

# Optimization-Based Animation

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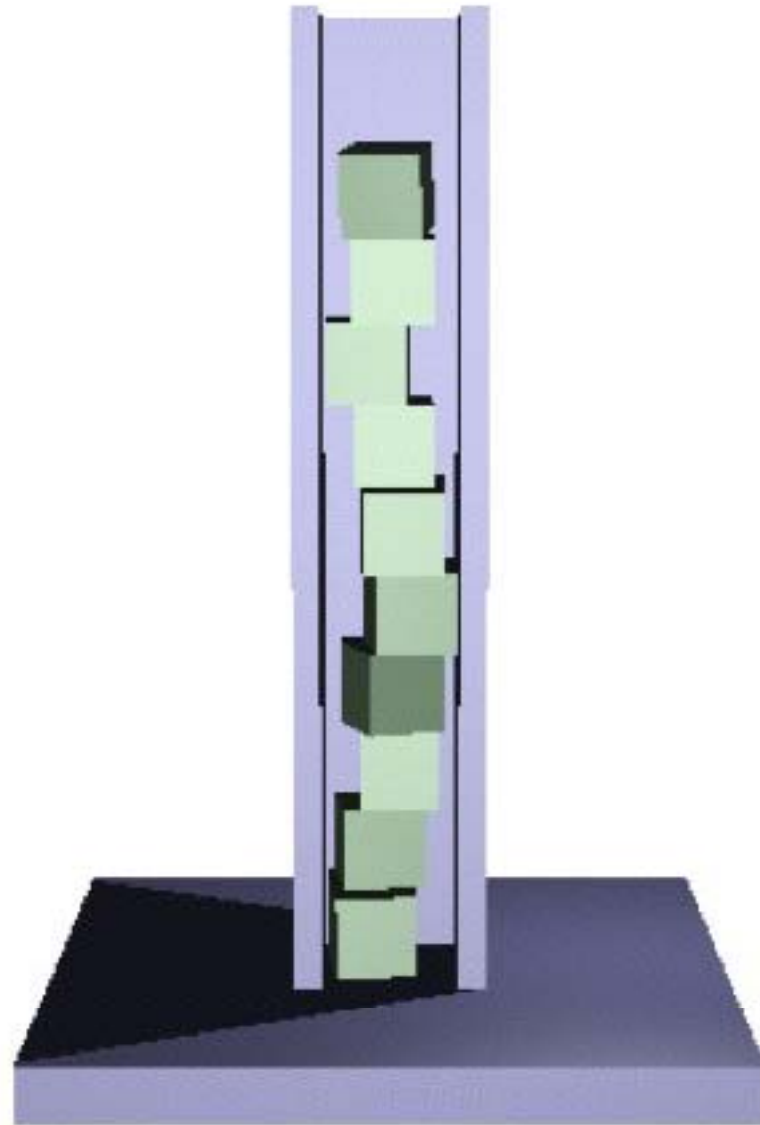


Figure 1: Simulating stacked bodies is known to be difficult.

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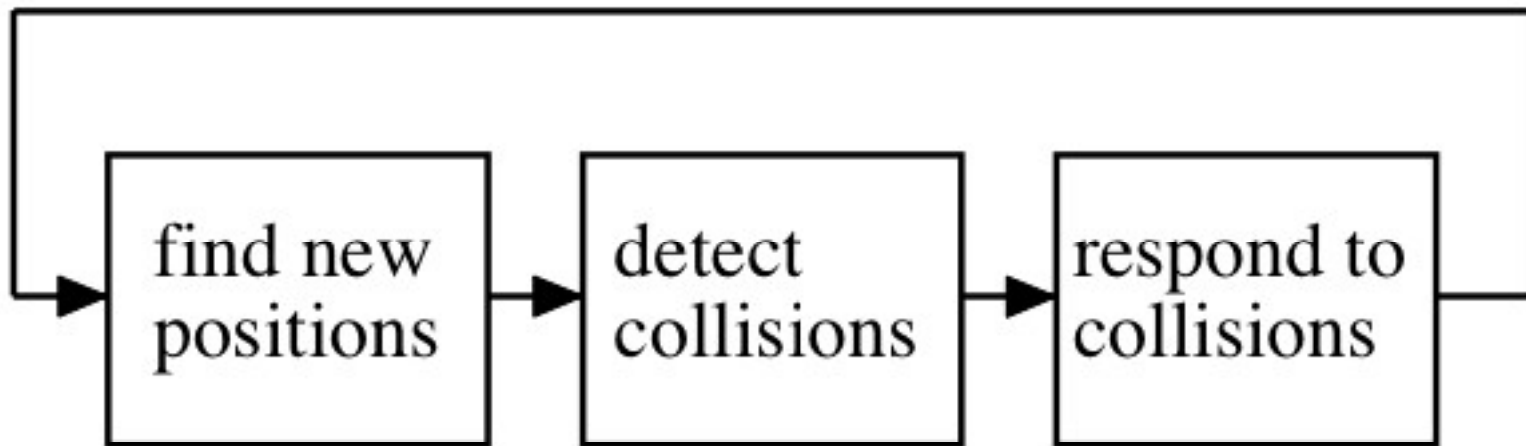


