

THEORETICAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF RIGID-BODY IMPACTS WITH FRICTION

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This thesis gives a flavour of the area of rigid body impacts with friction, an area which has far reaching applications in engineering, sports science and every day life. The focus of this work will be on the two main streams of this field, theoretical and numerical. This thesis will present an overview of the general subject of rigid-body impact, including discussion and analysis of the validity of ones choice of impact law and the numerical techniques required for the simulation of rigid-body impacting systems.

Two impact laws will be introduced in Chapter 3 and a direct comparison will be made in order to examine the varying dynamics that can be achieved using both a basic and a complex impact law and to explore some of the problems that can occur with a more basic formulation. It will be demonstrated that for certain regions in parameter space the two formulations are equivalent, however, for many other regions the two formulations can vary greatly.

A hybrid event-driven numerical scheme is one in which smooth dynamics are described by differential equations, which can be solved numerically using standard techniques, and non smooth events which are described by maps. In Chapter 5, a hybrid event-driven numerical scheme for the implementation of the Energetic Impact Law

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described in Chapter 3 is presented. Moreover, the framework necessary for the long term simulation of mechanical systems with impacts and chatter is derived.

This thesis also gives an overview of the phenomena known as the Painlevé Paradox in Chapter 6 and presents a numerical experiment to show the occurrence of the paradox for a mechanical system.

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