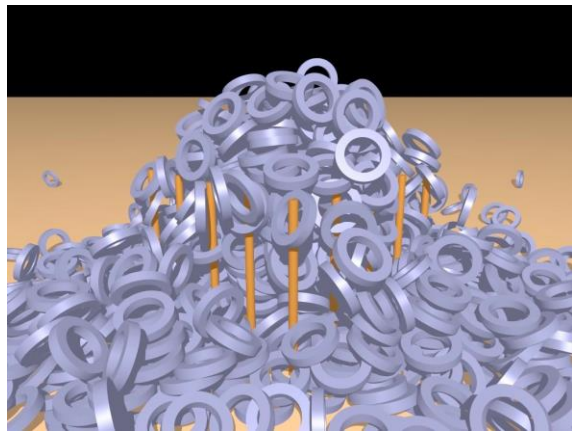

Rigid Body Dynamics



Project Proposal Presentation

- ◆ Plan for 20 min presentation if solo, 30 min if you are working in a team
 - Problem and motivation
 - Background
 - Choose 1-2 related research papers, and describe in detail – talk to us if unsure which papers to look at
 - Proposed technical method
 - Expected results (low and high bar)

Project Proposal Presentation Schedule

March 29: Ziqi Guo + Jun Huo, Ye Yuan + Shuang Su

March 31: Che-Yuan Liang, Frances Tso, Blair Emanuel

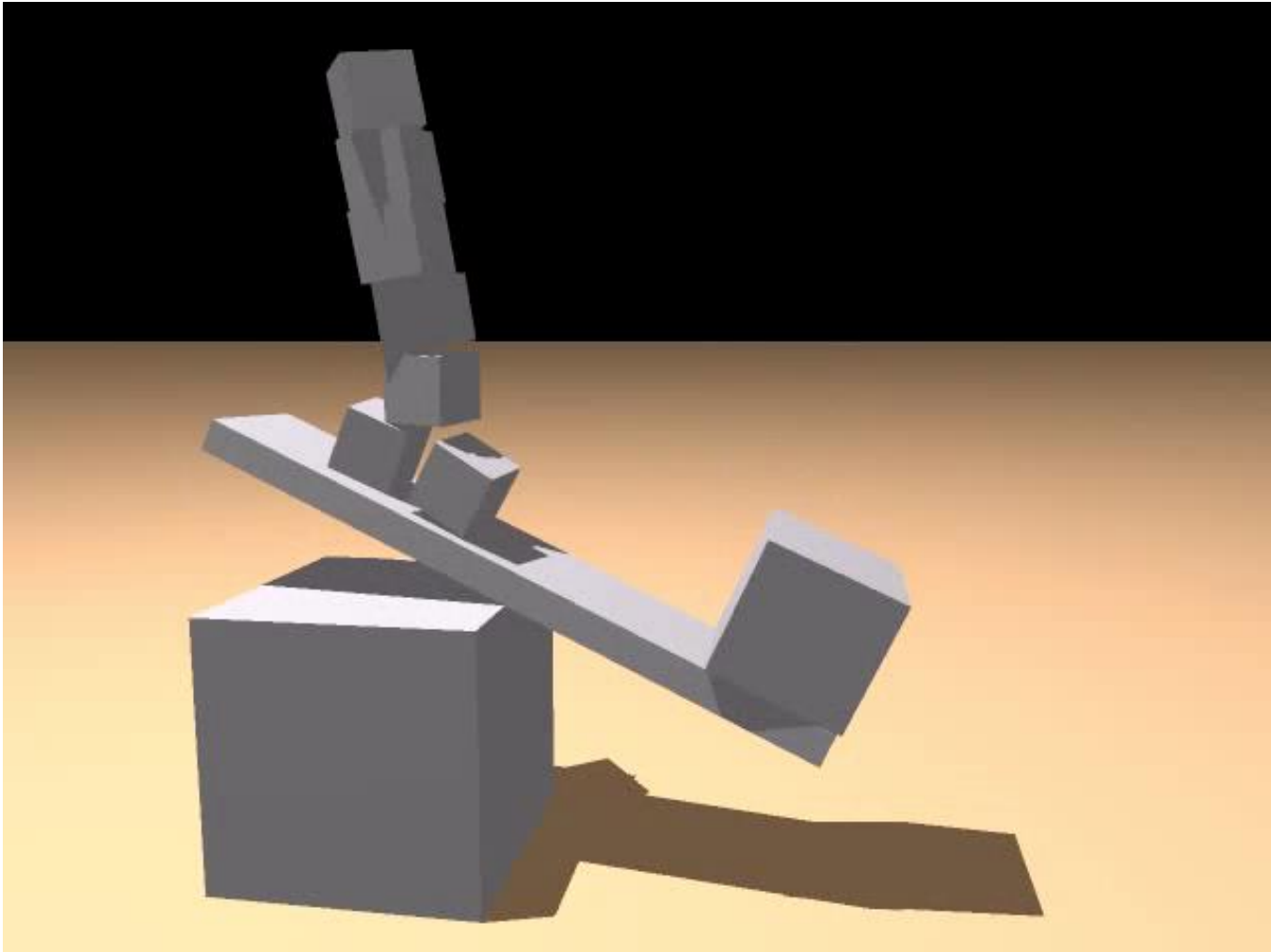
April 5: Nick Sharp, Jordan Tick, Michael Rivera

