

LLMPHY: COMPLEX PHYSICAL REASONING USING LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS AND WORLD MODELS

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ABSTRACT

Physical reasoning is an important skill needed for robotic agents when operating in the real world. However, solving such reasoning problems often involves hypothesizing and reflecting over complex multi-body interactions under the effect of a multitude of physical forces and thus learning all such interactions poses a significant hurdle for state-of-the-art machine learning frameworks, including large language models (LLMs). To study this problem, we propose a new physical reasoning task and a dataset, dubbed *TraySim*. Our task involves predicting the dynamics of several objects on a tray that is given an external impact – the domino effect of the ensued object interactions and their dynamics thus offering a challenging yet controlled setup, with the goal of reasoning being to infer the stability of the objects after the impact. To solve this complex physical reasoning task, we present LLMPHY, a zero-shot black-box optimization framework that leverages the physics knowledge and program synthesis abilities of LLMs, and synergizes these abilities with the world models built into modern physics engines. Specifically, LLMPHY uses an LLM to generate code to iteratively estimate the physical hyperparameters of the system (friction, damping, layout, etc.) via an implicit analysis-by-synthesis approach using a (non-differentiable) simulator in the loop and uses the inferred parameters to imagine the dynamics of the scene towards solving the reasoning task. To show the effectiveness of LLMPHY, we present experiments on our TraySim dataset to predict the steady-state poses of the objects. Our results show that the combination of the LLM and the physics engine leads to state-of-the-art zero-shot physical reasoning performance, while demonstrating superior convergence against standard black-box optimization methods and better estimation of the physical parameters. Further, we show that LLMPHY is capable of solving both continuous and discrete black-box optimization problems.

1 INTRODUCTION

Many recent Large Language models (LLMs) appear to demonstrate the capacity to effectively capture knowledge from vast amounts of multimodal training data and their generative capabilities allow humans to naturally interact with them towards extracting this knowledge for solving challenging real-world problems. This powerful paradigm of LLM-powered problem solving has manifested in a dramatic shift in the manner of scientific pursuit towards modeling research problems attuned to a form that can leverage this condensed knowledge of the LLMs. A few notable such efforts include, but not limited to the use of LLMs for robotic planning (Song et al., 2023; Kim et al., 2024), complex code generation (Tang et al., 2024; Jin et al., 2023), solving optimization problems (Yang et al., 2024; Hao et al., 2024), conduct sophisticated mathematical reasoning (Trinh et al., 2024; Cherian et al., 2024), or even making scientific discoveries (Romera-Paredes et al., 2024).

While current LLMs seem to possess the knowledge of the physical world and may be able to provide a plan for solving a physical reasoning task (Singh et al., 2023; Kim et al., 2024) when crafted in a suitable multimodal format (prompt), their inability to interact with the real world or measure unobservable attributes of the world model, hinders their capability in solving complex physical reasoning problems (Wang et al., 2023; Bakhtin et al., 2019; Riochet et al., 2021; Harter et al., 2020; Xue et al., 2021). Consider for example the scene in Figure 1. Suppose a reasoning model is provided as input only the first image (left-most) and is asked to answer the question:

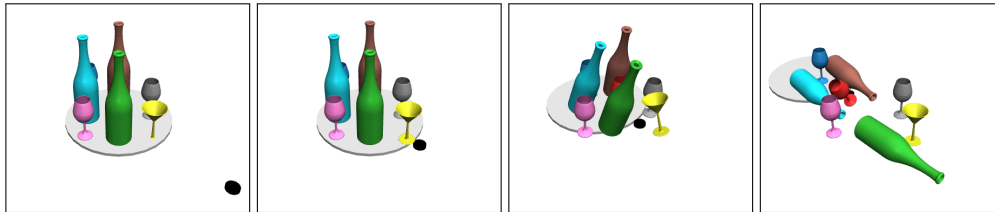


Figure 1: Frames from an example dynamical sequence in our TraySim dataset. The left-most frame shows the first frame of the scene with many objects on the tray and is going to be impacted by a black pusher (right-bottom). The subsequent frames show the state of the system at the 25-th, 50-th, and the 200-th time step (each step is 0.01s). Our task is for a model to reason through the dynamics of the system and predict the stability of each object on the tray at the end of the episode in a zero-shot manner, when provided as input only the *first frame* of the sequence.

Which of the objects will remain upright when the tray is impacted by the black pusher with a velocity of 4.8 m/s?. To answer this question, the model must know the various physical attributes of the system, including the masses of the objects, friction coefficients between the contacts and their respective contact forces, stiffness of the objects, among others. While, a large sophisticated machine learning model (such as an LLM) may be able to provide an educated guess based on the intuitive physics of the system, a useful solution would demand a more intricate reasoning strategy in estimating the real-world physics and dynamics; such complex dynamics may be difficult or even impossible to be correctly learned solely from training data. Conversely, advancements in graphics hardware and software have led to the development of advanced physics engines capable of simulating realistic world models Makoviychuk et al. (2021); Bear et al. (2021); Todorov et al. (2012); Gan et al. (2020). Thus, rather than having the LLM to learn the world physics, our key idea is to consider using a physics engine in tandem with the LLM, where the LLM may use its world knowledge for generating scene-based reasoning hypotheses while the simulator is used to verify them within the physical world model.

To study this problem, we consider the novel task of predicting the dynamics of objects and their stability under the influence of an impact – an important problem for a variety of robotic applications (Gasparetto et al., 2015; Ahmed et al., 2020). In this paper, we consider this problem in a challenging setting using our new dataset, *TraySim*, in which the impact is caused by a pusher colliding to a tray that holds several objects of varied sizes, masses, and centers of gravity, with the goal of predicting the dynamics of each of the object instances. We cast this task as that of answering physical reasoning questions. Specifically, as illustrated in Figure 1, TraySim includes simulated video sequences consisting of a tray with an arbitrary number of objects on it and given the first video frame of a given scene, the task of the reasoning model is to infer which of the objects on the tray will remain upright after the impact when the system has stabilized. As is clear from Figure 1, solving this task will require the model to derive details regarding the physical properties of each of the objects and their contacts, as well as have the ability to imagine the system’s dynamics through multi-body interactions influenced by the various internal and external forces from the impact. Our task presents a challenging reasoning setup for current machine learning models, including LLMs.

To solve this task, we propose LLMPHy, a black-box optimization setup combining an LLM with a physics engine that leverages the program synthesis abilities of the LLM to communicate with the engine for solving our task. LLMPHy operates in two phases: i) a parameter estimation phase, where LLMPHy is used as a continuous black-box optimization module towards inferring the physical parameters of the objects, including the friction, stiffness, damping, etc. from a given example video sequence, and ii) a scene understanding phase, where the LLM-simulator combination is used as a discrete black-box optimizer to reconstruct the problem layout for synthesizing the setup within the simulator for execution. Our framework builds a feedback loop between the LLM and the physics engine, where the LLM generates programs using its estimates of physical attributes; the programs are executed in the simulator, and the error from the simulations are fed back to the LLM as prompts to refine its estimates until a suitable convergence criteria is met. Note that we do not assume any differentiability properties of the simulator, which makes our setup highly general. This allows the approach to function as a black-box optimization framework, enabling its use with a wide range of simulators without the need for gradient-based methods.

