

Dynamic Geometry vs Game Physics software

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Game physics


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Computer animation physics or **game physics** involves the introduction of the laws of physics into a simulation or game engine, particularly in [3D computer graphics](#), for the purpose of making the effects appear more real to the observer. Typically simulation physics is only a close approximation to real physics, and computation is performed using discrete values.

There are several elements that form components of simulation physics:

- **Physics engine** is program code that is used to simulate [Newtonian physics](#) within the environment.
- **Collision detection** is used to solve the problem of determining when any two or more physical objects in the environment cross each other's path.

Terminado



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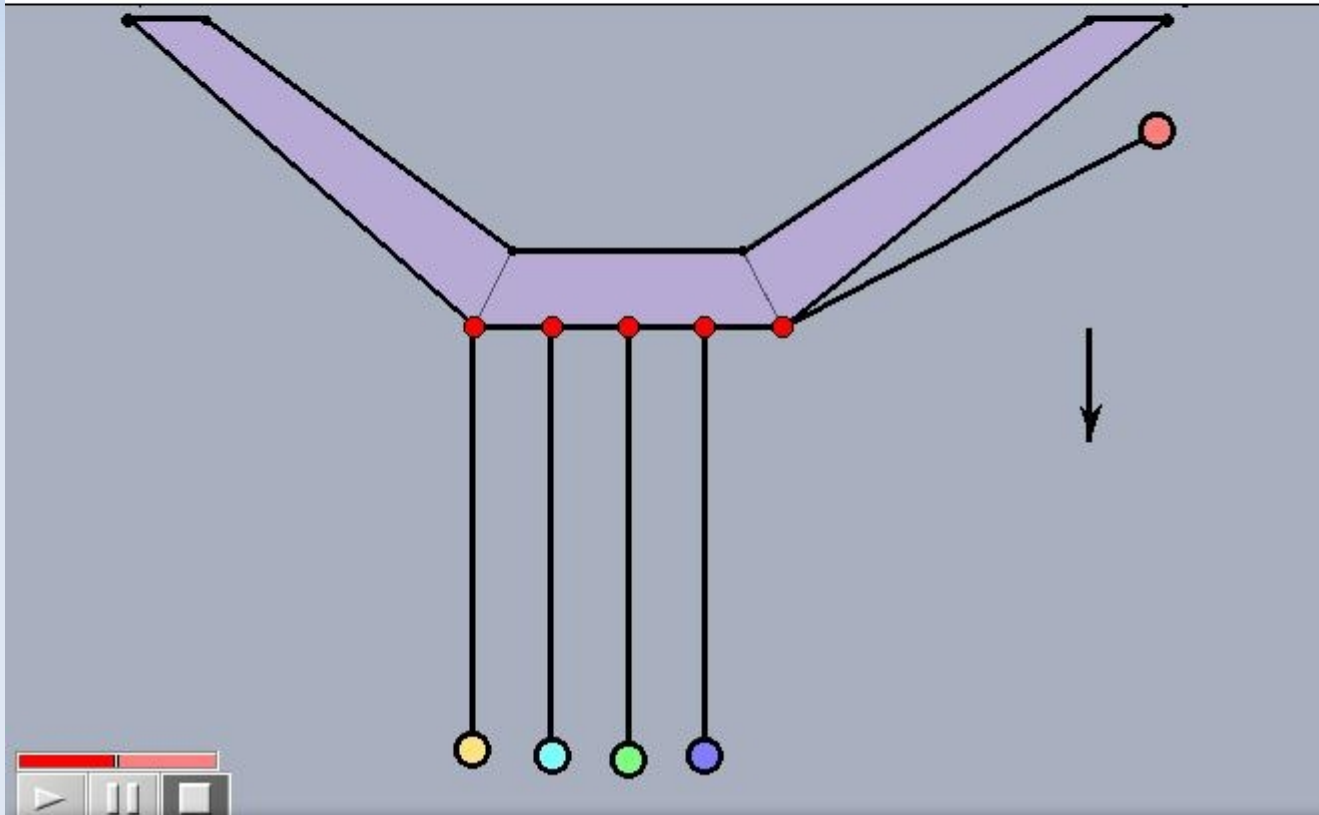
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Cinderella.2

Math in Motion: Conservation of momentum



Game Physics software

Game Physics software offers an environment where Newtonian laws are simulated allowing the user to play with a virtual microworld of simple objects.