April 7: James Bern, Vidya Narayanan, Shih-Tsui Kuo

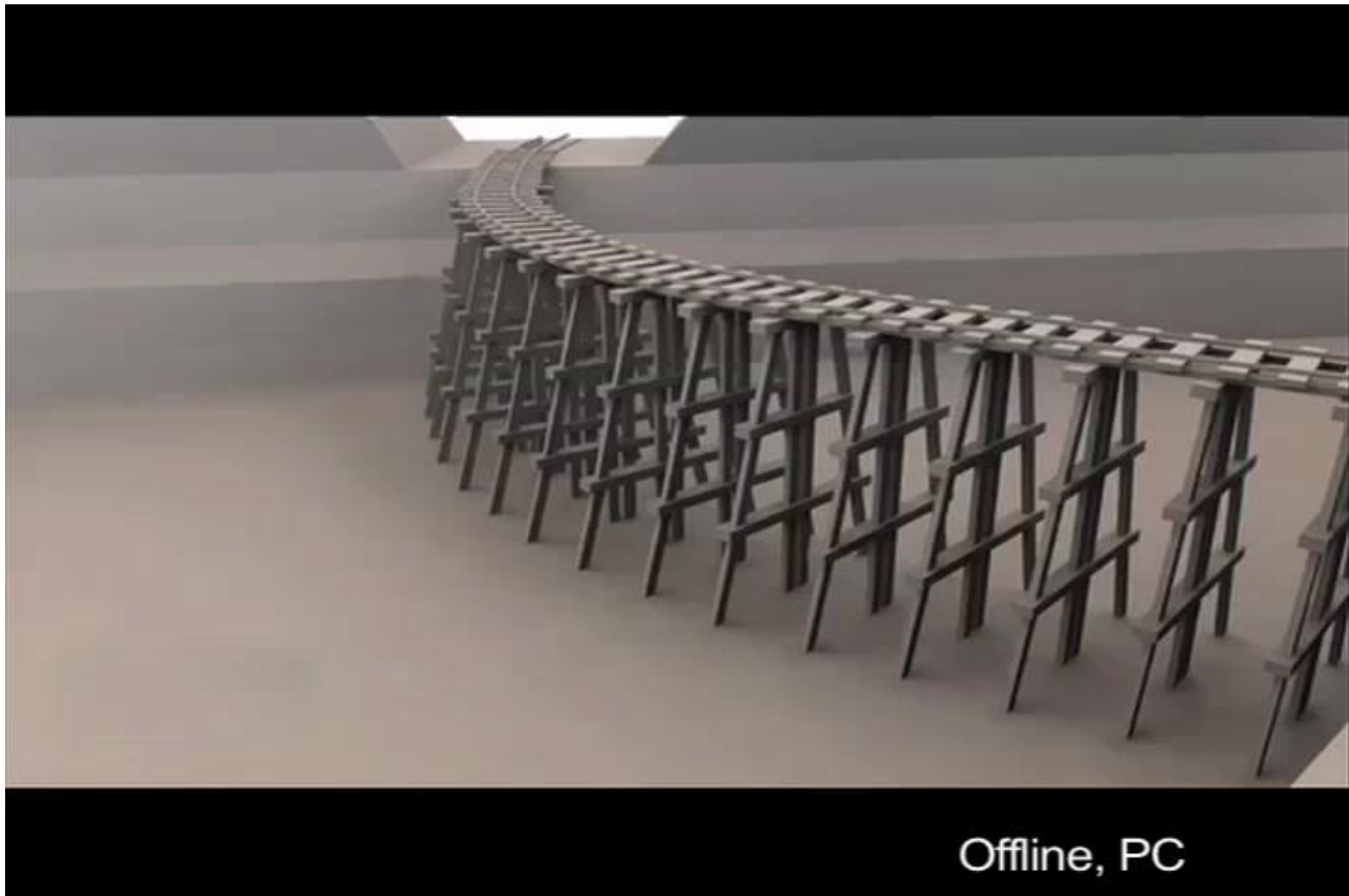


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Rigid Bodies

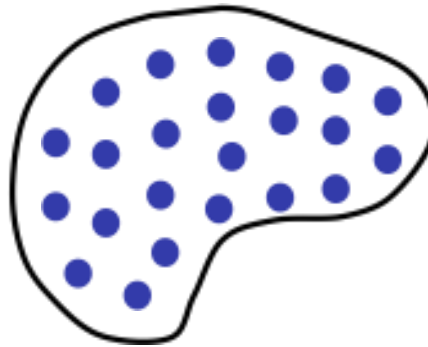


Rigid Bodies



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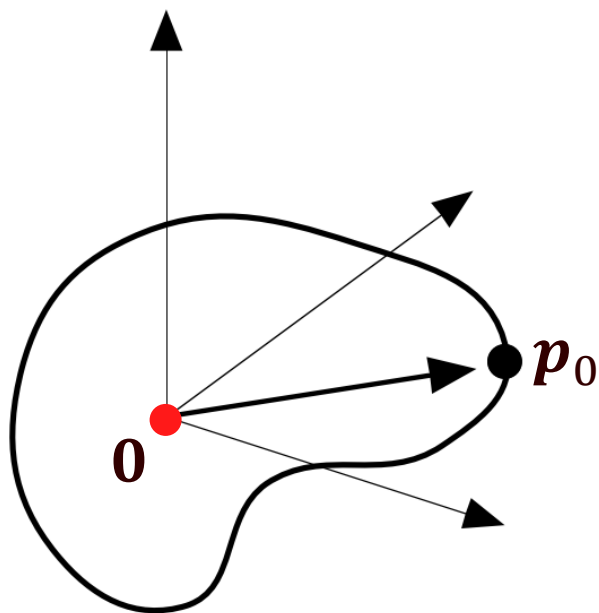