Figure 2: The simulation loop.

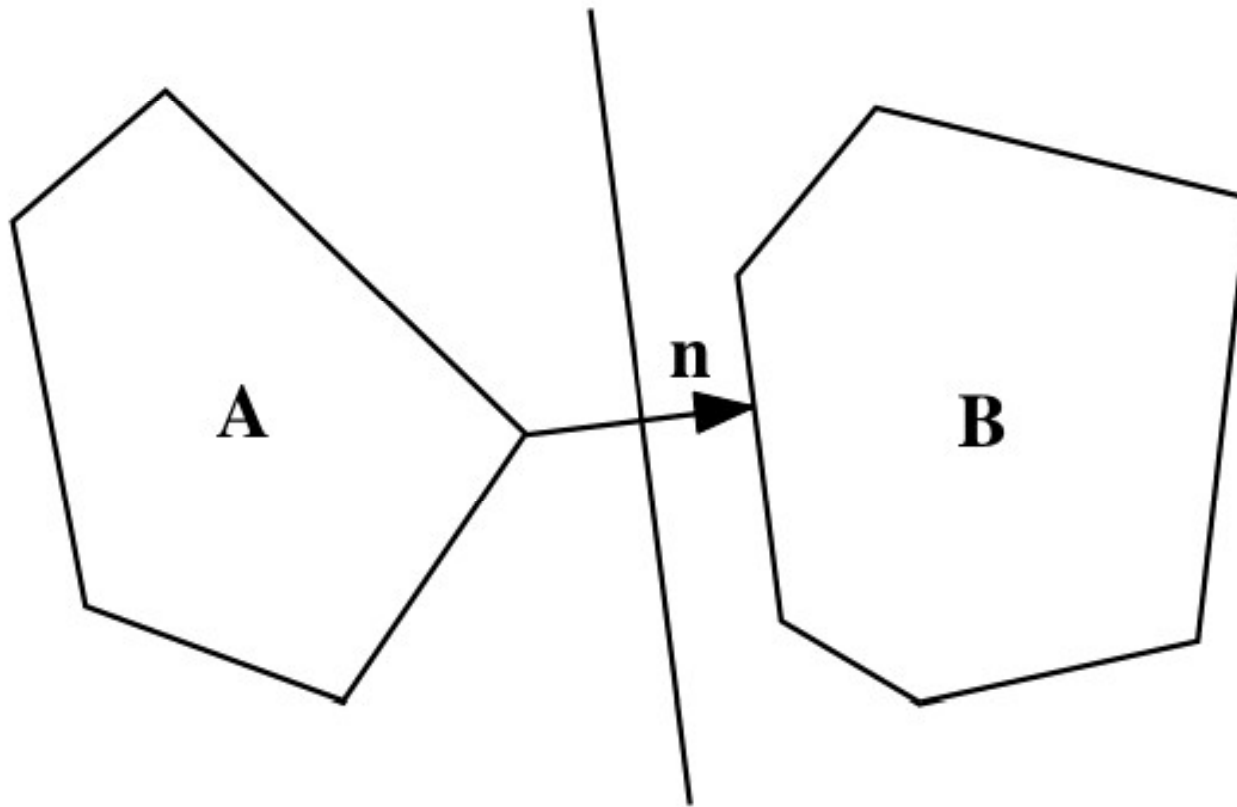


Figure 3: Separating plane between bodies **A** and **B** with normal vector  $\mathbf{n}$ .

