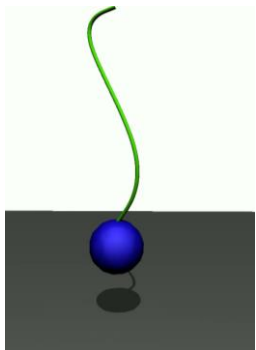


Time stepping scheme for interactive stiff simulation with changes in topology

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbb{P}(t) - \mathbb{F}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{H}^T \lambda$$





Background: stiff systems with hard/soft constraints

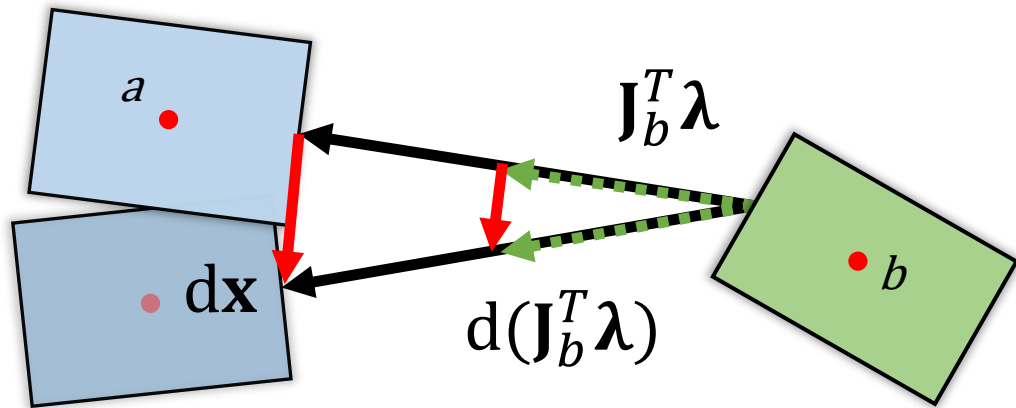
[Stable constraint dynamics \(Tournier, Nesme, Gilles, Faure \)](#)

PR#459 : <https://github.com/sofa-framework/sofa/pull/459>



Geometric stiffness

- Stiffness which arises from the non linearity of constraint equations
- Tensor which model change in constraint direction



$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \lambda$$

Current implementation in FreeMotionAnimationLoop

ApplyDJT(λ)

$$\tilde{K}$$

OdeSolve : $q, v \rightarrow q_{free}, v_{free}$

$$v_{free} = A^{-1}b + v$$

$$q_{free} = q + hv_{free}$$

Project(v_{free})

ApplyJ(v_{free})

BuildConstraintSystem

$$J^T$$

$$JA^{-1}J^T$$

*ConstraintSolve :
 $q_{free}, v_{free} \rightarrow q^+, v^+$*

$$dv = A^{-1}J^T\lambda$$

Project (q^+, v^+)

Apply(q^+) ApplyJ(v^+)



Modified FreeMotionAnimationLoop (at InSimo)

Apply projective “impulses” only on the free motion state vectors to remain compatible with the constraint formulation.
(For example to clamp the velocity of objects to a fixed upper bound)

ApplyDJT(λ)

OdeSolve : $q, v \rightarrow q_{free}, v_{free}$

Project(q_{free}, v_{free})

ApplyJ(v_{free})

BuildConstraintSystem

*ConstraintSolve :
 $q_{free}, v_{free} \rightarrow q^+, v^+$*

Apply(q^+) ApplyJ(v^+)



Introducing changes in the topology



Possible implementation : change the topology between time steps

- Modify the topology, go through topology mappings
- Interpolate kinematic quantities (rest position, current position, velocity) : not necessarily “valid” for mapped dofs unless the mapping is linear
- Go through mechanical mappings to account for non linear relationship between independent dofs and mapped dofs generalized position and velocity
- Start a new time step

TopologyChange(q, v)