A rigid body



- ◆ Collection of particles
- ◆ Distance between any two particles is always constant
- ◆ What types of motions preserve these constraints?
 - Translation, rotation

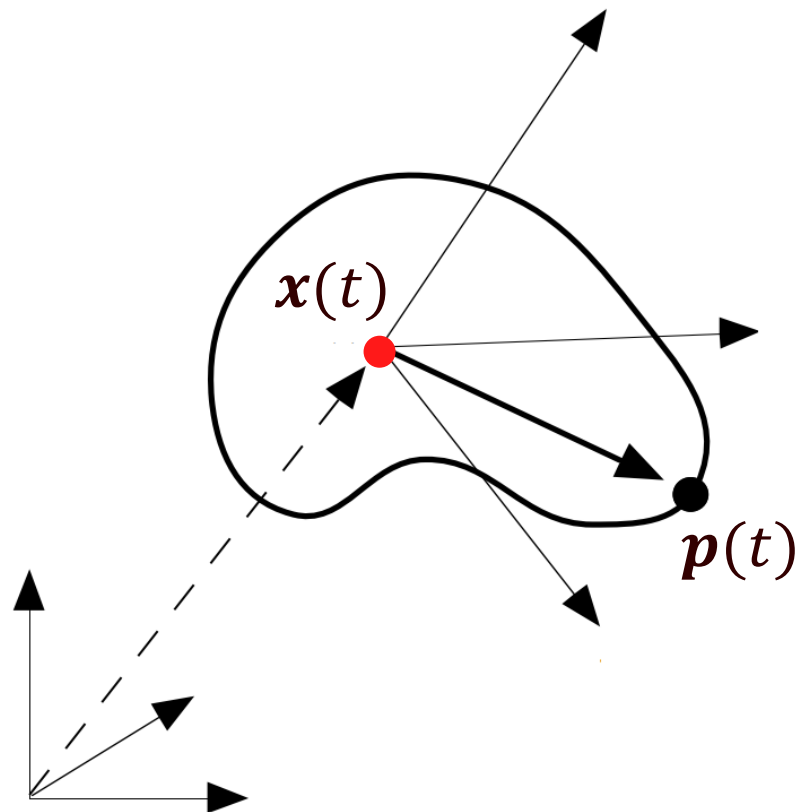
Rigid Body Parameterization (reduced coordinates)

