

# ***trick*** Tutorial Review

Trick 17

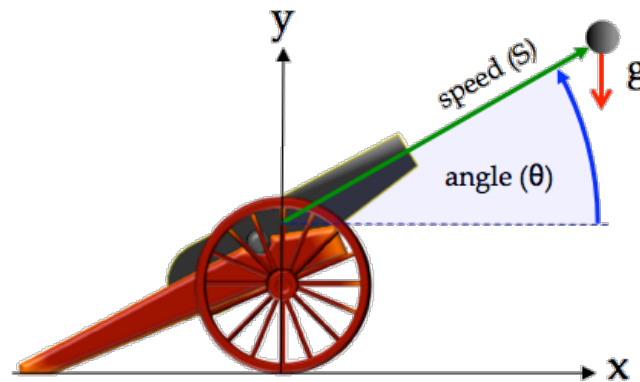
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This presentation is a review of the Trick Tutorial, which can be found at the following URL:

<https://github.com/nasa/trick/wiki/Tutorial>

# Example Dynamics Problem

Determine the trajectory, and time of impact of a cannon ball that is fired with an initial speed and initial angle. Assume a constant acceleration of gravity ( $g$ ), and no aerodynamic forces.



Equation for the cannon ball:

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{g}$$

## Analytic Solution for Cannon Ball

Acceleration is the second-derivative of position with respect to time.

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{dt^2} = \vec{a}(t)$$

Velocity is the anti-derivative of acceleration.

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{v}(t) = \vec{a}t + \vec{v}_0$$

Position is the anti-derivative of velocity.

$$\vec{p}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}t^2 + \vec{v}_0 t + \vec{p}_0$$

## Initial Conditions for Cannon Ball

$$S = 50$$

Speed of the cannon ball

$$\theta = \pi / 6 \quad (30^\circ)$$

Angle of the barrel

$$g = -9.81$$

Acceleration of gravity

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

Acceleration

$$\vec{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} v_{0x} \\ v_{0y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S \cdot \cos \theta \\ S \cdot \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

The initial velocity of the cannon ball

$$\vec{p}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{0x} \\ p_{0y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The initial position of the cannon ball

## Cannon Ball Time of Impact

The Ball hits the ground when:

$$p_y(t) = \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2 + v_{0y}t + p_{0y} = 0$$

Solving for t, using the quadratic formula:

$$t_{impact} = \frac{-v_{0y} - \sqrt{v_{0y}^2 - 2p_{0y}}}{a_y}$$

# A Simple (non-Trick) Simulation

## Cannon.c (page 1 of 2)

```
1  /* Cannonball without Trick */
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <math.h>
4
5  int main (int argc, char * argv[]) {
6      /* Declare variables used in the simulation */
7      double pos[2]; double pos_orig[2] ;
8      double vel[2]; double vel_orig[2] ;
9      double acc[2];
10     double init_angle ;
11     double init_speed ;
12     double time ;
13     int impact;
14     double impactTime;
15     /* Initialize data */
16     pos[0] = 0.0 ; pos[1] = 0.0 ;
17     vel[0] = 0.0 ; vel[1] = 0.0 ;
18     acc[0] = 0.0 ; acc[1] = -9.81 ;
19     time = 0.0 ;
20     init_angle = M_PI/6.0 ;
21     init_speed = 50.0 ;
22     impact = 0;
```



## Cannon.c (page 2 of 2)

```
23      /* Do initial calculations */
24      pos_orig[0] = pos[0] ;
25      pos_orig[1] = pos[1] ;
26      vel_orig[0] = cos(init_angle)*init_speed ;
27      vel_orig[1] = sin(init_angle)*init_speed ;
28      /* Run simulation */
29      printf("time, pos[0], pos[1], vel[0], vel[1]\n" );
30      while ( !impact ) {
31          vel[0] = vel_orig[0] + acc[0] * time ;
32          vel[1] = vel_orig[1] + acc[1] * time ;
33          pos[0] = pos_orig[0] + (vel_orig[0] + 0.5 * acc[0] * time) * time ;
34          pos[1] = pos_orig[1] + (vel_orig[1] + 0.5 * acc[1] * time) * time ;
35          printf("%7.2f, %10.6f, %10.6f, %10.6f, %10.6f\n",
36              time, pos[0], pos[1], vel[0], vel[1] );
37          if (pos[1] < 0.0) {
38              impact = 1;
39              impactTime = (- vel_orig[1] -
40                  sqrt(vel_orig[1] * vel_orig[1] - 2.0 * pos_orig[1])
41                  ) / -9.81;
42              pos[0] = impactTime * vel_orig[0];
43              pos[1] = 0.0;
44          }
45          time += 0.01 ;
46      }
47      /* Shutdown simulation */
48      printf("Impact time=%lf position=%lf\n", impactTime, pos[0]);
49      return 0;
50  }
```

If we compile and run the program :

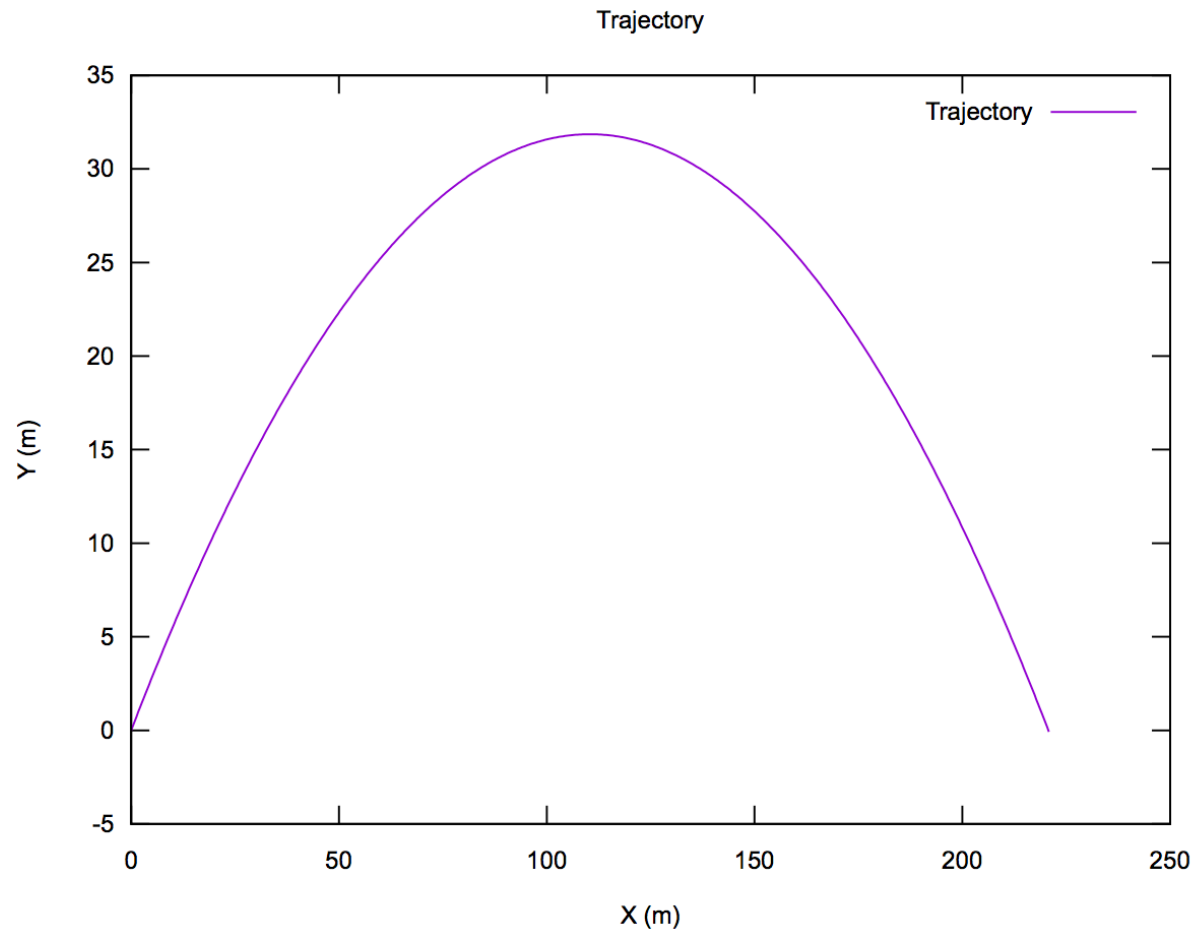
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```
% cc cannon.c -o cannon -lm  
% ./cannon
```

We will get a listing of the trajectory points over time,  
followed by the impact position and time :

Impact time=5.096840 position=220.699644

If we plot the trajectory points using Gnuplot:



So why do we need Trick?

## Limitations of the Simulation

For simple physics models like our cannonball, maybe we don't need Trick, but real-world problems are rarely as simple.

1. Real-world problems don't often have nice closed-form solutions. They require numeric methods.
2. Changing parameters requires recompilation of the program.
3. What if we want to be able to run our simulation in real-time?
4. What if we want to interact with our simulation while its running?

In the coming sections, we'll see how Trick helps us overcome these limitations, and more. We'll see how it provides simulations with commonly needed capabilities, many of them **automatically**.

# The Simulation Definition File (S\_define)

In our non-Trick simulation program :

- We created a representation of our simulation-state.
- We defined our simulation-state variables.
- We organized our code into well-defined tasks :
  - Initialization of variables by assignment
  - Initialization of variables by calculation.
  - Periodic calculation of the model state.
  - Cleanup/Shutdown.
- We made sure that our tasks were executed in the appropriate order.

In a Trick simulation, we do the same. To “teach” Trick about the parts that make the particular simulation unique, we use a simulation definition file (**S\_define**).

## Example S\_define

```
/******TRICK HEADER*****
```

```
PURPOSE:
```

```
(SIM_cannon_analytic)
```

Purpose

```
LIBRARY DEPENDENCIES:
```

```
(  
  (cannon/gravity/src/cannon_default_data.c)  
  (cannon/gravity/src/cannon_init.c)  
  (cannon/gravity/src/cannon_analytic.c)  
)
```

Model Source Files

```
*****/
```

```
#include "sim_objects/default_trick_sys.sm"
```

System SimObjects

```
##include "cannon/gravity/include/cannon_analytic.h"
```

Model Header File

```
class CannonSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
```

```
  public:
```

```
    CANNON cannon;
```

Simulation State Variable

Simulation SimObject

```
    CannonSimObject() {
```

```
      ("default_data") cannon_default_data( &cannon ) ;  
      ("initialization") cannon_init( &cannon ) ;  
      (0.01, "scheduled") cannon_analytic( &cannon ) ;  
    }
```

Job Specifications