Apply(q_{rest}) Apply(q) ApplyJ(v)



Implementation at InSimo : Change the topology during the time stepping scheme

ApplyDJT(λ)

OdeSolve : $q, v \rightarrow q_{free}, v_{free}$

Project (q_{free}, v_{free})

ApplyJ(v_{free})

BuildConstraintSystem

ConstraintSolve :
 $q_{free}, v_{free} \rightarrow q^+, v^+$

TopologyChange (q^+, v^+)

Apply(q_{rest})
Apply(q^+) ApplyJ(v^+)

Reduce the number of mapping traversals, which can be expensive for non linear mappings
(e.g. computing a continuous normal field and its derivative of an object boundary)

Direct solver for bilateral constraints

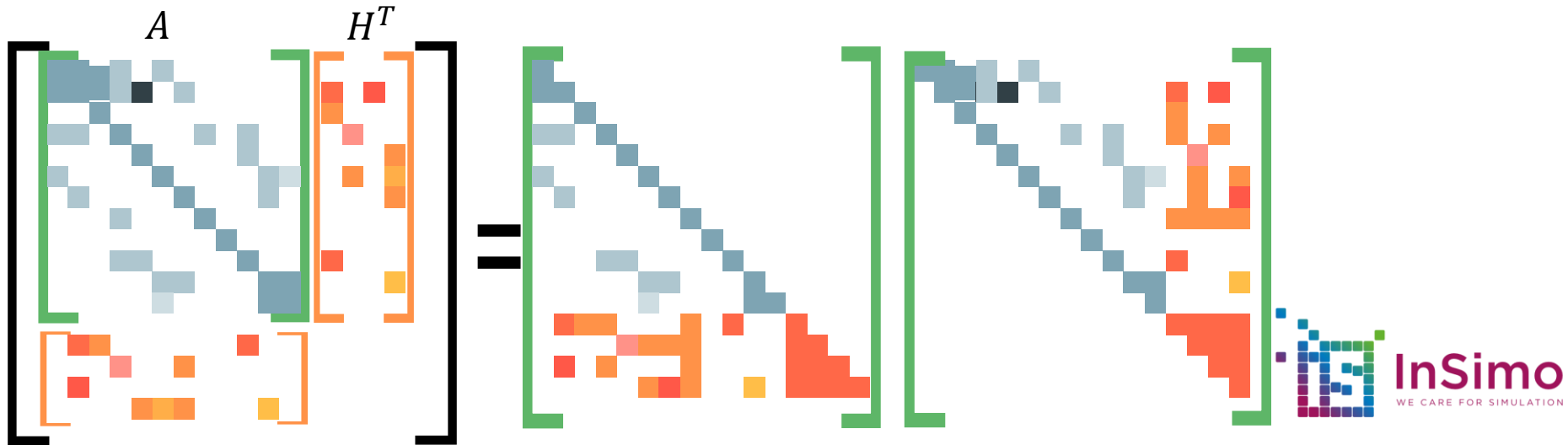
Idea: augment existing Cholesky factorization

- Robust treatment of bilateral constraints not really possible without using a (prohibitively) large number of iterations in Projected Gauss Seidel

The diagram illustrates the equation $A = L L^T$. Matrix A is a sparse matrix with a dark square indicating a constraint. Matrix L is a lower triangular matrix, and L^T is its transpose. The matrices are shown in a stylized, pixelated format with blue and black squares on a white background, enclosed in green brackets. The equation is represented by two equals signs between the matrices.