The idea is not new to DG tools:

Cinderella

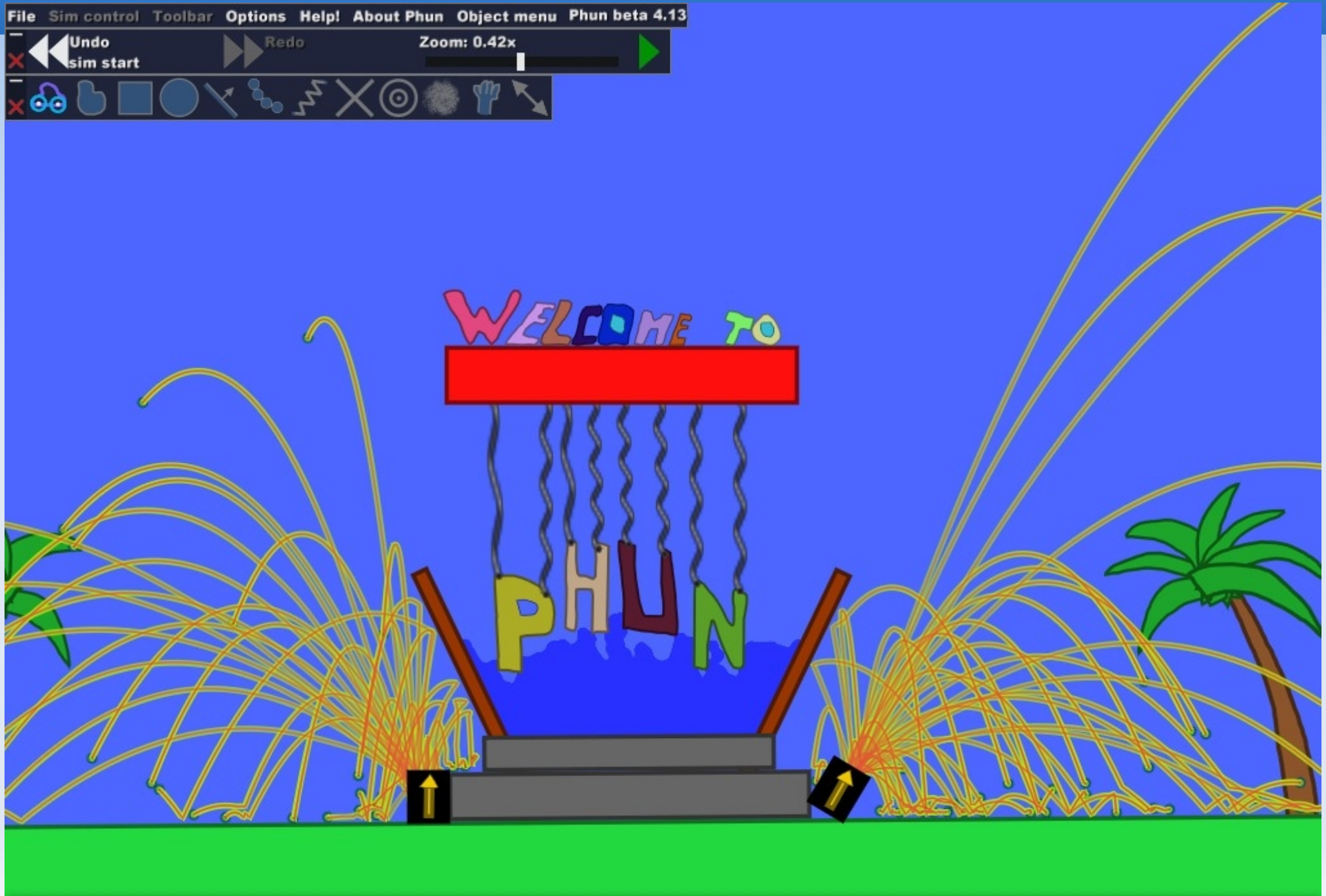
Geometry Expert

The Geometer's Sketchpad

Phun

File Sim control Toolbar Options Help! About Phun Object menu Phun beta 4.13

Undo Redo Zoom: 0.42x
sim start



Phun

Phun is a free game like *2D physics sandbox* where you can play with physics like never before. The playful synergy of science and art is novel, and makes Phun as educational as it is entertaining.