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$$\forall \mathbf{q}_a \in \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{q}_a \leq d \quad \text{and} \quad \forall \mathbf{q}_b \in \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{q}_b \geq d. \quad (1)$$

# Objective

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{\text{per}} - \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}^{\text{per}} \mathbf{R}^{-1}. \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}^{\text{tgt}} = \mathbf{x}^{\text{tgt}} - \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta \mathbf{R}^{\text{tgt}} = \mathbf{R}^{\text{tgt}} \mathbf{R}^{-1}. \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta \Delta \mathbf{x} = \Delta \mathbf{x} - \Delta \mathbf{x}^{\text{tgt}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta \Delta \mathbf{r} = \Delta \mathbf{r} - \Delta \mathbf{r}^{\text{tgt}}. \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \Delta \Delta \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \Delta \Delta \mathbf{x}_i + D_i^2 \Delta \Delta \mathbf{r}_i \cdot \Delta \Delta \mathbf{r}_i, \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k m_i \Delta \Delta \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \Delta \Delta \mathbf{x}_i + \Delta \Delta \mathbf{r}_i^T \mathbf{I}_i \Delta \Delta \mathbf{r}_i. \quad (6)$$

# Linearizing the Separation Constraints

$$\Delta \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}^{\text{per}} - \mathbf{n} \approx \delta_x \mathbf{n}_x + \delta_y \mathbf{n}_y, \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_a = \mathbf{R}_a \mathbf{q}_a^{\text{body}} + \mathbf{x}_a \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q}_a^{\text{per}} = \mathbf{R}_a^{\text{per}} \mathbf{q}_a^{\text{body}} + \mathbf{x}_a^{\text{per}}.$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{R} \mathbf{w} \approx \mathbf{w} + \Delta \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{w}:$$

$$\mathbf{q}_a^{\text{per}} = \Delta \mathbf{R}_a (\mathbf{q}_a - \mathbf{x}_a) + \mathbf{x}_a^{\text{per}}. \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{q}_a^{\text{per}} \approx \mathbf{q}_a + \Delta \mathbf{x}_a + \Delta \mathbf{r}_a \times (\mathbf{q}_a - \mathbf{x}_a). \quad (9)$$

# Linearizing the Separation Constraints

$$(\mathbf{n} + \delta_x \mathbf{n}_x + \delta_y \mathbf{n}_y) \cdot (\mathbf{q}_a + \Delta \mathbf{x}_a + \Delta \mathbf{r}_a \times (\mathbf{q}_a - \mathbf{x}_a)) \leq d. \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{x}_a - (\mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{q}_a - \mathbf{x}_a)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{r}_a \\ + (\mathbf{n}_x \cdot \mathbf{q}_a) \delta_x + (\mathbf{n}_y \cdot \mathbf{q}_a) \delta_y - d \leq -\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{q}_a. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{x}_b - (\mathbf{n} \times (\mathbf{q}_b - \mathbf{x}_b)) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{r}_b \\ + (\mathbf{n}_x \cdot \mathbf{q}_b) \delta_x + (\mathbf{n}_y \cdot \mathbf{q}_b) \delta_y - d \geq -\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{q}_b. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