Idea: augment existing Cholesky factorization

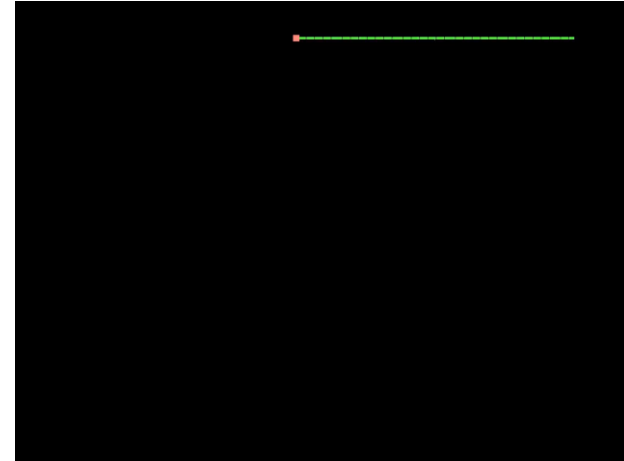
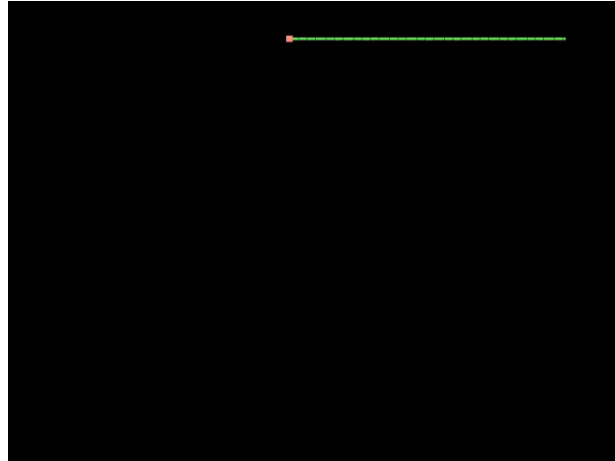
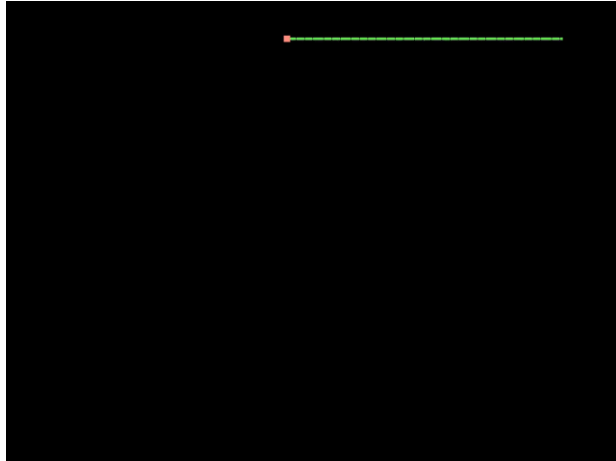
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GS 100 iterations

GS 200 iterations

Bilateral factorized



20 cm rod | mass 1,5g | 100 dofs | timestep 0,01 ms



Questions ?





Soft constraints formulation, geometric stiffness

- Formulation where the unknown is the velocity increment

$$\begin{bmatrix} M - h^2(K + \tilde{K}) & J^\top \\ J & \frac{1}{h^2}C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dv \\ -\mu^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} hf - h^2(K + \tilde{K})v \\ \frac{-\phi}{h} - Jv \end{bmatrix}$$

- Formulation where the unknown is the new velocity

$$\begin{bmatrix} M - h^2(K + \tilde{K}) & J^\top \\ J & \frac{1}{h^2}C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v^+ \\ -\mu^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Mv + hf \\ \frac{-\phi}{h} \end{bmatrix}$$

Soft constraints formulation, geometric stiffness

- Compute geometric stiffness using previous constraint forces
- Solve to find unconstrained velocities (free motion)

$$\begin{cases} A = M - h^2(K + \tilde{K}) \\ b = hf - h^2(K + \tilde{K})v \\ v_{free} = A^{-1}b + v \end{cases}$$