Great for kids

Phun is a fantastic toy for children, where they can learn and appreciate physics, science and simulations in an open ended gameplay with rich creative and artistic freedom, including colorful freehand drawing.

and everyone else...

But watch out, Phun is also totally addictive to the rest of us! Experienced users create fabulous machines and elaborate mechanism using Phun, as well as games, comics and contemporary art. See more of Phun in the [media](#) section, or go [download](#) it!

...and for free!



Phun in Japan!



Monster truck.

High tech fun by Algoryx

It may look like a toy, but Phun is based on highly competitive technologies for interactive multiphysics simulation, ranging from novel physical models and variational integrators to high performance numerical methods. Phun is off-spring from research at [Umeå university](#), and a MSc project of [Emil Ernerfeldt](#), now further developed at [Algoryx Simulation](#). Algoryx also develops a professional 3D multiphysics engine called AgX.



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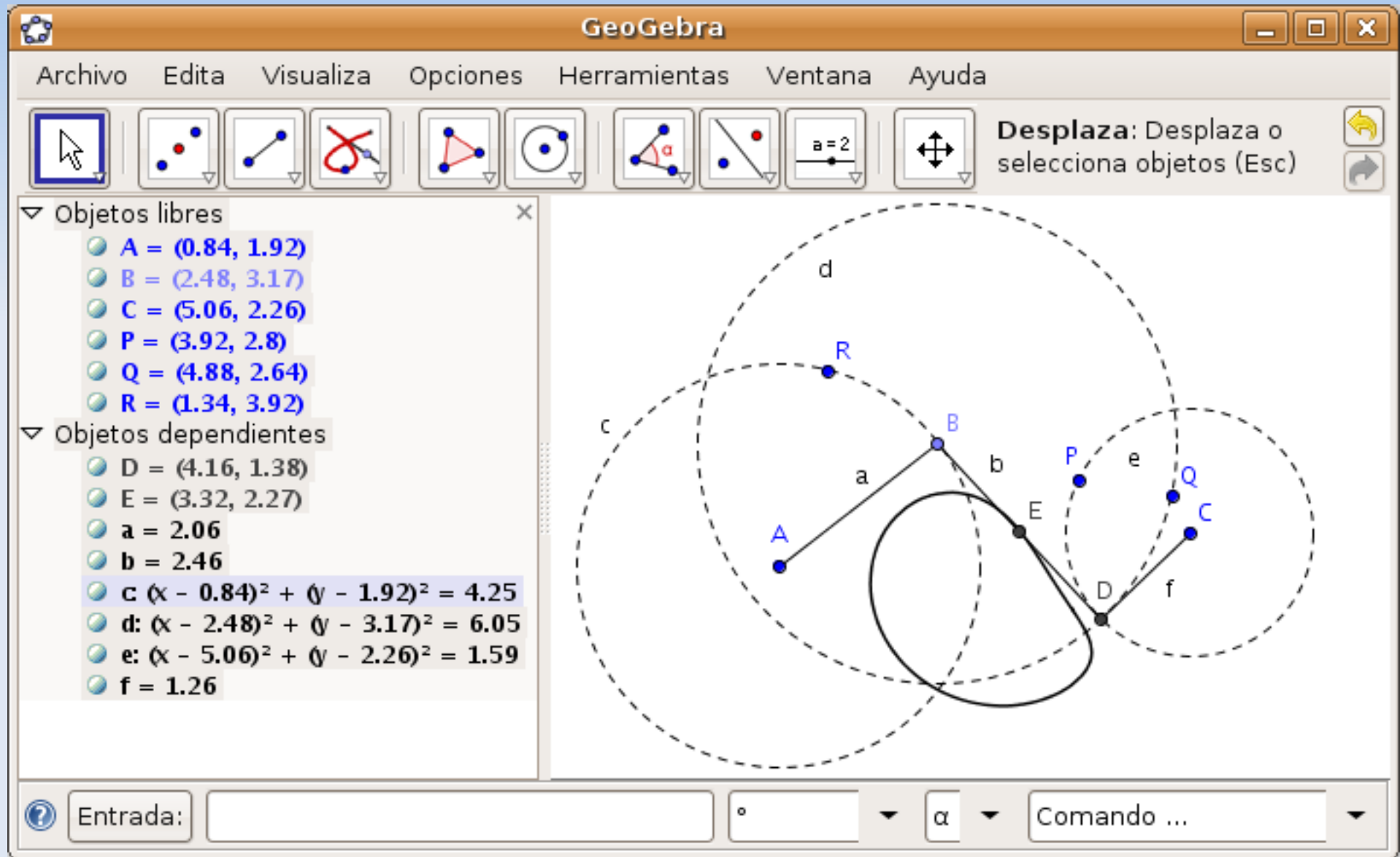
- **June 2** [A nice review by Physics World](#).
- **Mar 24** Beta 5 released! Go [download](#) it!
- **Jan 16** Check out our new [YouTube video of Algodoo!](#)
- **Jan 14 2009** New educational product, [Algodoo](#) by Algoryx, released at the BETT show Jan 14-17.
- **Nov 23:** We have received many, many requests to install Phun in schools all over the world. We estimate that Phun b4.22 will be installed on more than 300.000 school computers by the end of the

