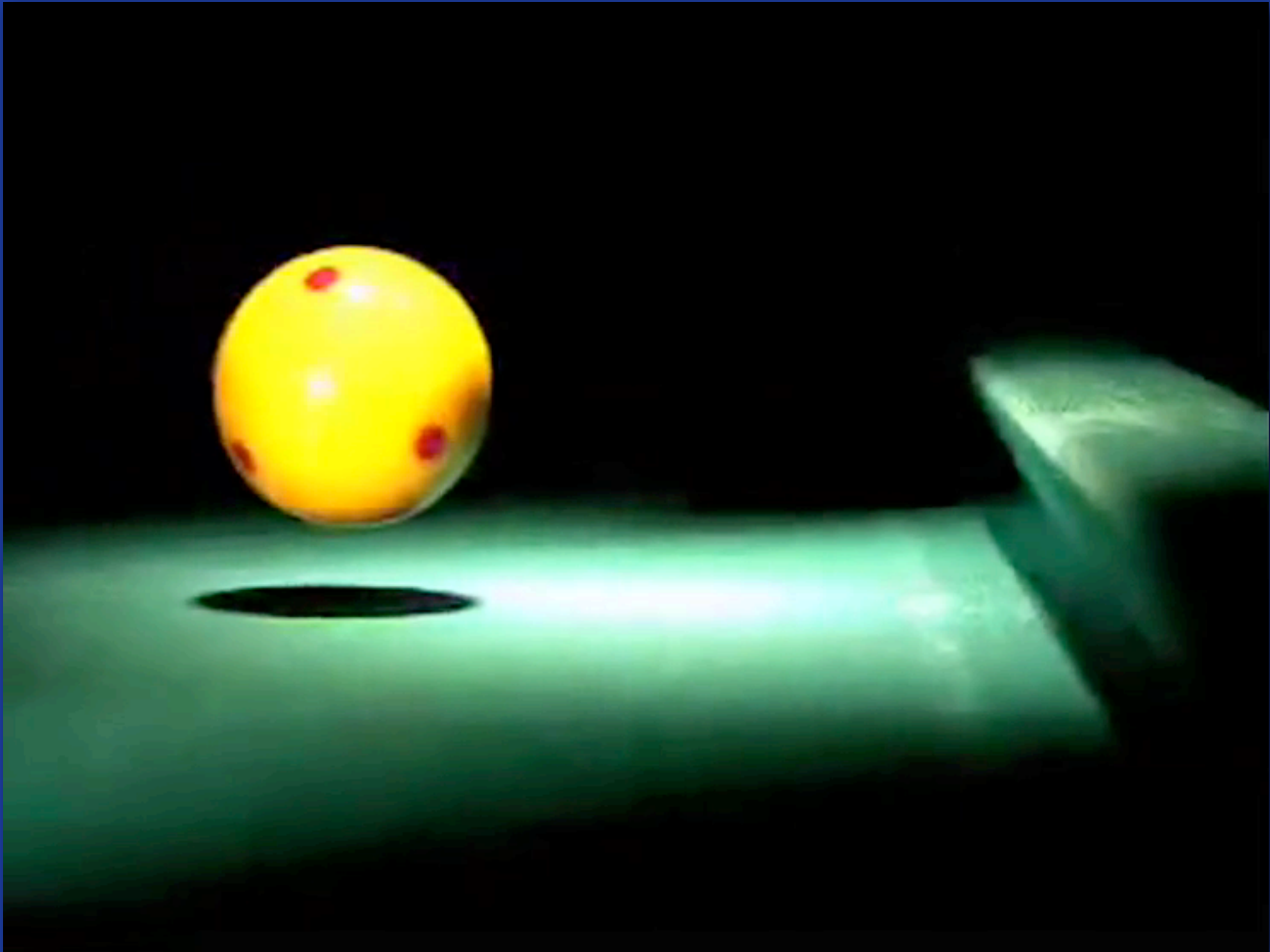
# Colliding Contact



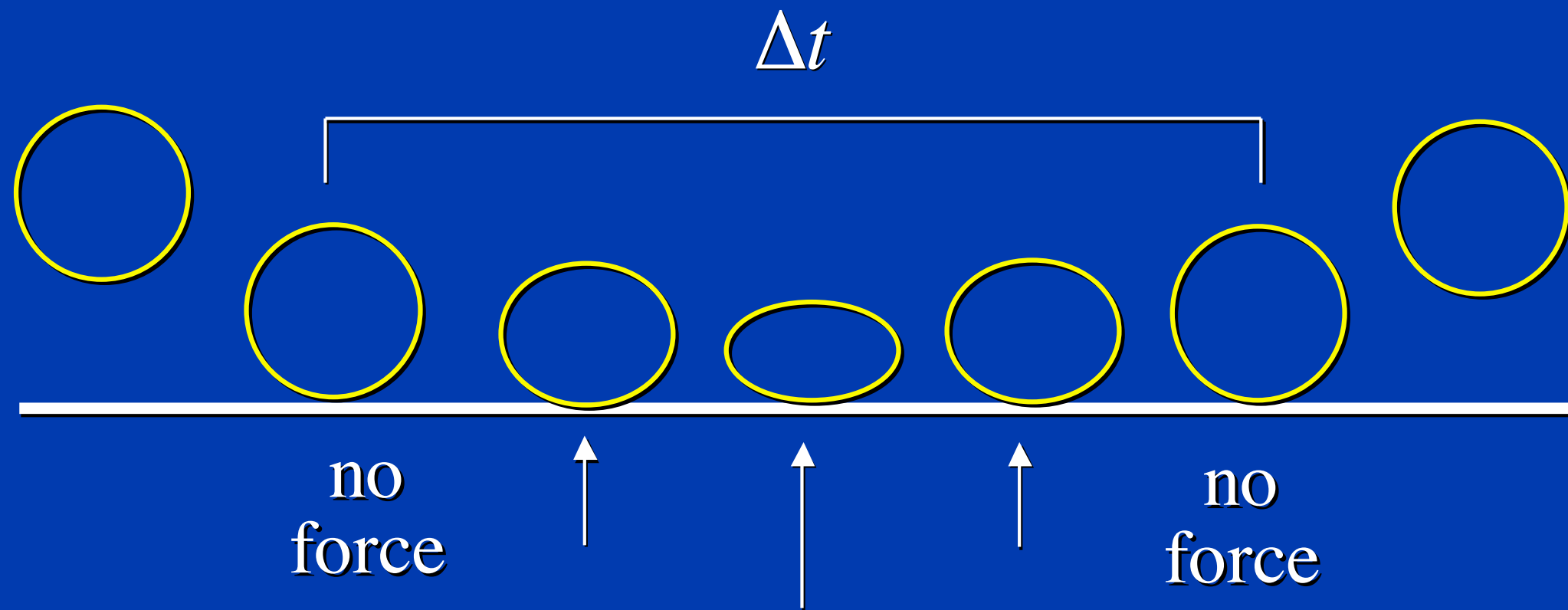
$$\hat{n} \cdot \dot{p}_a < 0$$

# Collision Process



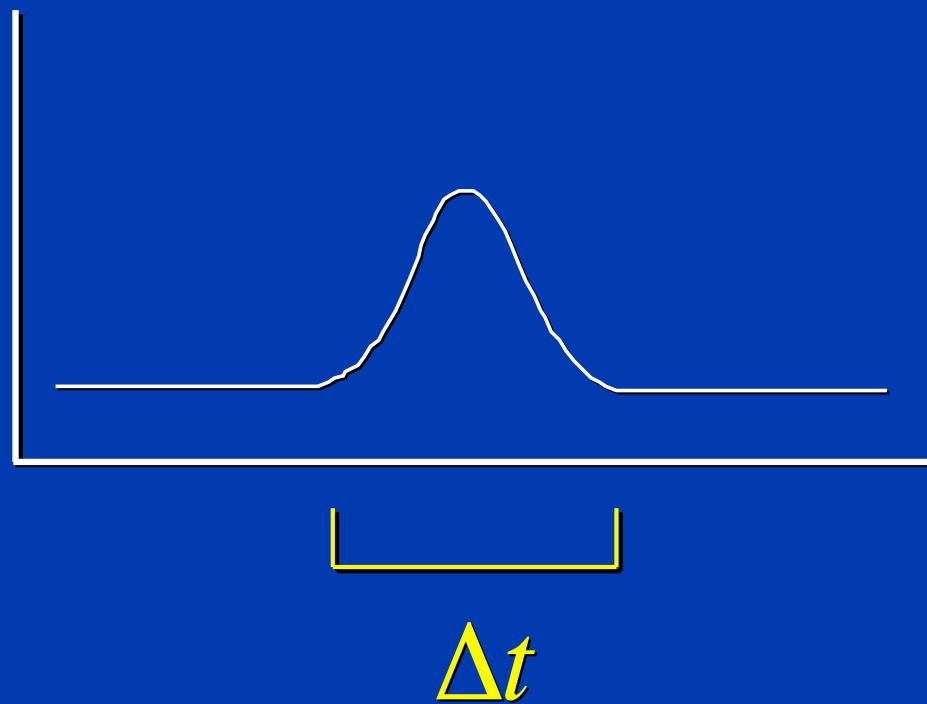


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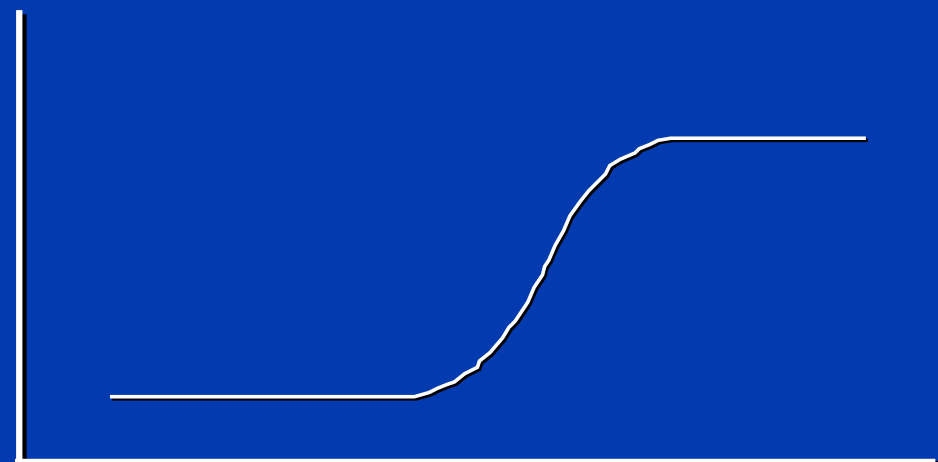