```
};
```

```
CannonSimObject dyn ;
```

SimObject instance

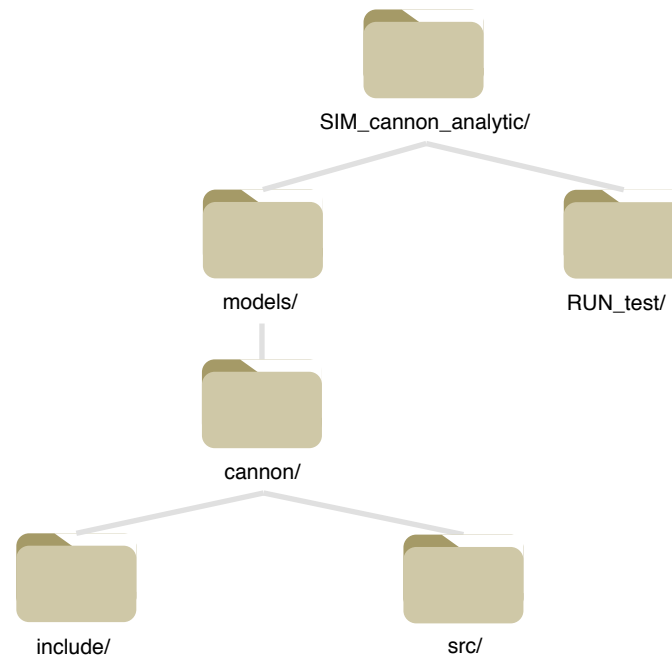


# Building & Running a Trick Simulation

# Simulation File Organization



```
% mkdir -p SIM_cannon_analytic/RUN_test  
% mkdir -p SIM_cannon_analytic/models/cannon/src  
% mkdir -p SIM_cannon_analytic/models/cannon/include
```



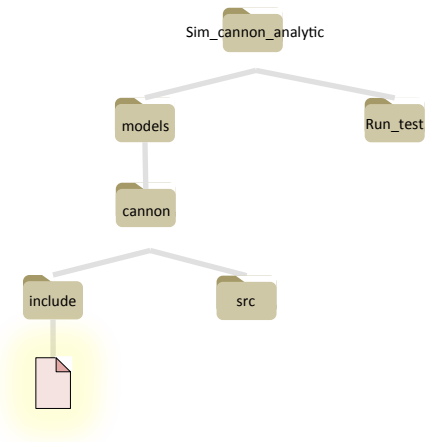
# Representing the Cannonball State

cannon.h

```
1  *****
2  PURPOSE: Represent the state and initial conditions of a cannonball
3  *****
4  #ifndef CANNON_H
5  #define CANNON_H
6
7  typedef struct {
8
9      double vel0[2] ; /* *i m Init velocity of cannonball */
10     double pos0[2] ; /* *i m init position of cannonball */
11     double init_speed ; /* *i m/s Init barrel speed */
12     double init_angle ; /* *i rad Angle of cannon */
13
14     double acc[2] ; /* m/s2 xy-acceleration */
15     double vel[2] ; /* m/s xy-velocity */
16     double pos[2] ; /* m xy-position */
17
18     double time; /* s Model time */
19
20     int impact ; /* -- Has impact occurred? */
21     double impactTime; /* s Time of Impact */
22
23 } CANNON ;
24
25 #ifdef __cplusplus
26 extern "C" {
27 #endif
28     int cannon_default_data(CANNON*) ;
29     int cannon_init(CANNON*) ;
30     int cannon_shutdown(CANNON*) ;
31 #ifdef __cplusplus
32 }
33 #endif
34
35 #endif
```

Keyword that tells  
Trick to process this file.

Specially formatted  
comments for Trick.



## Trick Comments

IO specification      Units specification      Comment

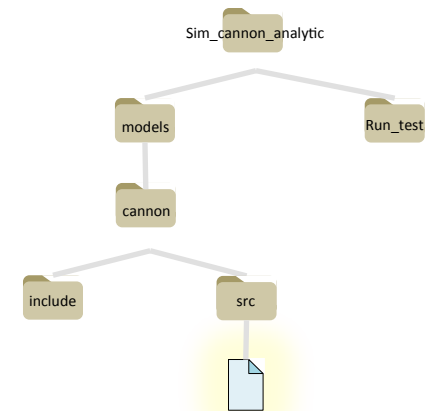
```
double init_speed ; /* *i (m/s) Init barrel speed */
```

The diagram illustrates the structure of a Trick comment. It shows a line of code with a comment. Brackets are used to group parts of the comment: a bracket under the asterisk and 'i' is labeled 'IO specification'; a bracket under '(m/s)' is labeled 'Units specification'; and a bracket under the entire text 'Init barrel speed' is labeled 'Comment'.

# Initializing the Cannonball State

## cannon\_init.c

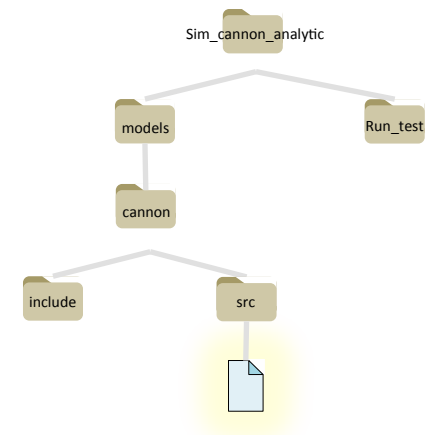
```
1  /***** TRICK HEADER *****/
2  PURPOSE: (Set the initial data values)
3  *****/
4
5  /* Model Include files */
6  #include <math.h>
7  #include "../include/cannon.h"
8
9  /* default data job */
10 int cannon_default_data( CANNON* C ) {
11
12     C->acc[0] = 0.0;
13     C->acc[1] = -9.81;
14     C->init_angle = M_PI/6 ;
15     C->init_speed = 50.0 ;
16     C->pos0[0] = 0.0 ;
17     C->pos0[1] = 0.0 ;
18
19     C->time = 0.0 ;
20
21     C->impact = 0 ;
22     C->impactTime = 0.0 ;
23
24     return 0 ;
25 }
26
27 /* initialization job */
28 int cannon_init( CANNON* C ) {
29
30     C->vel0[0] = C->init_speed*cos(C->init_angle);
31     C->vel0[1] = C->init_speed*sin(C->init_angle);
32
33     C->vel[0] = C->vel0[0] ;
34     C->vel[1] = C->vel0[1] ;
35
36     C->impactTime = 0.0;
37     C->impact = 0.0;
38
39     return 0 ;
40 }
```



# Updating the Cannonball State Over Time

## cannon\_analytic.c

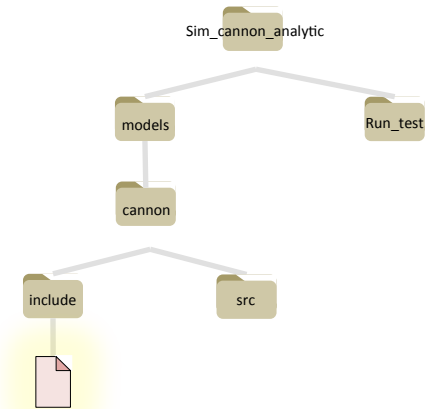
```
1  /*******
2  PURPOSE:  ( Analytical Cannon )
3  *****/
4  #include <stdio.h>
5  #include <math.h>
6  #include "../include/cannon_analytic.h"
7
8  int cannon_analytic( CANNON* C ) {
9
10     C->acc[0] = 0.00;
11     C->acc[1] = -9.81 ;
12     C->vel[0] = C->vel0[0] + C->acc[0] * C->time ;
13     C->vel[1] = C->vel0[1] + C->acc[1] * C->time ;
14     C->pos[0] = C->pos0[0] + (C->vel[0] + (0.5) * C->acc[0] * C->time) * C->time ;
15     C->pos[1] = C->pos0[1] + (C->vel[1] + (0.5) * C->acc[1] * C->time) * C->time ;
16     if (C->pos[1] < 0.0) {
17         C->impactTime = (- C->vel[1] - sqrt( C->vel[1] * C->vel[1] - 2 * C->pos[1]))/C->acc[1];
18         C->pos[0] = C->impactTime * C->vel[0];
19         C->pos[1] = 0.0;
20         C->vel[0] = 0.0;
21         C->vel[1] = 0.0;
22         if ( !C->impact ) {
23             C->impact = 1;
24             fprintf(stderr, "\n\nIMPACT: t = %.9f, pos[0] = %.9f\n\n", C->impactTime, C->pos[0] ) ;
25         }
26     }
27     /*
28     * Increment time by the time delta associated with this job
29     * Note that the 0.01 matches the frequency of this job
30     * as specified in the S_define.
31     */
32     C->time += 0.01 ;
33     return 0 ;
34 }
```



## We Need a Prototype for Our State Update Approach

cannon\_analytic.h

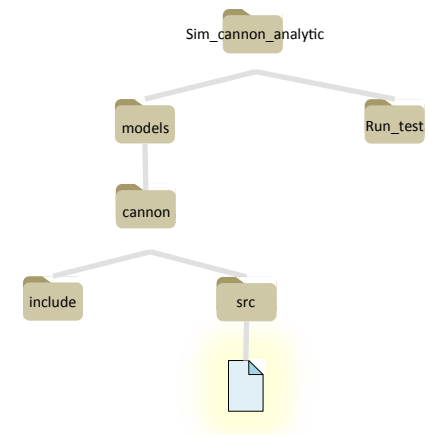
```
1  /*****
2  PURPOSE: ( Cannon Analytic Model )
3  *****/
4  #ifndef CANNON_ANALYTIC_H
5  #define CANNON_ANALYTIC_H
6  #include "cannon.h"
7  #ifdef __cplusplus
8  extern "C" {
9  #endif
10 int cannon_analytic(CANNON*) ;
11 #ifdef __cplusplus
12 }
13 #endif
14 #endif
```



# Cannonball Cleanup And Shutdown

cannon\_shutdown.c