While we may generate unlimited data using our simulation program, given the zero-shot nature of our setup, we synthesized 100 sequences in our *TraySim* dataset to demonstrate the effectiveness of LLMPhy. Each sample in *TraySim* has two video sequences: i) the task sequence of which only the first frame is given to a reasoning agent, and ii) a parameter-estimation video sequence which has a lesser number of instances of each of the object types appearing in the task sequence; the latter sequence has an entirely different layout and dynamics of objects. To objectively evaluate the performance, we cast the task as a physical question answering problem, where the LLM is required to select the correct subset of answers from the given candidate answers. Our results on *TraySim* show that LLMPhy leads to promising improvements in performance against alternatives, including using Bayesian optimization, CMA-ES, and solely using an LLM for physical reasoning. Interestingly, we also find that LLMPhy estimates the physical parameters better and powerful recent LLMs – such as OpenAI o1-preview – show trends of superior optimization convergence.

Before moving forward, we summarize below our main contributions:

- We consider the novel task of reasoning over complex physics of a highly dynamical system by combining LLMs with non-differentiable physics engines.
- We propose a zero-shot reasoning framework LLMPhy, that combines the reasoning and program synthesis abilities of an LLM with the realistic simulation abilities of a physics engine. This approach is used to estimate the physical parameters of the model, the scene layout, and synthesizing the dynamical scene for inferring the solution.
- We introduce a novel synthetic multi-view dataset: *TraySim*, to study this task. The dataset consists of 100 scenes for zero-shot evaluation.
- Our experiments using LLMPhy on the *TraySim* dataset demonstrate promising results against related baselines, highlighting its potential for tackling complex physics-based reasoning tasks that involves both discrete and continuous optimization sub-tasks.

2 RELATED WORKS

Large language models (LLMs) demonstrate remarkable reasoning skills across a variety of domains, highlighting their versatility and adaptability. They have shown proficiency in managing complex conversations (Glaese et al., 2022; Thoppilan et al., 2022), engaging in methodical reasoning processes (Wei et al., 2022; Kojima et al., 2022), planning (Huang et al., 2022), tackling mathematical challenges (Lewkowycz et al., 2022; Polu et al., 2022), and even generating code to solve problems (Chen et al., 2021). As we start to incorporate LLMs into physically embodied systems, it’s crucial to thoroughly assess their ability for physical reasoning. However, there has been limited investigation into the physical reasoning capabilities of LLMs.

In the field of language-based physical reasoning, previous research has mainly concentrated on grasping physical concepts and the attributes of different objects. (Zellers et al., 2018) introduced grounded commonsense inference, merging natural language inference with commonsense reasoning. Meanwhile, (Bisk et al., 2020) developed the task of physical commonsense reasoning and a corresponding benchmark dataset, discovering that pretrained models often lack an understanding of fundamental physical properties. (Aroca-Ouellette et al., 2021) introduced a probing dataset that evaluates physical reasoning through multiple-choice questions. This dataset tests both causal and masked language models in a zero-shot context. However, many leading pretrained models struggle with reasoning about physical interactions, particularly when answer choices are reordered or questions are rephrased. (Tian et al., 2023) explored creative problem-solving capabilities of modern LLMs in constrained setting. They automatically generate dataset consisting of real-world problems deliberately designed to trigger innovative usage of objects and necessitate out-of-the-box thinking. (Wang et al., 2023) presented a benchmark designed to assess the physics reasoning skills of large language models (LLMs). It features a range of object-attribute pairs and questions aimed at evaluating the physical reasoning capabilities of various mainstream language models across foundational, explicit, and implicit reasoning tasks. The results indicate that while models like GPT-4 demonstrate strong reasoning abilities in scenario-based tasks, they are less consistent in object-attribute reasoning compared to human performance.

In addition to harnessing LLMs for physical reasoning, recent works have used LLMs for optimization. The main focus has been on targeted optimization for employing LLMs to produce prompts that

improves performance of another LLM. (Yang et al., 2024) shows that LLMs are able to find good-quality solutions simply through prompting on small-scale optimization problems. They demonstrate the ability of LLMs to optimize prompts where the goal is to find a prompt that maximizes the task accuracy. The applicability of various optimization methods depends on whether the directional feedback information is available. In cases when the directional feedback is available, one can choose efficient gradient-based optimization methods (Sun et al., 2019). However, in scenarios without directional feedback, black-box optimization methods (Terayama et al., 2021) are useful such as Bayesian optimization (Mockus, 1974), Multi-Objective BO (Konakovic Lukovic et al., 2020) and CMA-ES (Hansen & Ostermeier, 2001). Only a limited number of studies have explored the potential of LLMs for general optimization problems. (Guo et al., 2023) shows that LLMs gradually produce new solutions for optimizing an objective function, with their pretrained knowledge significantly influencing their optimization abilities. (Nie et al., 2024) study factors that make an optimization process challenging in navigating a complex loss function. They conclude that LLM-based optimizer’s performance varies with the type of information the feedback carries, and given proper feedback, LLMs can strategically improve over past outputs. In contrast to these prior works, our goal in this work is to combine an LLM with a physics engine for physics based optimization.

Our work is inspired by the early work on neural de-rendering (Wu et al., 2017) that re-simulates a scene using a physics engine or synthesizing realistic scenes for physical understanding Bear et al. (2021). A recent prior work that has a similar motivation to ours is (Liu et al., 2022) that uses a language model to use the given question to produce a program for a simulator, these simulation results are appended to the input prompts of language model for answer generation during inference. Their method can serve as a plug-and-play framework that works with any language model and requires neither handcrafted prompts nor costly fine-tuning. More recently, in SimLM (Memery et al., 2023), a framework predicting the parameters of projectile motion by an LLM using a physics simulator. However, these works uses relatively simplistic physical settings and does not involve an LLM-simulator loop for optimization, which is one of our key contributions. We also note that there have been physically-plausible video synthesis approaches (Ehrhardt et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2025), however our focus is on black-box optimization using an LLM as a program synthesizer in a symbolic (program) space for solving reasoning tasks than pixel-wise generation of video frames.

3 PROPOSED METHOD

The purpose of this work is to enable LLMs to perform physics-based reasoning in a zero-shot manner. Although LLMs may possess knowledge of physical principles that are learned from their training data, state-of-the-art models struggle to effectively apply this knowledge when solving specific problems. This limitation, we believe, is due to the inability of the model to interact with the scene to estimate its physical parameters, which are essential and needs to be used in the physics models for reasoning, apart from the stochastic attributes implicit in any such system. While, an LLM may be trained to implicitly model the physics given a visual scene – e.g., generative models such as SoRA¹, Emu-video Girdhar et al. (2023), etc., may be considered as world model simulators – training such models for given scenes may demand exorbitant training data and compute cycles. Instead, in this paper, we seek an alternative approach by leveraging the recent advancements in realistic physics simulation engines, and use such simulators as a tool accessible to the LLM for solving its given physical reasoning task. Specifically, we attempt to solve the reasoning task as that of equipping the LLM to model and solve the problem using the simulator, and for which we leverage on the LLM’s code generation ability as a bridge. In the following sections, we expisit the technical details involved in achieving this LLM-physics engine synergy.