# A Soft Collision

force

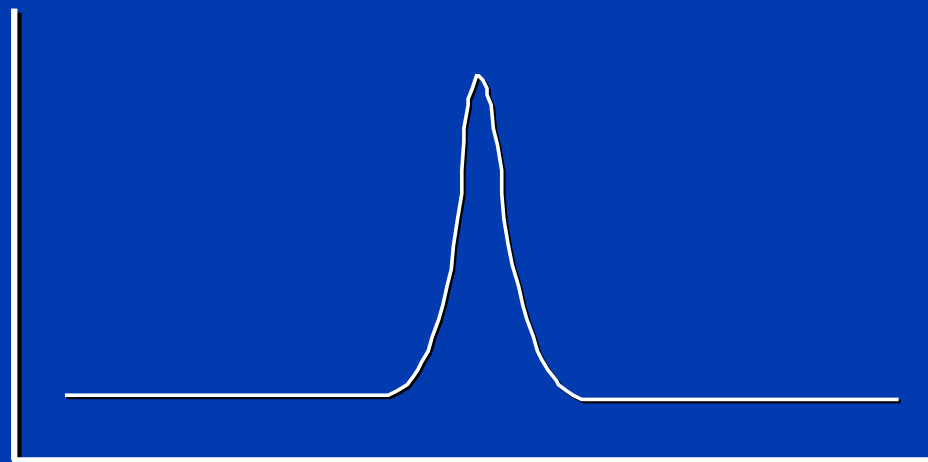


velocity



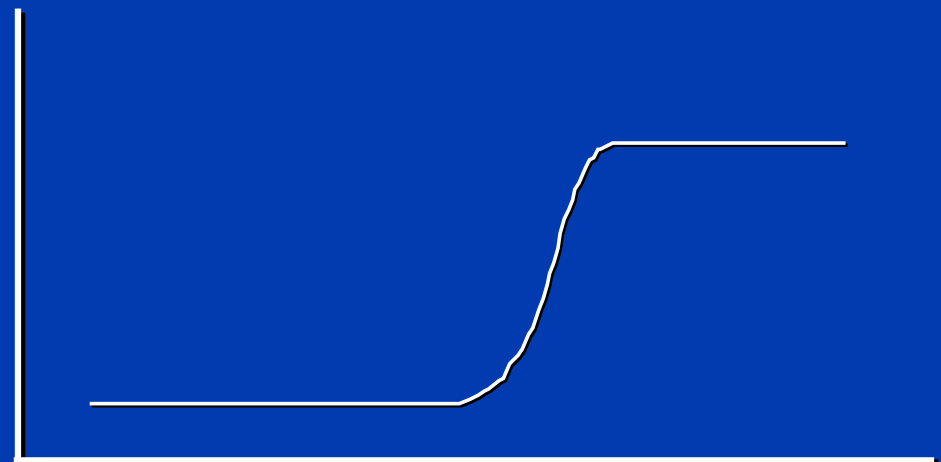
# A Harder Collision

force



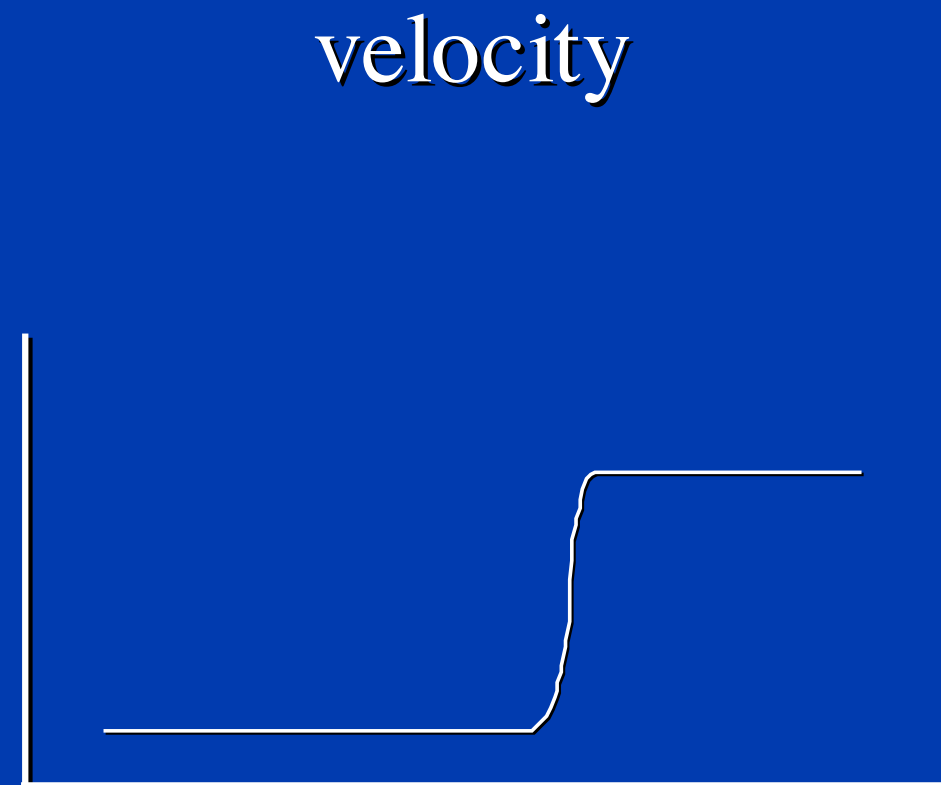
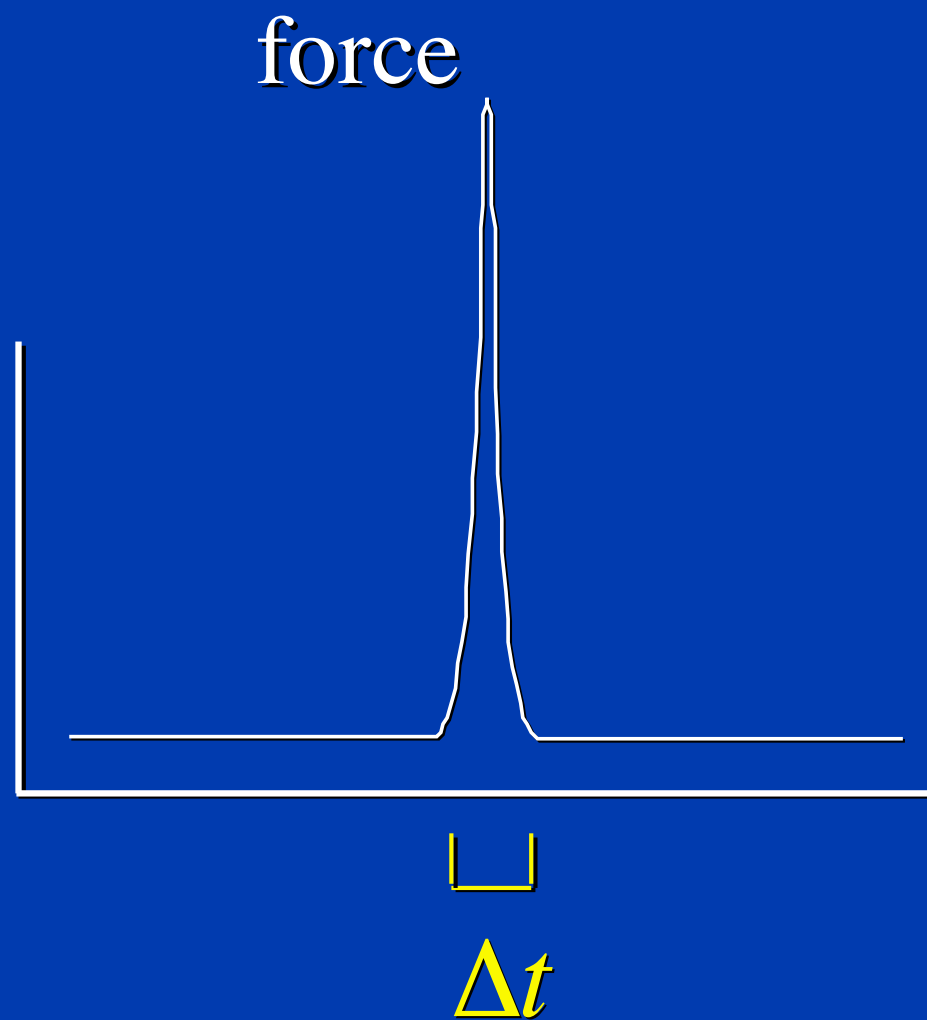
$\Delta t$