- Assemble and solve reduced system to find constraint forces

$$(JA^{-1}J^T + \frac{1}{h^2}C)\mu^+ = \frac{-1}{h}\phi - J(v + v_{free})$$

- Inject back constraint forces to find corrective motion

$$v^+ = v_{free} + A^{-1}\mu^+$$



Soft constraint : spring damper

$$\mathbf{C}\lambda^+ - h\mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^+ - \mathbf{k}\phi = 0$$

\mathbf{C} : damping factor

- softW
- CFM (Bullet, ODE)

\mathbf{k} : position error factor

- Erp (ODE, Bullet)
- Baumgarte stabilisation

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_0\dot{x} + \omega_0^2x = 0$$

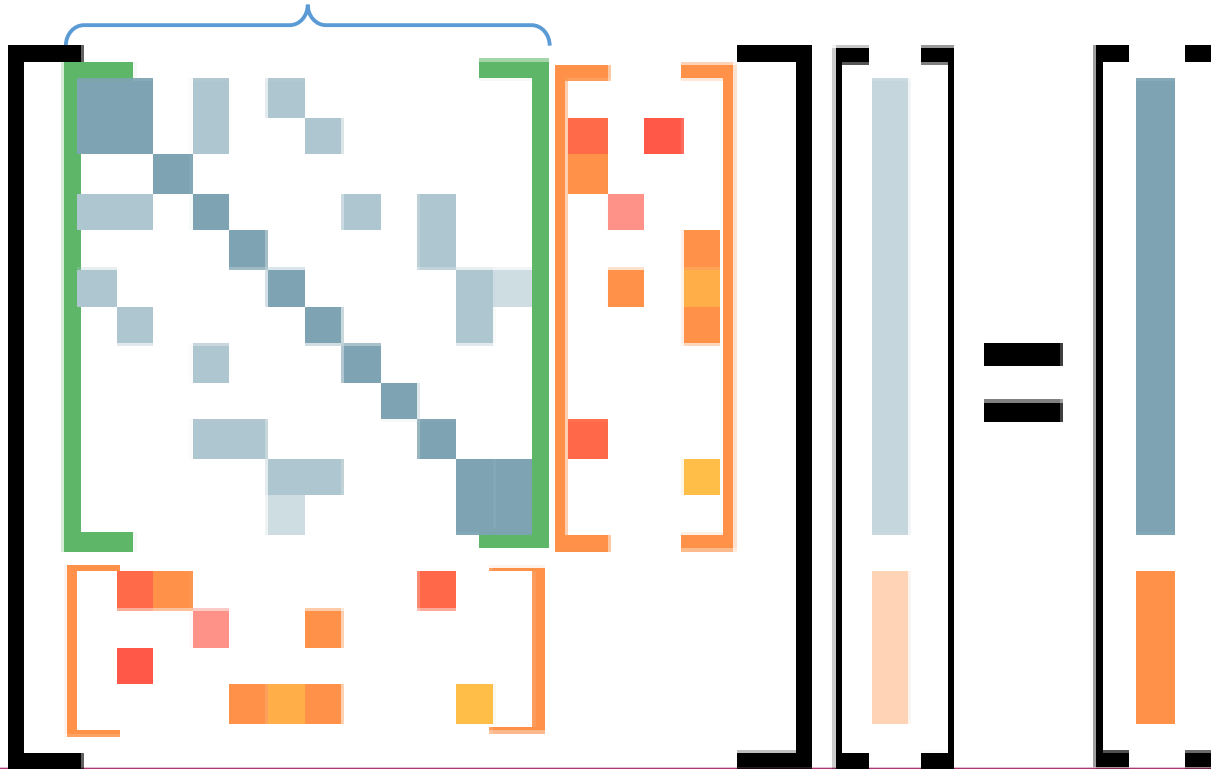
[Erin Catto \(Box2D \) Soft Constraints GDC 2011](#)



$$\begin{bmatrix}
 A_0 & & & & J_0^T \\
 & A_1 & & & J_1^T \\
 & & \dots & & \vdots \\
 & & & A_n & J_n^T \\
 J_0 & J_1 & \dots & J_n & \frac{-1}{h^2} C
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 dv_0 \\
 dv_1 \\
 \vdots \\
 dv_n \\
 h\lambda^+
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 b_0 \\
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 -\delta
 \end{bmatrix}$$

