

# CS5643

## 10 Resolving systems of collisions

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# Overview

## **How systems of collisions arise**

- resting contact
- deformable vs. rigid

## **1: resolving systems of collisions with particles**

- kinematics of 3DOF per object, friction makes no sense
- establishes problem structure in simpler setting

## **2: resolving systems of frictionless collisions with rigid bodies**

- similar to (1) but with kinematics that has position and orientation

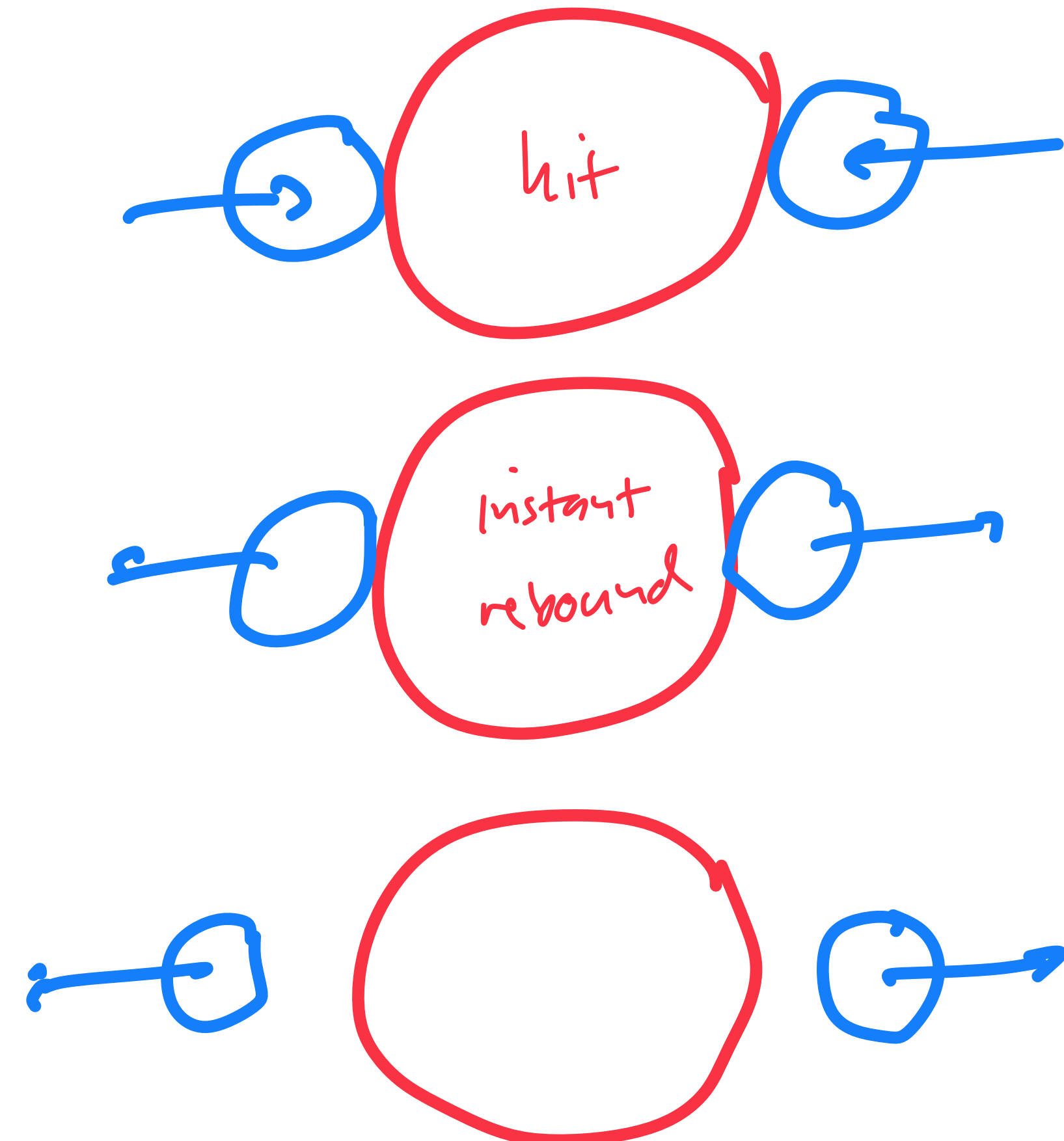
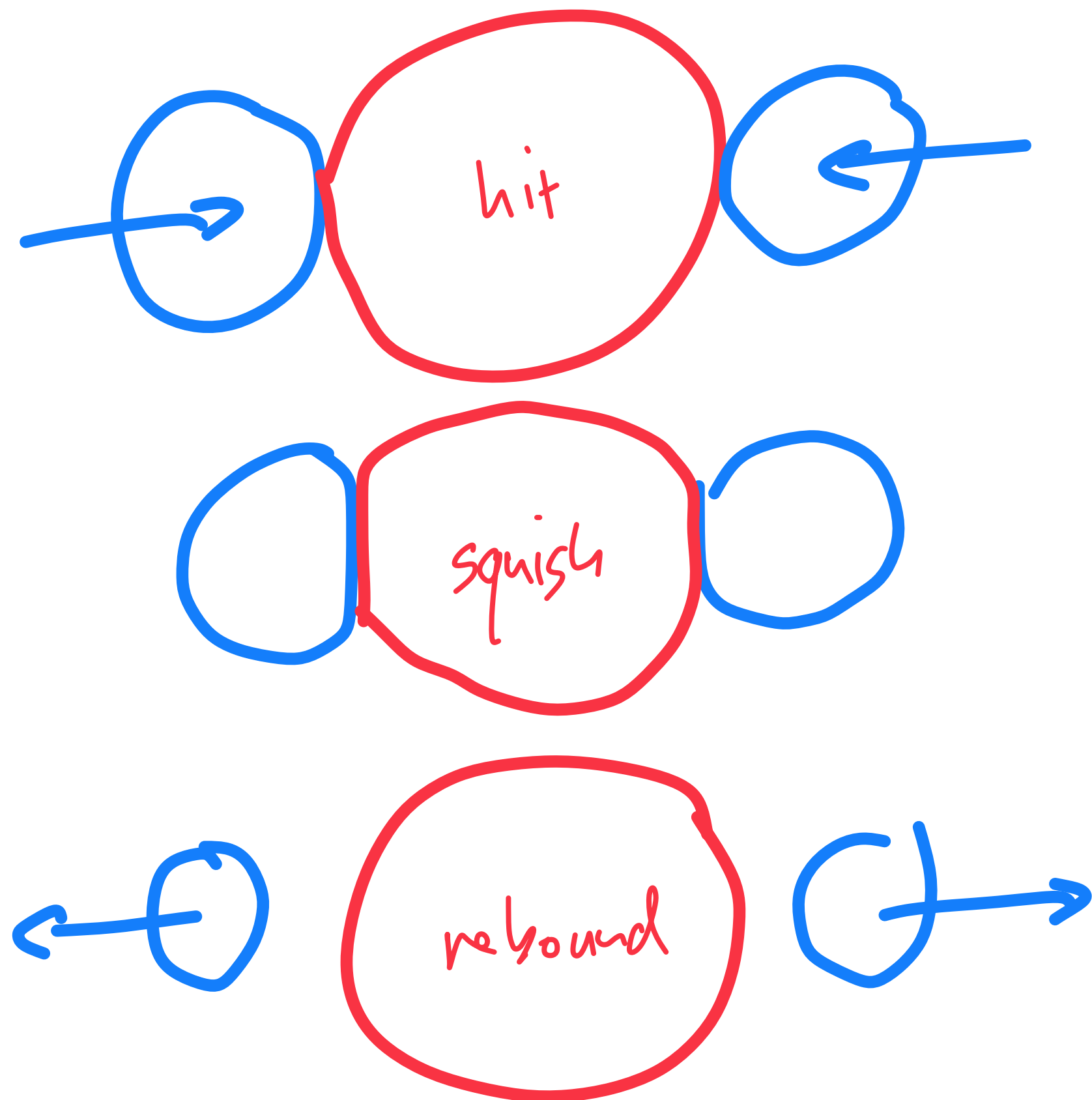
## **3: resolving systems of collisions with friction (rigid bodies)**

- reuses similar machinery to (2) to also solve for frictional forces

# Resolving a system of coupled collisions

## Sometimes many collisions are coupled together at a single time

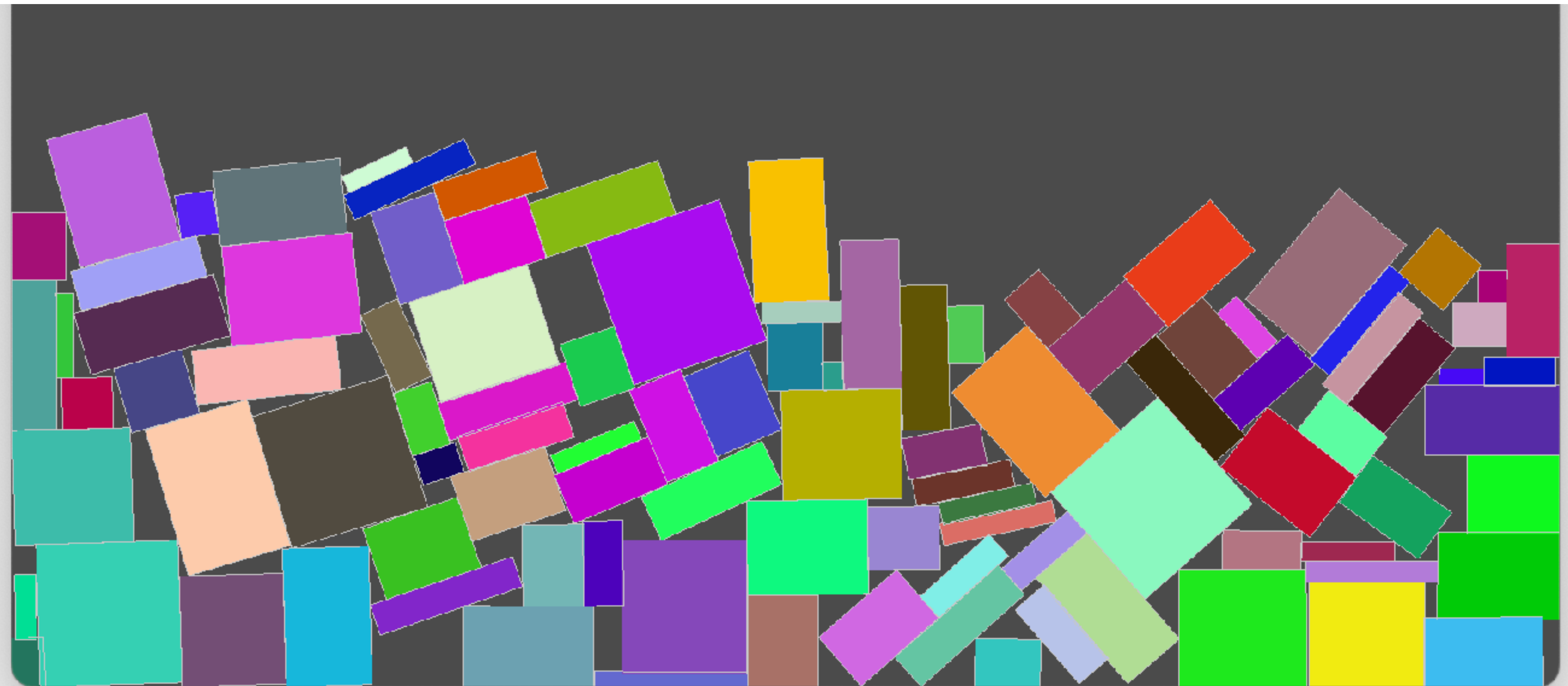
- deformable objects insulate contacts from one another
- rigid objects transmit impulses instantly



# Common case: resting contact

## **In the presence of gravity, objects end up piled up**

- contacts persist over time
- large systems of coupled contacts are unavoidable
- sequential resolution does not scale