3.1 PROBLEM SETUP

Suppose $\mathbf{X}^v = \langle \mathbf{x}_1^v, \mathbf{x}_2^v, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T^v \rangle$ denote a video sequence with T frames capturing the dynamics of a system from a camera viewpoint v . We will omit the superscript v when referring to all the views jointly. In our setup, we assume the scene consists of a circular disk (let us call it a *tray*) of a given radius, friction, and mass. Further, let \mathcal{C} denote a set of object types, e.g., in Figure 1, there are three types of objects: a *bottle*, a *martini glass*, and a *wine glass*. The tray is assumed to hold a maximum of K object instances, the k -th instance is denoted o_k ; K being a perfect square. To simplify our

¹<https://openai.com/index/sora/>

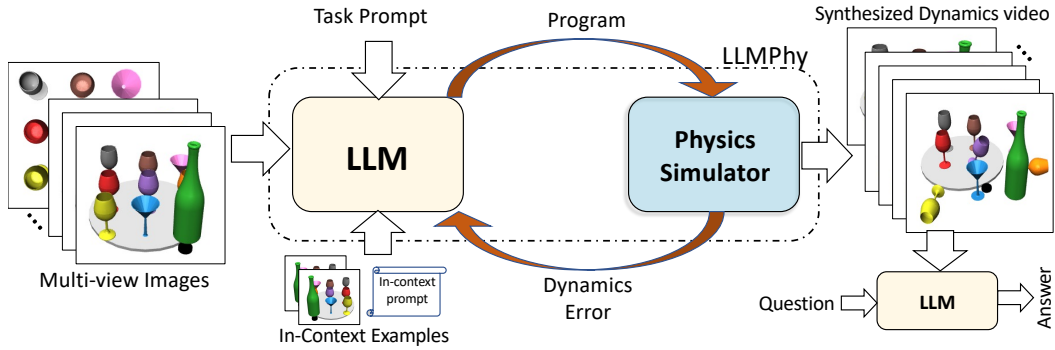


Figure 2: Illustration of the key components of LLMPHy and the control flow between LLM, physics simulator, and the varied input modalities and examples.

setup, we assume that the instances on the tray are arranged on a $\sqrt{K} \times \sqrt{K}$ regular grid. If the number of instances used in a task example is less than K , then some of the positions on this grid will be left empty. We further assume that the masses of the objects in \mathcal{C} are given during inference, while other physical attributes, denoted as Φ_c for all objects $c \in \mathcal{C}$, are *unknown* and identical for objects of the same type. In line with the standard Mass-Spring-Damping (MSD) dynamical system, we consider the following set of contact physics parameters $\Phi_c \in \mathbb{R}^4$ for each object class: i) coefficient of sliding friction, ii) stiffness, iii) damping, and iv) the rotational inertia (also called armature). To be clear, we do not assume or use any physics model in our optimization pipeline, and our setup is entirely black-box, but the selection of these optimization physics parameters is inspired by the MSD model. We assume the objects do not have any rotational or spinning friction. While the instances o_k of the same type are assumed to share the same physics parameters, they differ in their visual attributes such as color or shape. The tray is impacted by a pusher p that starts at a fixed location and is given an initial velocity of p_s towards the tray. The pusher is assumed to have a fixed mass and known physical attributes, and the direction of impact is assumed to coincide with the center of the circular tray.

3.2 PROBLEM FORMULATION

With the notation above, we are now ready to formally state our problem. In our setup, we define an input task instance as: $\mathcal{T} = (\{\mathbf{x}_g^v\}_{v \in |\mathcal{V}|}, p_s, Q, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{I}, \mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}})$, where \mathbf{x}_g is the first frame of a video sequence \mathbf{X} with \mathcal{V} views, p_s is the initial velocity of the pusher p , Q is a question text describing the task, and \mathcal{O} is a set of answer candidates for the question. The goal of our reasoning agent is to select the correct answer set $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{O}$. The notation $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ denotes the subset of object classes that are used in the given task example \mathcal{T} . In this paper, we assume the question is the same for all task examples, i.e., *which of the object instances on the tray will remain steady when impacted by the pusher with a velocity of p_s ?* We also assume to have been given a few in-context examples \mathcal{I} that familiarises the LLM on the structure of the programs it should generate. We found that such examples embedded in the prompt are essential for the LLM to restrict its generative skills to the problem at hand, while we emphasize that the knowledge of these in-context examples will not by themselves help the LLM to correctly solve a given test example.

As it is physically unrealistic to solve the above setup using only a single image (or multiple views of the same time-step), especially when different task examples have distinct dynamical physics parameters Φ for $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}$, we also assume to have access to an additional video sequence $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ associated with the given task example \mathcal{T} containing the same set of objects as in \mathbf{x}_g but in a different layout and potentially containing a smaller number of object instances. The purpose of having $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ is to estimate the physics parameters of the objects in \mathbf{x}_g , so that these parameters can then be used to conduct physical reasoning for solving \mathcal{T} . Note that this setup closely mirrors how humans would solve such a reasoning task. Indeed, humans may pick up and interact with some object instances in the scene to understand their physical properties, before applying sophisticated reasoning on a complex setup. Without any loss of generality, we assume the pusher velocity in $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ is fixed across all such auxiliary sequences and is different from p_s , which varies across examples.

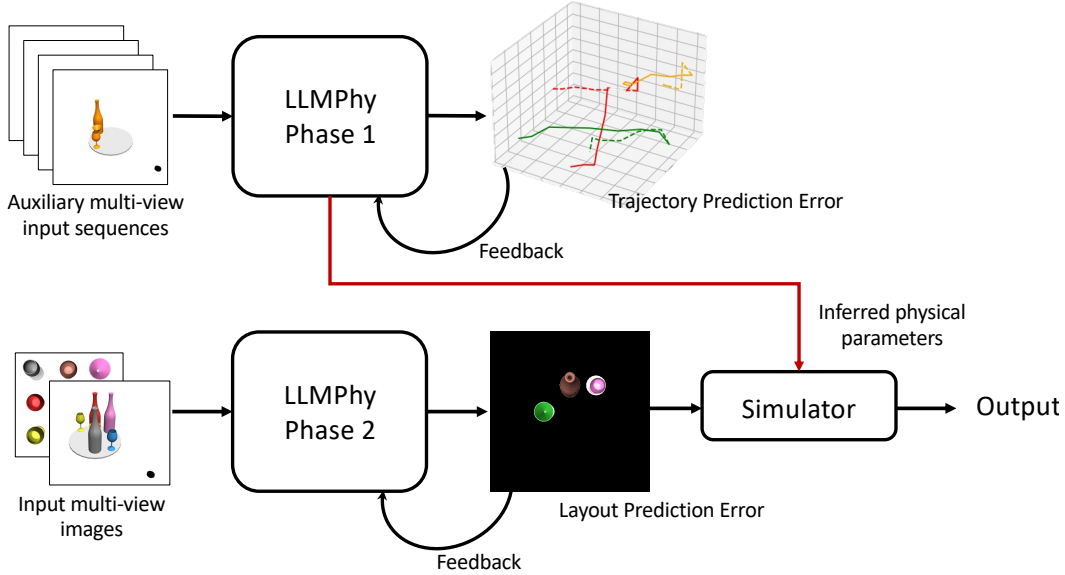


Figure 3: Full architecture of the two phases in LLMPhy. In Phase 1, we use the auxiliary video sequences from which the trajectories of motion of the objects on the tray are extracted and LLMPhy uses continuous black-box optimization using program synthesis and simulation for implicitly estimating the physical parameters of these objects to reproduce their trajectories. In Phase 2, we use LLMPhy as a discrete optimizer to reproduce the scene layout where the layout estimation error is used as feedback to improve the synthesized LLMPhy program. Finally, the layout and the physics parameters are used to synthesize the full scene to find the outcome of the pusher impact using the problem specific parameters, e.g., pusher velocity and location (not shown in the figure).

3.3 COMBINING LLMs AND PHYSICS ENGINES FOR PHYSICAL REASONING

In this section, our proposed LLMPhy method for our solving physical reasoning task is outlined. Figure 2 illustrates our setup. Since LLMs on their own may be incapable of performing physical reasoning over a given task example, we propose combining the LLM with a physics engine. The physics engine provides the constraints of the world model and evaluates the feasibility of the reasoning hypothesis generated by the LLMs. This setup provides feedback to the LLM that enables it reflect on and improve its reasoning. Effectively solving our proposed task demands inferring two key entities: i) the physical parameters of the setup, and ii) layout of the task scene for simulation using physics to solve the task. We solve for each of these sub-tasks in two distinct phases as detailed below. Figure 3 illustrates our detailed architecture, depicting the two phases and their interactions.

