

# Position Based Dynamics

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# Dynamics in Games



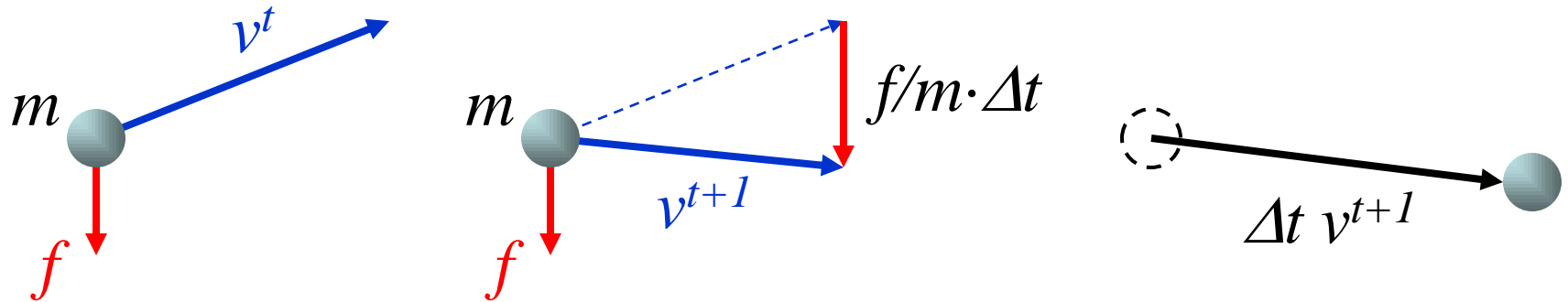
**Cell factor**



**Bet on soldier**

# Simulating a Dynamical System

- Explicit Euler integration:



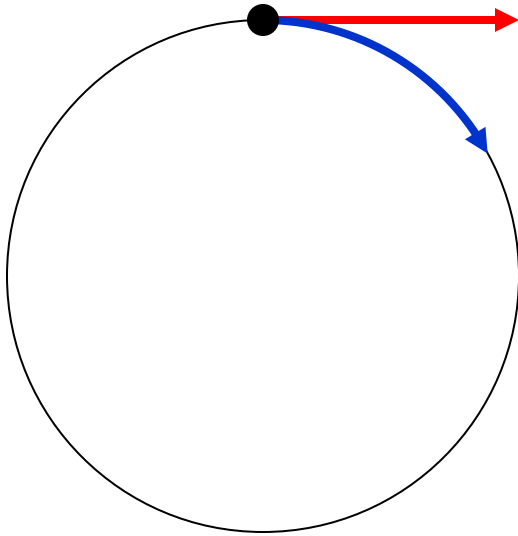
- Accuracy problem: no issue in a game
- **Stability problem: big issue in a game**

# Overshooting Problem

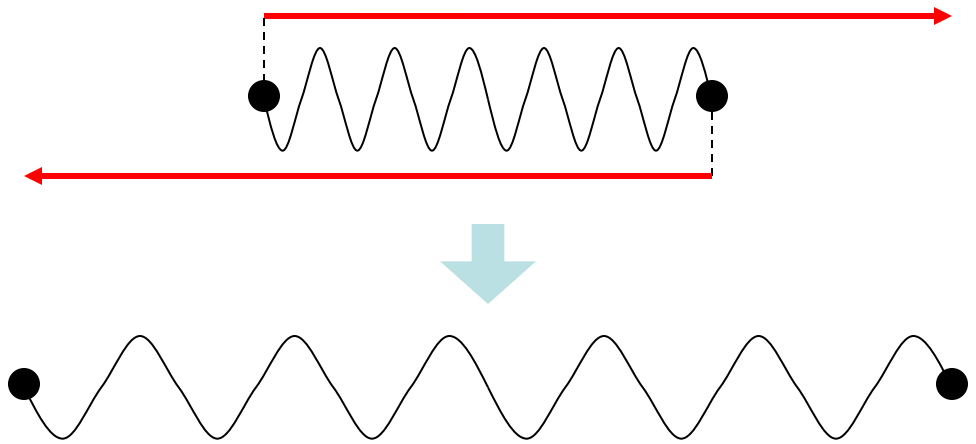
$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \Delta t$$

vs.