velocity



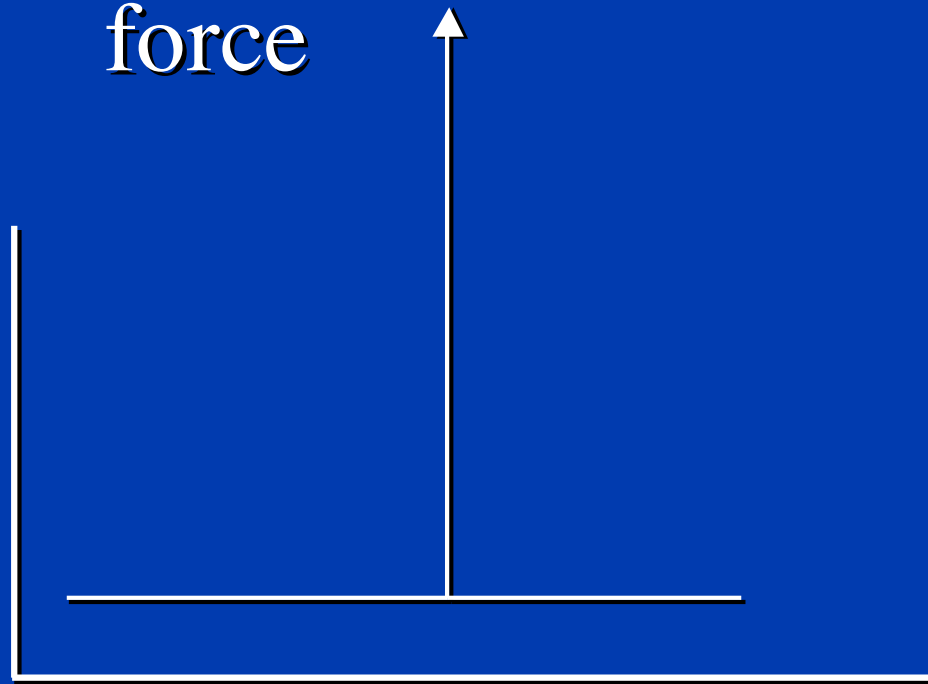


# A Very Hard Collision



# A Rigid Body Collision

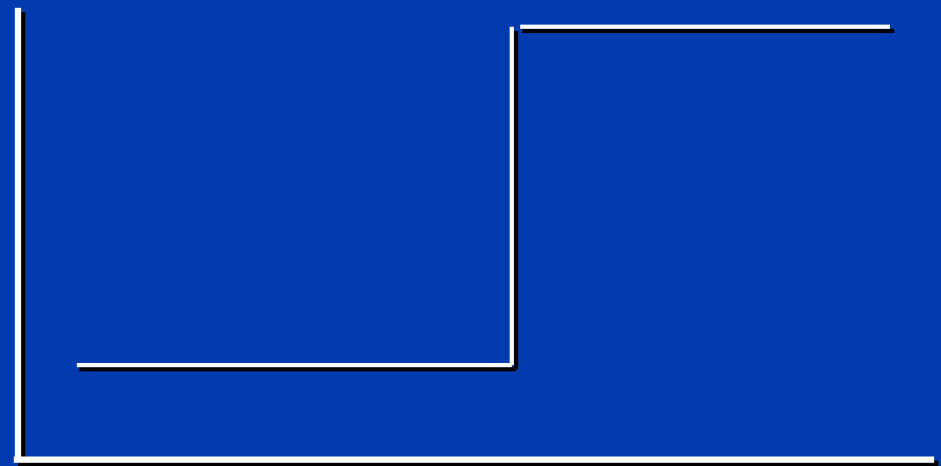
impulsive  
force



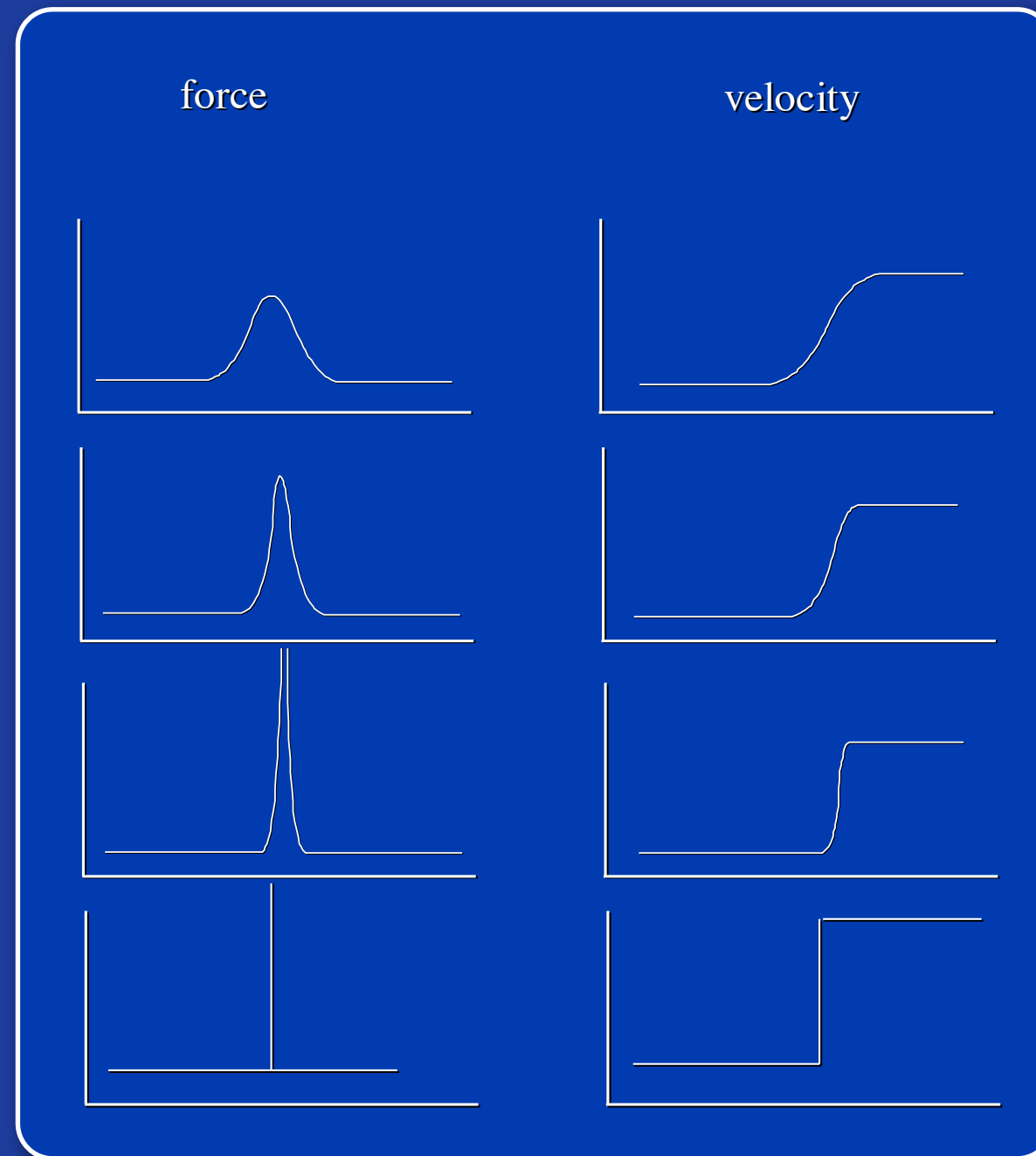
$$f_{imp} = \infty$$

$$\Delta t = 0$$