body space



$$p(t) = x(t) + R(t)p_0$$

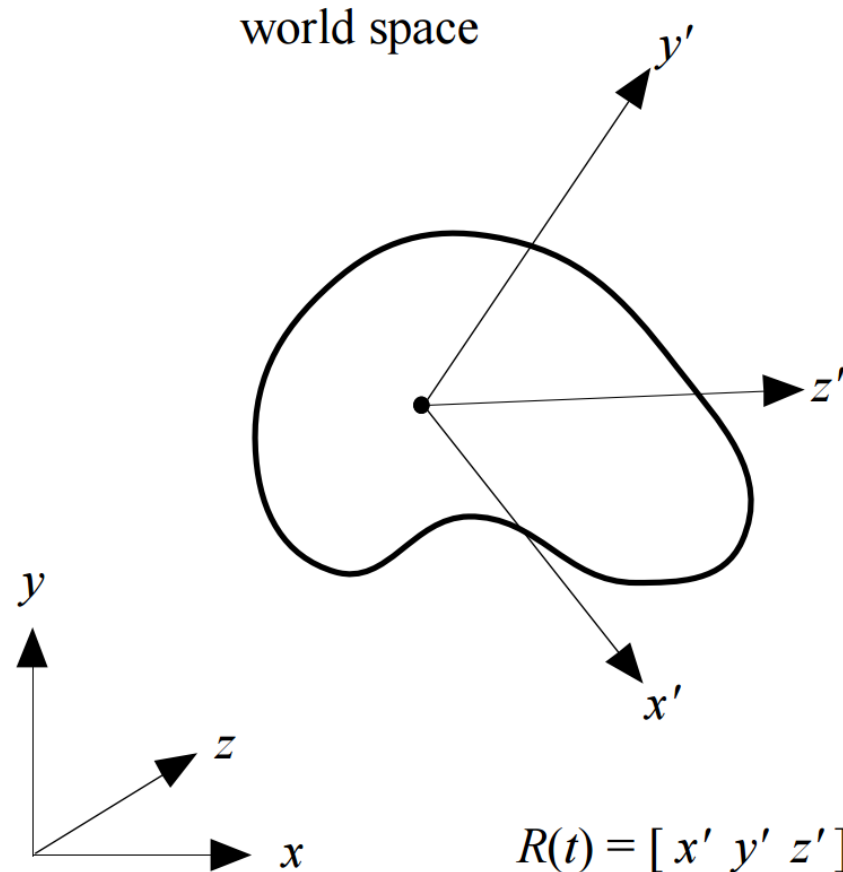
world space



$$x(t) \in R^3 \quad \text{position}$$
$$R(t) \in R^{3 \times 3} \quad \text{orientation}$$

Body Orientation

- ◆ Rotates vectors from body to world coordinates
 - Columns of $R(t)$ encode world coordinates of body axes



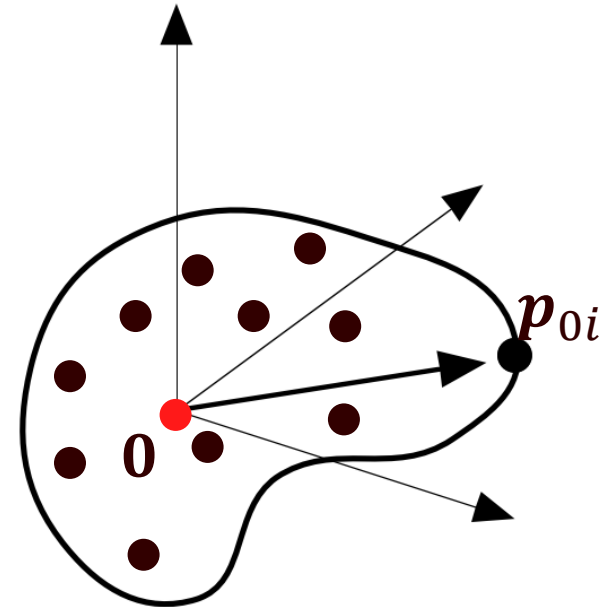
Center of Mass (COM)