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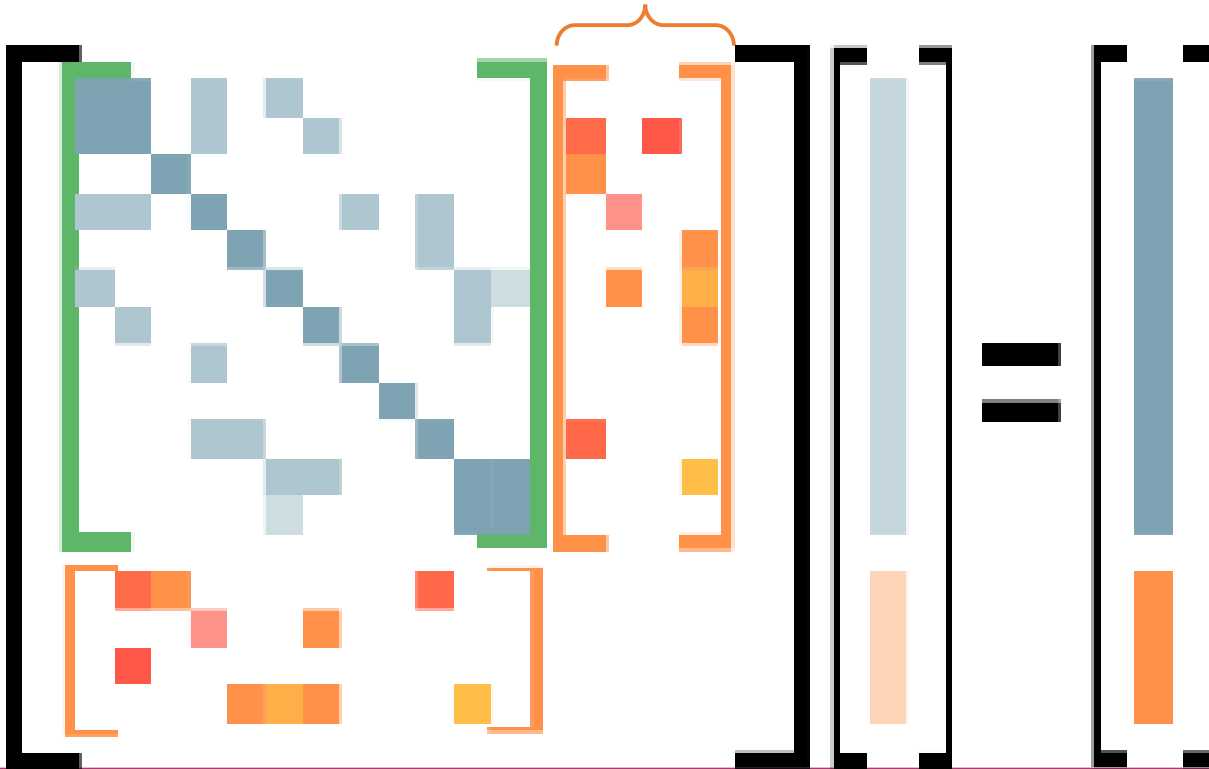
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Mass::addMToMatrix