velocity

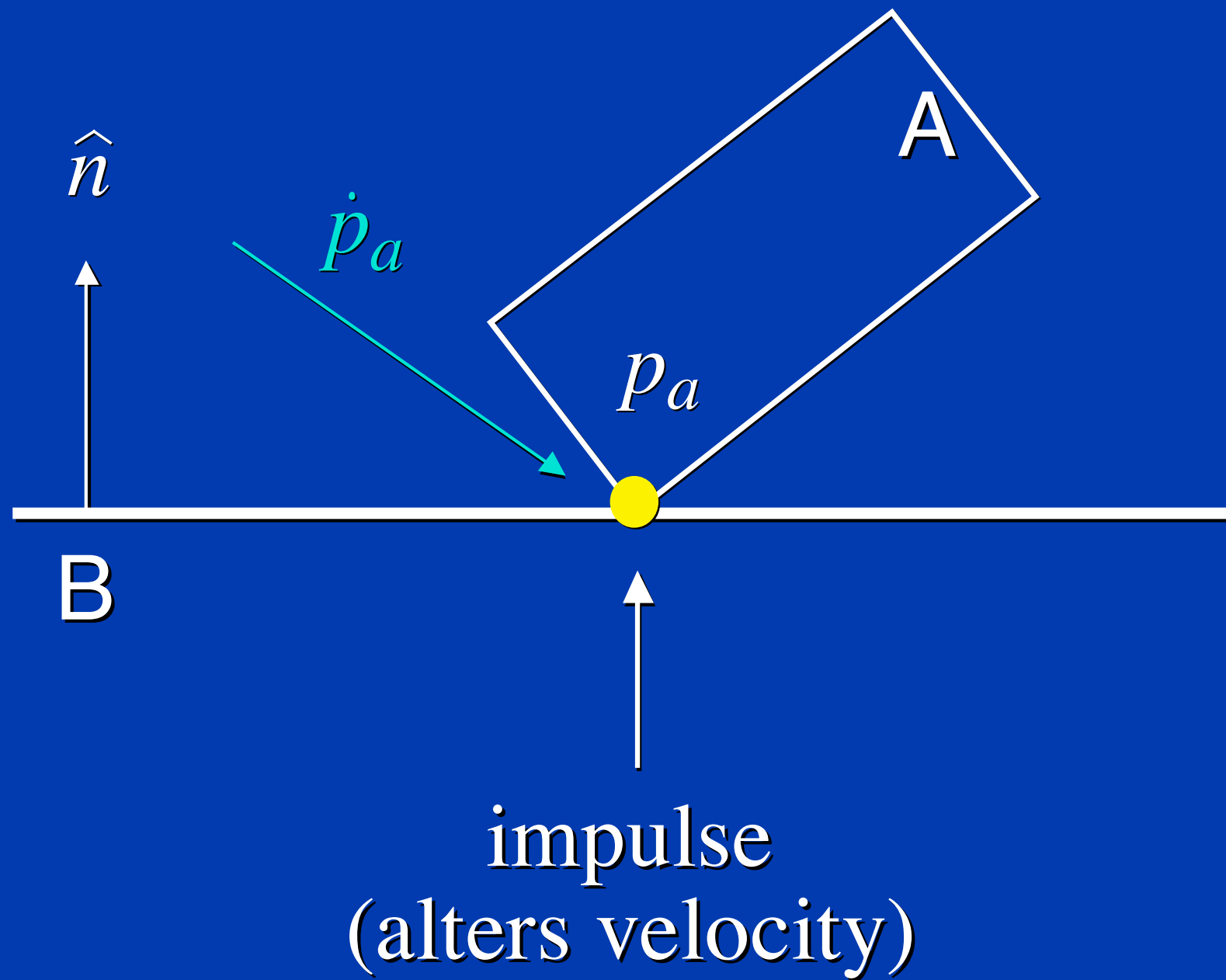


# Notice



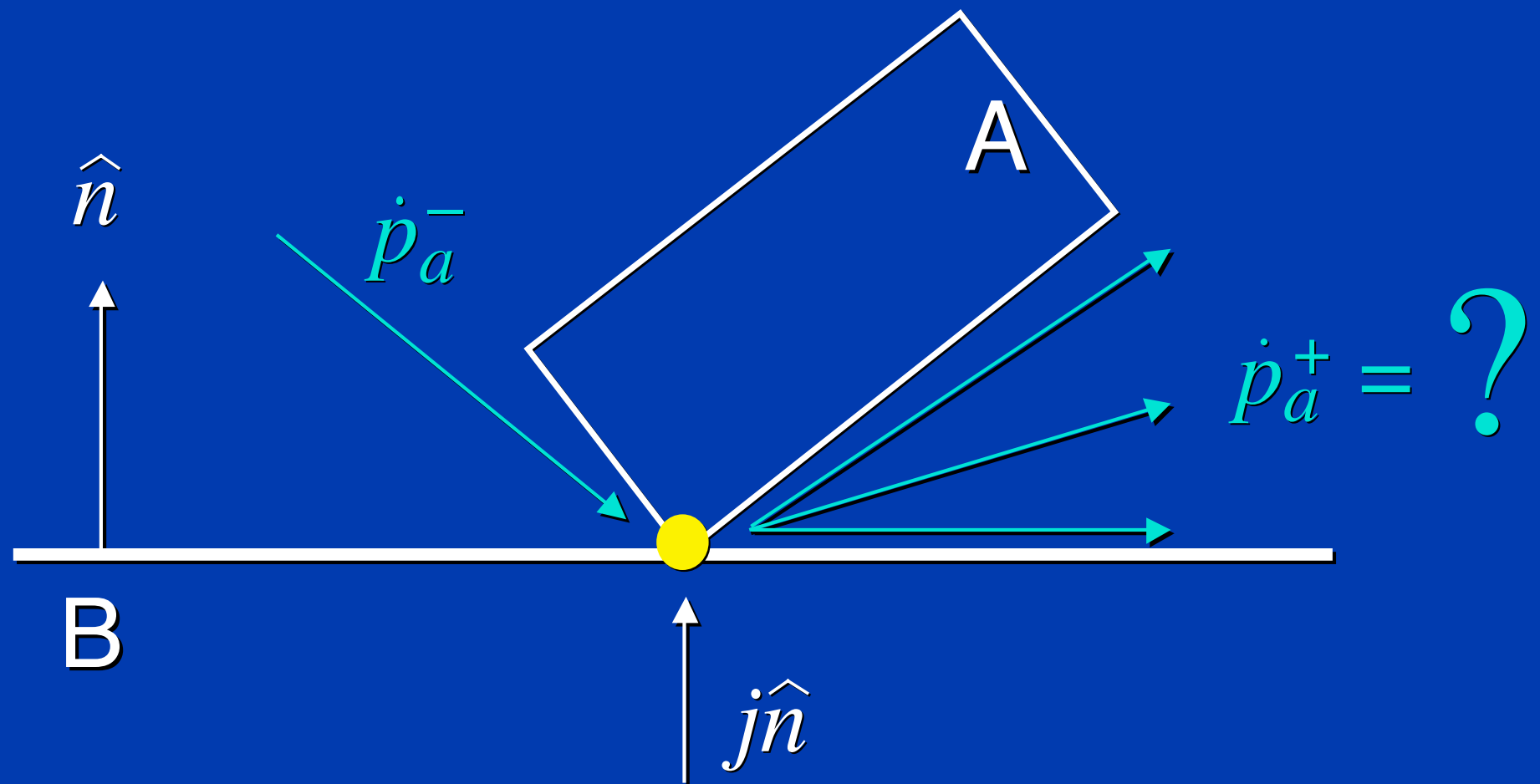
**$\Delta v$  remains constant!**

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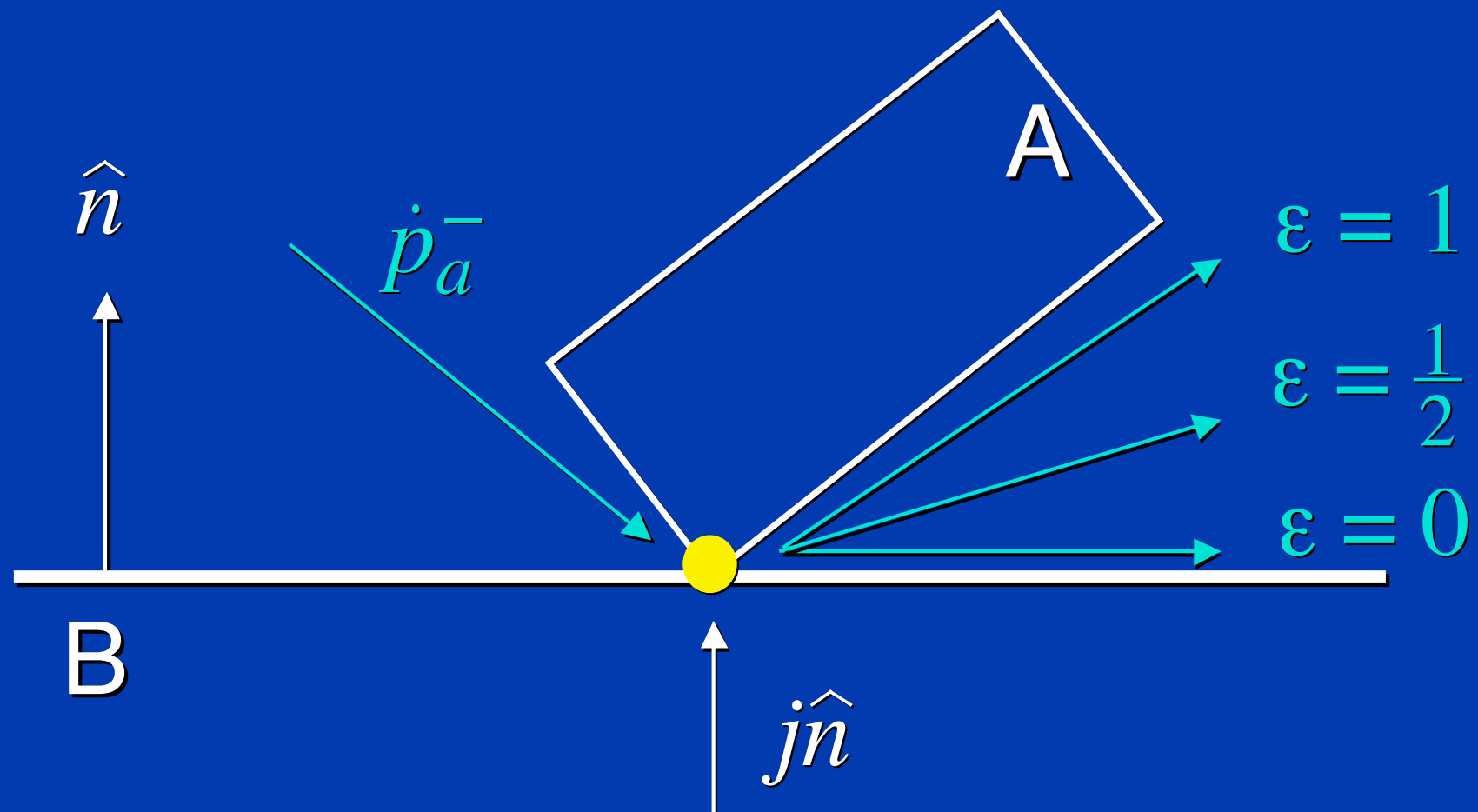
# Mathematically...