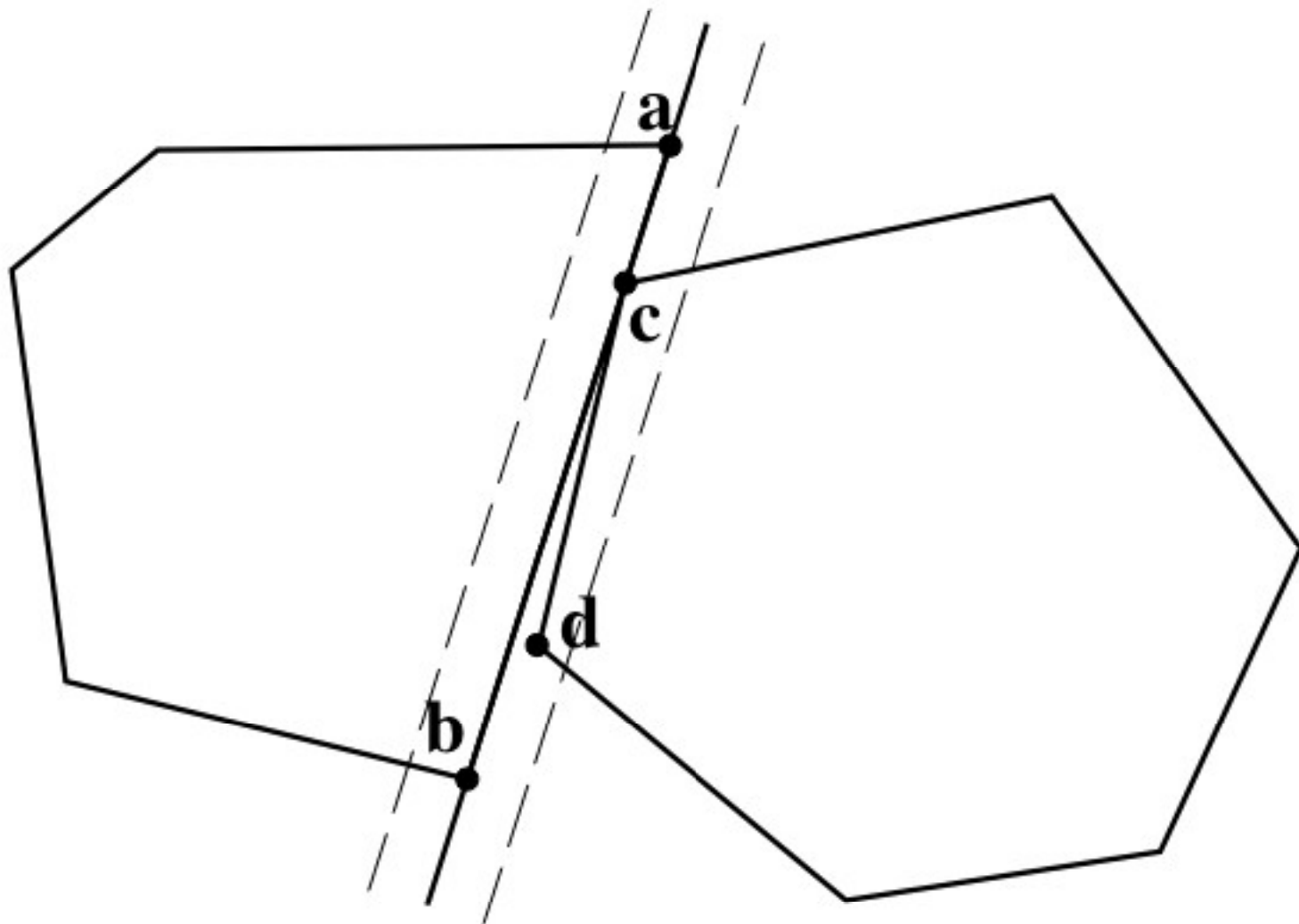


Figure 4: Explanation of critical vertices.

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**Input:** current and target positions for each body

**Output:** new current position for each body

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$

**repeat**

find current close pairs and add to  $S$

**for** all close pairs  $P = \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, C \rangle \in S$

calculate the separating plane  $\langle \mathbf{n}, d \rangle$  for  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$

find current critical vertices of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  with respect  
to  $\langle \mathbf{n}, d \rangle$  and add them to  $C$

solve QP

**if** infeasible

rollback all body positions

**else**

update the current positions

**while** QP was infeasible **or**

critical vertices were added **or**

objective was improved

Table 1: Position update algorithm.