```
1  /*****
2  PURPOSE: (Print the final cannon ball state.)
3  *****/
4  #include <stdio.h>
5  #include "../include/cannon.h"
6  #include "trick/exec_proto.h"
7
8  int cannon_shutdown( CANNON* C) {
9      double t = exec_get_sim_time();
10     printf( "=====\n");
11     printf( "      Cannon Ball State at Shutdown      \n");
12     printf( "t = %g\n", t);
13     printf( "pos = [%.9f, %.9f]\n", C->pos[0], C->pos[1]);
14     printf( "vel = [%.9f, %.9f]\n", C->vel[0], C->vel[1]);
15     printf( "=====\n");
16     return 0 ;
17 }
```





# The Simulation Definition File

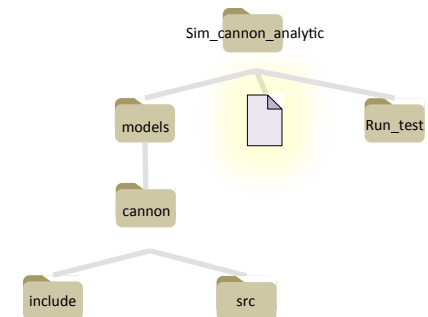
## S\_define

```
1  /*****TRICK HEADER*****/
2  PURPOSE:
3      (This S_define works with the RUN_analytic input file)
4  LIBRARY DEPENDENCIES:
5      (
6          (cannon/src/cannon_init.c)
7          (cannon/src/cannon_analytic.c)
8          (cannon/src/cannon_shutdown.c)
9      )
10 *****/
11
12 #include "sim_objects/default_trick_sys.sm"
13 #include "cannon/include/cannon_analytic.h"
14
15 class CannonSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
16     public:
17         CANNON cannon;
18
19         CannonSimObject() {
20             ("default_data") cannon_default_data( &cannon ) ;
21             ("initialization") cannon_init( &cannon ) ;
22             (0.01, "scheduled") cannon_analytic( &cannon ) ;
23             ("shutdown") cannon_shutdown( &cannon ) ;
24         }
25     } ;
26
27 CannonSimObject dyn ;
```

Trick Header

Included files

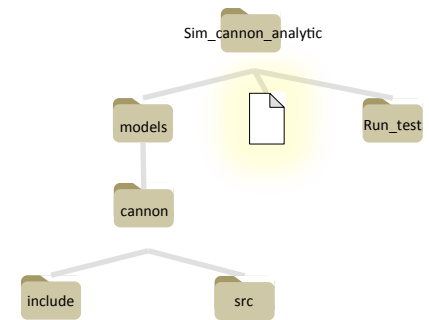
Jobs



# Compiler Flags

S\_overrides.mk

```
1 TRICK_CFLAGS += -Imodels
2 TRICK_CXXFLAGS += -Imodels
```



## The Importance of **TRICK\_CFLAGS** and **TRICK\_CXXFLAGS**

**\$TRICK\_CFLAGS** and **\$TRICK\_CXXFLAGS** are Trick environment variables. They provide a means to control how your simulation is built.

When Trick invokes a C-compiler, it passes the value of **\$TRICK\_CFLAGS** to it. **\$TRICK\_CXXFLAGS** are passed to C++ compilers.

For example, suppose I want the C compiler to warn me about common, dubious code constructs that might have crept into my simulation code:

```
TRICK_CFLAGS += -Wall
```

The Trick build process **also** uses any **-I** options found in these variables to resolve relative file paths.

## The Importance of **TRICK\_CFLAGS** and **TRICK\_CXXFLAGS**

The **-I** flag is a GNU compiler flag that lists **base-paths**, from which relative-paths, specified in your code, can be resolved to full-paths.

For example, the following directive specifies a **relative-path**:

```
#include "cannon/gravity/include/cannon.h"
```

It's relative to some **base-path** that needs to be specified in order to find the file.

So, when we provide the following base-path, the compiler can resolve the relative path.

```
TRICK_CFLAGS += -I${HOME}/trick_models/
```

Example:

Base-path	Relative-path
 \${HOME}/trick_models/cannon/gravity/include/cannon.h	

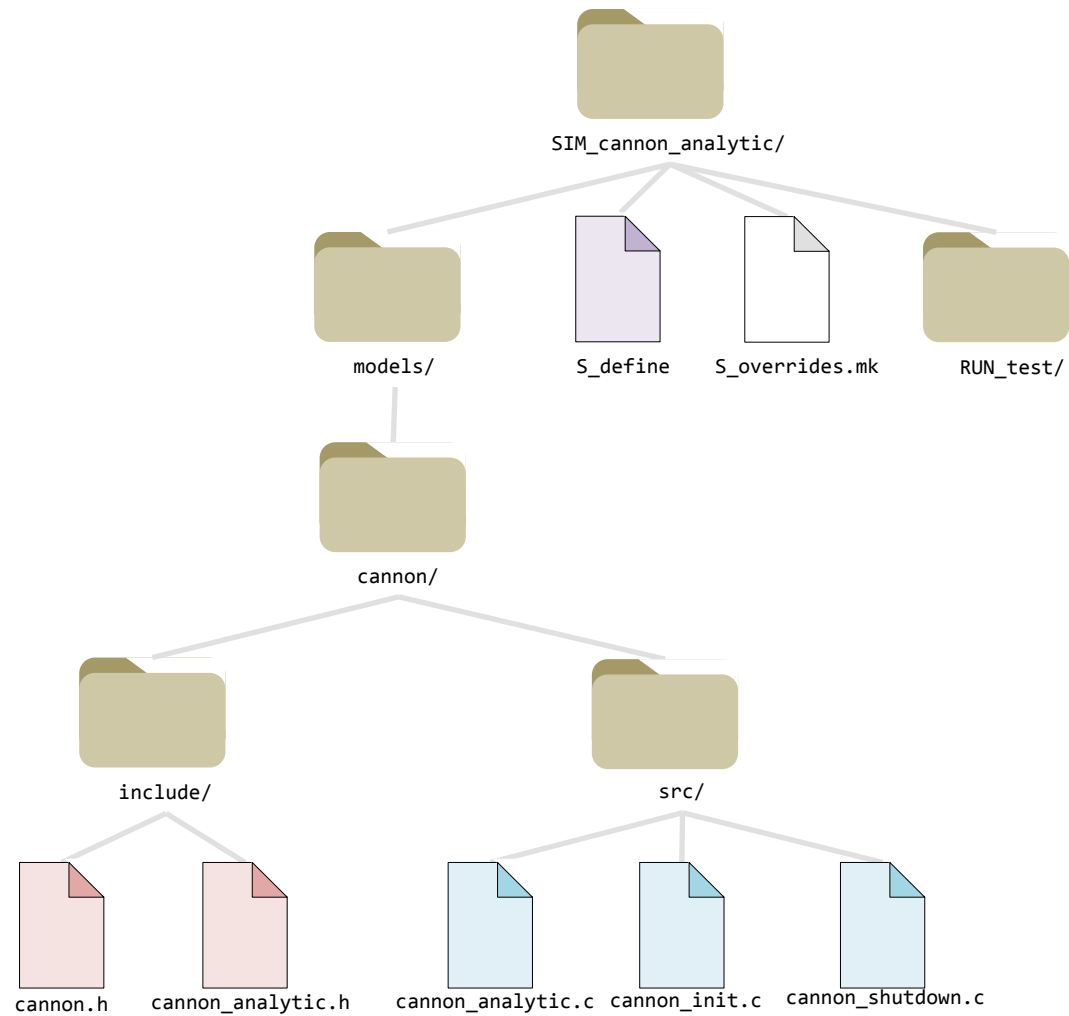
## The Importance of **TRICK\_CFLAGS** and **TRICK\_CXXFLAGS**

The `-I` flags in **TRICK\_CFLAGS** and **TRICK\_CXXFLAGS** are also used to resolve relative paths in **LIBRARY DEPENDENCIES** specifications in Trick headers.

**LIBRARY DEPENDENCIES:**

```
(  
    (cannon/src/cannon_init.c)  
    (cannon/src/cannon_analytic.c)  
    (cannon/src/cannon_shutdown.c)  
)
```

# Simulation File Organization



## Building the Simulation with *Trick-CP*

The Trick simulation build tool is called **trick-CP** (Trick Configuration Processor). It parses an S\_define file, finding data-types, variables, functions, scheduling information, and ultimately creates a simulation executable.

After you build the sim:



```
% cd $HOME/trick_sims/SIM_cannon_analytic  
% trick-CP
```

you should see:

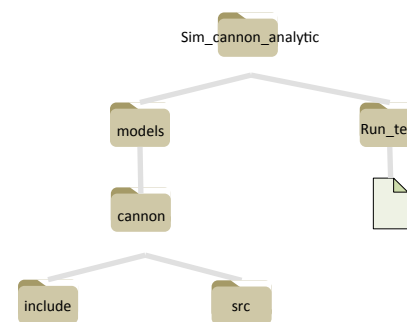
```
=== Simulation make complete ===
```

## Simulation Input File

Every Trick simulation needs an input file. The input file is actually a script that is processed by a Python interpreter, specifically bound to Trick's code and your simulation code.

input.py

```
trick.stop(5.2)
```





## Simulation Input File

Run the simulation executable **from** SIM\_cannon\_analytic/ :

👉 `% ./S_main_*.exe RUN_test/input.py`

If all goes well, something similar to the following sample output will be displayed on the terminal.