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \mathbf{v}(t) dt$$

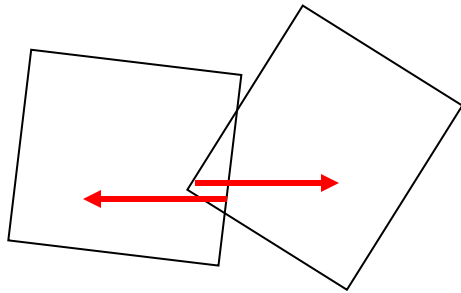


outwards spin

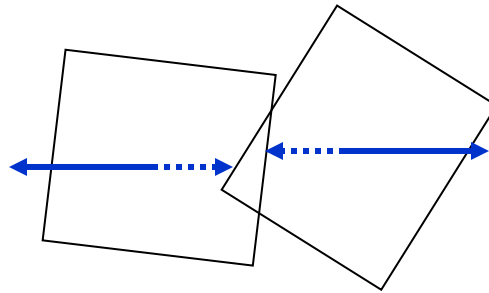


amplitude build up

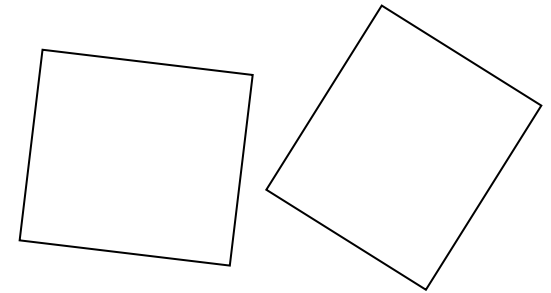
# Force Based Update



penetration  
causes forces



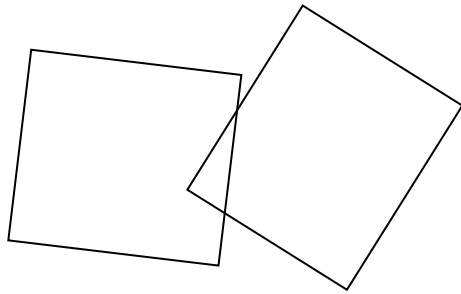
forces change  
velocities



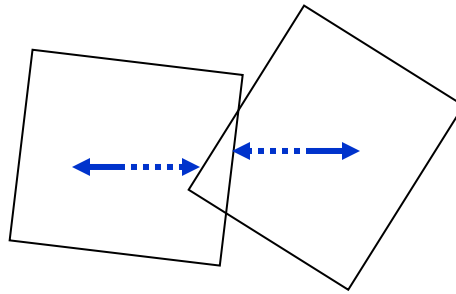
velocities  
change positions

- Need overlap
- Reaction lag
- Strong force → stiff system, overshooting
- Weak force → squishy system

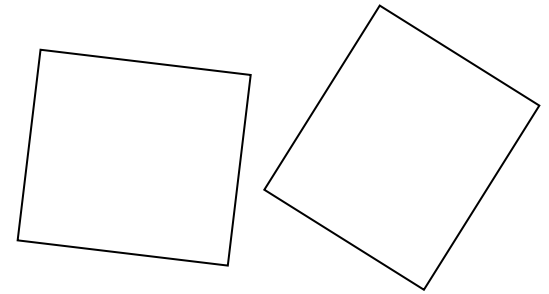
# Velocity Based Update



penetration  
detection only



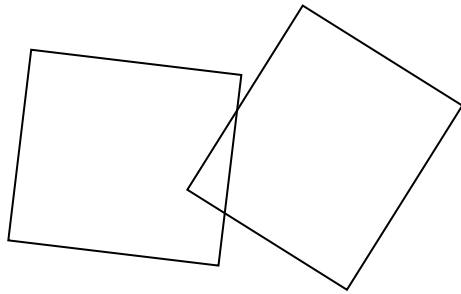
change velocities so that  
they separate objects