# Bounds

$$d = \frac{1}{2} \left( \max_{\mathbf{q}_a \in A} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{q}_a + \min_{\mathbf{q}_b \in B} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{q}_b \right), \quad (13)$$

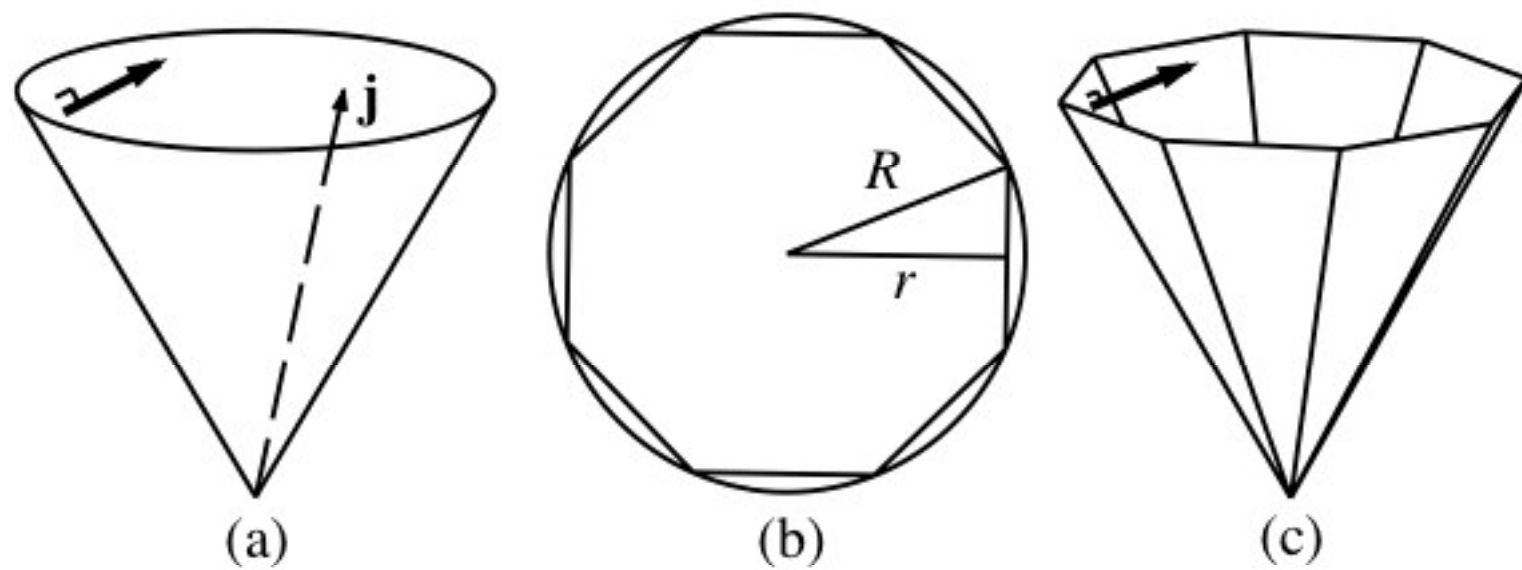


Figure 5: Friction cone and regular octagonal approximation. Ratio  $r/R$  of inner to outer radius is  $\cos \pi/8$ .

# Momentum Update

$$(\mathbf{n}_x \cdot \mathbf{j})^2 + (\mathbf{n}_y \cdot \mathbf{j})^2 \leq \mu^2 (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{j} \geq 0. \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_h = \mu \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \mathbf{n} + \cos \frac{\pi h}{4} \mathbf{n}_x + \sin \frac{\pi h}{4} \mathbf{n}_y, \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{j} \geq 0, \quad \text{for} \quad h = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7. \quad (16)$$

$$v(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{n} \cdot ((\mathbf{v}_b + \omega_b \times (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_b)) - (\mathbf{v}_a + \omega_a \times (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_a))). \quad (17)$$

$$m_b^{-1} \mathbf{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{I}_b^{-1} ((\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_b) \times \mathbf{j}) \quad (18)$$

$$m_a^{-1} \mathbf{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{I}_a^{-1} ((\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_a) \times \mathbf{j}) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{if } v^- \geq 0 \text{ then } v^+ \geq 0 \text{ else } v^+ \geq -\epsilon \cdot v^-. \quad (20)$$