```
IMPACT: t = 5.096839959, pos[0] = 220.699644186
```

```
=====
```

```
    Cannon Ball State at Shutdown
```

```
t = 5.2
```

```
pos = [220.699644186, 0.000000000]
```

```
vel = [0.000000000, 0.000000000]
```

```
=====
```

```
REALTIME SHUTDOWN STATS:
```

```
    REALTIME TOTAL OVERRUNS:          0
```

```
        ACTUAL INIT TIME:           0.099
```

```
        ACTUAL ELAPSED TIME:        11.338
```

```
SIMULATION TERMINATED IN
```

```
PROCESS: 0
```

```
ROUTINE: Executive_loop_single_thread.cpp:98
```

```
DIAGNOSTIC: Reached termination time
```

```
    SIMULATION START TIME:           0.000
```

```
    SIMULATION STOP TIME:            5.200
```

```
    SIMULATION ELAPSED TIME:         5.200
```

```
    ACTUAL CPU TIME USED:            0.098
```

```
    SIMULATION / CPU TIME:          53.268
```

```
    INITIALIZATION CPU TIME:         0.052
```

} Result

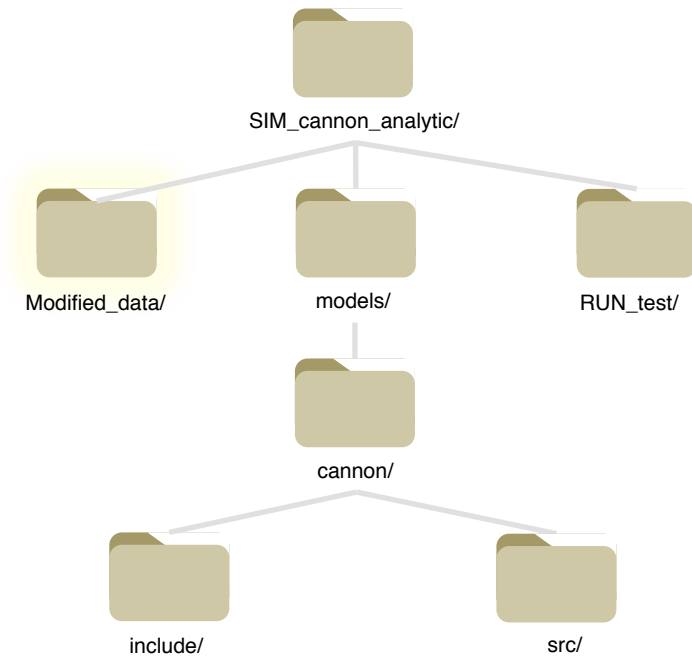
# What about the trajectory?

To plot the trajectory, we first need to record the data from our simulation.

## Recording Simulation Data

To tell our sim what to record, we need to create a **data-recording file**. Let's first make a place to put it:

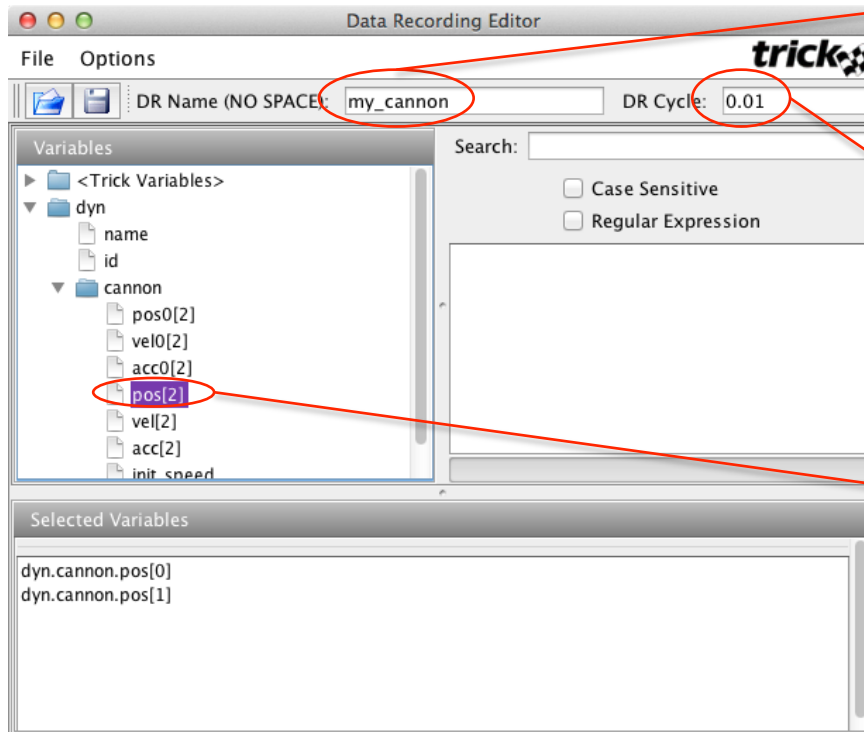
👉 `% mkdir Modified_data`



## Making a Data-Recording File with *trick-dre*



% *trick-dre* &



1) Give the variable collection (a.k.a “recording group”) a name.

2) Specify the recording frequency. Ok, fine, the period.

3) Double-click on the pos array (the position of the cannon ball). Note that they are then displayed in the Selected variables pane.

4) Choose File->Save. In the "Save" dialog, enter the file name “cannon.dr” and save it in the Modified\_data/ directory.

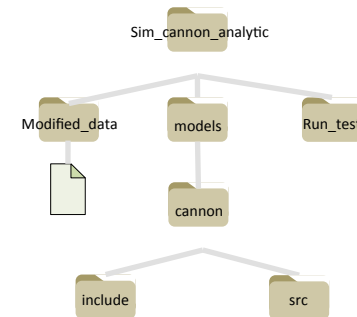
5) Exit *trick-dre*.

# What is a Data-Recording File?

cannon.dr

```
1 global DR_GROUP_ID
2 global drg
3 try:
4     if DR_GROUP_ID >= 0:
5         DR_GROUP_ID += 1
6 except NameError:
7     DR_GROUP_ID = 0
8     drg = []
9
10 drg.append(trick.DRBinary("my_cannon"))
11 drg[DR_GROUP_ID].set_freq(trick.DR_Always)
12 drg[DR_GROUP_ID].set_cycle(0.01)
13 drg[DR_GROUP_ID].set_single_prec_only(False)
14 drg[DR_GROUP_ID].add_variable("dyn.cannon.pos0[0]")
15 drg[DR_GROUP_ID].add_variable("dyn.cannon.pos0[1]")
16 trick.add_data_record_group(drg[DR_GROUP_ID], trick.DR_Buffer)
17 drg[DR_GROUP_ID].enable()
```

DON'T TYPE THIS IN.  
IT'S CREATED AUTOMATICALLY  
BY trick-dre.



A data recording file is actually a snippet of Python code that you include into your input file.

## Initiation of Data Recording

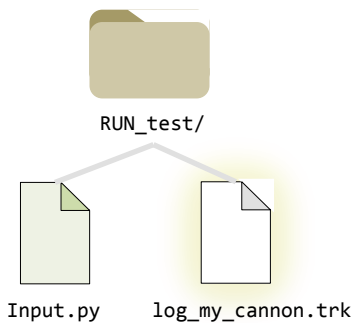
Update input.py