# Computing Impulses



# Coefficient of Restitution

$$\hat{n} \cdot \dot{p}_a^+ = -\varepsilon (\hat{n} \cdot \dot{p}_a^-)$$



## Computing j

$$v_a^+(t_0) = v_a^-(t_0) + \frac{j\hat{n}(t_0)}{M_a}$$

$$\omega_a^+(t_0) = \omega_a^-(t_0) + I_a^{-1} (r_a \times j\hat{n}(t_0))$$

$$\dot{p}_a^+(t_0) = v_a^+(t_0) + \omega_a^+(t_0) \times r_a$$

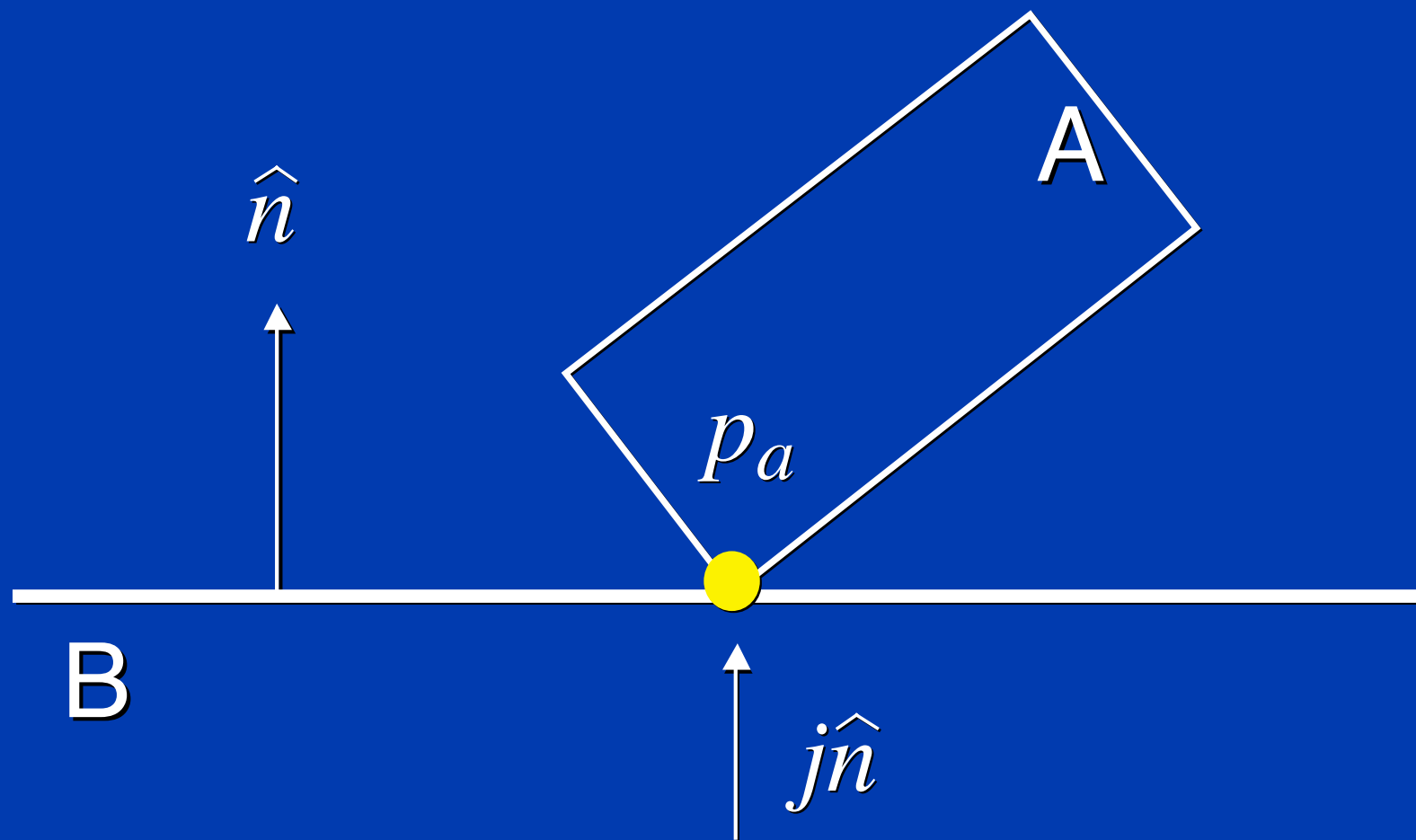
$\Downarrow$

$$\dot{p}_a^+(t_0) = aj + b$$



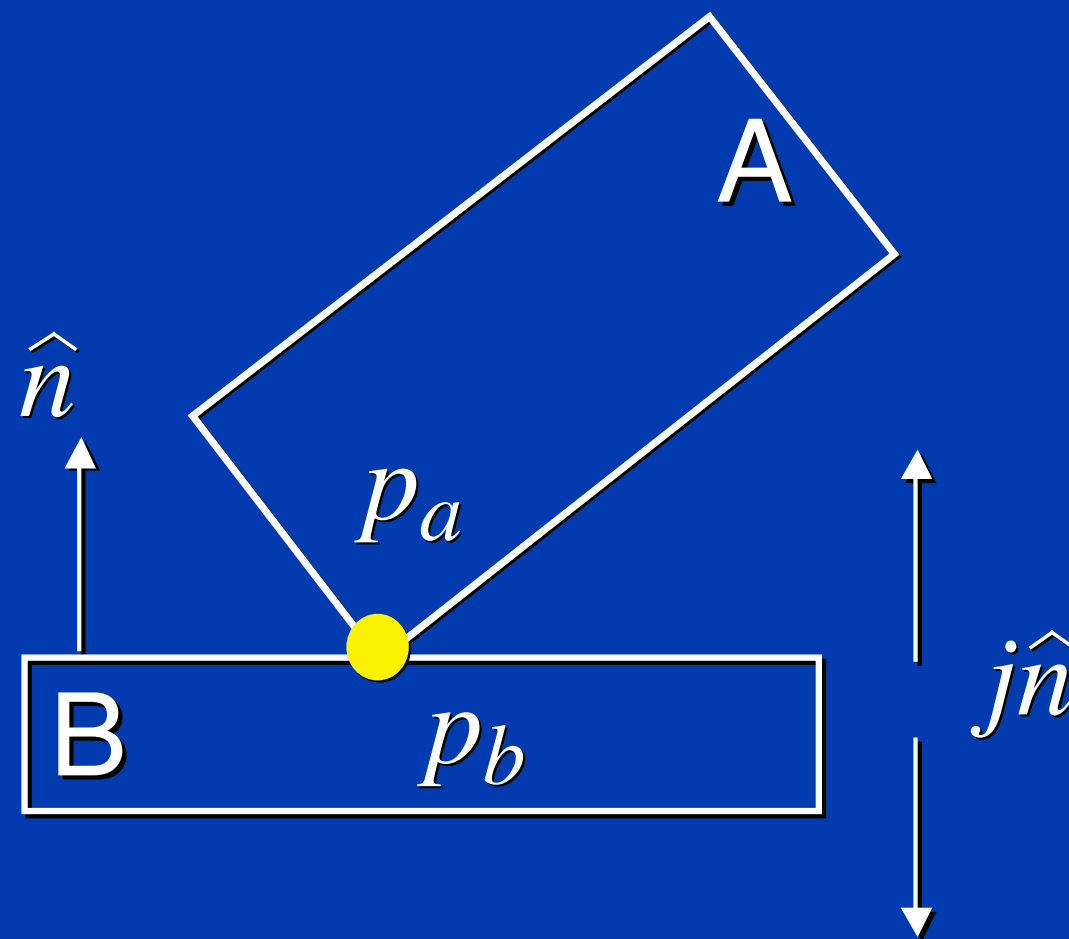
## Computing $j$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \dot{p}_a^+ = -\varepsilon(\hat{n} \cdot \dot{p}_a^-) \longrightarrow cj + b = d$$



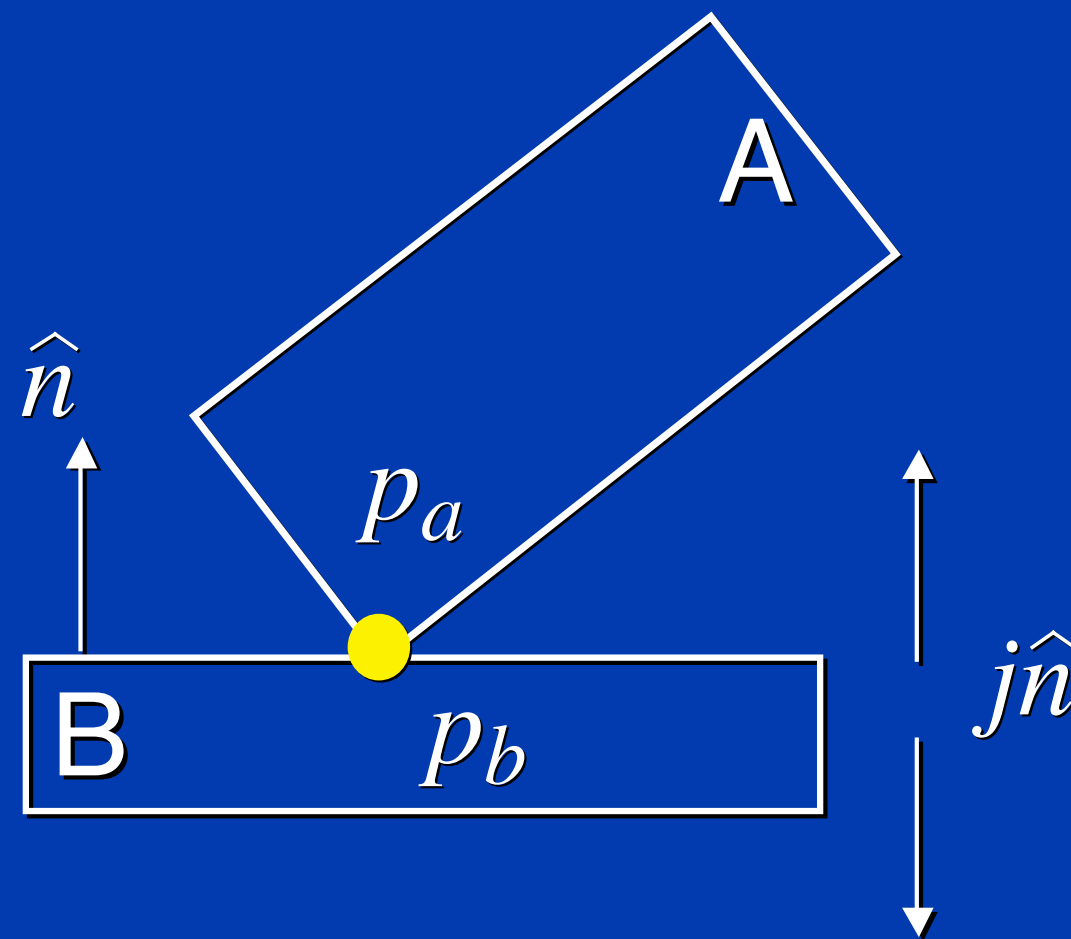
## Computing $j$

$$\hat{n} \cdot (\dot{p}_a^+ - \dot{p}_b^+) = -\varepsilon \left( \hat{n} \cdot (\dot{p}_a^- - \dot{p}_b^-) \right)$$



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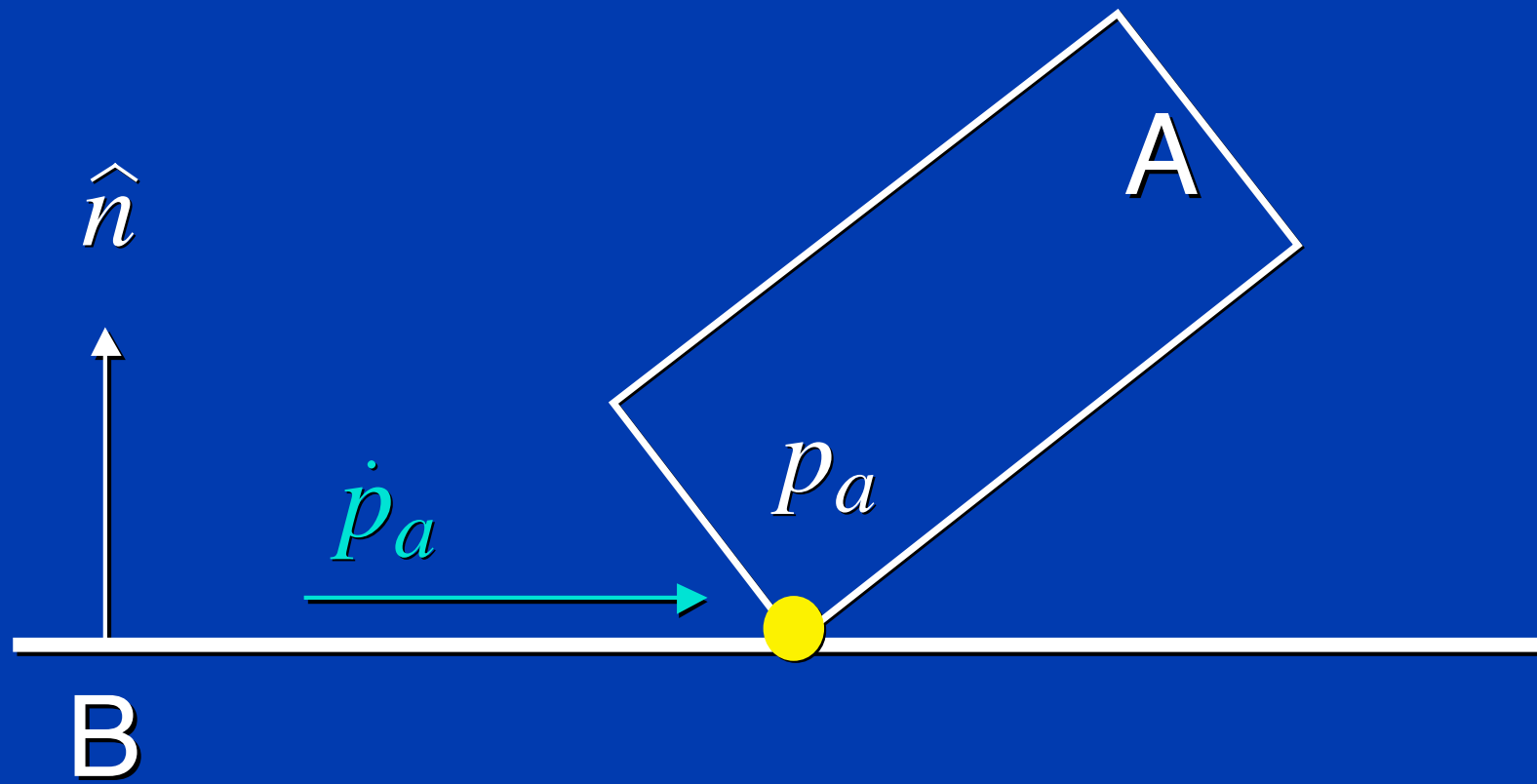
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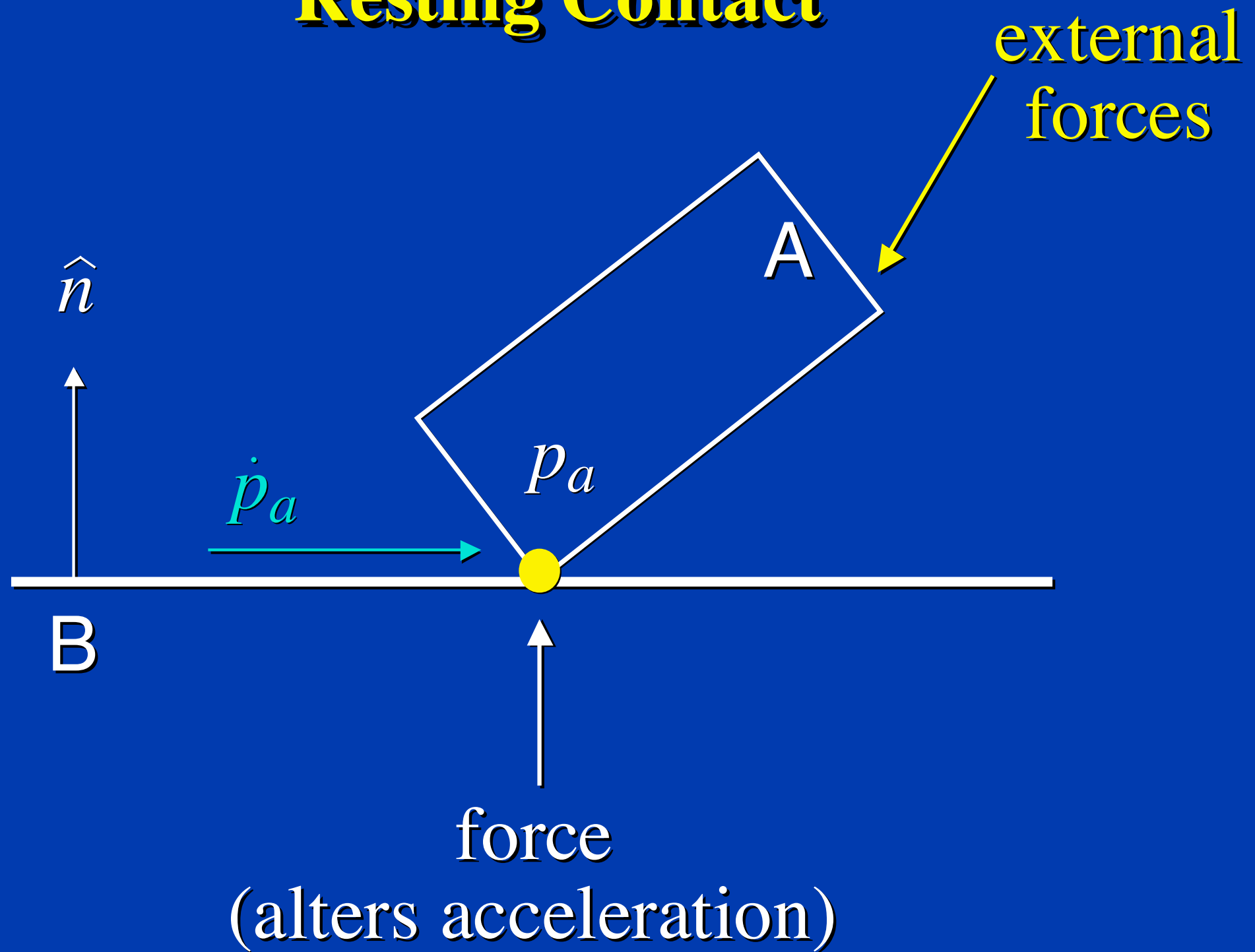