# Force or Acceleration Calculation

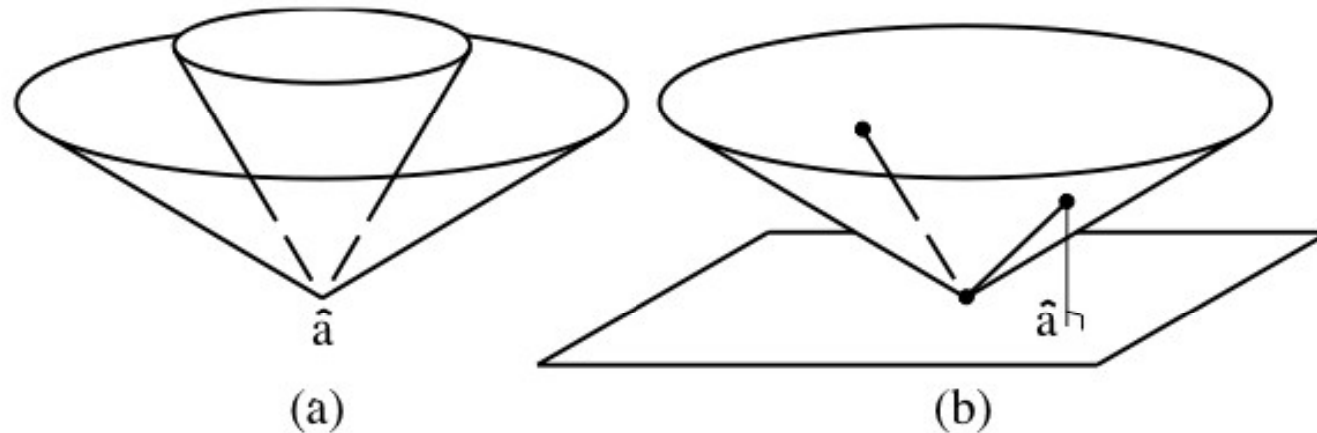


Figure 6: Acceleration cone vs. friction cone. If  $\mathbf{a}$  lies on side of cone, new  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$  is projection to  $\mathbf{n}_x, \mathbf{n}_y$  plane.

$$\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) = (\mathbf{a}_b + \alpha_b \times (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_b)) - (\mathbf{a}_a + \alpha_a \times (\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x}_a)). \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) \geq 0. \quad (22)$$

# Force or Acceleration Calculation

$$\sum_{i=1}^k -m_i \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} m_i \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_i^T \mathbf{I}_i \alpha_i. \quad (23)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) - (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q})) \mathbf{n}. \quad (24)$$

$$\left( \mu^{-1} \cos \frac{\pi}{8} \mathbf{n} + \cos \frac{\pi h}{4} \mathbf{n}_x + \sin \frac{\pi h}{4} \mathbf{n}_y \right) \cdot (\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{q}) - \hat{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{q})) \geq 0. \quad (25)$$

**for** each frame

update positions and find contact points

apply impulses

calculate new body accelerations

# Joints



Figure 7: Simple multi-body pendulum made of six sticks.

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$$\mathbf{q}_a + \Delta \mathbf{x}_a + \Delta \mathbf{r}_a \times (\mathbf{q}_a - \mathbf{x}_a) = \mathbf{q}_b + \Delta \mathbf{x}_b + \Delta \mathbf{r}_b \times (\mathbf{q}_b - \mathbf{x}_b), \quad (26)$$