```
1  execfile("Modified_data/cannon.dr")  
2  trick.stop(5.2)
```

Re-run the simulation:

👉 `% ./S_main*.exe RUN_test/input.py`

This will produce a data recording file in your RUN\_ directory.



# Trick Data Products

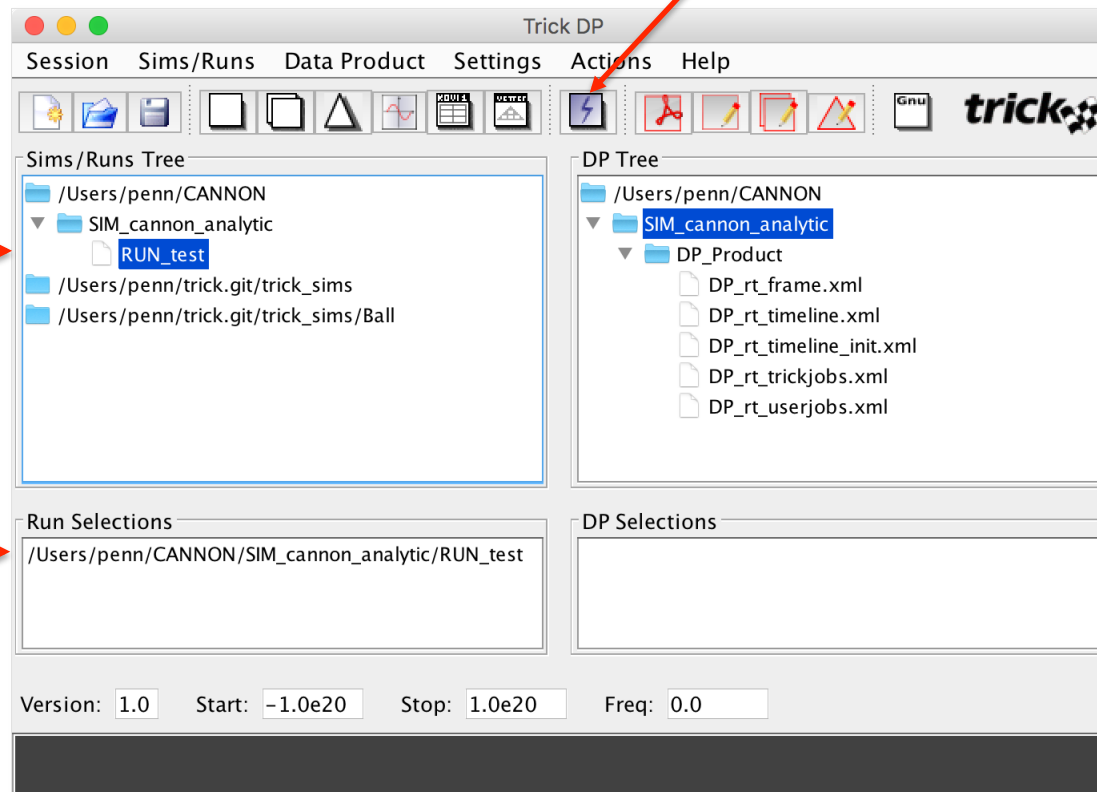
In the SIM\_cannon\_analytic/ directory, run *trick-dp*:

👉 `% trick-dp &`

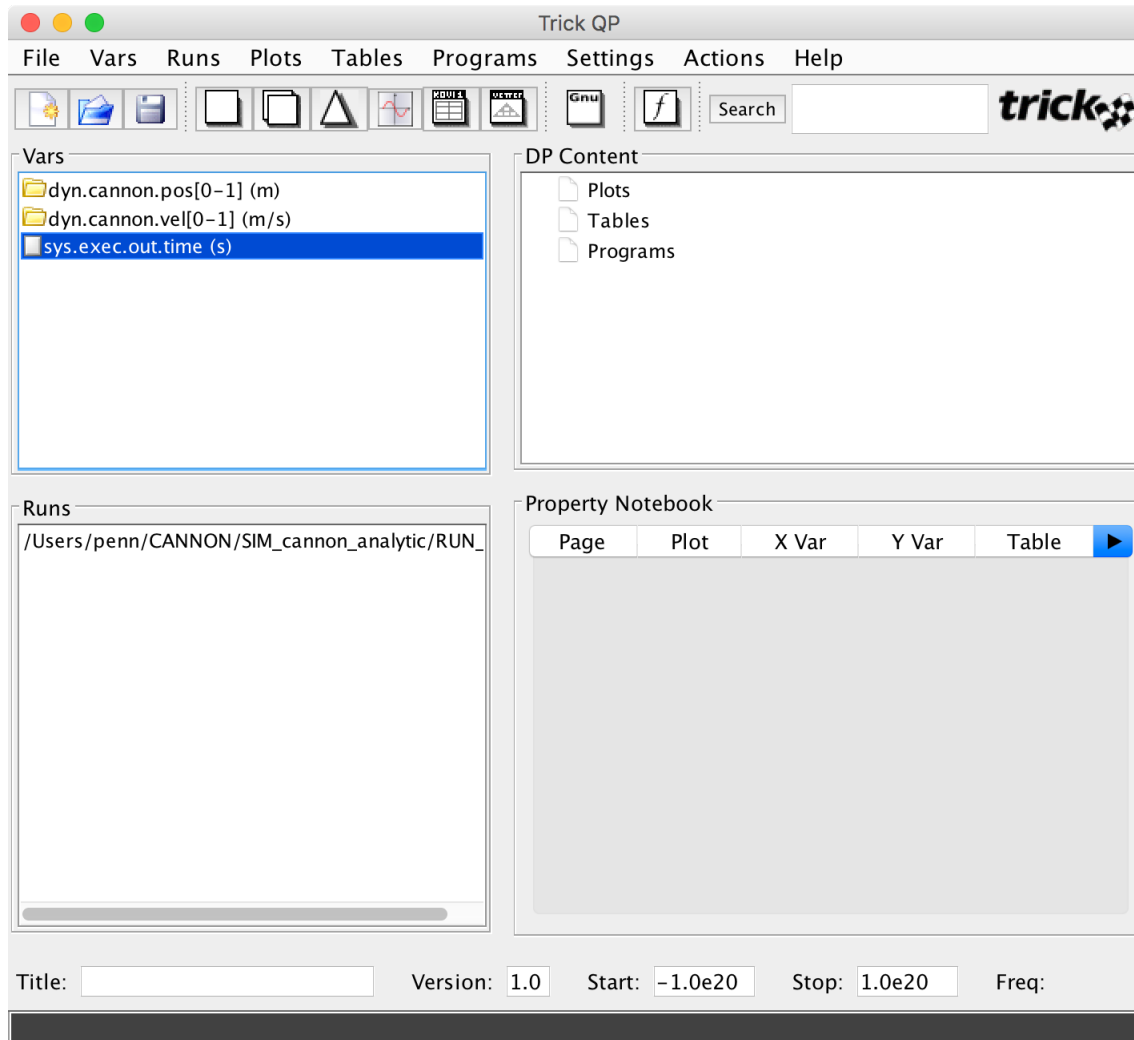
2) Click to start trick-qp

double-click to  
select the recorded  
data.

Selected data will  
appear here.

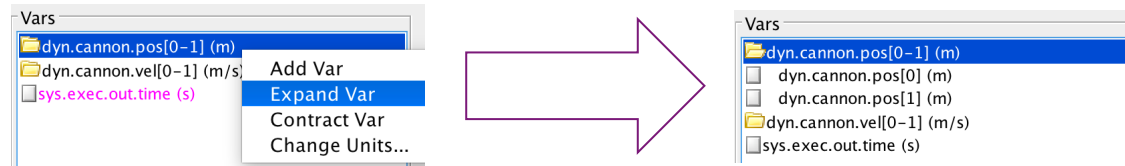


## Plotting Recorded Data with *trick-qp*

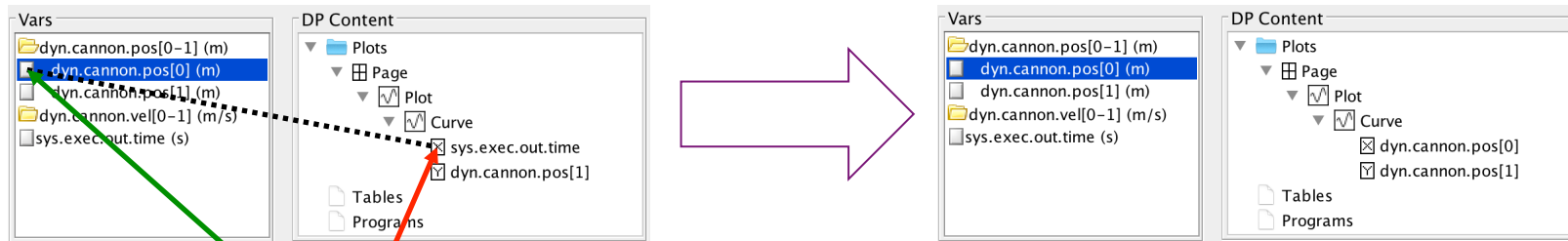




## Telling *trick-qp* What to Plot



Click and drag **dyn.cannon.pos[0]** with left mouse button to the curves X coordinate.



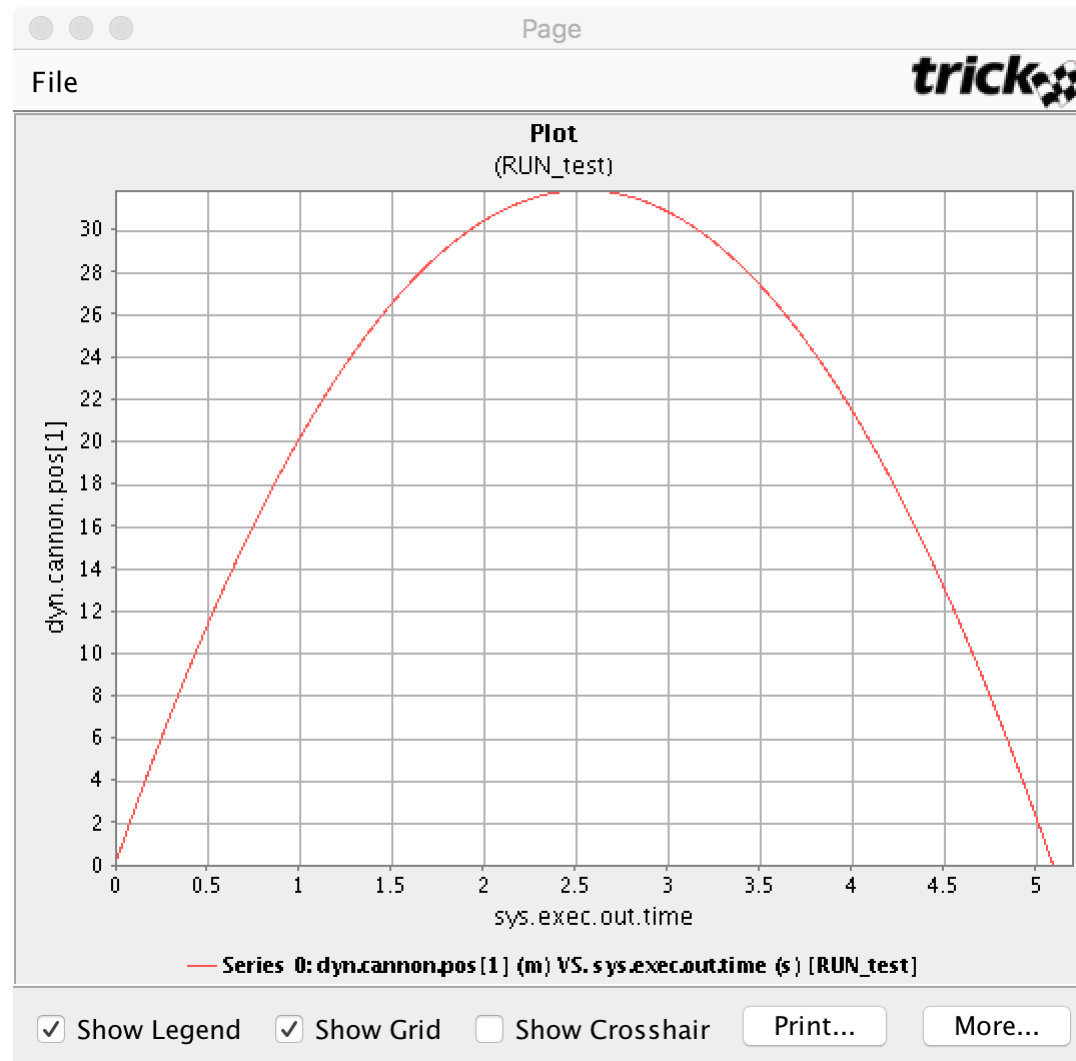
Click and drag from **here** to **here**.



Click the Single Plot Button.



## Plotting Recorded Data

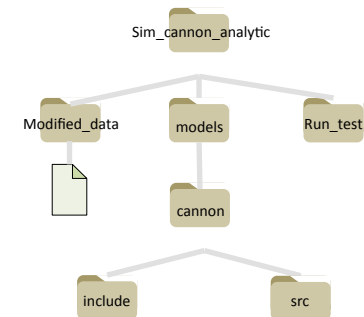


# Running Real-time

Recall that the cannonball run was 5.2 seconds, yet when the simulation ran, it was done in a flash. This section will add real-time synchronization.

### realtime.py

```
1  trick.frame_log_on()  
2  trick.real_time_enable()  
3  trick.exec_set_software_frame(0.1)  
4  trick.itimer_enable()  
5  trick.exec_set_enable_freeze(True)  
6  trick.exec_set_freeze_command(True)  
7  trick.sim_control_panel_set_enabled(True)
```



## Specifying Real-time Operation

```
trick.real_time_enable()
```

Enables Trick real-time. In other words, it enables the periodic synchronization of simulation-time with real-time (“wall-clock-time”).