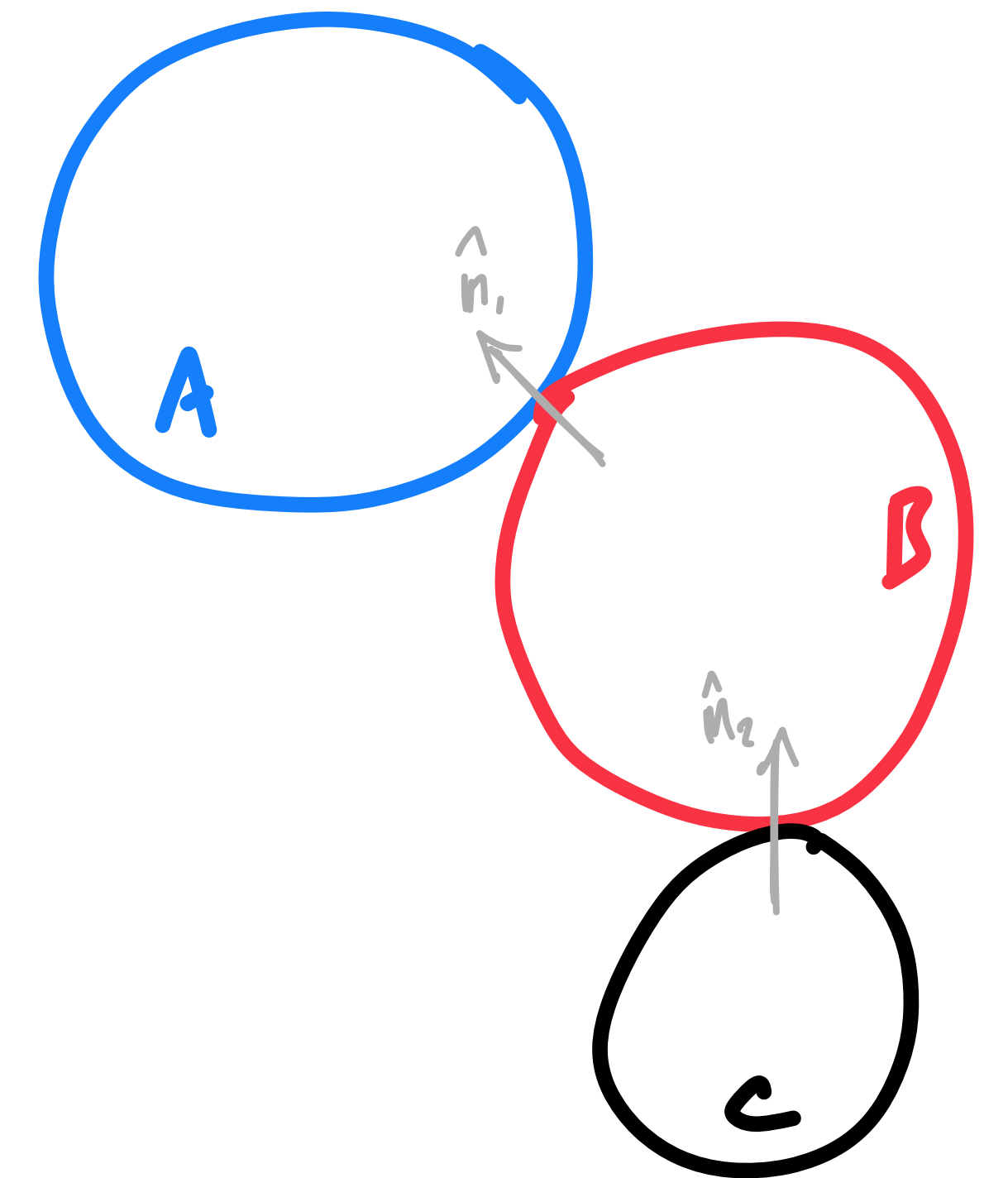
# One collision in the context of another

## Suppose an object is involved in two simultaneous collisions

- one we are computing the impulse for
- someone has told us the impulse for the other one

## Call the objects **A** and **B**, the collisions **1** and **2**

- pre-collision velocities  $\mathbf{v}_a^-$  and  $\mathbf{v}_b^-$ ; post-collision  $\mathbf{v}_a^+$  and  $\mathbf{v}_b^+$
- collision normals  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$
- restitution hypothesis:  $v_1^+ = -c_r v_1^-$  where  $v_1 = \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_a - \mathbf{v}_b)$
- collision impulses are  $\gamma_1 \mathbf{n}_1$  (unknown) and  $\gamma_2 \mathbf{n}_2$  (known)



# One collision in the context of another

- velocities after collision

- $\mathbf{v}_a^+ = \mathbf{v}_a^- + m_a^{-1} \gamma_1 \mathbf{n}_1$

- $\mathbf{v}_b^+ = \mathbf{v}_b^- - m_b^{-1} \gamma_1 \mathbf{n}_1 + m_b^{-1} \gamma_2 \mathbf{n}_2$

- $v_1^+ = \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_a^+ - \mathbf{v}_b^+)$

- $v_1^+ = \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{v}_a^- - \mathbf{v}_b^-) + (m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1}) \gamma_1 - \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot m_b^{-1} \gamma_2 \mathbf{n}_2$

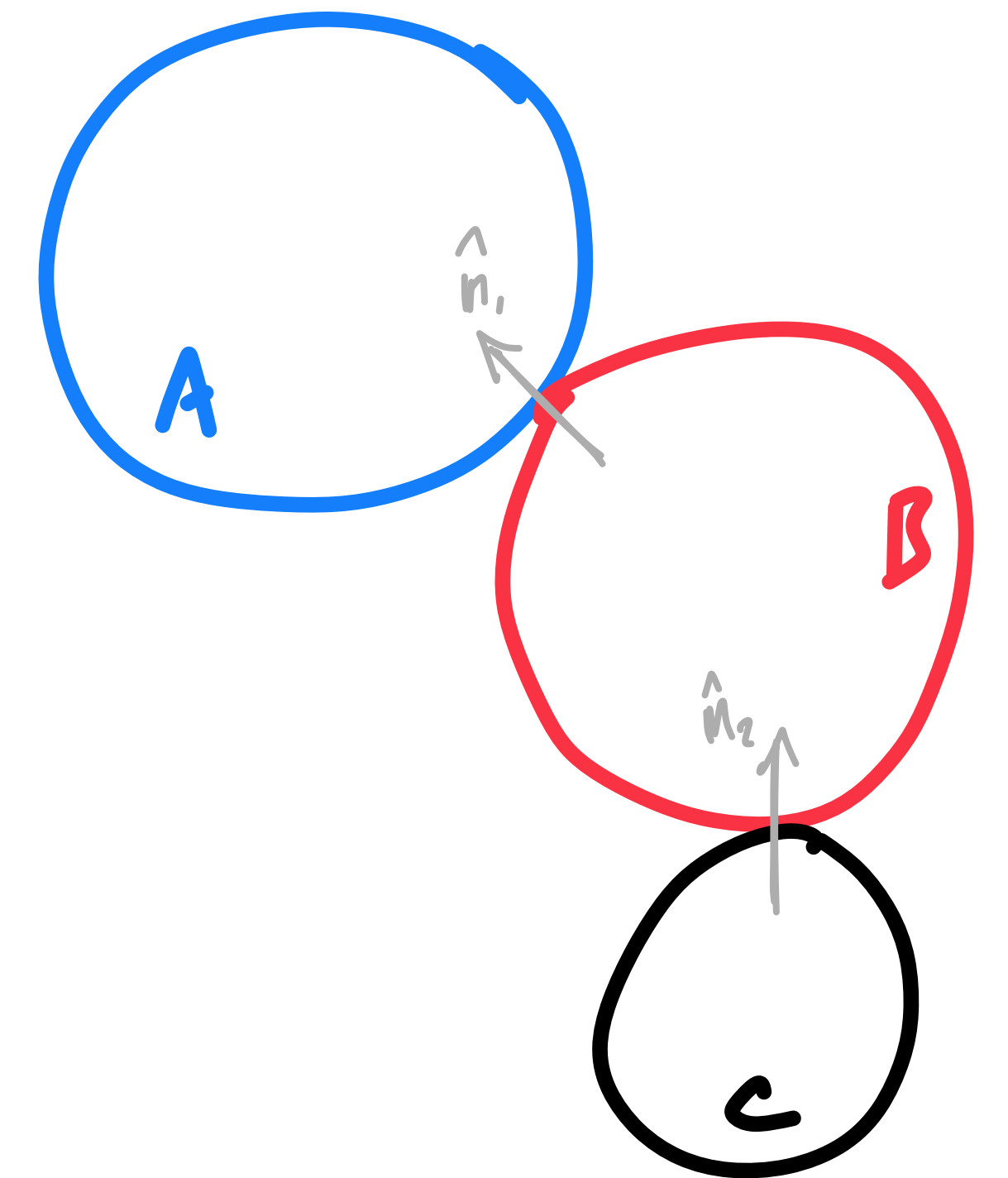
- solving for impulse

- $v_1^+ = -c_r v_1^- = v_1^- + (m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1}) \gamma_1 - \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot m_b^{-1} \gamma_2 \mathbf{n}_2$

- $(m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1}) \gamma_1 = -(1 + c_r) v_1^- + m_b^{-1} \gamma_2 (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)$

- $\gamma_1 = m_{\text{eff}} \left( -(1 + c_r) v_1^- + m_b^{-1} \gamma_2 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_2 \right)$

- where  $m_{\text{eff}} = (m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1})^{-1}$



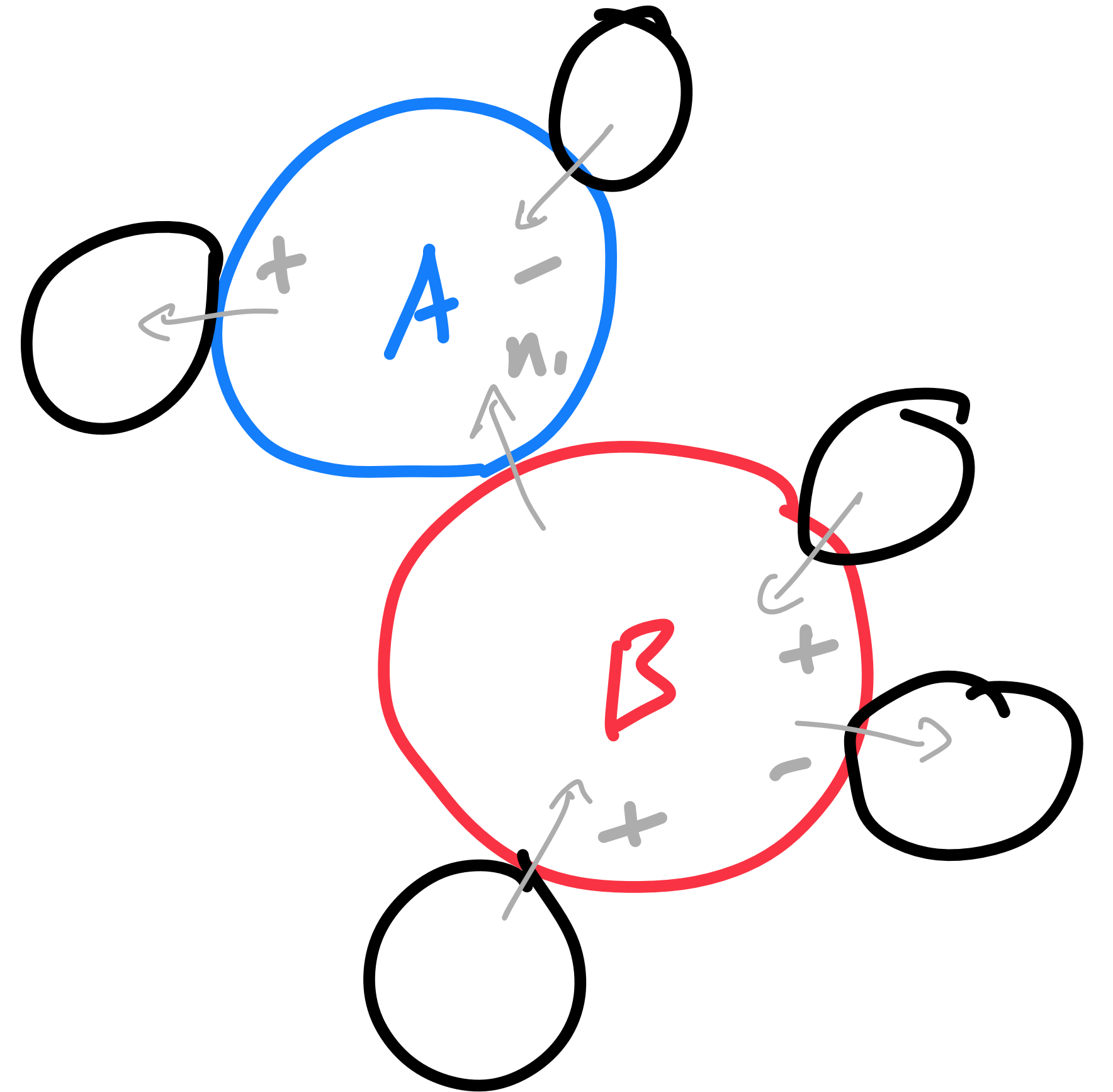
# One collision in the context of many

**The same idea extends to as many other collisions as required**

$$\gamma_i = m_{\text{eff}} \left( -(1 + c_r)v_i^- - m_a^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \gamma_{ia} + m_b^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \gamma_{ib} \right)$$

$$\gamma_{ix} = \sum_{j \neq i} s_{jx} \gamma_j \hat{\mathbf{n}}_j$$

- where  $s_{jx}$  is +1 if object X is the first object in collision  $j$  and, -1 if X is the second object in collision  $j$ , and 0 if X is not involved in collision  $j$ .
- for efficiency compute  $\gamma_a$  and  $\gamma_b$  first
  - more on this later



