

# **Cloth simulation mistakes**

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# compute net acceleration on each particle()

```
compute net acceleration on each particle()
{
    foreach particle in rope
    {
        particle_acceleration = particle_acceleration + gravity;
    }
}
```

# satisfy particle constraints()

```
satisfy particle constraints()
{
    current_iterations = 0;
    while (current iterations < NUM_ITERATIONS)
    {
        foreach pair of particles constrained by a spring
        {
            rest_distance = rest_distance_of_spring_connecting_particle_1_and_particle_2;
            particle_1_to_particle_2_x = particle_2_x - particle_1_x;
            particle_1_to_particle_2_y = particle_2_y - particle_1_y;
            particle_1_to_particle_2_z = particle_2_z - particle_1_z;
            current_distance = compute_current_distance_of_particle_1_to_particle_2;
            correction_vector_x = particle_1_to_particle_2.x * (1.0f - rest_distance / current_distance);
            correction_vector_y = particle_1_to_particle_2.y * (1.0f - rest_distance / current_distance);
            correction_vector_z = particle_1_to_particle_2.z * (1.0f - rest_distance / current_distance);
            particle_1_x = particle_1_x + 0.5 * correction_vector_x;
            particle_1_y = particle_1_y + 0.5 * correction_vector_y;
            particle_1_z = particle_1_z + 0.5 * correction_vector.z;
            particle_2_x = particle_2_x - 0.5 * correction_vector_x;
            particle_2_y = particle_2_y - 0.5 * correction_vector_y;
            particle_2_z = particle_2_z - 0.5 * correction_vector_z;
        }
        current_iterations++;
    }
}
```

# compute particle displacement()

```
compute particle displacement()
{
    if (particle_1 is movable)
    {
        temp_x = particle_1_x;
        temp_y = particle_1_y;
        temp_z = particle_1_z;
        particle_1_x = particle_1_x + (particle_1_x - old_particle_1_x) * (1.0f - DAMPING) +
particle_1_acceleration.x * TIME_STEPSIZE * TIME_STEPSIZE;
        particle_1_y = particle_1_y + (particle_1_y - old_particle_1_y) * (1.0f - DAMPING) +
particle_1_acceleration.y * TIME_STEPSIZE * TIME_STEPSIZE;
        particle_1_z = particle_1_z + (particle_1_z - old_particle_1_z) * (1.0f - DAMPING) +
particle_1_acceleration.z * TIME_STEPSIZE * TIME_STEPSIZE;
        old_particle_1_x = temp_x;
        old_particle_1_y = temp_y;
        old_particle_1_z = temp_z;
        particle_1_acceleration_x = 0.0f;
        particle_1_acceleration_y = 0.0f;
        particle_1_acceleration_z = 0.0f;
    }
}
```

# **WRONG:** Failure to reset acceleration to zero

Mistake #1: When computing particle displacement, you fail to reset acceleration to zero!

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        old_particle_1_x = temp_x;
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# CORRECT: Reset acceleration to zero

When computing particle displacement, reset acceleration to zero!

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