3.3.1 LLMPhy PHASE 1: INFERRING PHYSICAL PARAMETERS

As described above, given the task example \mathcal{T} , LLMPhy uses the task auxiliary video $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$ to infer the physical attributes Φ of the object classes in \mathcal{C} . Note that these physical attributes are specific to each task example. Suppose $\tau : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times T \times |\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}|}$ be a function that extracts the 3D physical trajectories of length T of each of the objects in the given video $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}} \in \mathcal{X}$, where \mathcal{X} denotes the set of all videos. Recall that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}$ denotes the subset of object types that appear in the given task example.

Suppose LLM_1 denotes the LLM used in Phase 1, which takes as input the in-context examples $\mathcal{I}_1 \subset \mathcal{I}$ and the object trajectories from $\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}$, and is tasked to produce a program $\pi(\Phi) \in \Pi$, where Π denotes the set of all programs. Further, let $\text{SIM} : \Pi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times T \times |\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}}|}$ be a physics-based simulator that takes as input a program $\pi(\Phi) \in \Pi$, executes it, and produce the trajectories of objects described by the program using the physics attributes. Then, the objective of Phase 1 of LLMPhy can be described as:

$$\Phi^* = \arg \min_{\Phi} \|\text{LLMPhy}_1(\pi(\Phi) \mid \tau(\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}}), \mathcal{I}_1) - \tau(\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{T}})\|^2, \quad (1)$$

where $\text{LLMPhy}_1 = \text{SIM} \circ \text{LLM}_1$ is the composition of the simulator and the LLM through the generated program, with the goal of estimating the correct physical attributes of the system Φ . Note that the notation $\pi(\Phi)$ means the generated program takes as argument the physics parameters Φ which is what we desire to optimize using the LLM.

3.3.2 LLMPhy PHASE 2: SIMULATING TASK EXAMPLE

The second phase of LLMPhy involves applying the inferred physical parameters Φ for the object classes in \mathcal{C} to solve the task problem described in \mathbf{x}_g , i.e., the original multi-view task images (see Figure 3). This involves two steps: i) understanding the scene layout (i.e., where the various object instances are located on the tray, their classes, and attributes (e.g., color); this is important as we assume that different type of objects have distinct physical attributes, and ii) using the physical attributes and the object layout to produce code that can be executed in the physics engine to simulate the full dynamics of the system to infer the outcome; i.e., our idea is to use the simulator to synthesize a dynamical task video from the given input task images, and use the ending frames of this synthesized video to infer the outcome (see Figure 2).

Suppose LLM_2 denotes the LLM used in Phase 2, which takes as input the multi-view task images \mathbf{x}_g , the physical attributes Φ^* , and Phase 2 in-context examples $\mathcal{I}_2 \subset \mathcal{I}$ to produce a program $\pi(\Psi) \in \Pi$ that reproduces the scene layout parameters, i.e., the triplet $\Psi = \{(\text{class}, \text{location}, \text{color})\}_k$ for each instance. The objective for estimating the layout parameters Ψ can be written as:

$$\Psi^* = \arg \min_{\Psi} \|\text{LLMPhy}_2(\pi(\Psi) \mid \mathbf{x}_g, \mathcal{I}_2) - \mathbf{x}_g\|^2, \quad (2)$$

where $\text{LLMPhy}_2 = \text{SIM} \circ \text{LLM}_2$. Once the correct layout parameters Ψ^* are estimated, we can produce a video sequence $\hat{\mathbf{X}} \mid \Psi^*, \Phi^*$ using the simulator, and which can then be used for solving the problem by selecting an answer subset \mathcal{A} from the answer options \mathcal{O} . We may use an LLM or extract the state of the instances within the simulator to solve the question-answering task.

3.4 OPTIMIZING LLM-SIMULATOR COMBINATION

In Alg. 1, we detail the steps for optimizing LLMPhy. Given that we assume the simulator might be non-differentiable, we frame this as a black-box optimization problem. Here, the optimization variables are sampled based on the inductive bias and the knowledge of physics learned by the LLM from its large corpora of training data. The LLM generates samples over multiple trials, which are then validated using the simulator. The resulting error is used to refine the LLM’s hyperparameter search. A key insight of our approach is that, since the hyperparameters in our setup have physical interpretations in the real world, a knowledgeable LLM should be capable of selecting them appropriately by considering the error produced by its previous choices. In order for the LLM to know the history of its previous choices and the corresponding error produced, we augment the LLM prompt with this optimization trace from the simulator at each step.

Algorithm 1 Pseudo-code describing the key steps in optimizing LLMPhy for Phases 1 and 2.

Require: \mathbf{X}, Λ ▷ \mathbf{X} is the input data, and Λ is the desired result.
 prompt \leftarrow 'task prompt' ▷ We assume here a suitable prompt for the LLM.
for $i = 1$ to max_steps **do**
 $\pi \leftarrow \text{LLM}(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{I}, \text{prompt})$ ▷ Generated program π is assumed to have the optimization hyperparameters.
 $\hat{\Lambda} \leftarrow \text{SIM}(\pi)$ ▷ SIM reproduced result from π .
 error $\leftarrow \|\Lambda - \hat{\Lambda}\|^2$
 if error $\leq \epsilon$ **then**
 return π
 else
 prompt $\leftarrow \text{concat}(\text{prompt}, \pi, \text{concat}(\text{"Error ="}, \text{error}))$
 end if
end for

4 EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

In this section, we detail our simulation setup used to build our TraySim dataset, followed by details of other parts of our framework, before presenting our results.

4.1 SIMULATION SETUP

As discussed in the previous section, we are determining the physical characteristics of our simulation using a physics engine. MuJoCo Todorov et al. (2012) was used to setup the simulation and compute the rigid body interactions within the scene. It is important to note that any physics engine capable of computing the forward dynamics of a multi-body system can be integrated within our framework. This is because LLMPHy implicitly estimates the outcome of a scene based on the specific physical laws the engine is computing. To be clear, LLMPHy does not assume any physical model of the world and operates entirely as a black-box optimizer. The world model is entirely captured by the physics engine that executes the program LLMPHy produces.

The simulation environment is build upon a template of the *World*, \mathcal{W} , which contains the initial parametrization of our model of Newtonian physics. This includes the gravity vector \mathbf{g} , time step, and contact formulation, but also graphical and rendering parameters later invoked by the LLM when executing the synthesized program. MuJoCo uses internally a soft contact model to compute for instance complementarity constraints; in our implementation we use a non-linear sigmoid function that allows a very small inter-body penetration and increases the simulation stability during abrupt accelerations. We use elliptic friction cones to replicate natural contacts more closely. We further take advantage of the model architecture of MuJoCo by programatically inserting arbitrary objects o_k from the classes in \mathcal{C} into the scene, as described in Section 3.1. For each parametric object class in \mathcal{C} , we generate an arbitrary appearance and physical attributes such as static friction, stiffness, damping, and armature. An arbitrary number of object instances are created from each class (up to a provided limit on their total number) and placed at randomly chosen positions on a regular grid (scene layout). The graphical renderer is used to record the frame sequences \mathbf{X} corresponding to five orthogonally placed cameras around the *World* origin, including a top-down camera. In addition, we support panoptic segmentation of all objects in the scene and store the corresponding masks for arbitrarily chosen keyframes. The simulated data also contains privileged information such the pusher-tray contact information (*i.e.* force, location, velocity, time stamp), and the stability information for each object, $\mathcal{S}_k = \{1 | \arccos(\mathbf{g}, O\mathbf{z}_k) < \alpha, 0 | otherwise\}$, where \mathbf{g} is the gravity vector, $O\mathbf{z}_k$ is the upright direction of object k and α is an arbitrarily chosen allowable tilt. In our experiments, we use $\alpha = 45^\circ$.

