

Ball Bouncing on Hilly Terrain

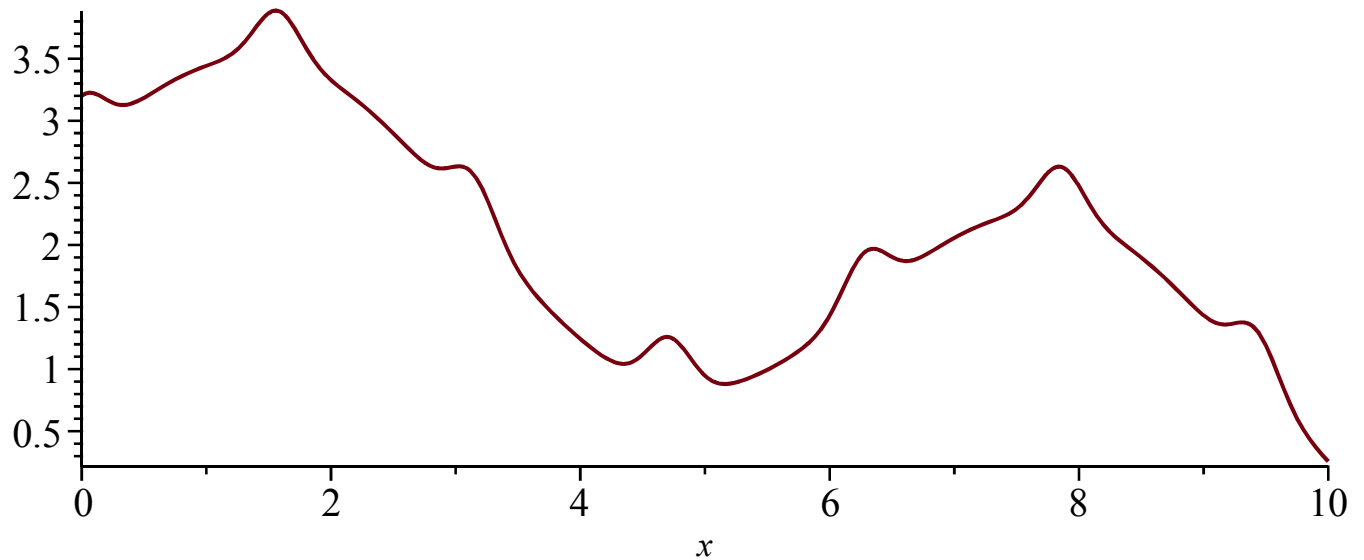
The following application demonstrates how event modeling in the [dsolve](#) command can be used to model a ball bouncing on a hilly terrain.

- > restart;
- > with(plots) :

Define the Surface

We define the surface, surf, in the line below. It is possible to modify this equation to show different "terrains".

- > surf := sin(x) + (0.2 cos(4 x + sin(4 x))) - 0.2 x + 3 :
- > plot(surf, x = 0 .. 10, scaling = constrained)



Derive the Hilly Surface

The velocity vector of a ball:

> V := Vector([ẋ(t), ẏ(t)]) :

The surface normal:

> N := LinearAlgebra:-Normalize(Vector([[- (∂/∂x surf)], [1]]), 2, conjugate = false)

assuming positive :

> N := eval(N, x = x(t))

$$N := \left[\frac{-\cos(x(t)) + 0.2 \sin(4x(t) + \sin(4x(t))) (4 + 4 \cos(4x(t))) + 0.2}{\sqrt{1 + (-\cos(x(t)) + 0.2 \sin(4x(t) + \sin(4x(t))) (4 + 4 \cos(4x(t))) + 0.2)^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (-\cos(x(t)) + 0.2 \sin(4x(t) + \sin(4x(t))) (4 + 4 \cos(4x(t))) + 0.2)^2}} \right]$$

The velocity vector after reflection across the surface normal:

> V_reflect := - (1 + C_R) (V.N) N + V :

> V_reflect := simplify(V_reflect, symbolic) :

Restitution coefficient:

> C_R := 0.99 :

Using C_R < 1 represents an inelastic collision between the ball and the surface, whereas using C_R = 1 represents an elastic collision.

Differential Equations and Initial Conditions

Gravity acts in the -y direction:

> deqs := ÿ(t) = -9.81, ẍ(t) = 0 :

> ics := D(x)(0) = 0, D(y)(0) = 0, x(0) = 2, y(0) = 4.5 :

Solve and Animate the Differential Equations

> sol := dsolve({deqs, ics}, {x(t), y(t)}, numeric,
 events = [[y(t) = eval(surf, x = x(t))], [temp = ẋ(t), ẋ(t) = V_reflect₁, ẏ(t) = subs(
 ẋ(t) = temp, V_reflect₂)]]],
 range = 0..10,
 output = listprocedure) :

Animate the Ball Bouncing on the Terrain

> xanim := subs(sol, x(t)) :

yanim := subs(sol, y(t)) :

> p1 := plot(surf, x = 0..10, color = black, filled = true, transparency = 0.5) :

p2 := animate(pointplot, [[xanim(t), yanim(t)], symbol = solidcircle, symbolsize = 15, color = black], t = 0..10, frames = 150) :

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> display(p1, p2, view = [0..10, 0..5], scaling = constrained)
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$t = 0.$