# Iterating to resolve simultaneous collisions

## **Since we don't know any of the $\gamma$ to start, just use our best estimate**

- compute object velocities, detect all collisions
- initialize all  $\gamma_i$  to zero
- solve for each  $\gamma_i$  assuming the other  $\gamma$ s are correct
  - if  $\gamma_i$  wants to be negative, set it to zero (collisions can push but not pull!)
- repeat until convergence
- update velocities using impulses, compute new positions from velocities

## **To resolve residual errors, add an overlap-repair impulse**

- bias target velocity in normal direction proportional to overlap
- very effective at removing residual overlap
- unstable if turned up too much to repair major overlap problems



# Some implementation issues

## **Summing influences of related collisions**

- searching all collisions for related ones is  $O(N^2)$
- maintaining some graph data structure adds extra complexity
- there is a nice trick for maintaining these sums efficiently per object
- see lecture notes for details

## **This works, mostly! (demo...)**

- it does converge
- it does not always converge very quickly
- errors can accumulate and lead to persistent overlap between objects

# Why does this work?

**If we stand back from the process we have been using, it looks like this:**

1. Write the new and old normal velocities as a function of the new and old object velocities
2. Write the objects' new velocities as a function of their old velocities and the collision impulses
3. Use the restitution hypothesis to write an equation that can be solved for the collision impulses

**We can formalize this computation in terms of matrices**

**It will lead to a matrix system with a well defined solution...**

# 1. Normal velocities from object velocities

**Normal velocity for collision 1,  $v_1$ , is a linear function of object velocities**

$$v_1 = \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_a - \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_b = \left[ \cdots \quad \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1^T \quad \cdots \quad -\hat{\mathbf{n}}_1^T \quad \cdots \right] \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_a \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_b \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_1 \mathbf{v}$$

- same can be done for all collisions, stacked into a matrix  $\mathbf{J}$
- then  $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{v}_n = [v_1 \ \cdots \ v_k]^T$
- this can be used before or after the collision:

$$\mathbf{v}_n^- = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^-$$

$$\mathbf{v}_n^+ = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^+$$

## 2. Velocity changes from collision impulses

### Collision impulse 1 changes the velocities for objects A and B

$$\mathbf{v}_a^+ = \mathbf{v}_a^- + m_a^{-1} \gamma_1 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1$$

$$\mathbf{v}_b^+ = \mathbf{v}_b^- - m_b^{-1} \gamma_1 \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1$$

- package the update to the whole system velocity in a vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_a^+ \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_b^+ \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_a^- \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_b^- \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ m_a^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \\ \vdots \\ -m_b^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \gamma_1 \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & m_N & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & m_N \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{v}^+ = \mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_1^T \gamma_1$  or for all collisions at once:  $\mathbf{v}^+ = \mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_1^T \gamma_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_k^T \gamma_k$   
 $= \mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}^T \boldsymbol{\gamma}$

# 3. Global system from restitution hypothesis

## Restitution hypothesis as a statement about all collisions:

$$\mathbf{v}_n^+ = -c_r \mathbf{v}_n^-$$

- (1) and (2) let us write the two velocities

$$\mathbf{v}_n^- = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^-$$

$$\mathbf{v}_n^+ = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^+ = \mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{J}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{J}^T\boldsymbol{\gamma}$$

- and substituting we get a linear system

$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{J}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{J}^T\boldsymbol{\gamma} = -c_r\mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^-$$

$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{J}^T\boldsymbol{\gamma} = -(1+c_r)\mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^-$$

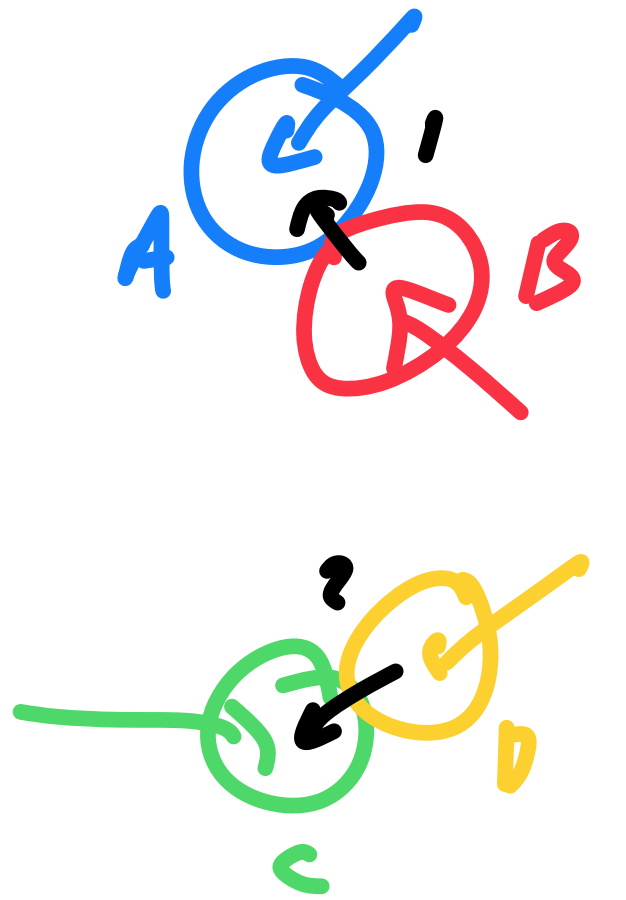
$$\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \mathbf{b}$$

- this is a square,  $k$  by  $k$ , matrix system
  - one row per collision, one column per collision

# Example: independent collisions

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{n}_1^T & -\hat{n}_1^T \\ \hat{n}_2^T & -\hat{n}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} v_a \\ v_b \\ v_c \\ v_d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_a & & & \\ & m_b & & \\ & & m_c & \\ & & & m_d \end{bmatrix}$$



$$M^{-1}J^T = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{n}_1/m_a & & & \\ & -\hat{n}_1/m_b & & \\ & & \hat{n}_2/m_c & \\ & & & -\hat{n}_2/m_d \end{bmatrix}$$