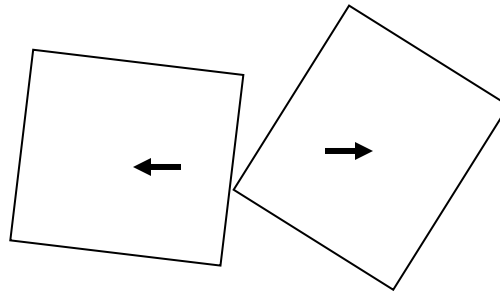
velocities  
change positions

- **Controlled** velocity change (via impulses)
- Only as much as needed → no overshooting
- **Drift**: Consistent velocities to not guarantee consistent positions!

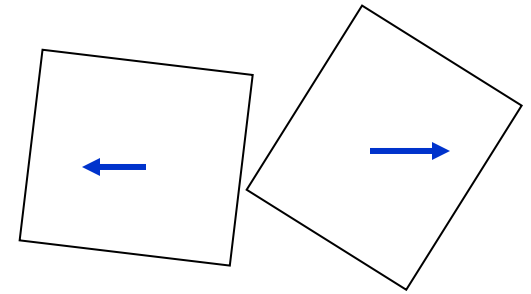
# Position Based Update



penetration  
detection only



**move** objects so that  
they do not penetrate

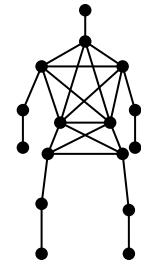
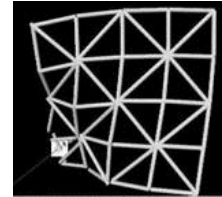


update velocities!

- **Controlled** position change
- Only as much as needed → no overshooting
- **No drift**
- Velocity update needed to get 2<sup>nd</sup> order system!

# Related Work

- Verlet Integration
- Faure, [Interactive solid animation using linearized displacement constraints](#), EGCAS 1998
- Jakobsen, [Advanced character physics & the fysx engine](#), GDC 2001
- Fedor, [Fast character animation using particle dynamics](#), GVIP 2005
- Müller et al., [Meshless deformations based on shape matching](#), Siggraph 2005





# Verlet Integration

- Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) &= \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}(t) \cdot \Delta t^2 + \frac{1}{2} \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \cdot \Delta t^3 + O(\Delta t^4) \\ + \mathbf{x}(t - \Delta t) &= \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}(t) \cdot \Delta t^2 - \frac{1}{2} \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \cdot \Delta t^3 + O(\Delta t^4)\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) + \mathbf{x}(t - \Delta t) = 2\mathbf{x}(t) + \Delta t^2 \mathbf{a}(t) + O(\Delta t^4)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \underbrace{[\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t - \Delta t)]}_{\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \Delta t} + \Delta t^2 \mathbf{a}(t) + O(\Delta t^4)$$

- Velocity stored implicitly in the previous position

# Position Based Integration

- Verlet:  $\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + [\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t - \Delta t)] + \Delta t^2 \mathbf{a}(t) + O(\Delta t^4)$