- ◆ Geometric center of the body
 - $(0,0,0)$ in body coordinates
 - $\mathbf{x}(t)$ in world coordinates

Geometric center: $\sum m_i \mathbf{p}_{0i} := (0,0,0)$

$$M = \sum m_i$$

$$\text{COM: } \frac{\sum m_i \mathbf{p}_i(t)}{M} = \mathbf{x}(t)$$



Body velocities

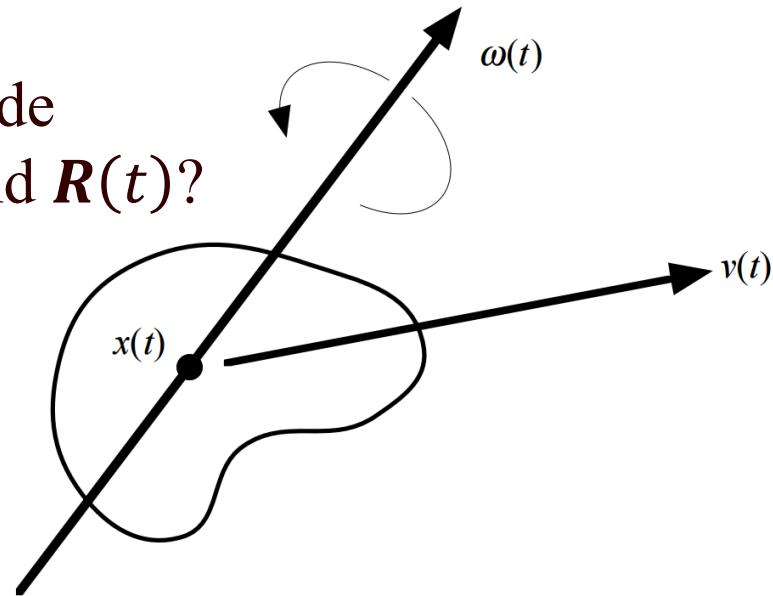
- ◆ How do the COM position and orientation change with time?

Linear velocity: $\boldsymbol{v}(t) = \frac{d\boldsymbol{x}(t)}{dt} = \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t)$

Angular velocity: $\boldsymbol{\omega}(t) = ?$

$\boldsymbol{\omega}(t)$ encodes spin direction and magnitude

What is the relationship between $\boldsymbol{\omega}(t)$ and $\boldsymbol{R}(t)$?

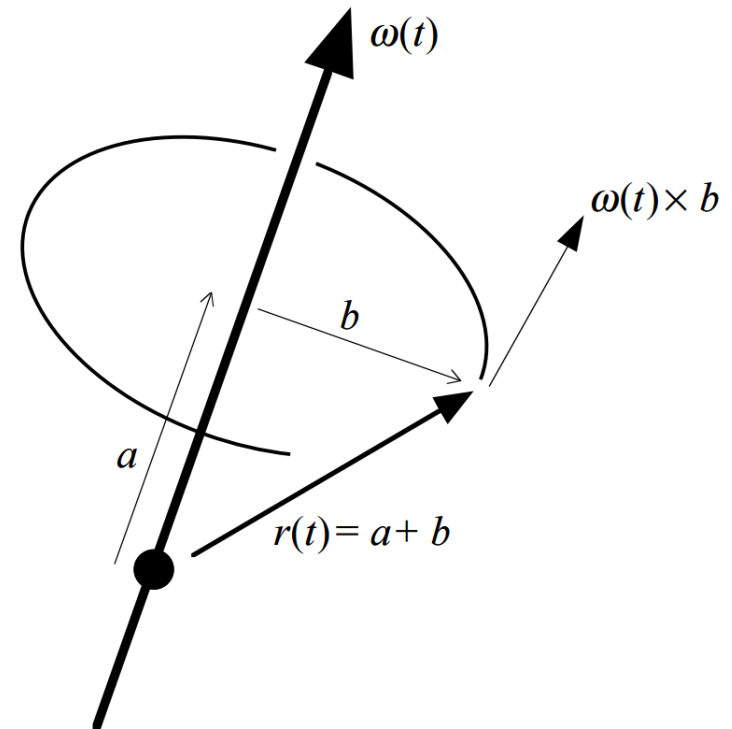


Angular velocity

◆ Consider vector $\mathbf{r}(t)$. What is $\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)$?