$$\hat{n} \cdot \dot{p}_a = 0$$

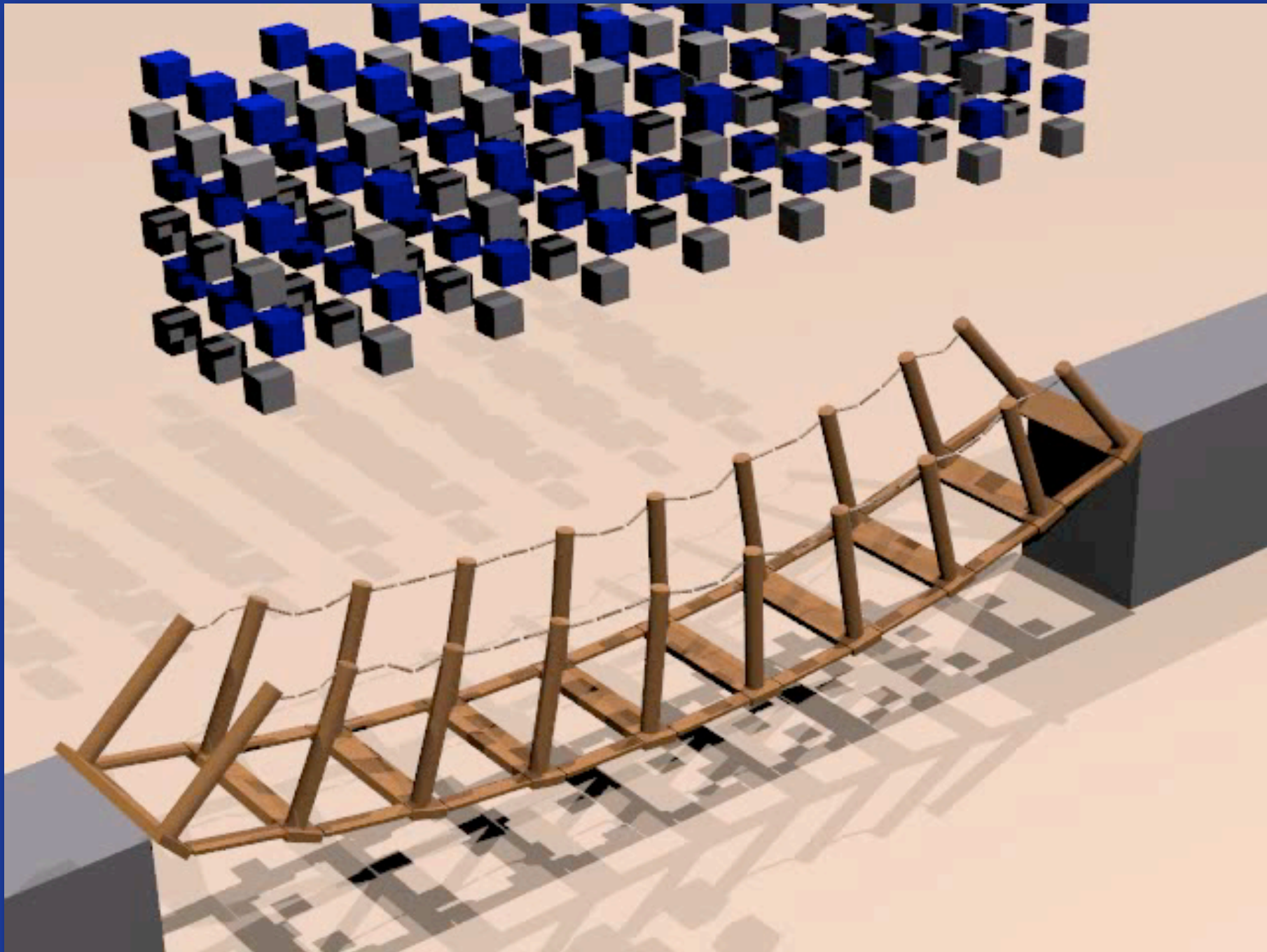
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- Velocities **OK**
- Accelerations **NOT OK**

# Resting Contact

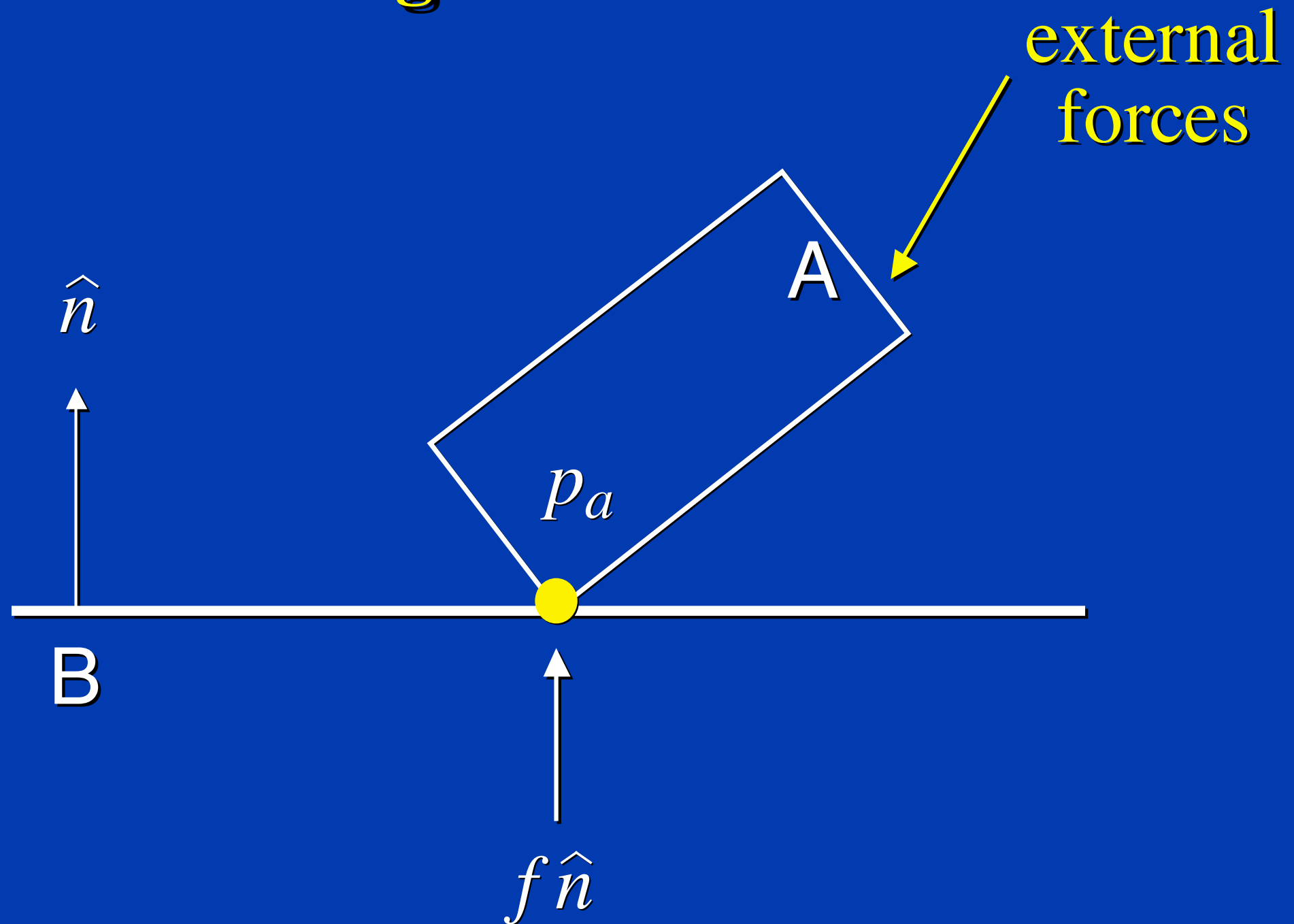


# Example





# Resting Contact Forces



**What is  $f$ ?**

# Solution Outline

- Similar to constraints before, we will compute **constraint forces**.
- Except...
  - There will be **inequalities**.
  - There will be **quadratic terms**.