Other than the physics parametrization of each object class \mathcal{C} and the scene layout $\cup o_k$, the outcome of the simulation for sequence \mathbf{X} is given by the initial conditions of the pusher object p , namely its initial velocity $\dot{\mathbf{p}}_s$ and position \mathbf{p}_s . The usual torque representation is used:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{I}_C \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{I}_C \boldsymbol{\omega}, \quad (3)$$

which relates the angular acceleration α and angular velocity $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ to the objects torque $\boldsymbol{\tau}$. The simulator computes in the end the motion of each object based on the contact dynamics model given by:

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q})\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \mathbf{S}_a^T \boldsymbol{\tau} + \mathbf{S}_u^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}_u + \mathbf{J}_c^T(\mathbf{q}) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_c, \quad (4)$$

where $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_a+n_u) \times (n_a+n_u)}$ is the mass matrix; $\mathbf{q} \triangleq [\mathbf{q}_a^T, \mathbf{q}_u^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a+n_u}$ are generalized coordinates; and $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a+n_u}$ represents the gravitational, centrifugal, and the Coriolis term. The selector matrices $\mathbf{S}_a = [\mathbb{I}_{n_a \times n_a} \mathbf{0}_{n_a \times n_u}]$ and $\mathbf{S}_u = [\mathbf{0}_{n_u \times n_a} \mathbb{I}_{n_u \times n_u}]$ select the vector of generalized joint forces $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a}$ for the *actuated* joints n_a , or $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_u \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$ which are the generalized contact forces of the *unactuated* DOF created by the dynamics model, respectively. $\mathbf{J}_c(\mathbf{q}) \in \mathbb{R}^{6n_c \times (n_a+n_u)}$ is the Jacobian matrix and $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_c \in \mathbb{R}^{6n_c}$ are the generalized contact forces at n_c contact points. In our simulated environment, only the pusher object p has actuated joints which sets its initial velocity and heading, while the rest of the joints are either unactuated or created by contacts. The state of the system is represented by $\mathbf{s} \triangleq [\mathbf{q}^T \dot{\mathbf{q}}^T]^T$.

4.2 TRAYSIM DATASET

Using the above setup, we created 100 task sequences using object classes $\mathcal{C} = \{\text{wine glass, martini glass, bottle}\}$ with object instances from these classes arranged roughly in a

3×3 matrix on the tray. The instance classes and the number of instances are randomly chosen with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9. Each task sequence is associated with an auxiliary sequence for parameter estimation that contains at least one object instance from every class of object appearing in the task images. For example, if a task image (that is, the first image in a task sequence) has 3 bottles, then we will have a bottle in the auxiliary sequence. We assume each instance is defined by a triplet: (color, type, location), where the color is unique across all the instances on the tray so that it can be identified across the multi-view images, especially when some views occlude some of the instances. The physical parameters of the objects are assumed to be the same for both the task sequences and the auxiliary sequences, and instances of the same object classes have the same physical parameters.

When generating each problem instance in the TraySim dataset, the physical parameters of the object classes are randomly chosen within the following ranges: sliding friction in (0.1, 1], inertia and stiffness in (0, 1), and damping in (0, 10). We assume a fixed and known mass for each object type across problem instances, namely we assume a mass of 20 units for bottle, 10 units for martini glass, and 4 units for the wine glass. The tray used a mass of 0.5 and the pusher with a mass 20. Further, for both the task and the auxiliary sequences we assume the pusher is located at the same initial location in the scene. However, for all the auxiliary sequences, we assume the pusher moves with an initial (x, y) velocity of (-4.8, -4.8) m/s towards the tray, while for the task sequences, this velocity could be arbitrary (but given in the problem question), with each component of velocity in the range of [-7, -3] m/s. We further assume that the pusher impact direction coincides with the center of the circular tray in all problem instances.

Each sequence was rendered using the simulator for 200 time steps, each step has a duration of 0.01s. We used the last video frame from the task sequence to check the stability of each instance. Specifically, if the major axis of an object instance in the last frame of a task sequence makes an angle of more than 45 degrees with the ground plane, then we deem that instance as *stable*. We randomly select five object instances and create a multiple choice candidate answer set for the question-answering task, where the ground truth answer is the subset of the candidates that are deemed upright in the last frame.

4.3 LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL

We use the OpenAI o1-mini² text-based LLM for our Phase 1 experiments and GPT-4o³ vision-and-language model in Phase 2. Note that our Phase 1 is an entirely text-based LLM as we pre-extract the object trajectories. At the time of this writing, OpenAI o1-mini model does not support visual inputs, and thus we use the GPT-4o model in Phase 2.

Phase 1: In this phase, we provide as input to the LLM four items: i) a prompt describing the problem setup, the qualitative parameters of the objects (such as mass, height, size of tray, etc.) and the task description, ii) in-context examples consisting of sample trajectories of the object instances from its example auxiliary sequence, iii) an in-context program example that, for the given example auxiliary sequence trajectories, shows their physical parameters and the output structure, and iv) auxiliary task sequence trajectories (from the sequence for which the physical parameters have to be estimated) and a prompt describing what the LLM should do. The in-context example is meant to guide the LLM to understand the setup we have, the program structure we expect the LLM to synthesize, and our specific APIs that need to be called from the synthesized program to reconstruct the scene in our simulator. Please see our Appendix for an example of the full prompt that we use. When iterating over the LLM predictions, we augment the above prompt with the history of all the estimations of the physical parameters that the LLM produced in the previous iterations (extracted from the then generated code) and the ℓ_2 norm between the generated and ground truth object trajectories for each object instance in the auxiliary sequence, with an additional prompt to the LLM as follows: “*We ran your code in our simulator using the physical parameters you provided below... The error in the prediction of the trajectories using these physical parameters is given below. Can you refine your code to make the trajectories look more similar to the ones in given ...? Your written code should strictly follow the same code structure as provided in ...*”.

²<https://openai.com/index/openai-o1-mini-advancing-cost-efficient-reasoning/>

³<https://openai.com/index/hello-gpt-4o/>

Phase 2: The goal of the LLM in Phase 2 is to predict the object instance triplet from the multi-view task images. Towards this end, the LLM generates code that incorporates these triplets, so that when this code is executed, the simulator will reproduce the scene layout. Similar to Phase 1, we provide to the LLM an in-context example for guiding its code generation, where this in-context example contains multi-view images and the respective program, with the goal that the LLM learns the relation between parts of the code and the respective multi-view images, and use this knowledge to write code to synthesize the layout of the provided task images. When iterating over the optimization steps, we compute an error feedback to the LLM to improve its previously generated code, where the feedback consists of the following items: i) the program that the LLM synthesized in the previous optimization step, ii) the PSNR between the task image and the simulated image (top-down views), and iii) the color of the object instances in error⁴. Using this feedback, the Phase 2 LLM is prompted to fix the code associated with the triplets in error. Our feedback prompt in Phase 2 thus looks like in the following example: *“The chat history below shows a previous attempt of GPT-4o in generating Python code to reproduce the task images For each attempt, we ran the GPT-4o generated code in our simulator and found mistakes. Below we provide the code GPT produced, as well as the PSNR of the generated image against the given top-down image. Can you refine your code to reproduce the task images correctly? You should not change any part of the code corresponding to correctly inferred objects. { code ...}. Colors of the objects in the code above that are misplaced: colors = {‘orange’, ‘purple’, ‘cyan’}. PSNR for the generated image against given top-down image = 39.2 Please check the locations of these objects in task_image_top_view_1.png and fix the code accordingly.”.*

LLMPhy Settings: We compute the trajectory reconstruction error in Phase 1 where the synthesized program from the LLM containing the estimated physics parameters is executed in the simulator to produce the motion trajectory of the center of gravity of the instances. We sample the trajectory for every 10 steps and compute the L2 norm between the input and reconstructed trajectories. We use a maximum of 30 LLM-simulator iterations in Phase 1 and use the best reconstruction error to extract the parameters. For Phase 2, we use the PSNR in the reconstruction of the first frame by the simulator using the instance triplets predicted by the LLM in the generated program. We used a maximum of 5 LLMPhy iterations for this phase. As the LLM queries are expensive, we stopped the iterations when the trajectory prediction error is below 0.1 on average for Phase 1 and when the PSNR is more than 45 dB for Phase 2.