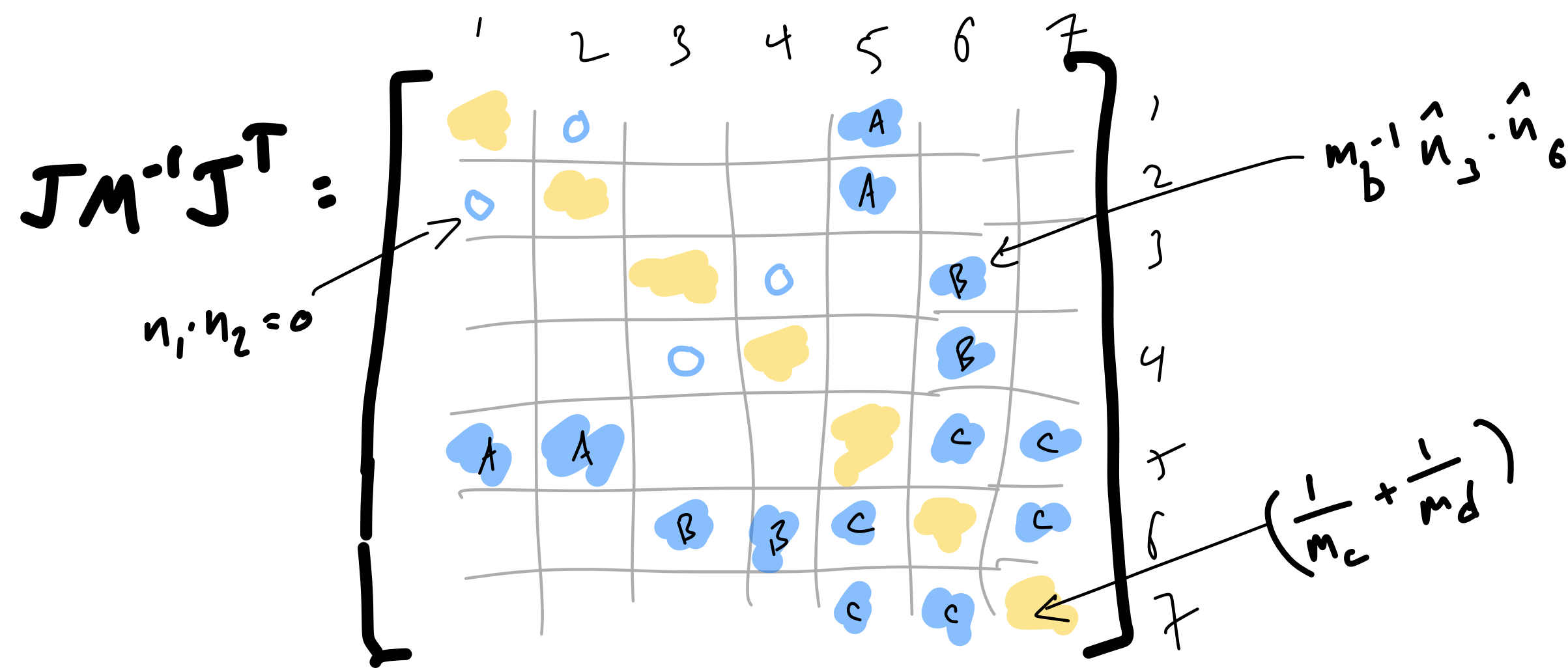
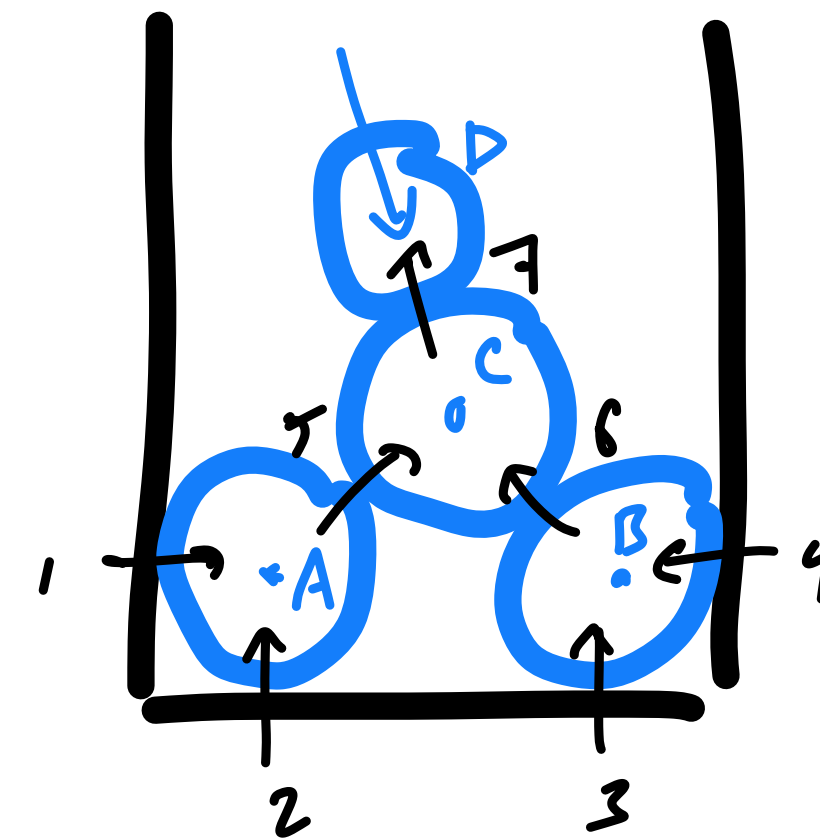
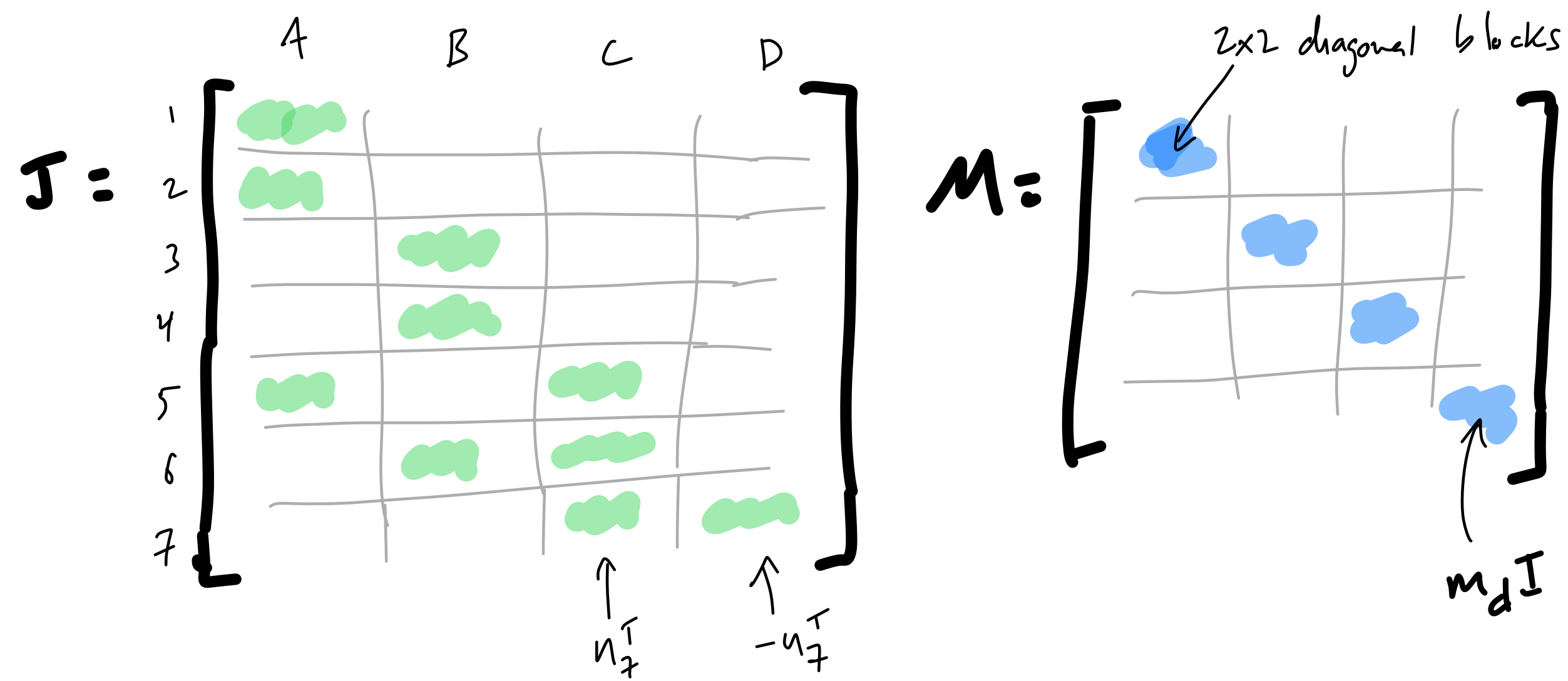
$$JM^{-1}J^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m_a} + \frac{1}{m_b} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & \frac{1}{m_c} + \frac{1}{m_d} & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Jv^- = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{n}_1 \cdot (v_a - v_b) \\ \hat{n}_2 \cdot (v_c - v_d) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_1 = -(1 + c_r) \hat{n}_1 \cdot (v_a^- - v_b^-) / (m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1})$$

$$\gamma_2 = -(1 + c_r) \hat{n}_2 \cdot (v_c^- - v_d^-) / (m_c^{-1} + m_d^{-1})$$

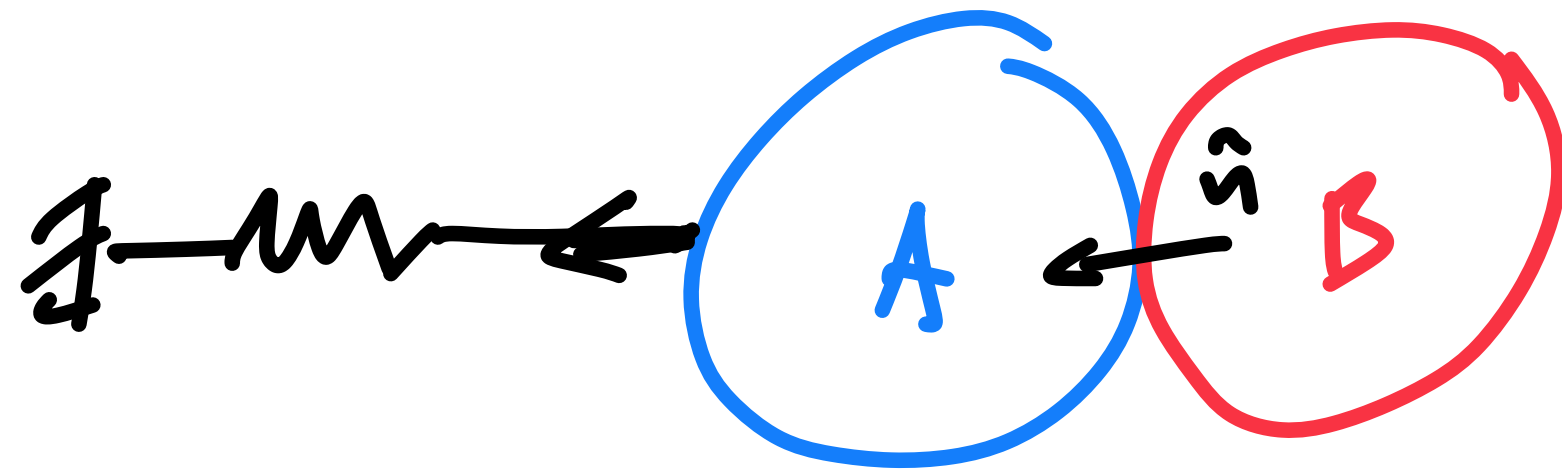
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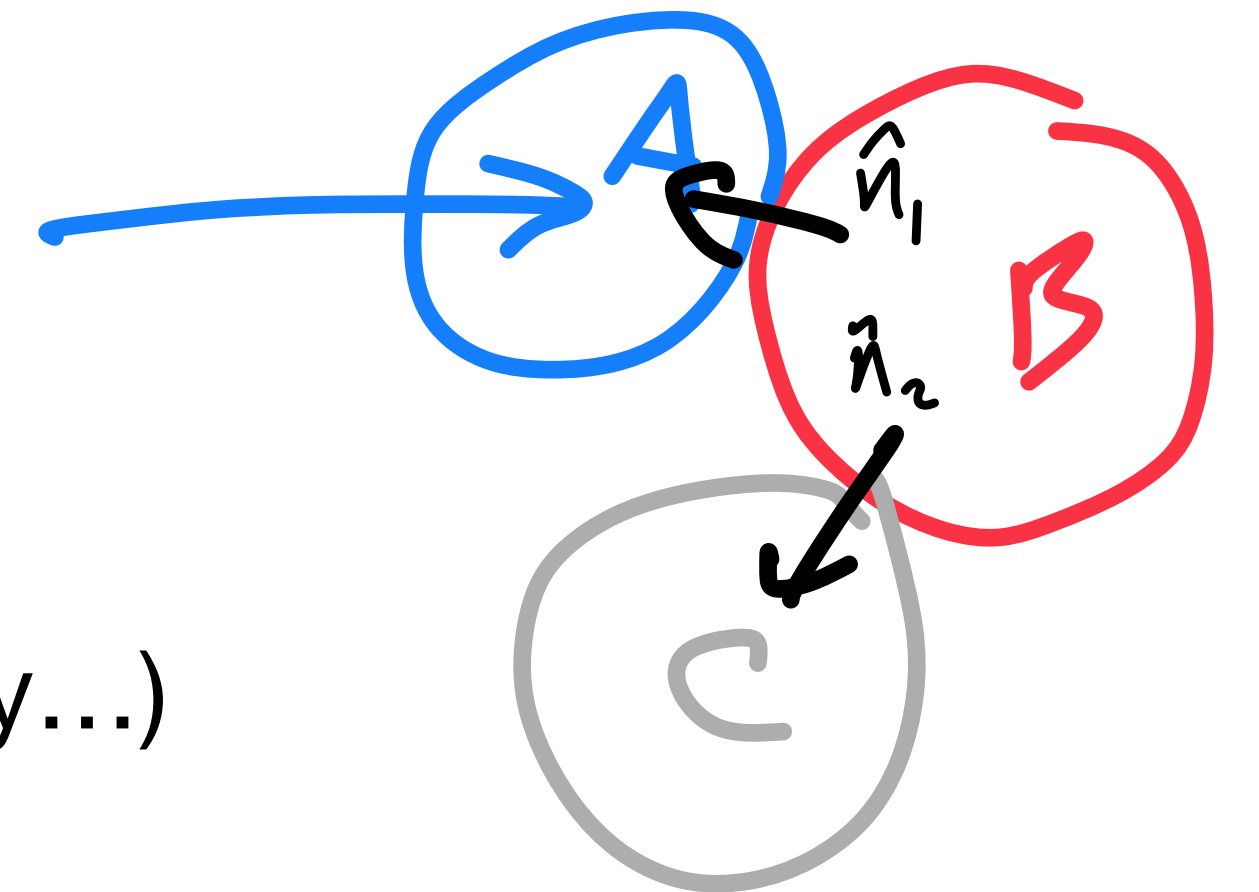
# Problem: pulling impulses

## In some situations we don't want to solve the equation we wrote

- e.g. single contact with force pulling objects apart



- if objects were stationary, equations ask for zero relative velocity
  - so system computes a negative  $\gamma$  that will bring B with A
  - solution here: just clamp  $\gamma$  at zero
- more complex e.g.: two contacts with impact pushing balls apart
  - clamping  $\gamma_2$  to zero after solution leaves  $\gamma_1$  wrong (e.g. C is heavy...)