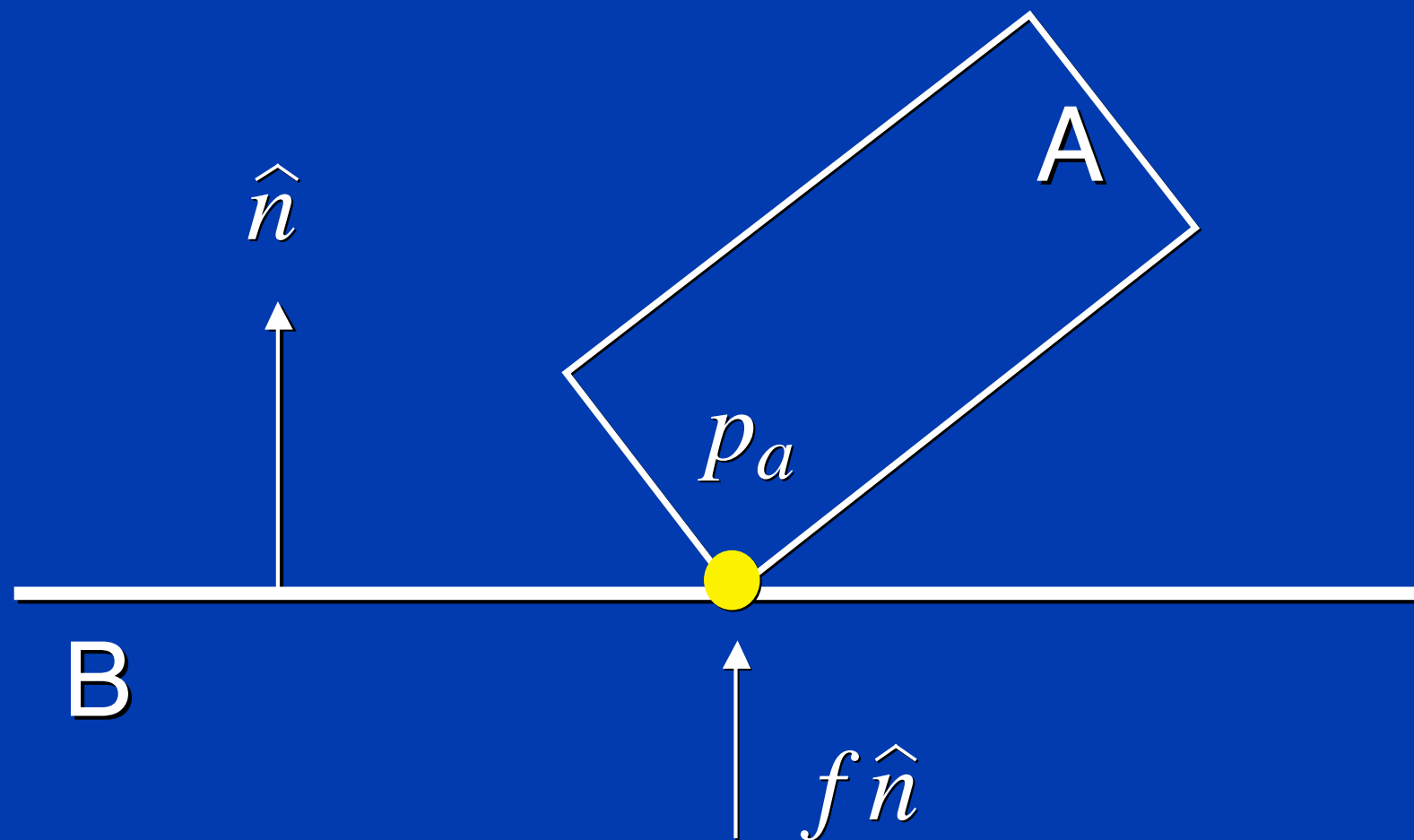
# Conditions on the Constraint Force

To avoid inter-penetration, the force strength  $f$  must prevent the vertex  $p_a$  from accelerating downwards. If B is fixed, this is written as

$$\hat{n} \cdot \ddot{p}_a \geq 0$$

# Computing $f$

$$\hat{n} \cdot \ddot{p}_a \geq 0 \longrightarrow af + b \geq 0$$



# Conditions on the Constraint Force

To prevent the constraint force from holding bodies together, the force must be repulsive:

$$f \geq 0$$

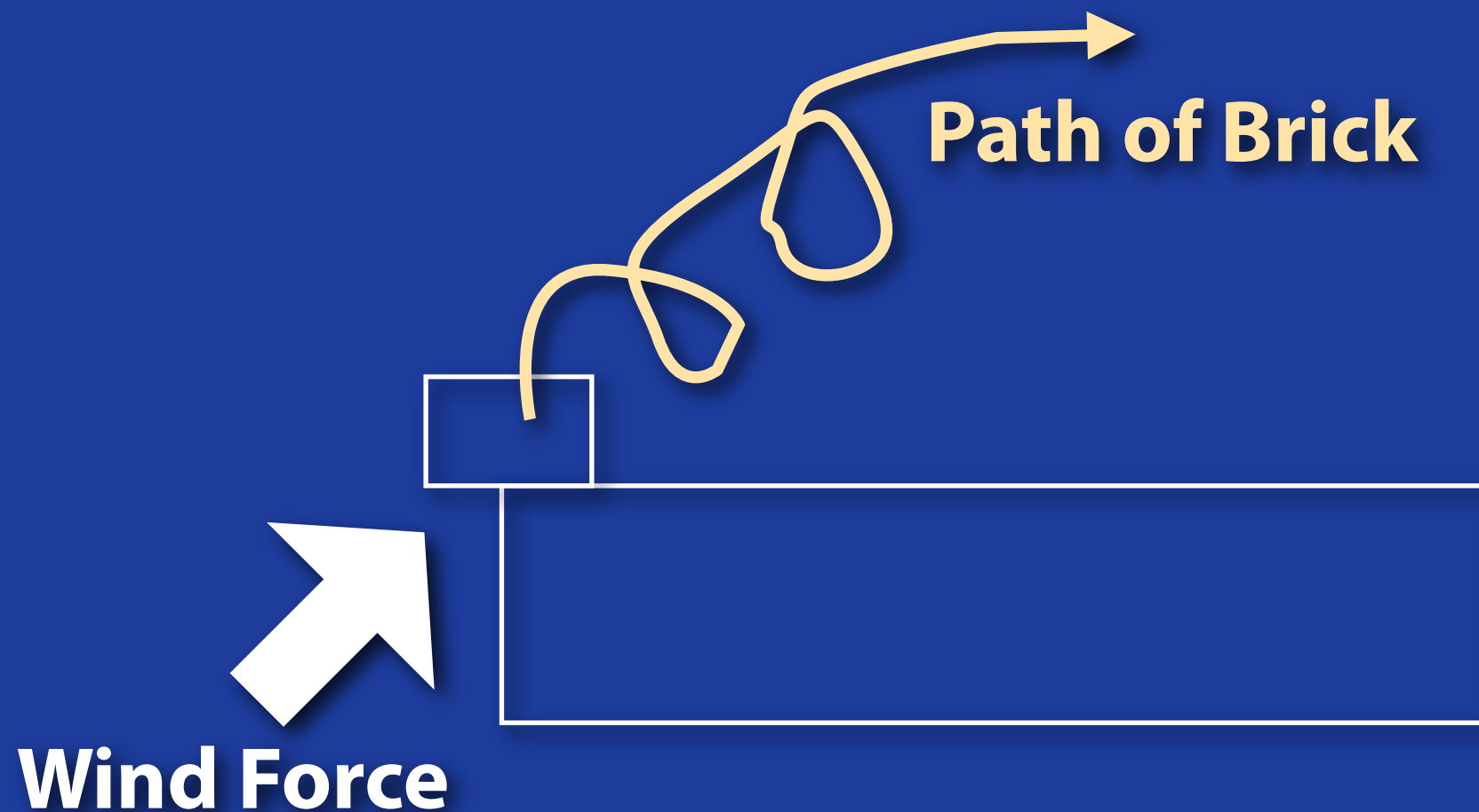
Does the above, along with

$$\hat{n} \cdot \ddot{p}_a \geq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad af + b \geq 0$$

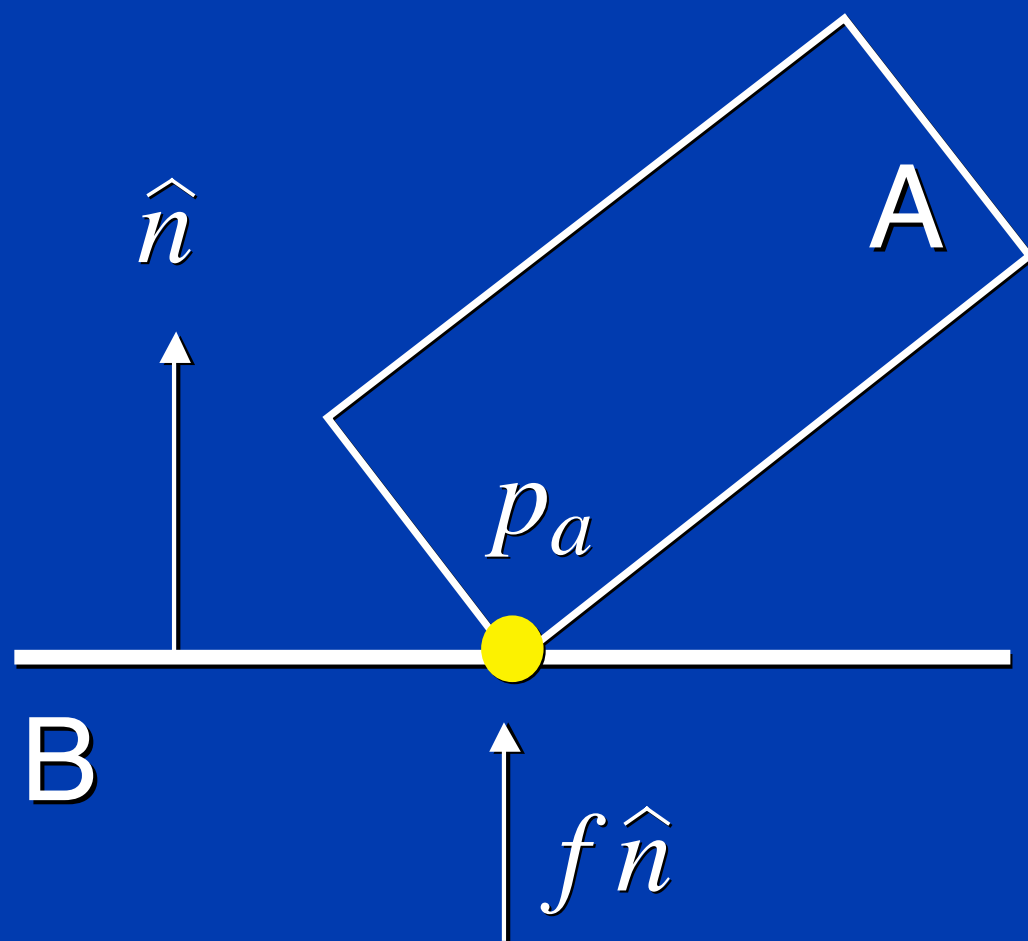
sufficiently constrain  $f$ ?