# Non-Convex Solids

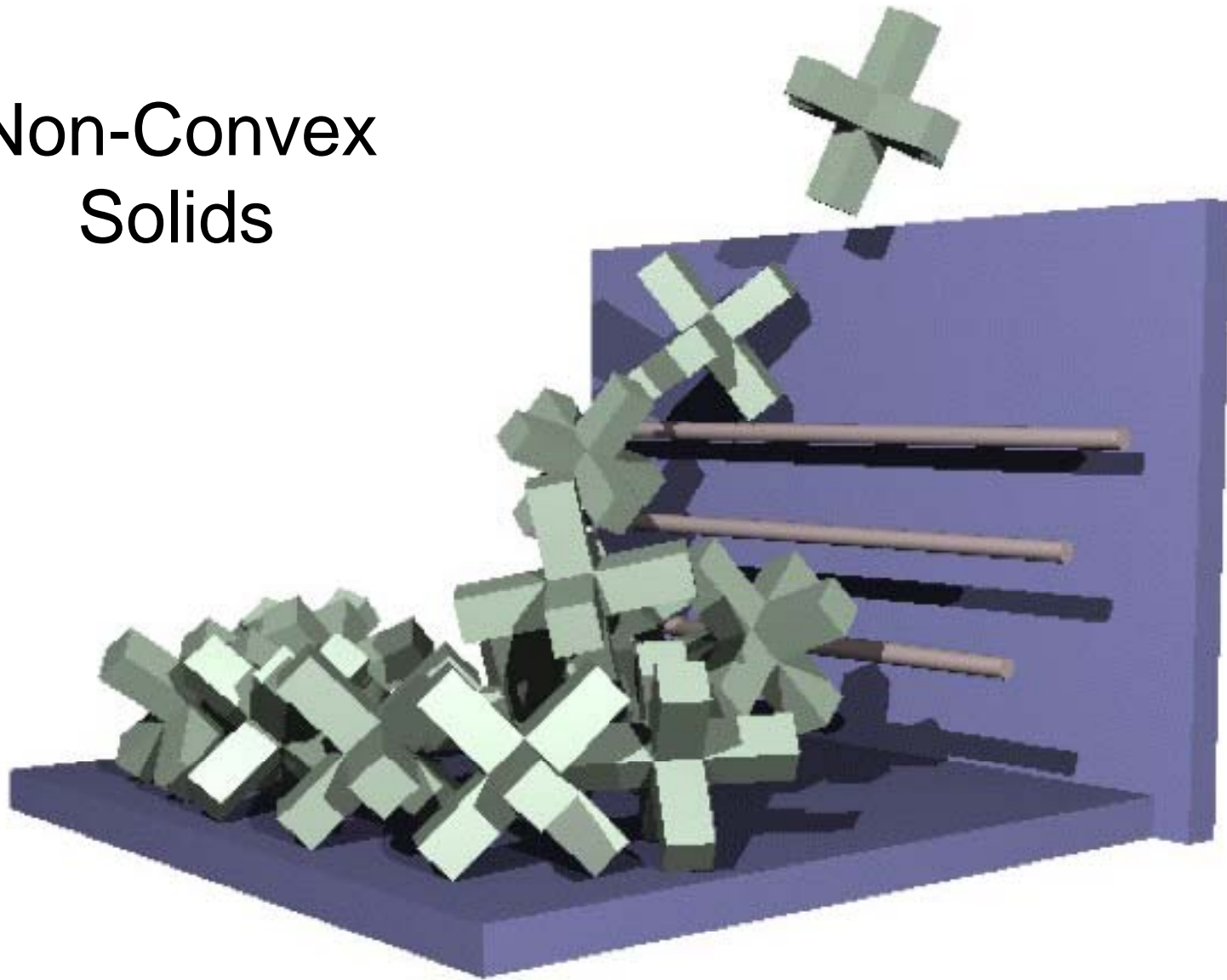


Figure 8: *Jacks*: an example of non-convexity.



# Experiments and Results

	#solids	close pairs/fr.	collisions/fr.	contacts/fr.	#frames	sec./fr.	avg. #qp/fr.	rollbacks [%]
Stack	10	6.6	29	25.7	600	0.9	3	0
Cubejam	100	172	411.7	278.4	1500	22.2	4.8	0
Wall	90	129.2	404.3	220.6	600	12.3	4	0
Jacks	50(150)	123.3	167.1	94	1500	15.5	4.6	0.03
Pendulum	6	0	0	0	1000	0.1	2.1	0
Hybrid	100	159.1	518.7	497.6	1500	25.9	4.8	0.07
Hourglass	1000	1723.4	1673.6	1673.6	2000	13.5	2.6	0
Robot	306	308	507.7	507.7	580	75.5	6	2.7

Table 2: Complexity of scenes and efficiency issues.