Constructions I: Four bar linkage

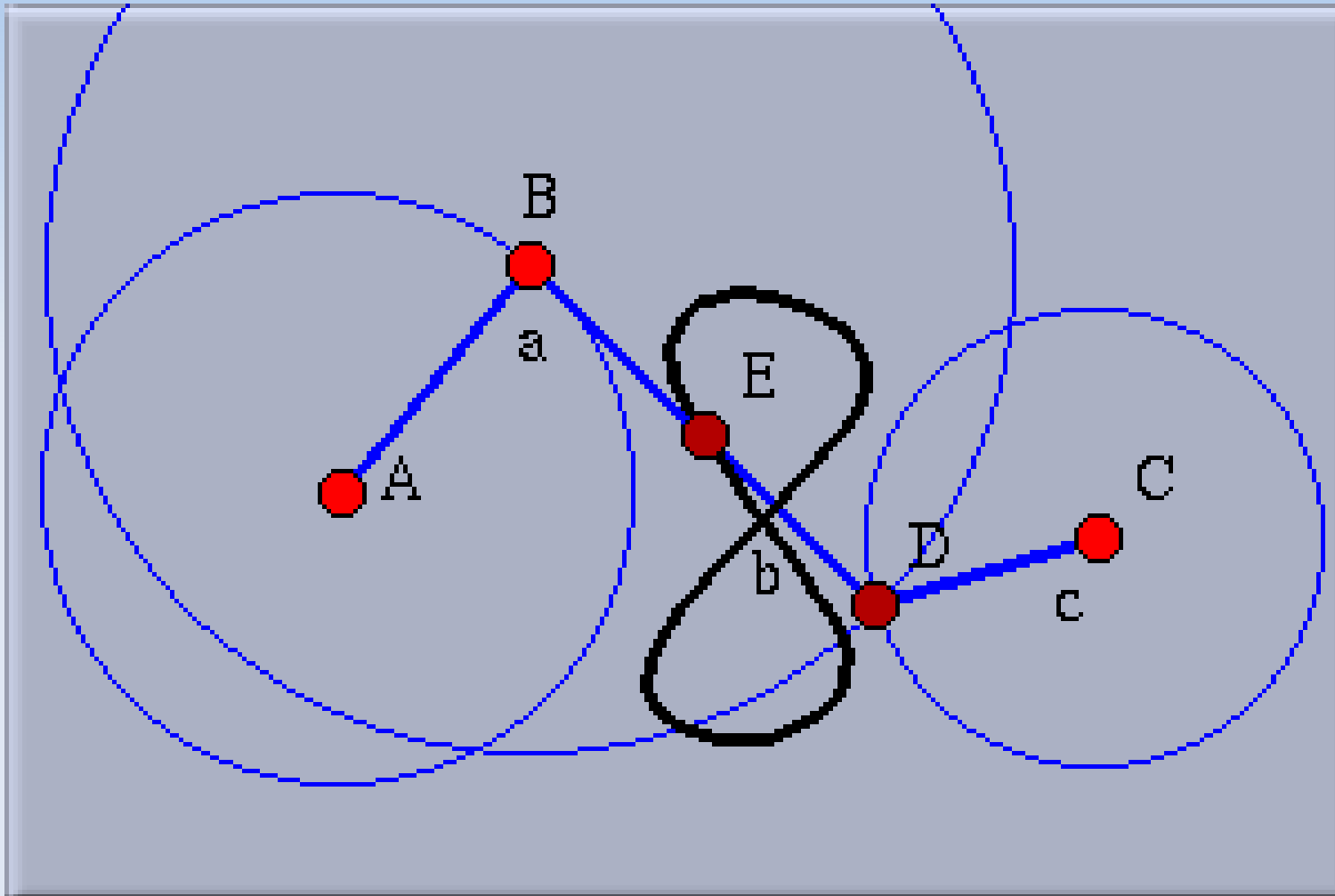
A DG algorithm

- Construct a circle centered in A and passing through B
- Construct another circle centered in B
- Construct another circle with center C , not intersecting the first one
- Construct an intersection point D on the second and third circles
- Construct the midpoint E of segment BD
- Use the Locus tool (tracer E , mover B)

Constructions I: Four bar linkage



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Constructions II: A math machine

Mostra "Theatrum Machinarum"

(strumenti per la geometria)

<http://www.museo.unimo.it/theatrum/>

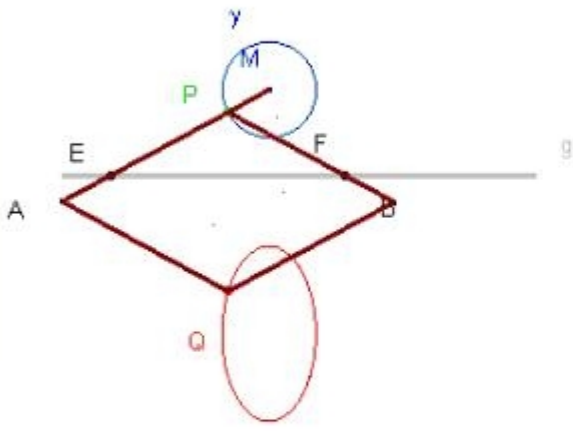
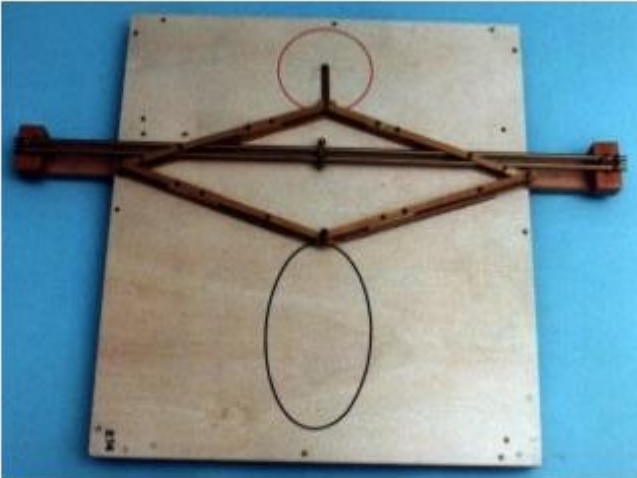
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Dim. in cm 82 x 61 x 11

Il vertice P del rombo articolato PABQ è vincolato mediante l'asta PM a percorrere la circonferenza γ . Poichè i punti E ed F, fissati rispettivamente sui lati PA e PB a uguale distanza da P, sono costretti a scorrere lungo la guida g, il punto Q, quarto vertice del rombo, descrive una ellisse avente

Theatrum Machinarum *on line*

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Constructions II: A math machine



Constructions III: Centroid



To explore

- Intercommunication between Game Physics and Dynamic Geometry software

InterGeo

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InterPhysics

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InterScience

Conclusion

- Game Physics software can be used as a complement of standard DG programs.
- Its non exact approach can stimulate using DG.
- DG techniques can enhance GP software
- GP is an emerging tool: teachers must be aware of it, and be prepared for using it.

Thank you!