In Figure 4, we illustrate the experimental setup using an example from the TraySim dataset. Specifically, the inputs for the two phases are depicted, where Phase 2 consists of multiview images from the first time step, while the corresponding Phase 1 input consists of an object instance from each object class used in Phase 2, however have multiview sequences from which the motion trajectories of each instance is extracted using the simulator. In Figure 4, we omit the task question, which is the same text for all problems in our dataset except for the pusher velocity, which differs between problem instances. We also show the answer options, of which more than one option may be correct. The right-most sub-figures show the ground truth outcome of the pusher impact.

How sensitive are the physics parameters to influence the outcome? In Figure 5, we show three Phase 1 sequences consisting of the same objects and their layout, however varying the physics attributes as shown in the histogram plots. The pusher velocity is fixed for all the sequences. As can be seen from the figure, varying the parameters result in entirely different stability for the objects after the impact, substantiating that the correct inference of these parameters is important to reproduce the correct the outcome.

Evaluation Metric and Baselines: We consider various types of evaluations in our setup. Specifically, we use the intersection-over-union as our key performance metric that computes the overlap between the sets of LLMPhy produced answers in Phase 2 with the ground truth answer set. We also report the performances for correctly localizing the instances on the tray, which is essential for simulating the correct scene. As ours is a new task and there are no previous approaches that use the composition of LLM and physics engine, we compare our method to approaches that are standard benchmarks for continuous black-box optimization, namely using Bayesian optimization Mockus (1974) and Covariance matrix adaptation evolution strategy (CMA-ES) Hansen & Ostermeier (2001); Hansen (2016).

⁴This is done by inputting a difference image (between the task and synthesized images) to another vision-and-language LLM that is prompted to identify the triplets that are in error

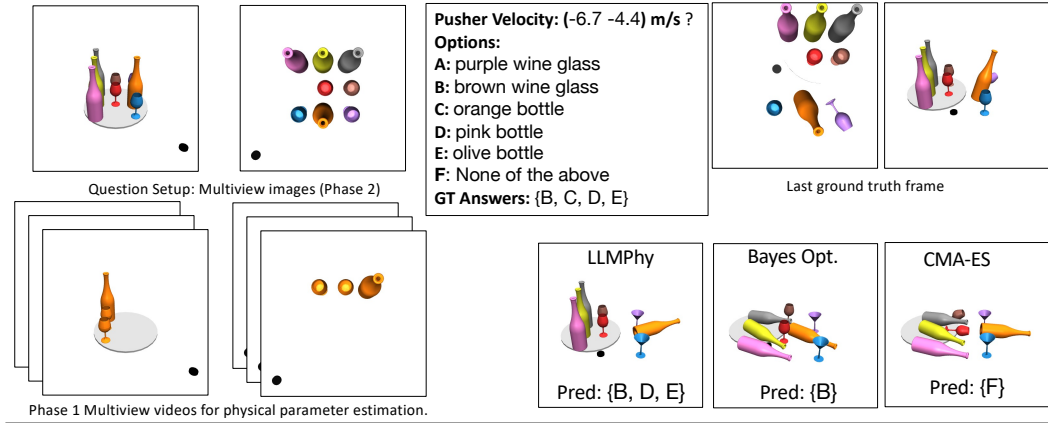


Figure 4: Illustration of our problem setup, specifically the inputs in Phase 1 and Phase 2, the question parameters, options, and the ground truth outcomes.

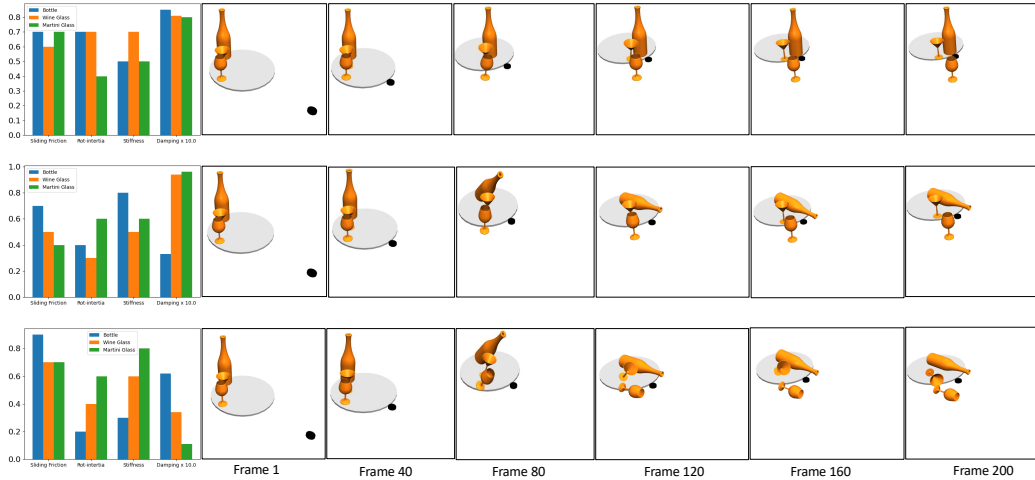


Figure 5: Illustration of the changes in the physical parameters (left histogram, sliding friction, rotation inertia, stiffness, and damping, respectively), and the result of the impact on three objects placed at the same location on the tray (Frame 1) and being impacted by the same force from the pusher. The examples are from the Phase 1 of our dataset. As is clear in the last frame (Frame 200) that changes in the the physical parameters results in entirely different outcomes, substantiating that the estimations of these parameters is important in solving our task.

4.4 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

4.4.1 COMPARISON WITH PRIOR METHODS

In Table 1, we compare the performance of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of LLMPhy to various alternatives and prior black-box optimization methods. Specifically, we see that random choice (Experiment #1) for the two Phases – that is, randomly choosing the physics parameters from the respective range in Phase 1, and random location, type, and objects in the synthesized program in Phase 2 – lead to only 20% accuracy. Next, if we use the Phase 2 multiview images (no Phase 1 or any sequence level information) and directly ask the LLM (GPT-4o in this case) to predict the outcome of the interaction (using the ground truth physics parameters provided), this leads to 32% accuracy as depicted in Phase 2, suggesting the LLM may be able to provide an educated guess based on the provided task images. To clarify, in this experiment, we are measuring the ability of the LLM

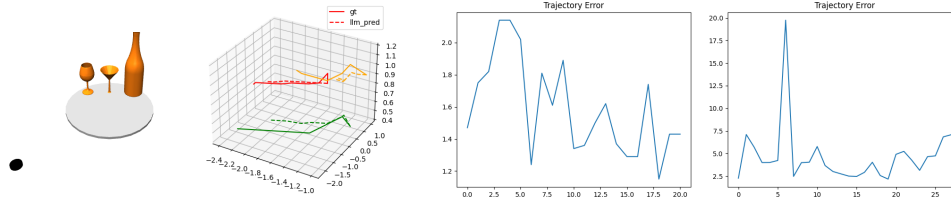


Figure 6: An example first video frame from a Phase 1 sequence (left), the fitted trajectories along the center-of-gravity of motion of the three objects by LLMPhy by estimating the physics parameters (second), the trajectory prediction errors for LLMPhy optimization (third) and that for Bayesian Optimization (fourth); x-axis is the optimization step and y-axis shows the error.