Init  $\mathbf{x}(0), \mathbf{v}(0)$

**Loop**

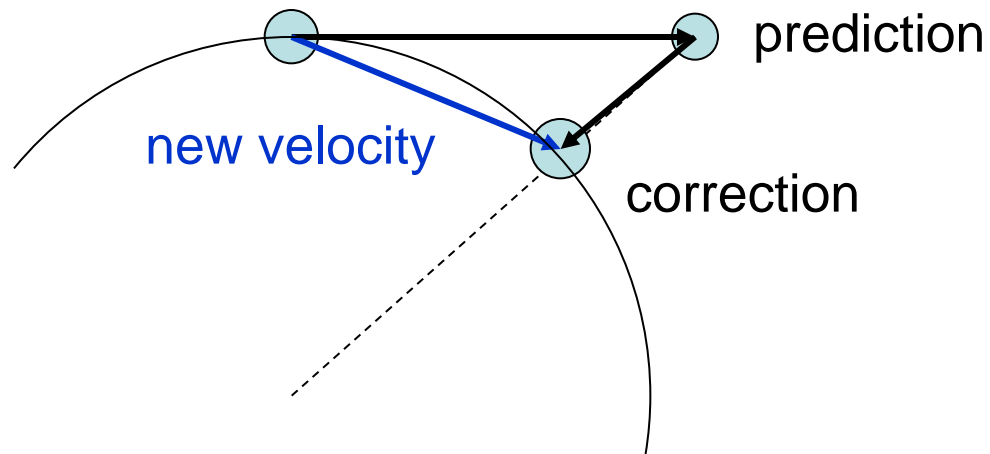
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 $\mathbf{x}^P(t+\Delta t) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \Delta t \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)$  // prediction  
 $\mathbf{x}(t+\Delta t) = \text{modify } \mathbf{x}^P(t+\Delta t)$  // position correction  
 $\mathbf{v}^P(t+\Delta t) = [\mathbf{x}(t+\Delta t) - \mathbf{x}(t)] / \Delta t$  // velocity update  
 $\mathbf{v}(t+\Delta t) = \text{modify } \mathbf{v}^P(t+\Delta t)$  // velocity correction
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**End loop**

- Verlet **plus** position / velocity corrections
- Corrections change the dynamic state!

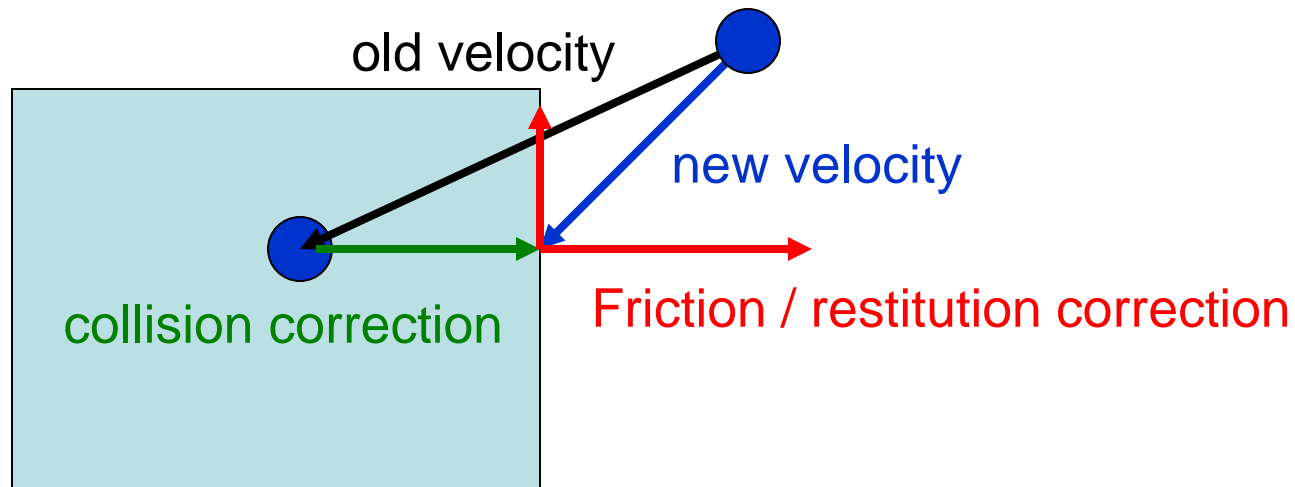
# Position Correction

- Move vertices out of other objects
- Move vertices such that constraints are satisfied
- Example: Particle on circle



