# Mass-Spring Systems – Part 2



# Schedule for the next few weeks



Start thinking of topics for the final project. Form teams. Talk to us as soon as possible.

# **Backward Euler – from last class**

 Boils down to solving systems of linear equations:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} M - h\frac{\partial F}{\partial v} - h^2\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}}_{A} \Delta v = M\left(v_n - v^k\right) + hF$$

- Matrix A is large, sparse, symmetric, (sometimes positive definite)
  - these characteristics will inform the choice of algorithm we can/should use to solve the systems of equations

# **Symmetric Positive Definiteness**

Some solvers only work if A is symmetric positive definite:

 $\mathbf{v}^{\mathsf{t}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} > 0 \; \forall \; \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ 

Think of a quadratic energy function (e.g. potential energy stored in spring):



Negative Definite









# **Analogy: Compressed Springs**



➡ A is indefinite, we are at a saddle point! How can you tell which way particle should go?

$$Ax = b$$

#### Direct Methods:

- Explicitly compute inverse (e.g. via Gaussian Elimination)
- decompose A (LU, LDL', etc), solve by exploiting structure

#### LU decomposition:

$$A = LU$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$Ax = LUx = Ly = b$$
$$Ux = y$$

 If A is symmetric, LU decomposition is unique, and is called Cholesky decomposition:

 $A = LDL^{T}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 12 & -16 \\ 12 & 37 & -43 \\ -16 & -43 & 98 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ 3 & 1 & \\ -4 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ & 1 & 5 \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

//compute x = A^-1 \* b
Eigen::SimplicialLDLT<SparseMatrix> solver;
solver.compute(A);
x = solver.solve(b);

$$Ax = b$$

#### Direct Methods:

- Gaussian Elimination
- decompose A (LU, LDL', etc), solve by exploiting structure
- Exact solution ~O(n<sup>3</sup>) for dense matrices, constant varies

$$Ax = b$$

#### Indirect Methods:

- Iteratively improve approximate solution  $x^{k+1}$ 
  - Can terminate when result is "good enough"
- Gauss-Seidel & the Jacobi Method

Gauss-Seidel

$$A = L_* + U \quad \text{where} \quad L_* = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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x<sup>k+1</sup> can be computed in place, only one storage vector required

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converges if A is symmetric positive-definite

think of it as an iterative constraint solver

Jacobi Method

A = D + R where

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & 0 & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = D^{-1}(\mathbf{b} - R\mathbf{x}^{(k)}),$$

x<sup>k+1</sup> cannot be computed in place
equivalent to solving each equation independently
parallelizable

$$Ax = b$$

#### Indirect Methods:

- Iteratively improve approximate solution  $x^{k+1}$ 
  - Can terminate when result is "good enough"
- Gauss-Seidel & the Jacobi Method
- Gradient Descent & Conjugate Gradient Method

Gradient Descent:



Slow convergence, too much backtracking...

#### The Conjugate Gradient Method

#### Main idea:

- find basis ( $p_1, p_2, ...$ ) of conjugate search directions (orthogonal with respect to generalized dot product  $a^TAb=0$ )

- compute step  $\alpha$  (independently!) along each direction such that  $x = \sum \alpha_i p_i$
- Build basis iteratively. E.g, if first step was along direction  $p_1$  and gradient at step 2 is  $r_2 = \alpha \land p_1 b$ , direction for step 2 is:

$$p_2 = r_2 - \frac{p_1^T A r_2}{p_1^T A p_1}$$

#### Gradient Descent vs Conjugate Gradients

"An Introduction to the Conjugate Gradient Method Without the Agonizing Pain"

- Jonathan Richard Shewchuk

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- Iteratively improve approximate solution  $x^{k+1}$ 
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- Gauss-Seidel & the Jacobi Method
- Gradient Descent & Conjugate Gradient Method
- Some methods do not require matrix to be explicitly built

### **Questions so far?**

- How would you model...
  - cloth



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• cloth

What types of springs are required?

Diagonal

**Springs** 

Shearing



- ♦ How would you model...
  - shells



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• shells

What types of springs are required?



#### ♦ How would you model...

• fur and hairs



#### ♦ How would you model...

contacts and friction



# **Simple Collision Response**

◆ If in contact, project back on surface, find normal n

- For ground, n=(0,1,0)
- Filter velocities. First, decompose into
  - normal component  $v_N = (v \cdot n)n$  and
  - tangential component  $v_T = v v_N$
- Normal response:

$$v_N^{after} = -\mathcal{E}v_N^{before}, \quad \mathcal{E} \in [0,1]$$

- ε=0 is fully inelastic
- ε=1 is elastic
- Tangential response
  - Simple model of friction:  $v_T^{after} = \alpha v_T^{before}, \alpha \in [0,1]$

• Then reassemble velocity  $v=v_N+v_T$ 

♦ How would you model...

• a squishy object



- ♦ How would you model...
  - plastic deformations



- ♦ How would you model...
  - viscous materials



How would you model...

- a rigid body
- an articulated rigid body structure



#### ♦ How would you model...

• a tensegrity structure



#### How would you model...

• Fracture, cutting, etc



#### Start early. Ask questions. Have fun!!!