# How to say what we want?

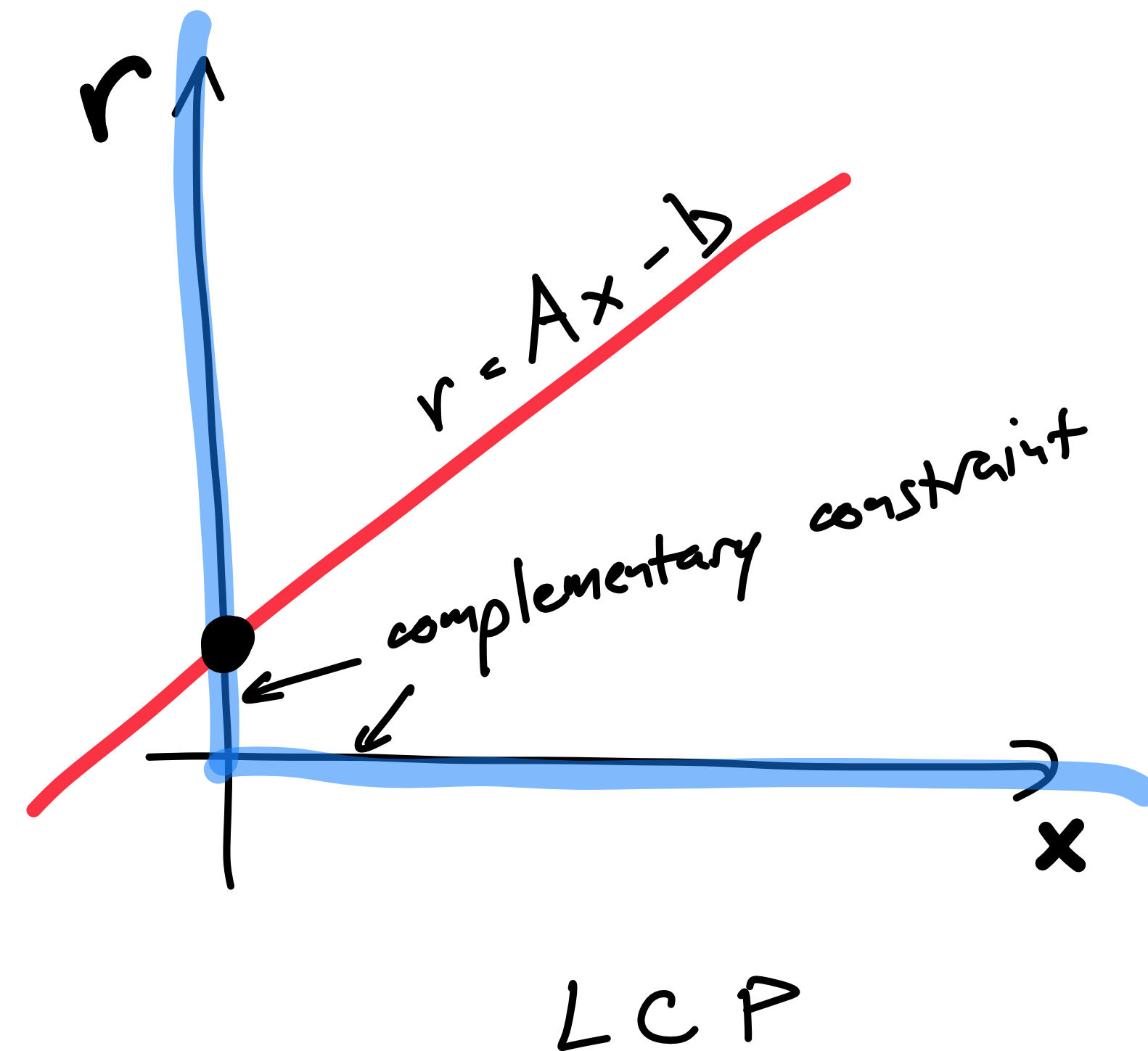
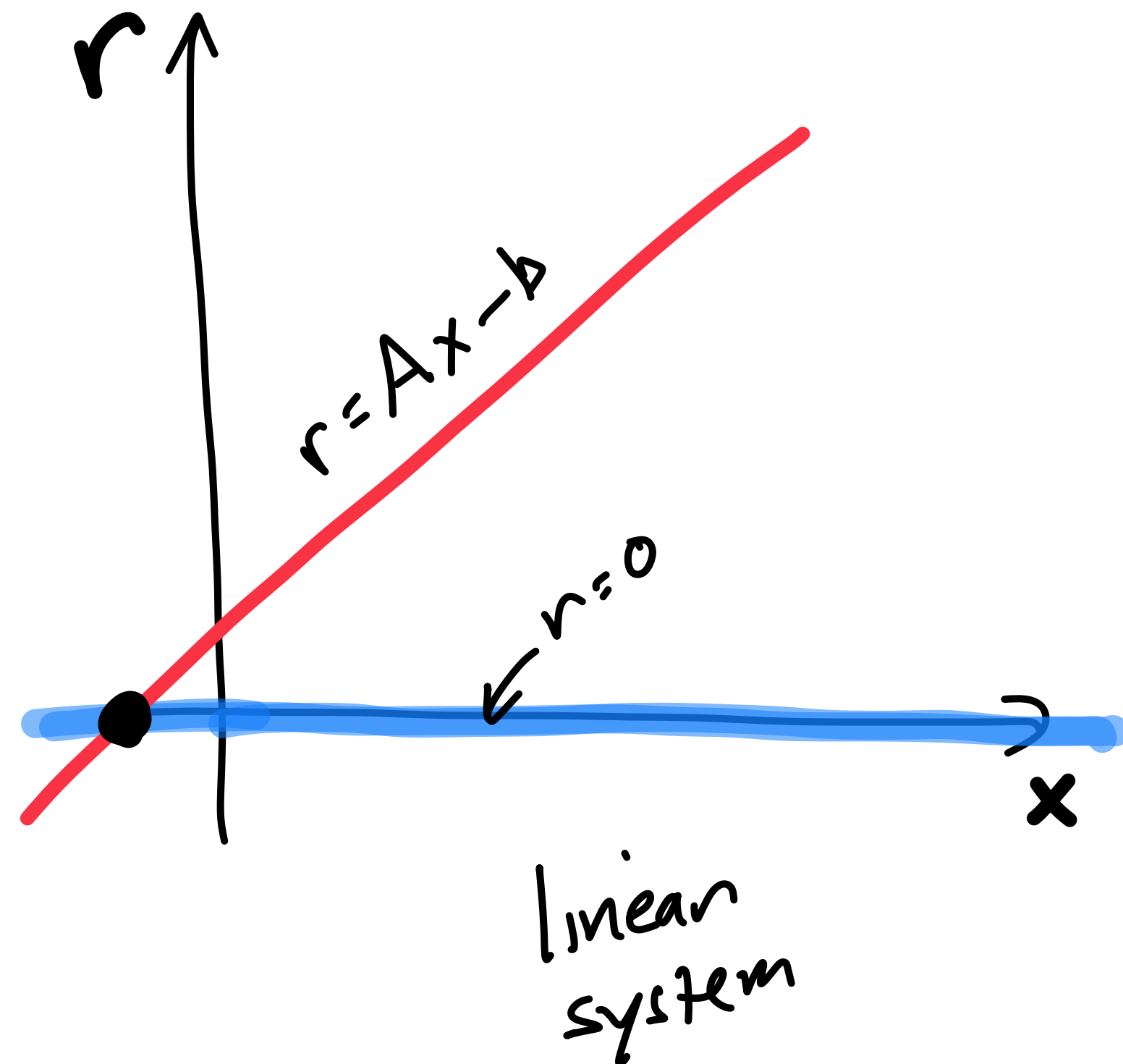
**We want  $\mathbf{JM}^{-1}\mathbf{J}^T\boldsymbol{\gamma} = -(1 + c_r)\mathbf{J}\mathbf{v}^-$ , aka.  $\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \mathbf{b}$**

- but wait, actually, not always – the components of  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  should not be negative
- if  $\gamma_i$  would be negative we want to set  $\gamma_i = 0$  and let  $v_i^+ > -c_r v_i^-$
- what we have here is a pair of complementary constraints for each  $i$ :
  - $(\gamma_i > 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{A}_i\boldsymbol{\gamma} - b_i = 0)$  or  $(\mathbf{A}_i\boldsymbol{\gamma} - b_i > 0 \text{ and } \gamma_i = 0)$
- stated a little too cleverly as a whole system:
  - $\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\gamma} - \mathbf{b} \geq 0$  and  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \geq 0$  and  $(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\gamma} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma} = 0$
- this kind of problem is known as a *linear complementarity problem* or LCP

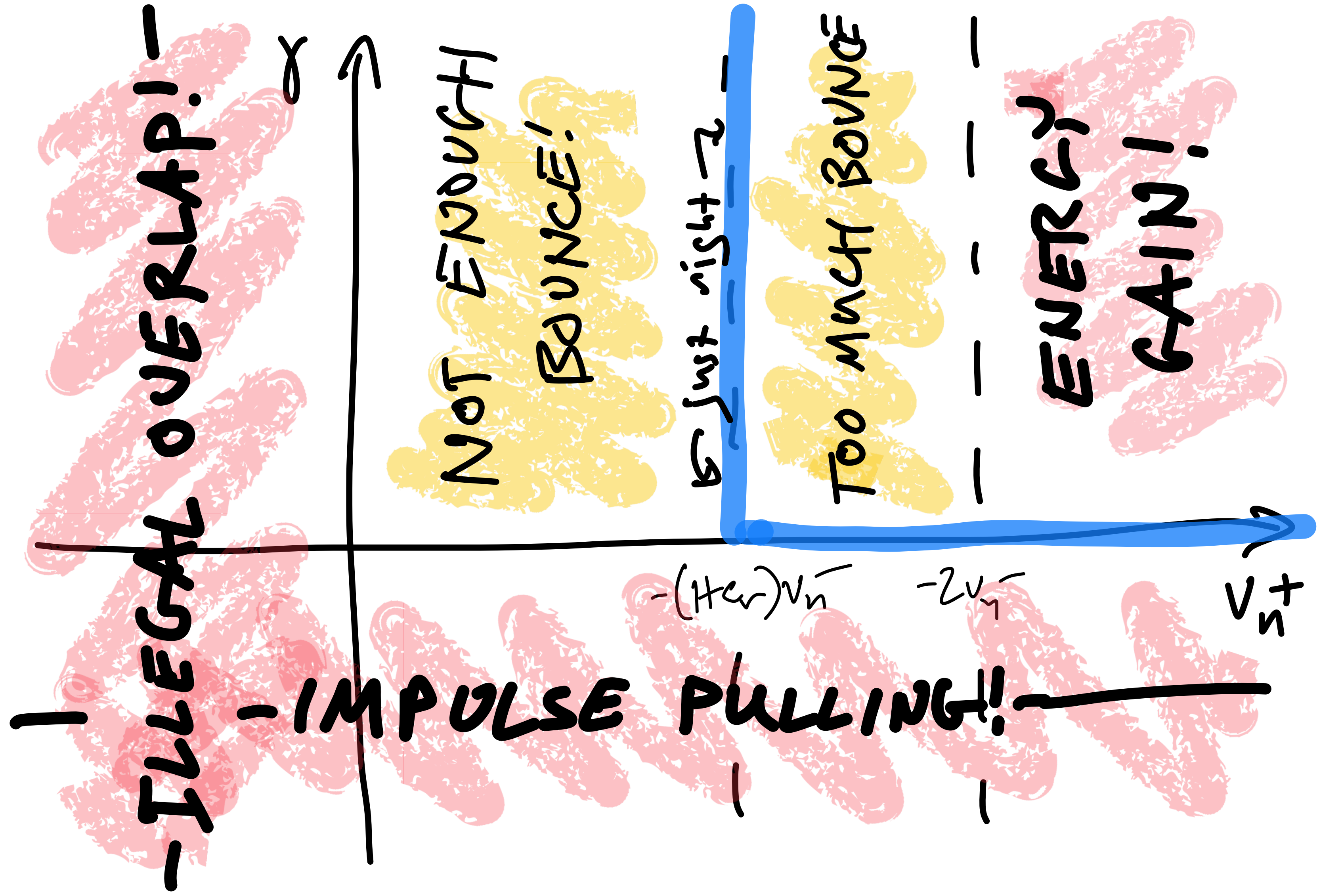
# A little LCP intuition

## It's not really so different from a regular linear system

- linear system is intersecting  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}$  with  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$
- LCP is intersecting  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}$  with L-shaped complementary constraint
- this is not an inequality constrained optimization problem despite the appearance of " $\geq$ "



# LCP constraint in the context of collisions



# Solving the LCP system

## Popular and simple approach: Projected Gauss-Seidel

- use basic iterative solver but enforce constraint at each step by clamping  $\gamma > 0$
- Gauss-Seidel algorithm is a suitable choice: solve rows sequentially

- find  $x_i$  assuming all  $x_j$  for  $i \neq j$  are known

- use latest values for  $x_j$

- row  $i$  reads  $\sum_{j=0}^N a_{ij}x_j = b_i$  or  $\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_{ij}x_j + a_{ii}x_i + \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{ij}x_j = b_i$

- solve:  $x_i = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} a_{ij}x_j - \sum_{j=i+1}^N a_{ij}x_j \right)$

- after updating all  $x_i$ , start back at the top and repeat whole process until convergence

# PGS iteration applied to contact

**Fill in the problem details for the  $x$ s and  $b$ s...**

$$\bullet \gamma_i = m_{\text{eff}} \left( -(1 - c_r)v_i^- - m_a^{-1} \sum_k s_{ak} \gamma_k \hat{\mathbf{n}}_k \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + m_b^{-1} \sum_k s_{bk} \gamma_k \hat{\mathbf{n}}_k \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \right)$$

- ...and clamp all  $\gamma_i \geq 0$  at each iteration
- this looks familiar ... it's the same thing we derived intuitively before!