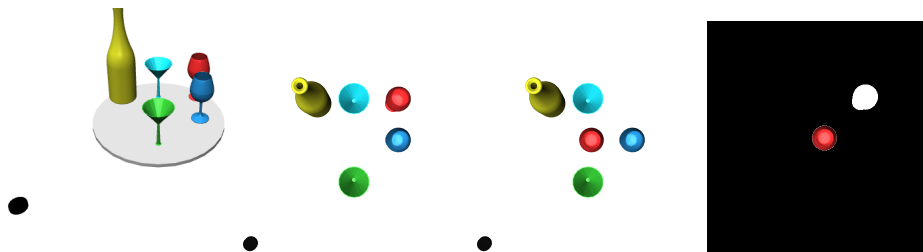


Figure 7: We show an example sequence from Phase 2 for the Phase 1 scene in Figure 6. The first two images show two views that are used as input to our model (i.e., side-view (left) and top-view (second)). In Phase 2, LLMPhy generates a program estimating the object layout, class, and color, and executing this code in the simulator produces the third image using these predicted attributes. The right image shows the estimation error which is used to produce the error signal for improving model prediction.

to directly infer the outcome of the impact by imagining the motion and the impact from the given multiview images (and not sequences). This result is shown in Experiment #2 in the table. In our next Experiment 3, we use LLMPhy for Phase 2, however use random sampling for the physics parameters. We see that this leads to some improvement in performance, given we are using the simulator to synthesize the dynamical scene. Although the performance is lower than ideal because the physics parameters are random and as noted from Figure 5, we know that the outcome is strongly dependent on the physics parameters.

Expt #	Phase 1	Phase 2	Avg. IoU (%)
1	Random	Random	19.0
2	N/A	LLM	32.1
3	Random	LLMPhy	50.8
4	BO (30 iterations)	LLMPhy	59.6
5	CMA-ES (30 iterations)	LLMPhy	59.7
6	LLMPhy (30 iterations)	LLMPhy	62.0
7	BO (100 iterations)	LLMPhy	61.0
8	CMA-ES (100 iterations)	LLMPhy	60.7
9	Ground truth	LLMPhy	65.1

Table 1: Performance analysis of LLMPhy Phase 1 and Phase 2 combinations against various alternatives, including related prior methods. We report the intersection-over-union of the predicted answer options and the ground truth answers in the multiple choice solutions.

In Experiments 4–6, we compare to the various black-box optimization methods for estimating the physics parameters while keeping the Phase 2 inference from LLMPhy as in the Experiment 3.

Method	Color+Loc. (%)	Loc.+Type (%)	Color+Loc.+Type (%)
LLMPhy (best PSNR)	68.7	66.3	56.0
LLMPhy (1 iteration)	50.0	49.3	36.8

Table 2: Experiments presenting the accuracy of generated code compared to the ground truth in Phase 2 of LLMPhy. We report the accuracy of matching the color of the objects, their locations on the 3×3 grid, and their type. We used a maximum of 5 iterations in LLMPhy with feedback to the LLM with history of past PSNRs and their respective synthesized programs.

To be comparable, we used the same number of iterations for all the methods.⁵ As can be noted from the table, LLMPhy leads to better performances compared to other methods in reasoning on the impact outcomes. In Experiments 7–8, we also executed the prior methods for longer number of steps, which improved their performances, however they appear to be still below that of LLMPhy. In Experiment 9, we used the ground truth physics attributes for the respective objects in the simulation, and found 65.1% accuracy, which forms an upper-bound on the accuracy achievable, also suggesting the remaining performance drops (35%) are from the inability of the LLM to correctly estimate the qualitative attributes of the problem layout and the objects.

In Figure 6 and 7, we present a qualitative result from our dataset. We show an example Phase 1 scene, and the predicted trajectories using our method as well as comparison to the optimization using BO. As is clear, for this specific example, LLMPhy shows strong trends of convergence, while BO shows an oscillatory behavior with high prediction error. The second subplot in Figure 6 super-imposes the trajectories predicted by our model, demonstrating the agreement, and efficacy of predicting the physics parameters.

In Table 2, we present the accuracy of LLMPhy in localizing the triplets correctly in Phase 2. We found that with nearly 68% accuracy, our model correctly infers the color and location of the objects, and with an accuracy of 56% in estimating all the triplets (color of the objects, their type, i.e., wine glass, etc., and their location in the 3×3 grid). Note that, interestingly we found that GPT-4o cannot easily imagine the grid layout of our object arrangement on the tray⁶ and needs several iterations through our optimization prompting to improve its results. We illustrate this interesting aspect of GPT-4o in Figure 7, where we show the input image, and its top-down view (second column), and the layout predicted by the LLM (third column). In the last column, we show the difference image between the second and third columns that clearly show the red wine glass being misplaced by the generated code. This result is after 5 iterations of Phase 2 LLM. We see that while the LLMPhy iterations do improve the layout estimation (Table 2), the difference image still shows layout errors, which impacts performance, as the answer options are conditioned the ground truth object instance triplets. For example, inferring an object at location (2,2) of the 3×3 layout grid as a *brown martini glass* instead of a *green wine glass* may result in an entirely different selection from the answer options after the impact simulation.

4.5 DETAILED ANALYSIS

In this section, we make a deeper look into the performances reported in Table 1.

Convergence: In Figure 8(a), we plot the mean convergence (over a subset of the dataset) when using GPT-4o, o1-mini, Bayesian Optimization, and CMA-ES. We also compare the results to the more recent, powerful, expensive, and text-only OpenAI o1-preview LLM model, on a subset of our dataset; these experiments used a maximum of 20 optimization iterations. The convergence trajectories in this figure show that o1-mini and o1-preview perform significantly better than GPT-4o in Phase 1 optimization. Specifically, the o1 model being explicitly trained for solving scientific reasoning appears to be beneficial in our task. Interestingly, we see that o1’s initial convergence is fast, however with longer iterations CMA-ES appears to outperform in minimizing the trajectory error.

⁵For LLMPhy, we are limited by the context window of the LLM (GPT-4o) and the cost, and thus going beyond 30 iterations resulted in the synthesized programs having errors, and thus they could not be executed.

⁶A curious reader might ask why not use computer vision methods to infer the layout triplets? While that may be possible, we believe that is perhaps outside the focus of this study, where our objective is to use an LLM-simulator combination for discrete black-box optimization to show that the error feedback to the LLM can be used to improve its inference.