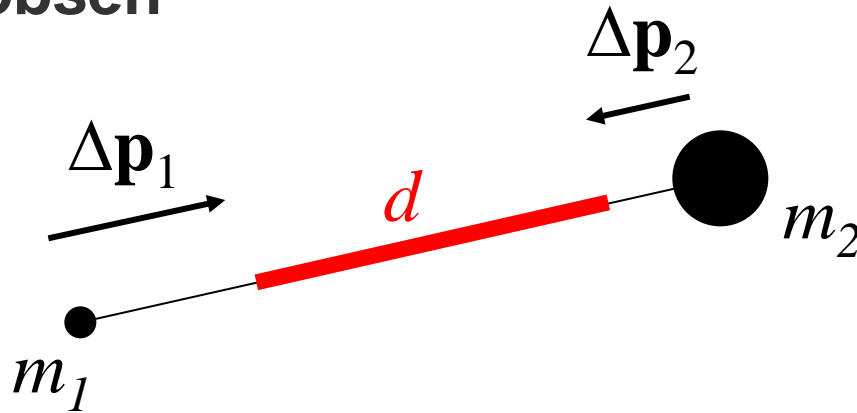
# Velocity Correction

- **External forces:**  $\mathbf{v}(t+\Delta t) = \mathbf{v}^P(t+\Delta t) + \Delta t \cdot \mathbf{f}(t)/m$
- **Internal** damping
- Friction
- Restitution



# Internal Distance Constraint

- Jakobsen



$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_1 = -\frac{w_1}{w_1 + w_2} \left( |\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2| - d \right) \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2}{|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2|}$$

$$w_i = \frac{1}{m_i}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_2 = +\frac{w_2}{w_1 + w_2} \left( |\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2| - d \right) \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2}{|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2|}$$

# General Internal Constraints

- **Scalar constraint function**

$$C(\mathbf{p}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{constraint satisfied}$$

- **Compute  $\Delta\mathbf{p}$  such that**

$$C(\mathbf{p} + \Delta\mathbf{p}) \cong C(\mathbf{p}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} C(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \Delta\mathbf{p} = 0$$

- **Rigid body modes do not change  $C(\mathbf{p})$**
- **Do not influence rigid body modes (ghost forces)**
- **Search **perpendicular** to rigid body modes:  $\Delta\mathbf{p} = \lambda \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} C(\mathbf{p})$**

$$\Delta\mathbf{p} = -\frac{C(\mathbf{p})}{|\nabla_{\mathbf{p}} C(\mathbf{p})|^2} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} C(\mathbf{p})$$

# General Internal Constraints

- General correction for  $n$  point constraints
- Including masses

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_i = -s \frac{n \cdot w_i}{\sum_j w_j} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}_i} C(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n)$$

$$s = \frac{C(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n)}{\sum_j |\nabla_{\mathbf{p}_j} C(\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n)|^2}$$

- Examples

$$C_{stretch}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = |\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2| - d \quad \rightarrow \text{Jakobsen}$$

$$C_{bend}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4) = \arccos \left( \frac{(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) \times (\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_1)}{|(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) \times (\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_1)|} \cdot \frac{(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) \times (\mathbf{p}_4 - \mathbf{p}_1)}{|(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) \times (\mathbf{p}_4 - \mathbf{p}_1)|} \right) - \varphi_0$$

$$C_{volume}(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4) = [(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 \times (\mathbf{p}_3 - \mathbf{p}_1)) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_4 - \mathbf{p}_1)] - v_0$$

# Position Solver

- **Non-linear Gauss Seidel**
- **Iterate**
  - Go through all constraints
    - Move (project) points according to the constraint
- **Remarks**
  - Gauss Seidel is order dependent
  - Last constraints are strongest
  - Projection is a non-linear step
  - Takes time for pressure waves to propagate through objects



# Results

# Conclusions / Future Work