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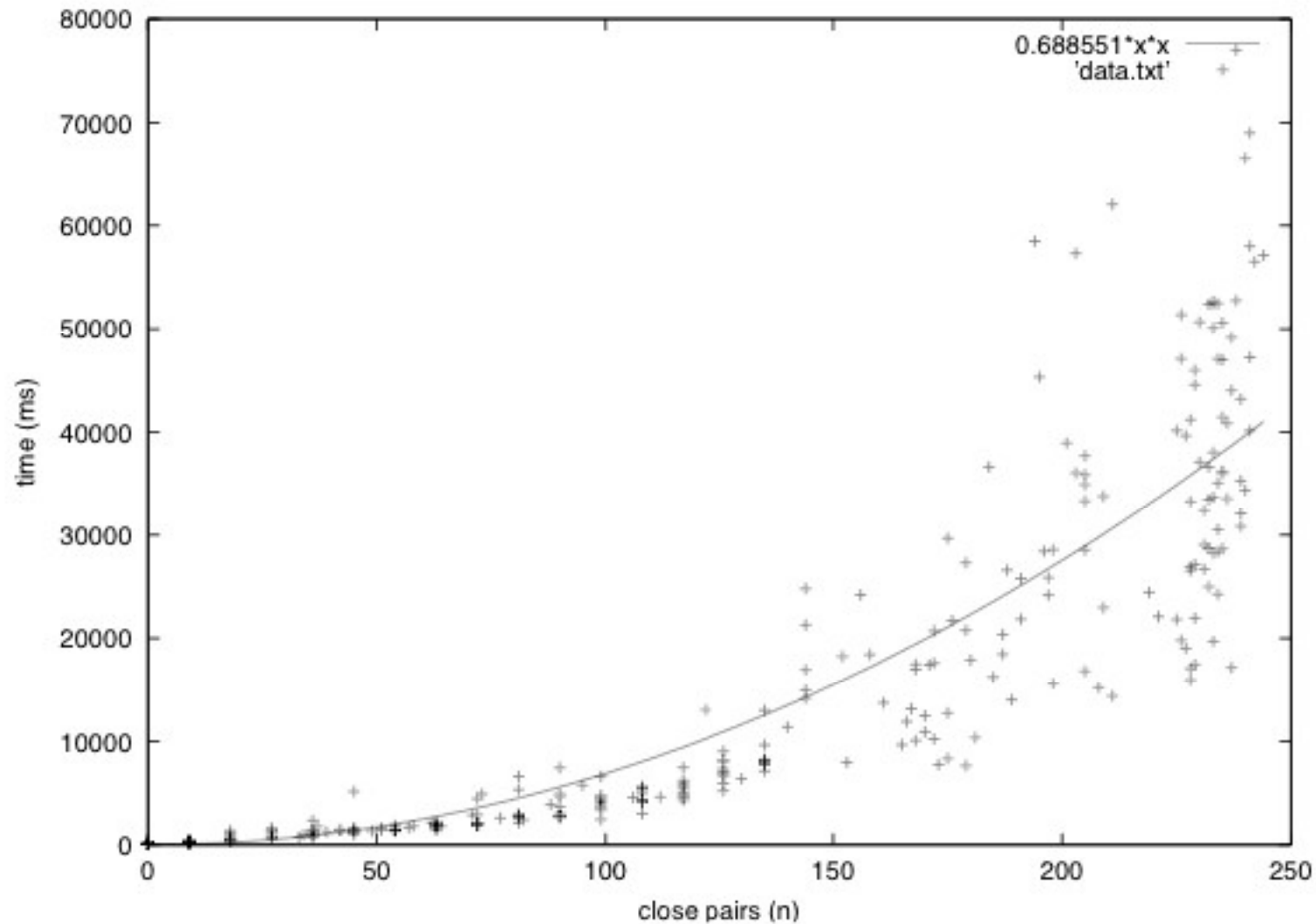


Figure 9: Solution time of one QP vs. number of close pairs for the position update.