# 3rd Constraint

- We require that the force at a contact point become zero if the bodies begin to separate.



# Workless Constraint Force



Either

$$af + b = 0$$

$$f \geq 0$$

or

$$af + b > 0$$

$$f = 0$$

# Conditions on the Constraint Force

To make  $f$  be workless, we use the condition

$$f \cdot (af + b) = 0$$

The full set of conditions is

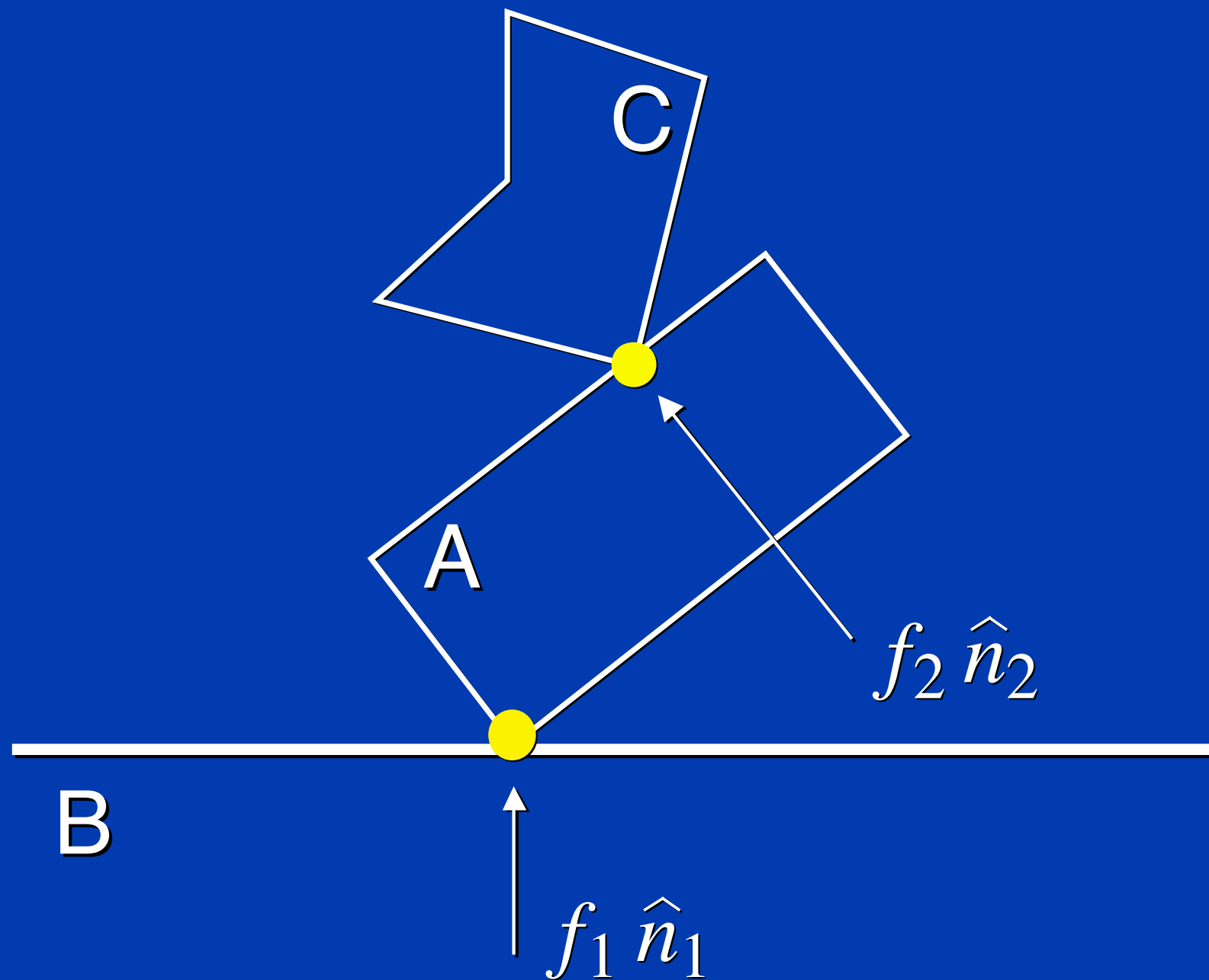
$$af + b \geq 0$$

$$f \geq 0$$

$$f \cdot (af + b) = 0$$



# Multiple Contact Points



## Conditions on $f_1$

Non-penetration:

$$a_{11}f_1 + a_{12}f_2 + b_1 \geq 0$$

Repulsive:

$$f_1 \geq 0$$

Workless:

$$f_1 \cdot (a_{11}f_1 + a_{12}f_2 + b_1) = 0$$

# Quadratic Program for $f_1$ and $f_2$

Non-penetration:

$$a_{11}f_1 + a_{12}f_2 + b_1 \geq 0$$

$$a_{21}f_1 + a_{22}f_2 + b_2 \geq 0$$

Repulsive:

$$f_1 \geq 0$$

$$f_2 \geq 0$$

Workless:

$$f_1 \cdot (a_{11}f_1 + a_{12}f_2 + b_1) = 0$$

$$f_2 \cdot (a_{21}f_1 + a_{22}f_2 + b_2) = 0$$

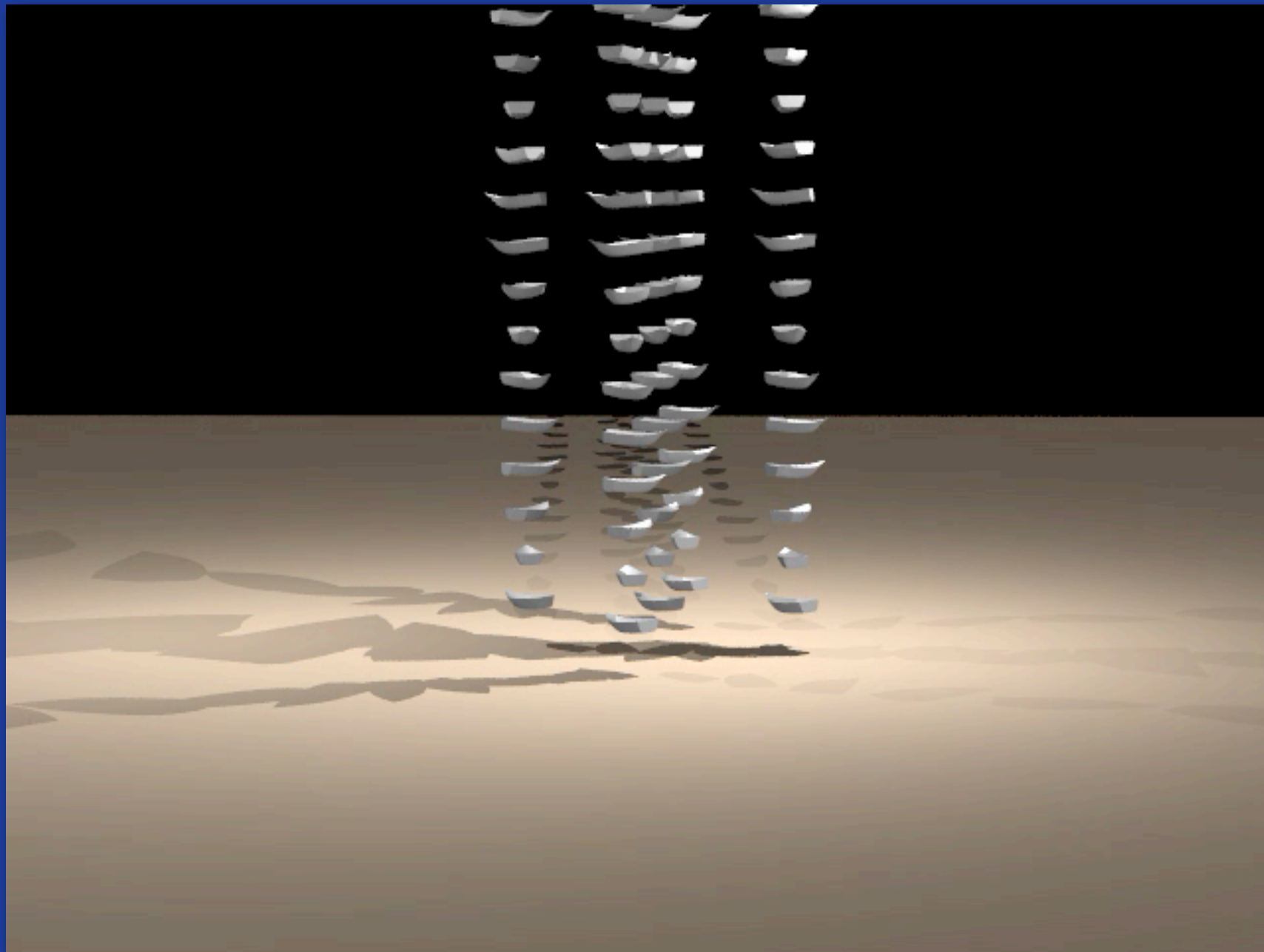
## In the Notes – Constraint Forces

Derivations of the non-penetration constraints for contacting polyhedra.

Derivations and code for computing the  $a_{ij}$  and  $b_i$  coefficients.

Code for computing and applying the constraint forces  $f_i \hat{n}_i$ .

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# Question

- **What type of discrete geometric representation should we use for a deformable object?**
- **What sort of forces apply to deformable objects, i.e. in what ways do they resist deformation?**
- **How can we compute these forces?**