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{r}(t)$$

◆ Relation to $\dot{\mathbf{R}}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{R}(t)}{dt}$?



Angular Velocity

- ◆ \mathbf{R} rotates vectors from body to world coords
 - Columns of $\mathbf{R}(t)$: world coordinates of body axes
 - Columns of $\dot{\mathbf{R}}(t)$: change of body axes world coordinates wrt time

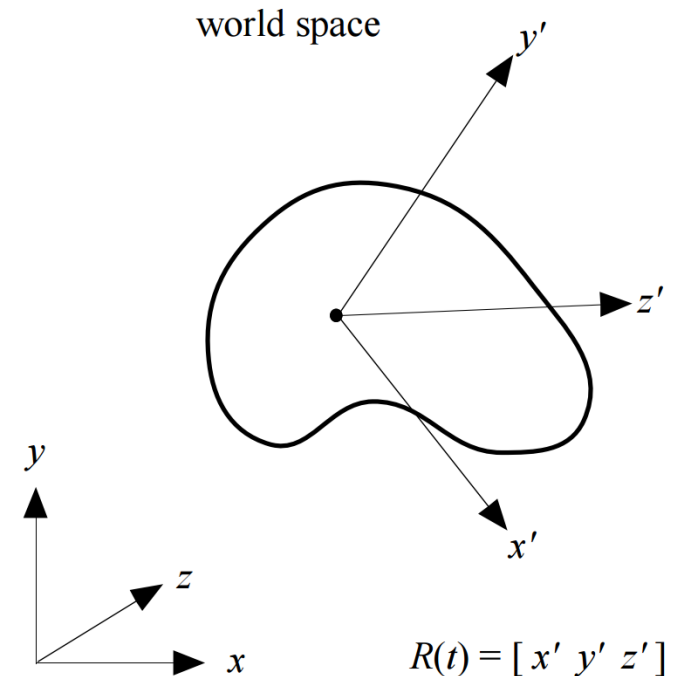
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}'(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{x}'(t)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}}'(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{y}'(t)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}}'(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{z}'(t)$$

Putting these all together:

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{R}(t)$$



Recall

$$\begin{aligned} a \times b &= \begin{pmatrix} a_y b_z - b_y a_z \\ -a_x b_z + b_x a_z \\ a_x b_y - b_x a_y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_z & a_y \\ a_z & 0 & -a_x \\ -a_y & a_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \mathbf{a}_\times \end{aligned}$$

Summary

◆ Kinematics: *how does the body move?*

$$\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{R}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{R}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{R}(t)\mathbf{p}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times \mathbf{R}(t)\mathbf{p}_0 \\ &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) \times (\mathbf{p}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

◆ Dynamics: *what causes this motion?*

Forces and Torques

- ◆ External forces: acting on individual particles

$$\text{Net force on body: } \mathbf{F} = \sum \mathbf{F}_i$$

- ◆ Conservation of linear momentum (Newton's 2nd law):

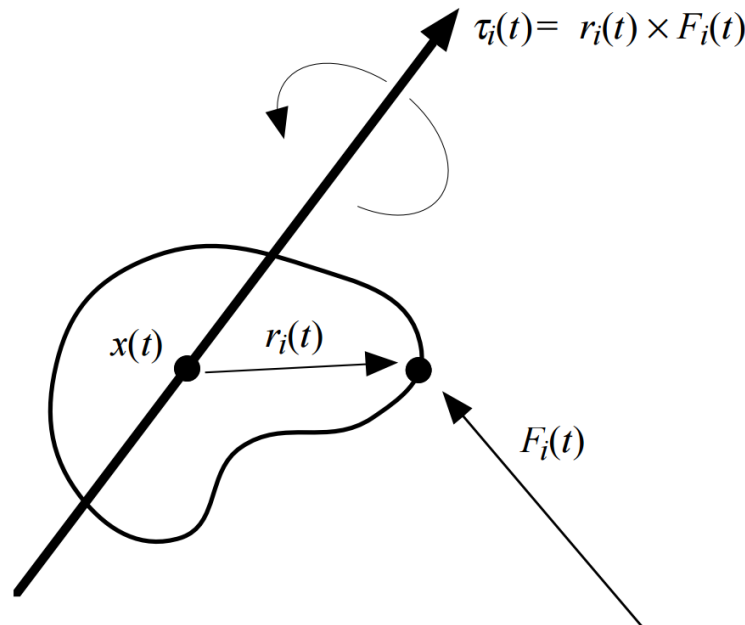
$$\mathbf{p} = M\mathbf{v}; \dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{F}$$