## **What have we achieved**

- we now can inherit a proof of convergence from PGS
- we have a more mechanical and maybe less error-prone way to derive these equations
- we now can read papers about collision and contact without glazing over when the  $\mathbf{J}$ s appear

# Rigid bodies

**We can now run the same program for rigid bodies...  
it's similar but with more state variables!**

- recall the steps of resolving a rigid body collision:

- write normal velocity in terms of object velocities

$$v_i = \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_a - \mathbf{v}_b + \omega_a \times \mathbf{r}_a - \omega_b \times \mathbf{r}_b)$$

- write new velocities in terms of collision impulse

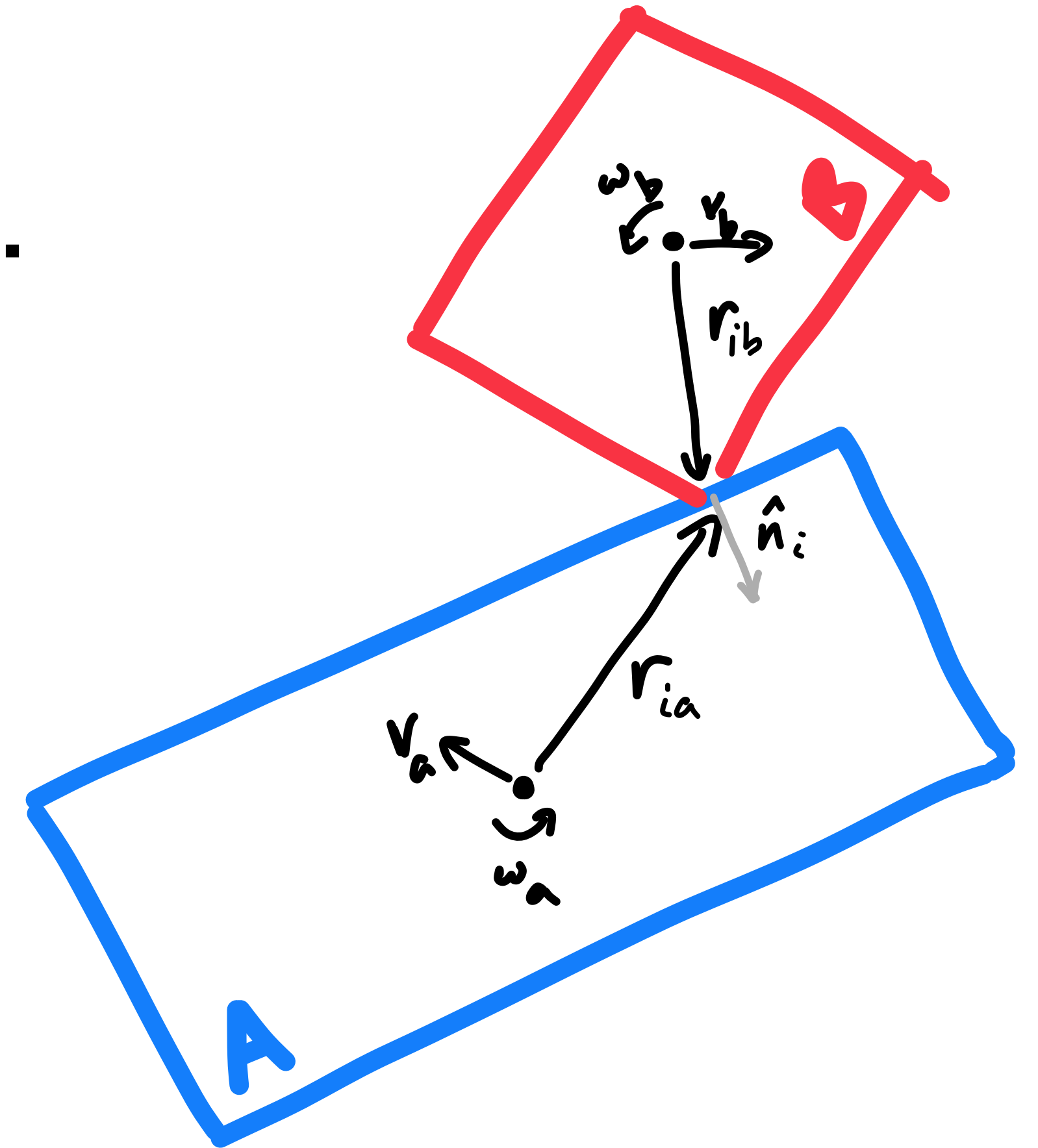
$$\Delta \mathbf{v}_a = m_a^{-1} \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \quad \Delta \omega_a = I_a^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{ia} \times \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}_b = -m_b^{-1} \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \quad \Delta \omega_b = -I_b^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{ib} \times \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i$$

- substitute into restitution hypothesis and solve

$$\gamma_i = -(1 + c_r) m_{\text{eff},i} v_i^-$$

$$m_{\text{eff},i} = \left( m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1} + I_a^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{ia} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} + I_b^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{ib} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ib} \right)^{-1}$$



- if there are other contacts, their impulses contribute to the velocities

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}_a = m_a^{-1} \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + m_a^{-1} \sum_{j \neq i} s_{ja} \gamma_j \hat{\mathbf{n}}_j \quad \Delta \omega_a = I_a^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{ia} \times \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + I_a^{-1} \sum_{j \neq i} s_{ja} \mathbf{r}_{ja} \times \gamma_j \hat{\mathbf{n}}_j$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}_b = \underbrace{-m_b^{-1} \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i}_{\Delta \mathbf{v}_b^{\text{self}}} + \underbrace{m_b^{-1} \sum_{j \neq i} s_{jb} \gamma_j \hat{\mathbf{n}}_j}_{\Delta \mathbf{v}_b^{\text{other}}} \quad \Delta \omega_b = \underbrace{-I_b^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{ib} \times \gamma_i \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i}_{\Delta \omega_b^{\text{self}}} + \underbrace{I_b^{-1} \sum_{j \neq i} s_{jb} \mathbf{r}_{jb} \times \gamma_j \hat{\mathbf{n}}_j}_{\Delta \omega_b^{\text{other}}}$$

- when we compute the post-collision relative velocity this produces extra terms

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}^+ &= \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}^- + (\Delta \mathbf{v}_a + \Delta \omega_a \times \mathbf{r}_{ia}) - (\Delta \mathbf{v}_b + \Delta \omega_b \times \mathbf{r}_{ib}) \\ &= \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}^- + (m_a^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + m_b^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + I_a^{-1} (\mathbf{r}_{ia} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} + I_b^{-1} (\mathbf{r}_{ib} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ib}) \gamma_i + \\ &\quad \Delta \mathbf{v}_a^{\text{other}} - \Delta \mathbf{v}_b^{\text{other}} + \Delta \omega_a^{\text{other}} \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \Delta \omega_b^{\text{other}} \times \mathbf{r}_{ib} \end{aligned}$$

- and they also propagate into the normal velocity

$$\begin{aligned} v_i^+ &= \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}^+ \\ &= v_i^- + m_{\text{eff},i}^{-1} \gamma_i + \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\Delta \mathbf{v}_a^{\text{other}} - \Delta \mathbf{v}_b^{\text{other}} + \Delta \omega_a^{\text{other}} \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \Delta \omega_b^{\text{other}} \times \mathbf{r}_{ib}) \end{aligned}$$

- finally solving for  $\gamma_i$  we get

$$- \gamma_i = - m_{\text{eff},i} \left[ (1 + c_r)v_i^- + \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \left( \Delta \mathbf{v}_a^{\text{other}} - \Delta \mathbf{v}_b^{\text{other}} + \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_a^{\text{other}} \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^{\text{other}} \times \mathbf{r}_{ib} \right) \right]$$

- which we can compare to the result for an isolated collision from 2 slides back

$$- \gamma_i = - (1 + c_r)m_{\text{eff},i}v_i^- \quad \text{—if there are no other collisions involving A or B}$$

## **This leads to an iterative algorithm in exactly the same way as with particles**

- compute each collision impulse magnitude assuming the other impulses are correct
- iterate in Gauss-Seidel fashion
  - this means the new value of each  $\gamma$  is used in computing all subsequent  $\gamma$ s
- project to account for non-pulling constraint
  - this means every computed  $\gamma$  gets clamped at zero



# Matrix form for rigid bodies

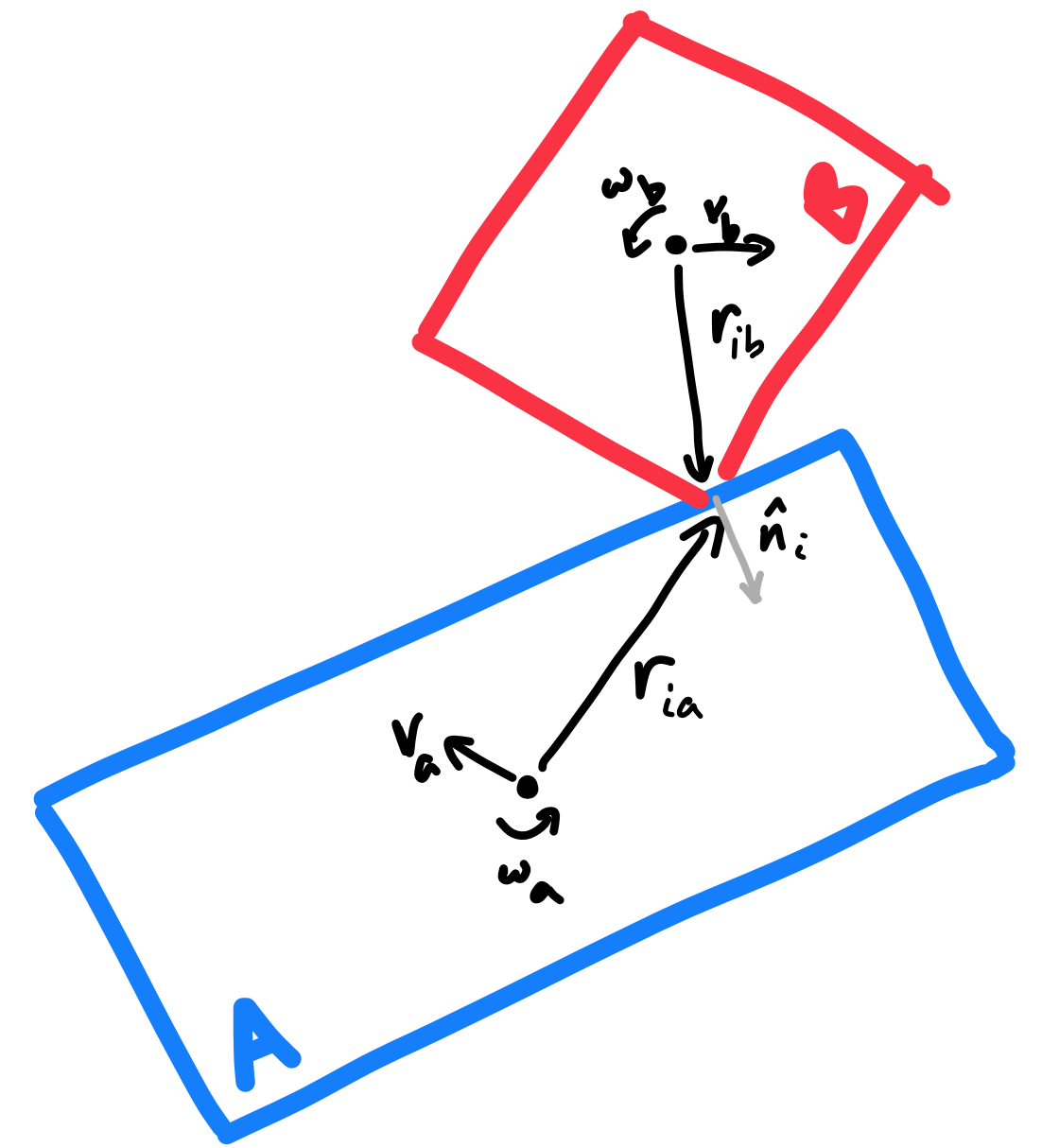
$$\mathbf{J}_i = \left[ \dots \underbrace{A_i^T}_{m_i} \underbrace{(r_i \times \hat{n}_i)^T}_{\omega_i} \dots \underbrace{-\hat{n}_i}_{m_i} \underbrace{-(r_i \times \hat{n}_i)^T}_{\omega_i} \dots \right]$$

$$v_i = \mathbf{J}_i \mathbf{u}$$

$$v_n = \mathbf{J} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & & & & \\ & m_1 & & & \\ & & \mathbf{I}_1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & m_n & \\ & & & & & m_n & \\ & & & & & & \mathbf{I}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \omega_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \\ \omega_n \end{bmatrix}$$