ForceField::addDForce
ForceField::addForce
Mass::addForce



Constraint::buildConstraintMatrix
Mapping::applyJT

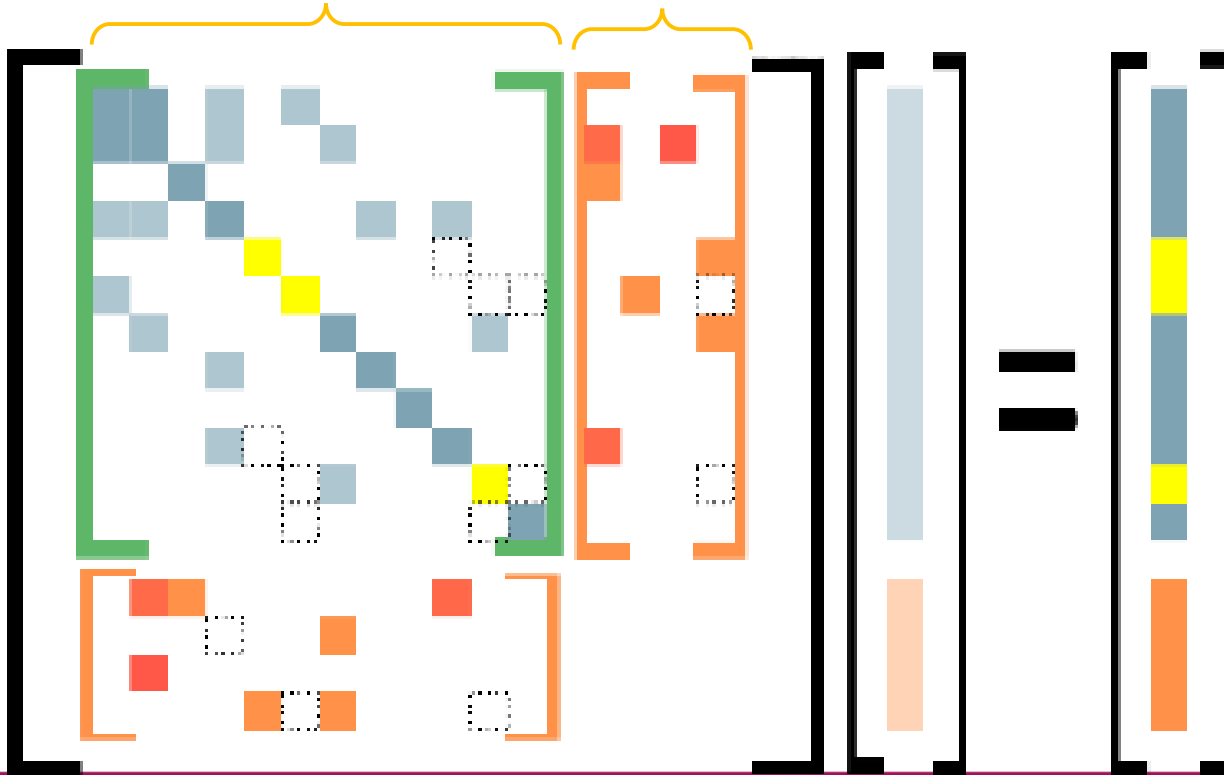


Constraint::
getConstraintViolation



ProjectiveConstraint::
projectMatrix

ProjectiveConstraint::
projectJacobianMatrix



ProjectiveConstraint::
projectResponse

ConstraintCorrection::addJMinvJt

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \text{orange blocks} & \text{orange blocks} \\ \text{orange blocks} & \text{orange blocks} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue blocks} & \text{yellow blocks} & \text{black block} & \text{white blocks} \\ \text{blue blocks} & \text{yellow blocks} & \text{black block} & \text{white blocks} \\ \text{blue blocks} & \text{yellow blocks} & \text{black block} & \text{white blocks} \\ \text{blue blocks} & \text{yellow blocks} & \text{black block} & \text{white blocks} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \text{orange blocks} & \text{orange blocks} \\ \text{orange blocks} & \text{orange blocks} \end{bmatrix}$$

ConstraintCorrection::
computeMotionCorrectionFromLambda

$$dv = \begin{bmatrix} \text{matrix} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \text{matrix} \end{bmatrix} h\lambda$$