```
trick.exec_set_software_frame(0.1)
```

Specifies how often simulation-time is synchronized with real-time.

## Once You're in Real-time

`trick.itimer_enable()`

Allows other processes to run while Trick is waiting for the beginning of the next software frame to start the simulation jobs. If interval timers are not used, Trick will spin waiting for the next beat.

`trick.exec_set_freeze_command()`

Puts the simulation in freeze mode at start-up

`trick.exec_set_enable_freeze()`

Allows a user to toggle the simulation mode between **FREEZE** and **RUN**.

`trick.sim_control_panel_set_enabled(True)`

Starts the sim control panel GUI.

`trick.frame_log_on()`

Log simulation performance data.

## Running in Real-time

Update input.py

```
1  execfile("Modified_data/realtime.py")
2  execfile("Modified_data/cannon.dr")
3  trick.stop(5.2)
```

Re-run the simulation:

👉 `% ./S_main*.exe RUN_test/input.py`

# Sim Control Panel

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Sim Control' application window. The window has a title bar with standard macOS window controls (red, yellow, green buttons) and the text 'Sim Control'. Below the title bar is a menu bar with 'File' and 'Actions'. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Trick View Simulation Mode:** Located at the top left, it contains three icons: a blue square, a red square, and a blue square with a white cross. A red arrow points to the blue square icon.
- Commands:** A section with buttons for 'Step', 'Data Rec On', 'Start', 'RealTime On', 'Freeze', 'Dump Chkpnt', 'Shutdown', 'Load Chkpnt', 'Lite', and 'Exit'. A red arrow points to the 'Start' button.
- Time:** A section with a 'RET (sec)' label and a text field showing '0.00'. Below it, a 'Sim / Real Time' label and a text field showing '1.00'.
- Simulations/Overruns:** A section with a text field containing the path '/Users/penn/CANNON/SIM\_cannon\_analytic/S\_main\_Darwin\_16.exe RUN\_test/input.py' and a small text field showing '0'. A red arrow points to the '0' field.
- Status Messages:** A large black rectangular area for displaying status messages.
- Find:** A section with a 'Find :' label, a text input field, and buttons for 'Find Next' and 'Find Previous'.
- Host : Port (Run Info):** A section with a text field containing 'build-78.trick.gov:60604' and a 'Connect' button. A red arrow points to the text field.

Annotations with red arrows point to the following elements:

- Trick View
- Simulation Mode
- Click here to RUN the sim.
- Simulation Executable
- Overrun count
- Variable Server Port



# Trick View (TV)

Trick View

File View Actions Help

Simulation Time: 0.70

Double-click variables to select for viewing

Search:

☐ Case Sensitive  
☐ Regular Expression

Variable	Value	Units	Format
dyn.cannon.pos[0]	29.87787643056316	m	Decimal
dyn.cannon.pos[1]	14.914729500000001	m	Decimal
dyn.cannon.vel[0]	43.30127018922194	m/s	Decimal
dyn.cannon.vel[1]	18.231099999999999	m/s	Decimal

Double-click to edit values      Left-click to change units

Manual Entry:

Connected To: build-78.trick.gov:60604

# Trick View (TV)

Trick View

File View Actions Help

Simulation Time: 0.00

<Trick Variables>

- dyn
  - name
  - id
  - cannon
    - vel0[2]
    - pos0[2]
    - init\_speed
    - init\_angle
    - acc[2]
    - vel[2]
    - pos[2]
    - time
    - impact
    - impactTime

Search:

☐ Case Sensitive

☐ Regular Expression

Variable	Value	Units	Format
dyn.cannon.pos[0]	0.0	m	Decimal
dyn.cannon.pos[1]	0.0	m	Decimal
dyn.cannon.vel[0]	43.30127018922194	km	Decimal
dyn.cannon.vel[1]	25.0	Mm	Decimal

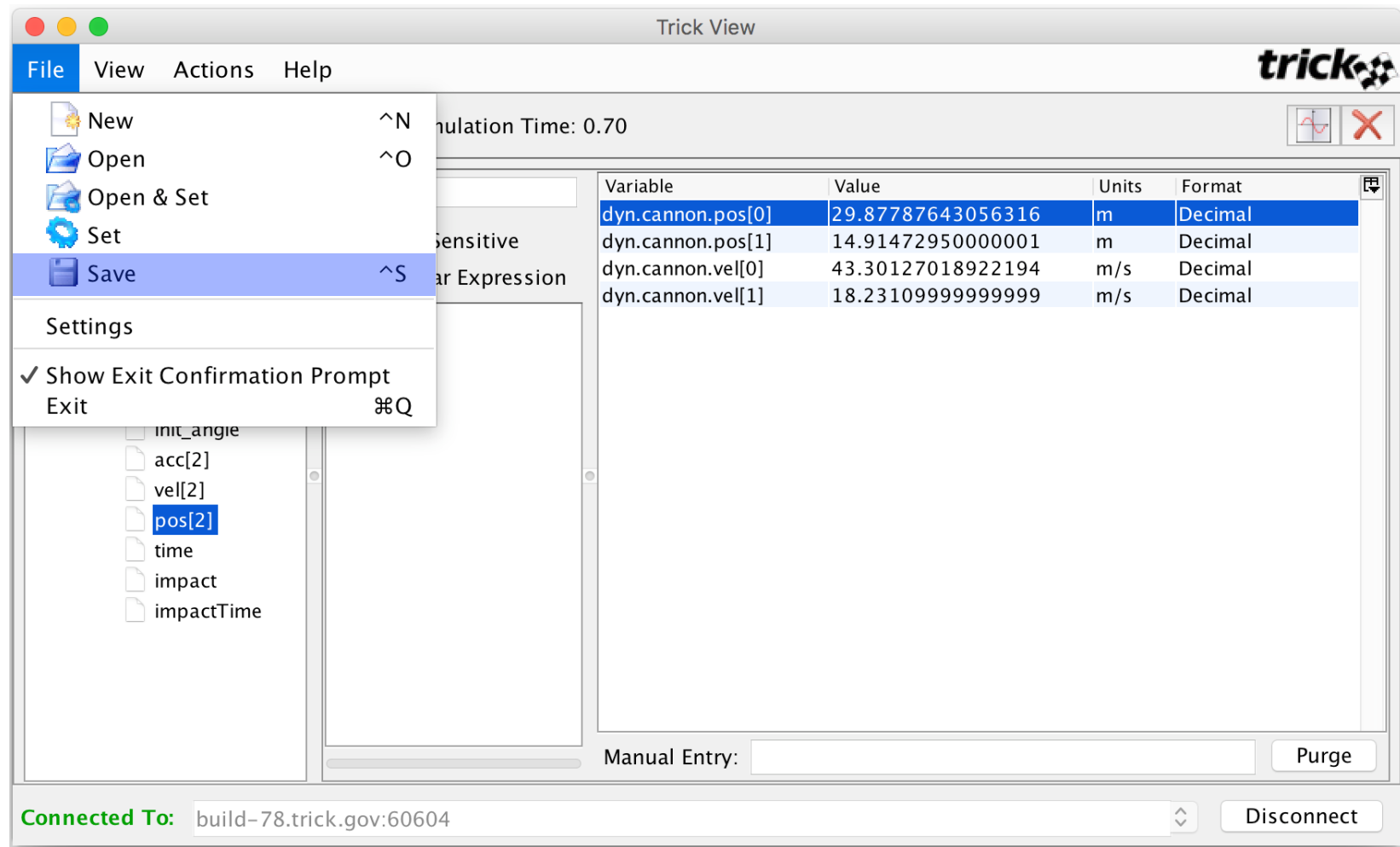
Manual Entry:

Purge

Connected To: build-78.trick.gov:49931

Disconnect

# Trick View (TV)



Save As: TV\_cannon.tv

## Trick View (TV)

Update input.py

```
1  execfile("Modified_data/realtime.py")
2  execfile("Modified_data/cannon.dr")
3
4  trick.trick_view_add_auto_load_file("TV_cannon.tv")
5  trick.stop(5.2)
```

Re-run the simulation:

👉 `% ./S_main*.exe RUN_test/input.py`

The sim will come up as before, but Trick View will also come up  
With the previously saved variable set.

# State Propagation with Numerical Methods

## When Analytic Solutions Don't Exist

The simulation we've thus far created, relies on the fact that the cannon ball problem has an closed-form solution. From it, we can immediately calculate the cannon ball state (that is: position, velocity) at any arbitrary time. In real-world simulation problems, this will rarely be the case.

In this section, we're going to pretend that no analytic solution exists and model the cannon ball using **numeric-integration**.

## Updating the Cannon Ball Sim to Use Numerical Integration

Rather than type everything again, we will first "tidy up" and copy the simulation. Then we'll modify it to use numeric integration.

To tidy up, execute the following:



```
% cd $HOME/trick_sims/SIM_cannon_analytic  
% make spotless
```

Copy the sim directory, giving it a new name.



```
% cd ..  
% cp -r SIM_cannon_analytic SIM_cannon_numeric
```

## Job Classes for Numerical Integration

To provide simulation developers with a means of getting data into and out of these algorithms, Trick defines the following two job classes:

- **derivative** class jobs - for calculating the state time derivatives.
- **integration** class jobs - for integrating the state time derivatives from time  $t_{n-1}$  to  $t_n$ , to produce the next state.

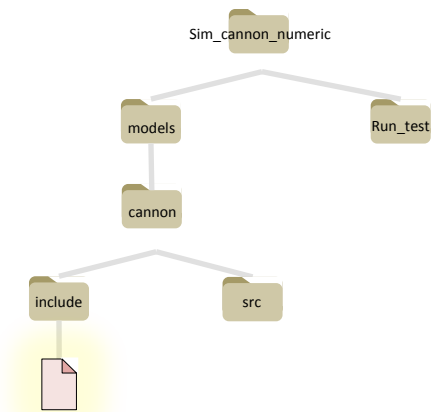
A special **integ\_loop** job scheduler coordinates the calls to these jobs **derivative** and **integration** jobs.



# Interface Specifically for Numeric Job Functions

cannon\_numeric.h

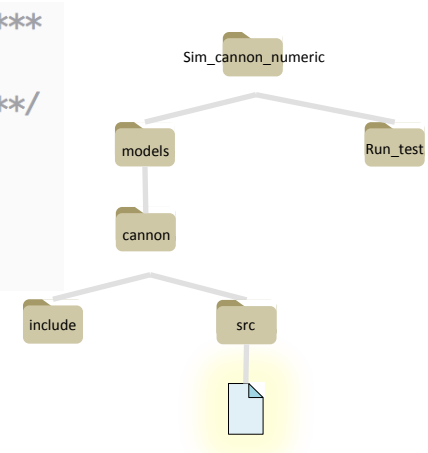
```
1  /*****
2  PURPOSE: ( Cannonball Numeric Model )
3  *****/
4
5  #ifndef CANNON_NUMERIC_H
6  #define CANNON_NUMERIC_H
7
8  #include "cannon.h"
9
10 #ifdef __cplusplus
11 extern "C" {
12 #endif
13 int cannon_integ(CANNON*) ;
14 int cannon_deriv(CANNON*) ;
15 #ifdef __cplusplus
16 }
17 #endif
18 #endif
```



## Start of Cannonball Numeric Approach

cannon\_numeric.c