It all goes through exactly the same way with velocity and angular velocity gathered into  $\mathbf{u}$ , more columns of  $\mathbf{J}$ , and longer diagonal for  $\mathbf{M}$ .

$$\mathbf{u}^+ = \mathbf{u}^- + \dots + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_i^T \lambda_i + \dots = \mathbf{u}^- + \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}^T \lambda$$

$$v_n^+ = -c_r v_n^-$$

$$\mathbf{J} \mathbf{u}^+ = -c_r \mathbf{J} \mathbf{u}^- = \mathbf{J} \mathbf{u}^- + \mathbf{J} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}^T \lambda$$

$$\leadsto \boxed{\mathbf{J} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{J}^T \lambda = -(1 + c_r) \mathbf{J} \mathbf{u}^-}$$

# Friction

## **So far all impacts and resting contacts have been frictionless**

- works OK for dynamic motion
- some pretty serious limitations for slow/resting contact
  - stacks can be taken apart by miniscule sideways forces
  - objects will not stay put on the slightest incline
  - in practice objects will not stay put at all :)

## **Solution is to include a model for friction**

- a force which opposes sliding (tangential) motion
- one model: viscous drag
  - opposing force proportional to tangential velocity
- better model: “dry friction”
  - can exert a force even with no velocity

# Coulomb friction model

**A time-honored pretty-good model for complex contact forces**

**Two rules:**

- frictional force opposes tangential velocity
  - when the contact is sliding, frictional force opposes the motion
  - when the contact is stuck, frictional force resists starting to move
  - friction never increases velocity
- magnitude of frictional force is limited to  $\mu$  times the normal force
  - if it can keep velocity at zero it will
  - if not it will push at the maximum force

# Modeling friction mathematically

**I'll show a velocity/impulse formulation, in 2D for simplicity**

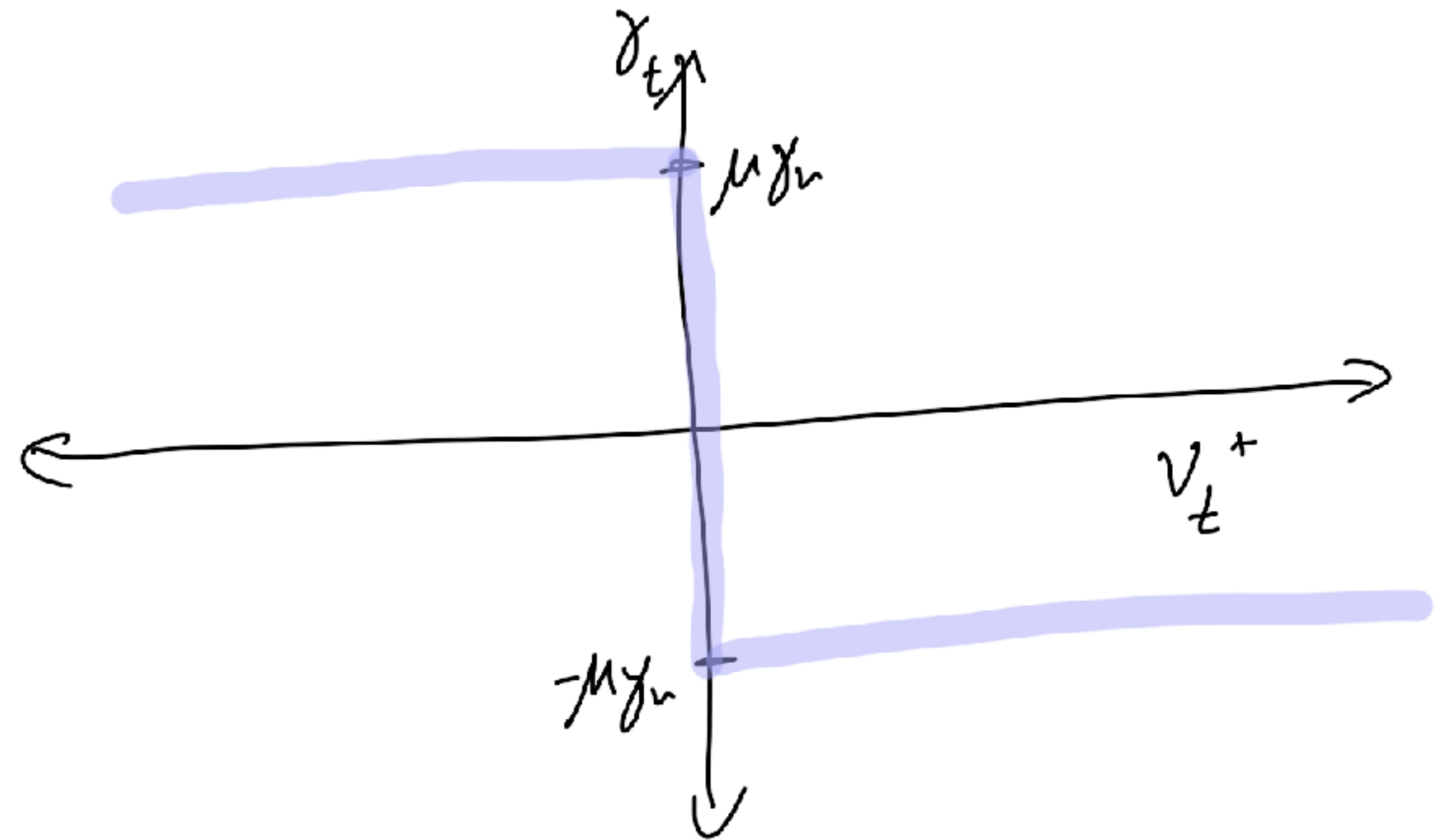
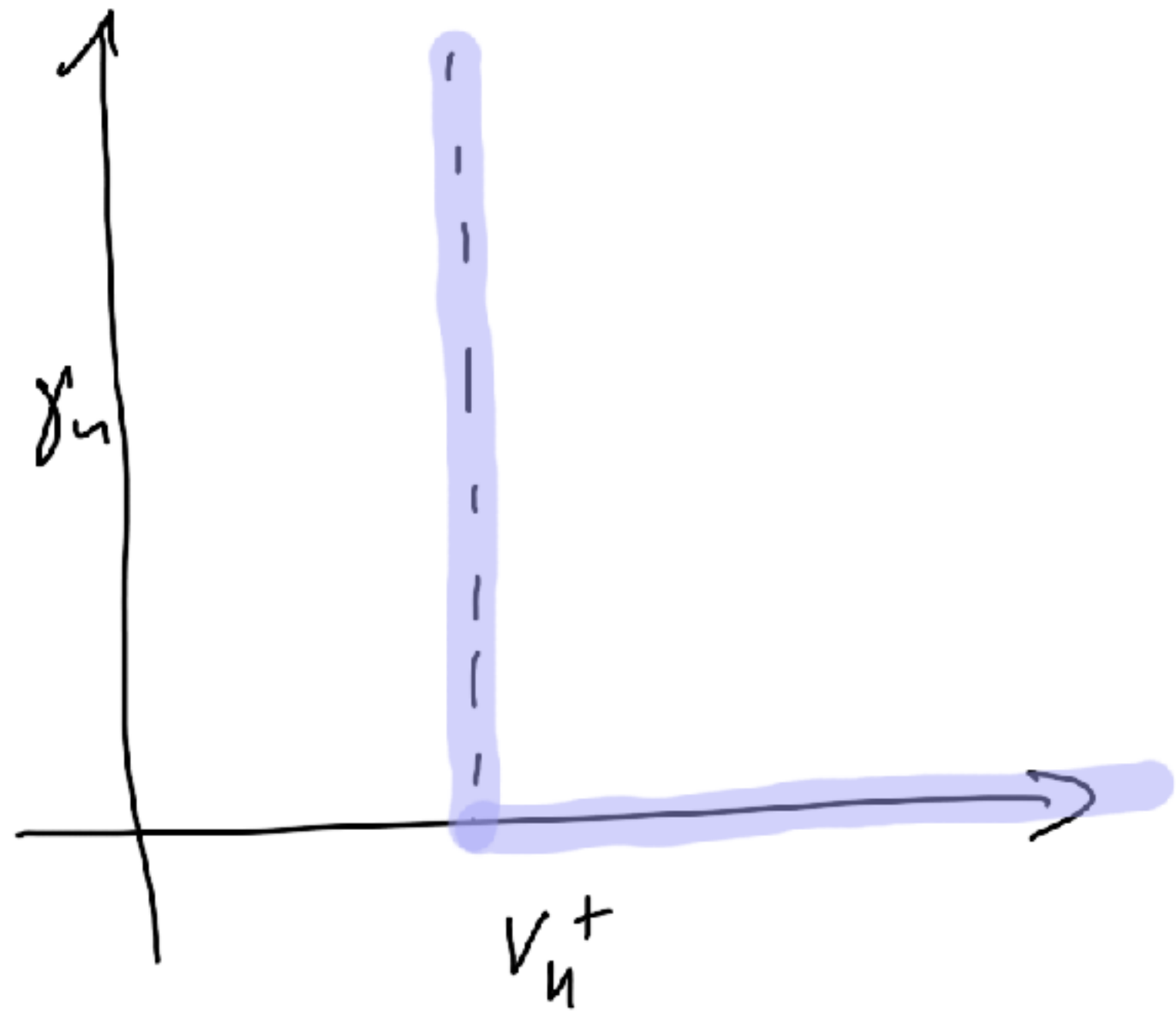
**Separate relative velocity and contact impulse into normal and tangential**

- $\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} = v_n \hat{\mathbf{n}} + v_t \hat{\mathbf{t}}$
- $\mathbf{j} = \gamma_n v_n \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \gamma_t v_t \hat{\mathbf{t}}$

**Solve for impulses in terms of relations between velocity and impulse**

- for normal direction,  $v_n^+ \geq -c_r v_n^-$  and  $\gamma_n = 0$  or  $v_n^+ = -c_r v_n^-$  and  $\gamma_n \geq 0$
- for tangent direction, three cases:
  - sliding to the right:  $v_t \geq 0$  and  $\gamma_t = \mu \gamma_n$ , or
  - sliding to the left:  $v_t \leq 0$  and  $\gamma_t = -\mu \gamma_n$ , or
  - stuck:  $v_t = 0$  and  $|\gamma_t| \leq |\mu \gamma_n|$