- ◆ Analogous concepts for angular motion

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- ◆ Forces on individual particles generate torques
 - (consequence of constant inter-particle distance)

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- ◆ Conservation of angular momentum:

$$\mathbf{L} = I\boldsymbol{\omega}; \dot{\mathbf{L}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

- ◆ What is I ?
 - Moment of Inertia tensor

The Inertia Tensor

- ◆ Analogous to mass, but for rotational motions
 - quantifies distribution of mass as a 2nd order tensor

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{I}_b\mathbf{R}^T$$

$$\mathbf{I}_b = \sum_i m_i (\mathbf{p}_{oi}^T \mathbf{p}_{oi} \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{p}_{oi} \mathbf{p}_{oi}^T)$$

- ◆ Body-coords MOI is constant, can be precomputed
- ◆ World-coords MOI changes with time!

Conservation of Linear and Angular Momenta

◆ Linear Momentum:

$$\mathbf{p} = M\mathbf{v}; \dot{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{F}; \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{M}\mathbf{F}$$

◆ Angular Momentum:

$$\mathbf{L} = I\boldsymbol{\omega}; \dot{\mathbf{L}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}; \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = I^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \times I\boldsymbol{\omega})$$

◆ Note: they are decoupled!

Numerical Integration

◆ COM Acceleration \rightarrow Velocity \rightarrow Position

- Easy: $\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \mathbf{v}_t + \Delta t \dot{\mathbf{v}}$; $\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_{t+1}$

◆ Angular Acceleration \rightarrow Angular Velocity

- Easy: $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_t + \Delta t \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$

◆ Angular Velocity to Rotations?

- A bit trickier: $\mathbf{R}_{t+1} = \mathbf{R}_t + \Delta t \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{t+1}$?

Updating Rotations

$$\begin{aligned} \blacklozenge R_{t+1} &= R_t + \Delta t \dot{R}_{t+1} \\ &= R_t + \Delta t \boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1 \times} R_t = (I + \Delta t \boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1 \times}) R_t \end{aligned}$$

◆ No longer a rotation matrix!

- Option 1: orthonormalize (Gram–Schmidt)
- Option 2: explicitly compute rotation $R_{\Delta t}$ due to spinning with angular speed $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1}$ for Δt seconds, apply incremental rotations: $R_{t+1} = R_{\Delta t} R_t$
- NOTE: same concept applies if other rotation parameterizations (i.e. quaternions) are employed

Quaternions

Generalization of complex numbers: $\mathbf{q} = s + xi + yj + zk = [s, \mathbf{v}]$

- $i * i = j * j = k * k = ijk = -1; i * j = -j * i = k; j * k = -k * j = i; k * i = -i * k = j$
- $\mathbf{q}_1 * \mathbf{q}_2 = [s_1s_2 - \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2, s_1\mathbf{v}_2 + s_2\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2]$

Much more compact parameterization for rotations

- $\mathbf{q} = [\cos \frac{\varphi}{2}, \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} \mathbf{a}]$
- $\text{Rot}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{q} * \mathbf{v} * \mathbf{q}^{-1}$

Compositions of rotations is given by quaternion multiplication:

$$\mathbf{q}_{t+1} = \left[\cos \frac{\Delta t |\boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1}|}{2}, \sin \frac{\Delta t |\boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1}|}{2} \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1}}{|\boldsymbol{\omega}_{t+1}|} \right] \mathbf{q}_t$$

You might encounter:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \mathbf{q}; \mathbf{q}_{t+1} = \mathbf{q}_t + \Delta t \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{t+1}$$