```
1  /*****
2   PURPOSE: ( Trick numeric )
3  *****/
4  #include <stddef.h>
5  #include <stdio.h>
6  #include "trick/integrator_c_intf.h"
7  #include "../include/cannon_numeric.h"
```



👉 Add the code snippet above to `cannon_numeric.c`

To this, we'll be soon our derivative and integration job functions.

## Derivative Class Jobs

The purpose of a derivative class job is to generate a model's time-derivatives, that is, it evaluates the right-hand side of the model's differential equation.

For "F=ma" type models, derivative jobs calculate the current acceleration, by dividing the current force by the current mass.

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{dt^2} = \vec{a}(t) = \vec{F}(t) / m(t)$$

Note that the time dependent quantities from which acceleration is calculated should also be calculated in the derivative job.

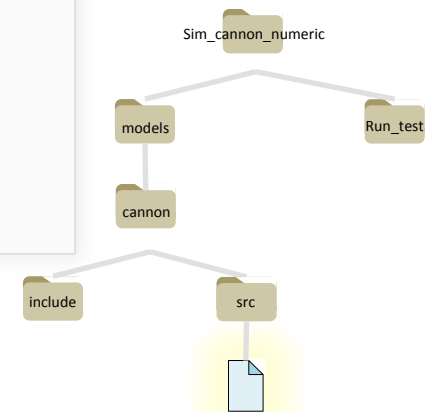
In the corresponding integration class job, the acceleration is then integrated to produce velocity, and velocity is integrated to produce position.

## Cannon Ball Derivative Job-function

```
9  int cannon_deriv(CANNON* C) {  
10  
11      if (!C->impact) {  
12          C->acc[0] = 0.0 ;  
13          C->acc[1] = -9.81 ;  
14      } else {  
15          C->acc[0] = 0.0 ;  
16          C->acc[1] = 0.0 ;  
17      }  
18      return(0);  
19  }
```



Add cannon\_deriv() to cannon\_numeric.c



## Integration Class Jobs

The purpose of a integration class job is to integrate the derivatives that were calculated in the corresponding derivative jobs, producing the next simulation state from the previous state.

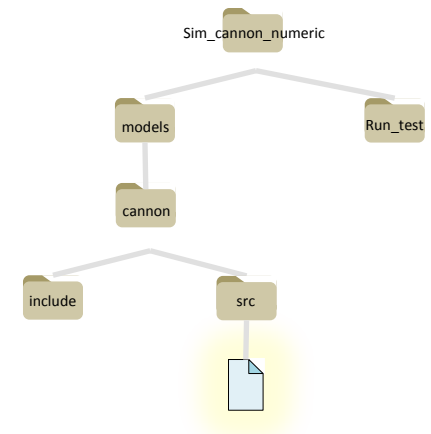
Integration jobs generally look very similar. That is because they are expected to do the same five things:

1. Load the state into the integrator.
2. Load the state derivatives into the integrator.
3. Call the `integrate()` function.
4. Unload the updated state from the integrator.
5. Return the value that was returned by the `integrate()` call.

# Cannon Ball Integration Job-function

cannon\_integ.c

```
21 int cannon_integ(CANNON* C) {
22     int ipass;
23
24     load_state(
25         &C->pos[0] ,
26         &C->pos[1] ,
27         &C->vel[0] ,
28         &C->vel[1] ,
29         NULL);
30
31     load_deriv(
32         &C->vel[0] ,
33         &C->vel[1] ,
34         &C->acc[0] ,
35         &C->acc[1] ,
36         NULL);
37
38     ipass = integrate();
39
40     unload_state(
41         &C->pos[0] ,
42         &C->pos[1] ,
43         &C->vel[0] ,
44         &C->vel[1] ,
45         NULL );
46
47     return(ipass);
48 }
```



👉 Add cannon\_integ() to cannon\_numeric.c

## Updating the S\_define File

👉 Update the `LIBRARY_DEPENDENCY` section:

**REPLACE:** `(cannon/src/cannon_analytic.c)`

**WITH:** `(cannon/src/cannon_numeric.c)`

👉 Update `##includes`

**REPLACE:** `##include "cannon/include/cannon_analytic.h"`

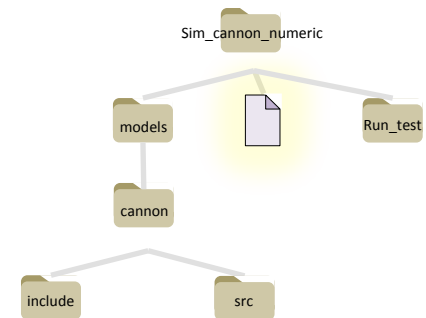
**WITH:** `##include "cannon/include/cannon_numeric.h"`

👉 Update Scheduled Jobs

**REPLACE:** `(0.01, "scheduled") cannon_analytic( &cannon ) ;`

**WITH:**  
`("derivative") cannon_deriv( &cannon) ;`  
`("integration") trick_ret= cannon_integ( &cannon);`

And one more thing ...



## Integration Loop Configuration

Producing simulation states by numerical integration requires that derivative and integration jobs be called at the appropriate rate and times. This requires a properly configured integration-scheduler. This is a two part process:

1. Create an integration-scheduler.
2. Select an integration algorithm for that scheduler.



## Creating an Integration Scheduler

An integration scheduler is instantiated in the S\_define. It takes the form:

```
IntegLoop integLoopName ( integrationTimeStep ) listOfSimObjectNames ;
```

Jobs within named simObjects that are tagged “derivative” or “integration” will be dispatched by the associated integration scheduler.

## Selecting an Integrator

In the input file, call the IntegLoop **getIntegrator()** method to specify the integration algorithm of choice and the number of state variables to be integrated.

```
integLoopName.getIntegrator( algorithm, N );
```

***algorithm*** is an enumeration value that indicates which numerical integration algorithm to use, such as: `trick.Euler`, `trick.Runge_Kutta_2`, `trick.Runge_Kutta_4`, etc\*.

**N** is the number of state variables to be integrated.

\* A complete list of available algorithms can be seen Integrator.hh, in `${TRICK_HOME}/include/trick/Integrator.hh` .

## S\_define for Numeric Sim

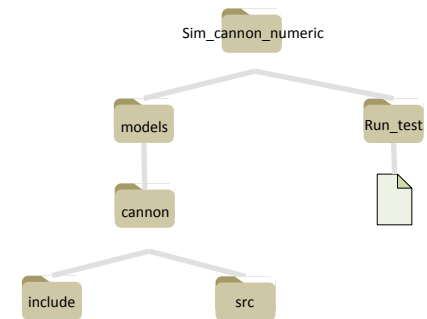
S\_define

```
1  /*****
2  PURPOSE: (S_define File for SIM_cannon_numeric.)
3  LIBRARY_DEPENDENCY: ((cannon/src/cannon_init.c)
4                      (cannon/src/cannon_numeric.c) ← NEW
5                      (cannon/src/cannon_shutdown.c))
6  *****/
7  #include "sim_objects/default_trick_sys.sm"
8  #include "cannon/include/cannon_numeric.h" ← NEW
9
10 class CannonSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
11     public:
12     CANNON cannon ;
13     CannonSimObject() {
14         ("initialization") cannon_init( &cannon ) ;
15         ("default_data") cannon_default_data( &cannon ) ;
16         ("derivative") cannon_deriv( &cannon ) ;
17         ("integration") trick_ret= cannon_integ( &cannon ); ← NEW
18         ("shutdown") cannon_shutdown( &cannon ) ;
19     }
20 };
21
22 CannonSimObject dyn ; ← NEW
23 IntegLoop dyn_integloop (0.01) dyn ;
```

## Input File for Numeric Sim

input.py

```
1 execfile("Modified_data/realtime.py")
2 execfile("Modified_data/cannon.dr")
3
4 dyn_integloop.getIntegrator(trick.Runge_Kutta_4, 4)
5
6 trick.stop(5.2)
```



👉 Update input.py as shown.

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## Running the Numeric Sim

👉 `% cd $HOME/trick_sims/SIM_cannon_numeric`  
`% trick-CP`

👉 `% ./S_main*.exe RUN_test/input.py`

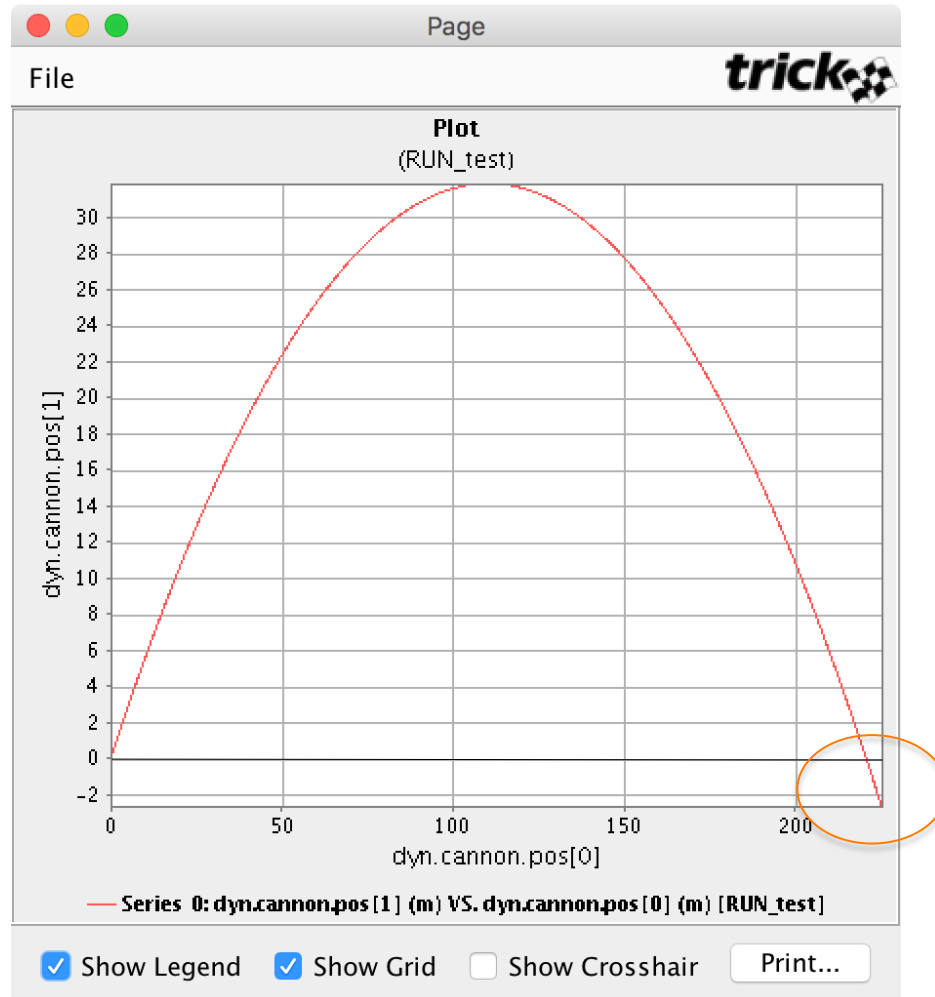
We get:

```
=====
      Cannon Ball State at Shutdown
t = 5.2
pos = [225.166604984, -2.631200000]
vel = [43.301270189, -26.012000000]
=====
```

### **DON'T PANIC!**

It's not the same. That's because didn't stop our sim at impact-time. We will.

## Running the Numeric Sim



In our analytic sim, we stopped updating our cannonball state at impact, when we crossed  $y=0$ , at  $t=5.096839$ .

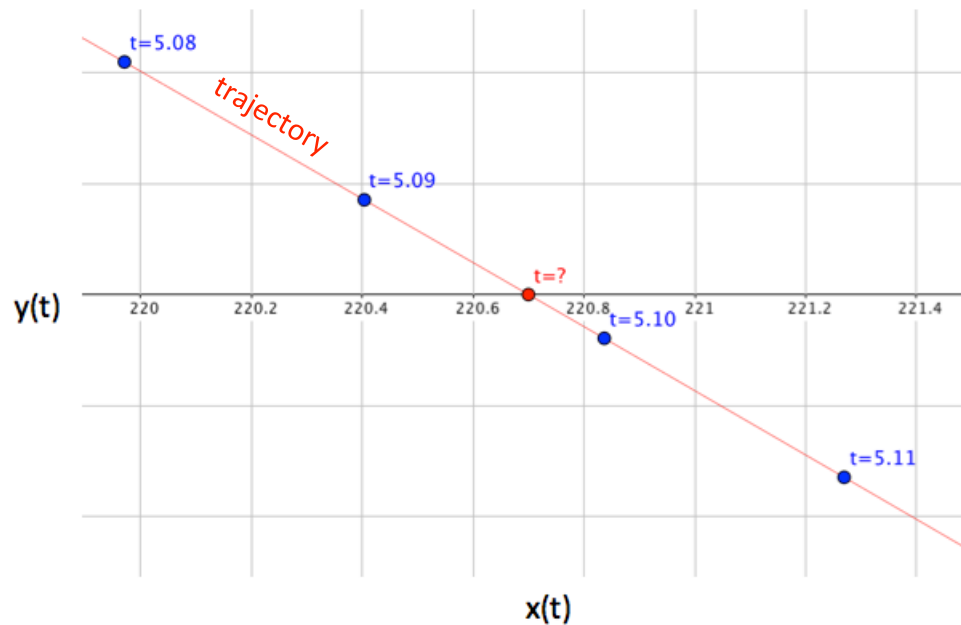
In our numeric sim, didn't detect impact, and continued to update the cannonball state until  $t = 5.2$ .

# So, what about the impact-time?

Remember, we're pretending that we don't have an analytical solution. So, we can't use our time-of-impact equation.

## Dynamic Events

We need a numerical method to determine the precise time of impact,  $t$  when  $y(t)=0$ .



In Trick, we call this type of occurrence, when our simulation state is at some boundary that we've defined, a **dynamic-event**. To find dynamic-events, we use **dynamic-event** jobs.



## Dynamic Event Jobs

A dynamic-event job is called periodically, after each integration step. Its job is to detect when the simulation state crosses a user-defined event boundary, to take control of integration, to find the exact event state and time, and finally to perform some action as a result. It does this using the Trick's `regula_falsi()` function and `REGULA_FALSI` data-type to implement the **False Position Method**.

## Finding Events with *regula\_falsi()*

The `regula_falsi()` function is the heart of a dynamic event function.

It's job is to:

- Monitor the simulation state produced by each integration step,
- Detect when the state crosses a specified event boundary, and
- Guide Trick's integration scheduler to find that event.

Progress toward finding the event state is recorded in a `REGULA_FALSI` variable.

## Updates to cannon.h

```
4  #ifndef CANNON_H
5  #define CANNON_H
6  #include "trick/regula_falsi.h"
7
8  typedef struct {
```

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```
21     int impact ;          /* -- Has impact occurred? */
22     double impactTime; /* s Time of Impact */
23
24     REGULA_FALSI rf ; /* -- Dynamic event params for impact */
25
26 } CANNON ;
```

NEW

👉 Update cannon.h as shown.

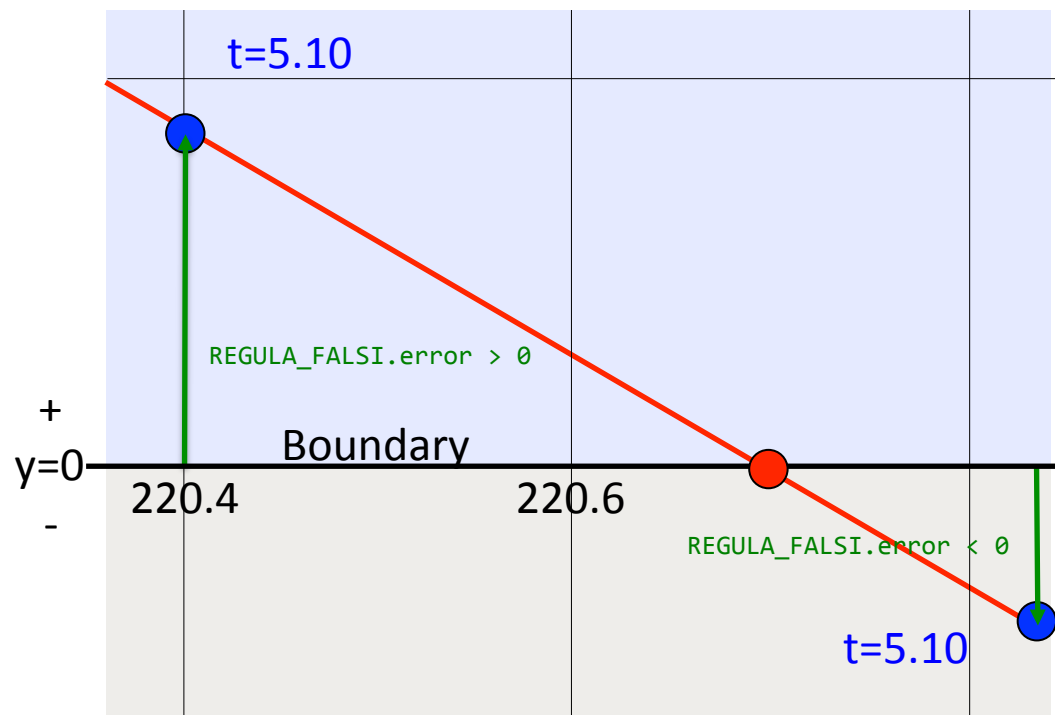
## Dynamic Event Job Function: *cannon\_impact()*

```
50 double cannon_impact( CANNON* C ) {
51     double tgo ; /* time-to-go */
52     double now ; /* current integration time. */
53
54     C->rf.error = C->pos[1] ;          /* Specify the event boundary. */
55     now = get_integ_time() ;          /* Get the current integration time */
56     tgo = regula_falsi( now, &(C->rf) ) ; /* Estimate remaining integration time. */
57     if (tgo == 0.0) {                 /* If we are at the event, it's action time! */
58         now = get_integ_time() ;
59         reset_regula_falsi( now, &(C->rf) ) ;
60         C->impact = 1 ;
61         C->impactTime = now ;
62         C->vel[0] = 0.0 ; C->vel[1] = 0.0 ;
63         C->acc[0] = 0.0 ; C->acc[1] = 0.0 ;
64         fprintf(stderr, "\n\nIMPACT: t = %.9f, pos[0] = %.9f\n\n", now, C->pos[0] ) ;
65     }
66     return (tgo) ;
67 }
```

👉 Add this function, to the bottom of `cannon_numeric.c`

## Specifying an Event Boundary – `REGULA_FALSI.error`

`REGULA_FALSI.error` – how far and on which side of the boundary is the cannon ball. We set `rf.error` to the y-coordinate of the ball.



## Specifying an Event Boundary – REGULA\_FALSI.mode

REGULA\_FALSI.mode – enumeration value that constrains an event to a particular direction of boundary crossing.

- **Increasing** - specifies that an event occurs only when the boundary is crossed from negative to positive.
- **Decreasing** - specifies that an event occurs only when the boundary is crossed from positive to negative.
- **Any** - (default) specifies that an event occurs when the boundary is crossed from either direction.

## Calling *regula\_falsi()*

The *regula\_falsi* function estimates the amount of time until *REGULA\_FALSI.error* reaches 0, that is, when the boundary will be crossed.

```
double regula_falsi( currentIntegrationTime, regulaFalsi_p );
```

*currentIntegrationTime* – from *get\_integ\_time()*

*regulaFalsi\_p* – pointer to *REGULA\_FALSI* object.

**Returns** – an estimate of the amount of time until the event.

## Update cannon\_numeric.h

```
1  /*****
2  PURPOSE: ( Cannonball Numeric Model )
3  *****/
4
5  #ifndef CANNON_NUMERIC_H
6  #define CANNON_NUMERIC_H
7
8  #include "cannon.h"
9
10 #ifdef __cplusplus
11 extern "C" {
12 #endif
13 int cannon_integ(CANNON*) ;
14 int cannon_deriv(CANNON*) ;
15 double cannon_impact(CANNON*) ; ← NEW
16 #ifdef __cplusplus
17 }
18 #endif
19
20 #endif
```



## Update S\_define for Numeric Sim

```
1  /*****
2  PURPOSE: (S_define File for SIM_cannon_numeric.)
3  LIBRARY_DEPENDENCY: ((cannon/src/cannon_init.c)
4                      (cannon/src/cannon_numeric.c)
5                      (cannon/src/cannon_shutdown.c))
6  *****/
7  #include "sim_objects/default_trick_sys.sm"
8  #include "cannon/include/cannon_numeric.h"
9
10 class CannonSimObject : public Trick::SimObject {
11     public:
12     CANNON cannon ;
13     CannonSimObject() {
14         ("initialization") cannon_init( &cannon ) ;
15         ("default_data") cannon_default_data( &cannon ) ;
16         ("derivative") cannon_deriv( &cannon ) ;
17         ("integration") trick_ret= cannon_integ( &cannon);
18         ("dynamic_event") cannon_impact( &cannon); ← NEW
19         ("shutdown") cannon_shutdown( &cannon ) ;
20     }
21 };
```

## Running the Completed Numeric Sim

👉 Rebuild SIM\_Cannon\_numeric.

👉 Run it.

We get:

```
IMPACT: t = 5.096839959, pos[0] = 220.699644186
```

```
=====
      Cannon Ball State at Shutdown
t = 5.2
pos = [220.699644186, 0.000000000]
vel = [0.000000000, 0.000000000]
=====
```

The **same** answer we got with our analytic sim!

**Congratulations!**

You've completed the Basic Trick Tutorial!