# Frictional contact relations in pictures



- Start with relative velocity but keep normal and tangential components

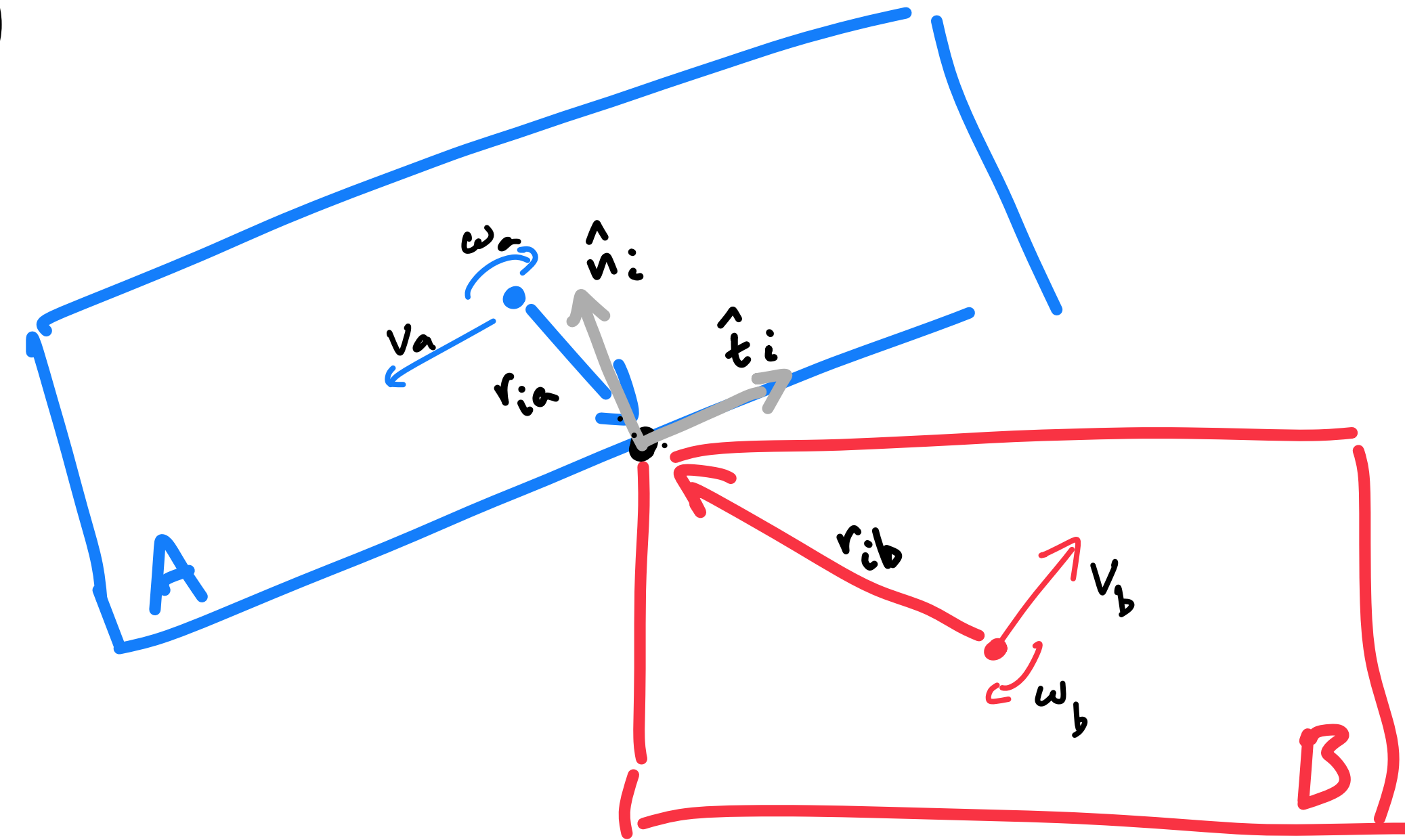
$$- v_i^n = \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot (\mathbf{v}_a - \mathbf{v}_b + \boldsymbol{\omega}_a \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \times \mathbf{r}_{ib})$$

$$- v_i^t = \hat{\mathbf{t}}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}} = \hat{\mathbf{t}}_i \cdot (\mathbf{v}_a - \mathbf{v}_b + \boldsymbol{\omega}_a \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \times \mathbf{r}_{ib})$$

- Introduce unknown impulses in both directions

$$- \Delta \mathbf{v}_x = m_x^{-1} \sum_i s_{ix} \left( \gamma_i^n \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + \gamma_i^t \hat{\mathbf{t}}_i \right)$$

$$- \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_x = I_x^{-1} \sum_i s_{ix} \left( \gamma_i^n \mathbf{r}_{ix} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i + \gamma_i^t \mathbf{r}_{ix} \times \hat{\mathbf{t}}_i \right)$$



- Solve for impulses

$$- \Delta \gamma_i^n = - m_{\text{eff},i}^n \left[ (1 + c_r) v_i^{n-} + \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\Delta \mathbf{v}_a - \Delta \mathbf{v}_b + \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_a \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \times \mathbf{r}_{ib}) \right]$$

$$- m_{\text{eff},i}^n = \left( m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1} + I_a^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{ia} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} + I_b^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{ib} \times \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ib} \right)^{-1}$$

$$- \Delta \gamma_i^t = - m_{\text{eff},i}^t \left[ v_i^{t-} + \hat{\mathbf{t}} \cdot (\Delta \mathbf{v}_a - \Delta \mathbf{v}_b + \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_a \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} - \Delta \boldsymbol{\omega}_b \times \mathbf{r}_{ib}) \right]$$

$$- m_{\text{eff},i}^t = \left( m_a^{-1} + m_b^{-1} + I_a^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{t}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{ia} \times \hat{\mathbf{t}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ia} + I_b^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{t}} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{ib} \times \hat{\mathbf{t}}_i) \times \mathbf{r}_{ib} \right)^{-1}$$

$$V_i^u = \underbrace{\left[ \dots \hat{n}_i^T (r_{ia} \times \hat{n}_i)^T \dots -\hat{n}_i \quad -(r_{ia} \times \hat{n}_i)^T \dots \right]}_{J_i^u} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \omega_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \\ \omega_n \end{bmatrix} \Bigg\} u$$

$$V_i^t = \underbrace{\left[ \hat{t}_i^T (r_{ia} \times \hat{t}_i)^T \dots -\hat{t}_i \quad -(r_{ib} \times \hat{t}_i)^T \dots \right]}_{J_i^t} u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1^u \\ V_1^t \\ \vdots \\ V_k^u \\ V_k^t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -J_1^u & -J_1^t \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -J_k^u & -J_k^t \end{bmatrix} u = \Delta u = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{n}_i & \hat{t}_i \\ r_{ia} \times \hat{n}_i & r_{ia} \times \hat{t}_i \\ -\hat{n}_i & -\hat{t}_i \\ -r_{ib} \times \hat{n}_i & -r_{ib} \times \hat{t}_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_i^u \\ \delta_i^t \end{bmatrix}$$

$V_c = J u$

$\Delta u = M^{-1} J^T \gamma$   
 ↑  
 object velocities of whole system      normal and tangential impulse magnitudes per collision

$\Delta V_c = J M^{-1} J^T \gamma$   
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 normal and tangential velocities per collision      normal and tangential impulse magnitudes per collision

# Solving contact with friction

## System has the same form as without friction, with two differences

- there are two kinds of  $\gamma$ s, one with only lower bounds and one with upper and lower bounds
- the bounds for each  $\gamma^t$  are dependent on the value of the corresponding  $\gamma^n$

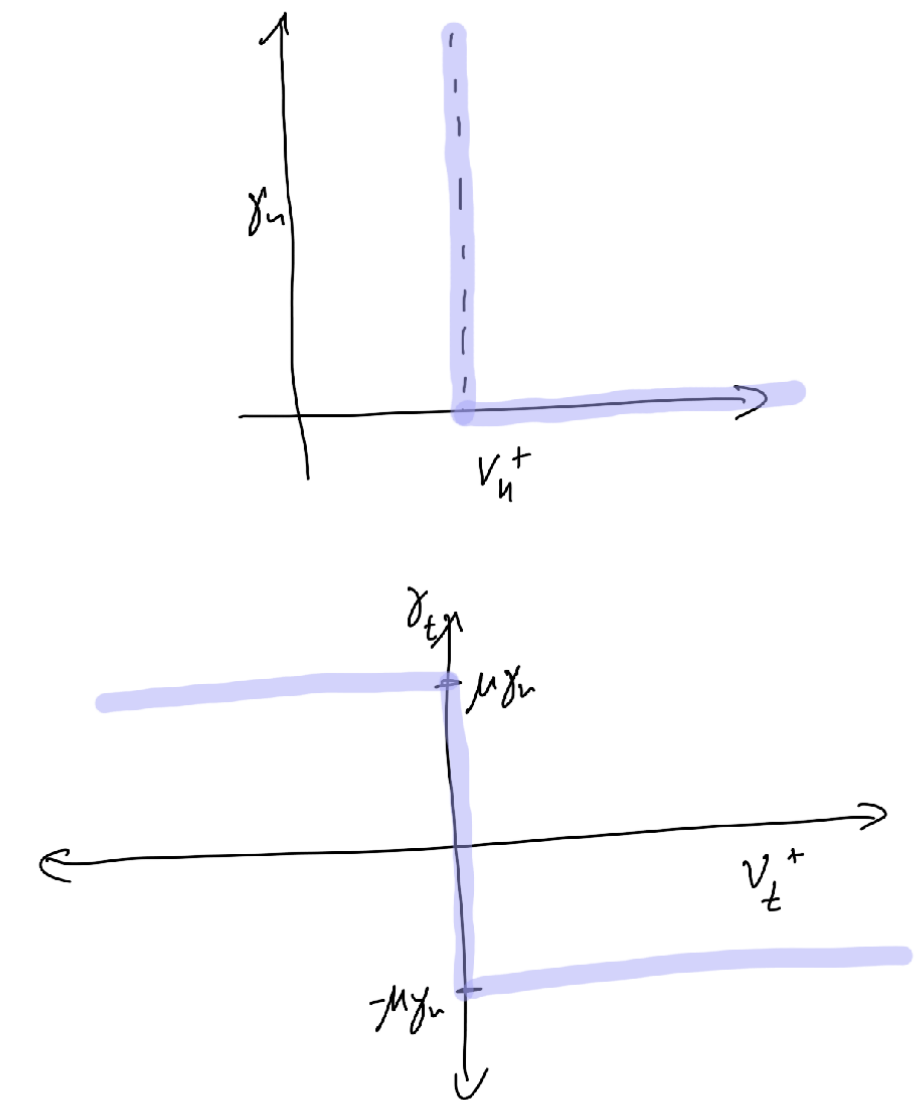
$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1^n \\ v_1^t \\ \vdots \\ v_k^n \\ v_k^t \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{JM}^{-1}\mathbf{J}^T \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1^n \\ \gamma_1^t \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_k^n \\ \gamma_k^t \end{bmatrix}$$

linear equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta v_i^n &= -(1 + c_r)v_i^{n-} & \text{and} & \quad \gamma_i^n \geq 0 \\ \Delta v_i^n &\geq -(1 + c_r)v_i^{n-} & \text{and} & \quad \gamma_i^n = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{or}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta v_i^t &= -v_i^{t-} & \text{and} & \quad -\mu\gamma_i^n \leq \gamma_i^t \leq \mu\gamma_i^n \\ \Delta v_i^t &\leq -v_i^{t-} & \text{and} & \quad \gamma_i^t = \mu\gamma_i^n \\ \Delta v_i^t &\geq -v_i^{t-} & \text{and} & \quad -\mu\gamma_i^n = \gamma_i^t \end{aligned} \right\} \text{or}$$

(almost) linear constraints





# PGS for friction

## Same algorithm with a couple of tweaks

- for each iteration
  - for each impulse  $\gamma_i^x$  to be determined (considering normal and tangential separately)

compute an update to  $\gamma_i^x$

update the bounds  $\gamma_{\min} = 0$  or  $-\mu\gamma_i^n$  and  $\gamma_{\max} = \infty$  or  $\mu\gamma_i^n$

clamp to the range  $\gamma_{\min} \leq \gamma_i^x \leq \gamma_{\max}$