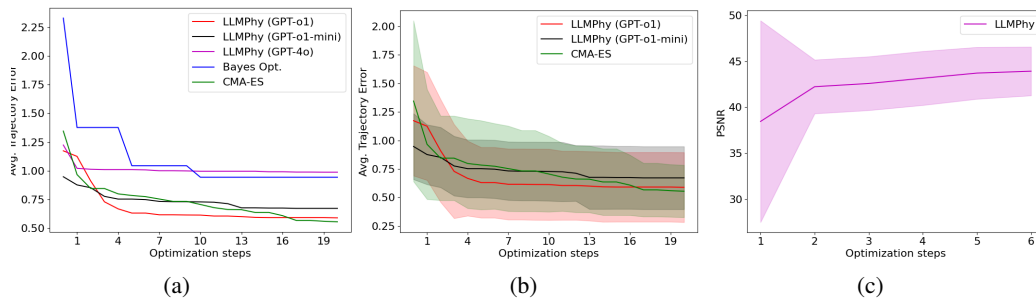


Figure 8: Left: comparison of convergence when using various state-of-the-art LLMs in LLMPhy against Bayesian optimization and CMA-ES. We plot the minimum loss computed thus far in the optimization process against the number of optimization steps. Right two plots show the convergence of LLMPhy and the error variance for Phase 1 and Phase 2. We also compare the convergence using OpenAI o1-preview model as the LLM used in LLMPhy.

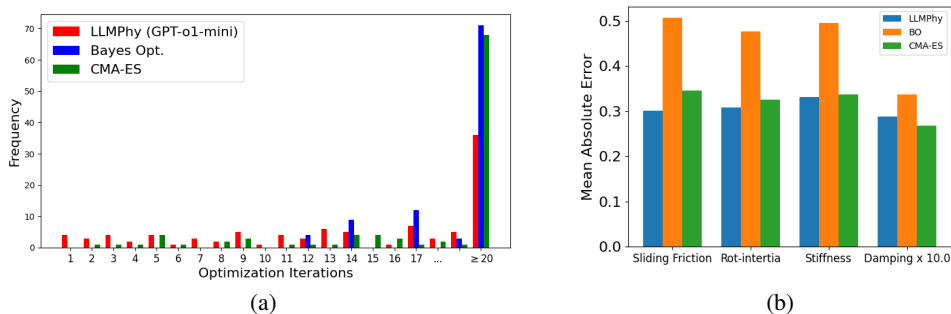


Figure 9: Left: Histogram of the best optimization iteration when using LLMPhy against other methods. Right: Comparison of errors in the estimation of physical parameters using LLMPhy against alternatives using the ground truth physical parameters. Note that the black-box optimization methods are optimized to minimize the trajectory error by implicitly learning the physics parameters.

That being said, the plots in Figure 9(b) and Table 1 points out that having lower trajectory error does not necessarily imply the physical parameters are estimated correctly (as they are implicitly found and are non-linear with regards to the trajectories), and having knowledge of physics in optimization leads to superior results. Further to this, in Figure 9(a), we plot the histogram of best Phase 1 iterations between the various algorithms. Recall that the optimization methods we use are not based on gradients, instead are sampled discrete points, and the optimization approach is to select the next best sample towards minimizing the error. The plot shows that LLMPhy results in its best sample selections happen early on in its iterations than other methods.

In Figure 8(b), we plot the convergence of LLMPhy-Phase 1, alongside plotting the variance in the trajectory error from the estimated physical parameters when used in the simulations. We found that a powerful LLM such as OpenAI o1-mini LLM or o1-preview demonstrates compelling convergence, with the lower bound of variance below that of other models. Our experiments suggest that better LLMs may lead to even stronger results.

In Figure 8(c), we plot the convergence of LLMPhy Phase 2 iterations improving the PSNR between the synthesized (using the program) and the provide task images. As is clear, their correctness of the program improves over iterations. We would like to emphasize that BO and CMA-ES are continuous optimization methods and thus cannot optimize over the discrete space of Phase 2 layout. This is an important benefit of using LLMPhy for optimization that can operate on both continuous and discrete state spaces.

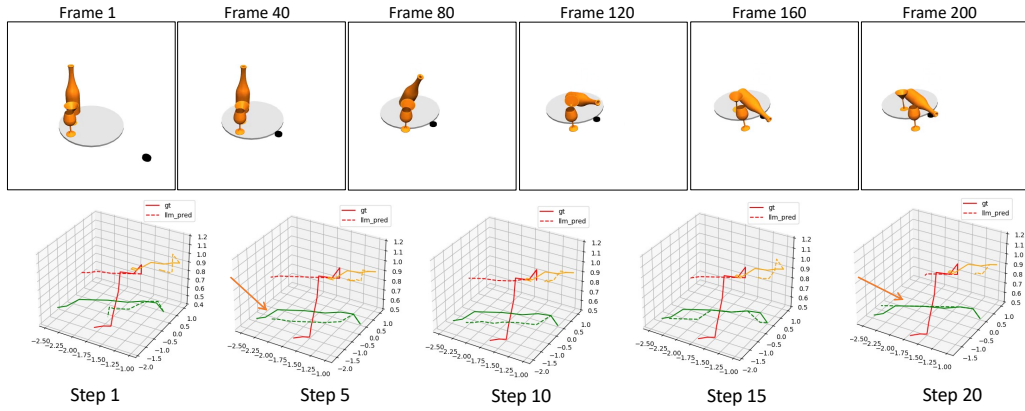


Figure 10: We show an example Phase 1 sequence (top). Below, we plot the motion trajectories for each of the objects in the frames and the predicted trajectories by LLMPhy from the optimization steps. The trajectory plots (below) show the ground truth trajectory (gt) and the predicted trajectory (llm_pred), and as the iterations continue, we can see improvements in the alignment of the predicted and the ground truth object trajectories (as pointed out by the arrows).

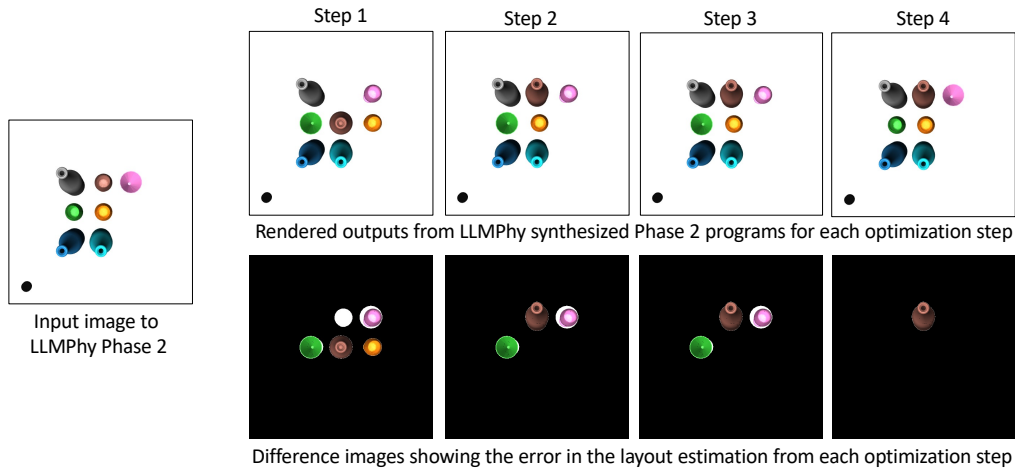


Figure 11: We show qualitative results from LLMPhy Phase 2 iterations. The input Phase 2 image is shown on the left. The top row shows the images produced by the simulator using the layout prediction code generated by LLMPhy for each Phase 2 optimization step. Below, we show the difference image between the predicted and the input Phase 2 images, clearly showing the errors. In Phase 2, the feedback to LLMPhy is produced using PSNR computed on the predicted and the ground truth images, as well as asking LLM (using the difference image) which of the objects are in error, and asking the LLM to fix the layout of these objects in the next iteration. As can be seen, the errors in the LLM layout prediction improves over iterations.

Correctness of Inferred Physical Parameters: While the trajectory error is being minimized in Phase 1 via implicitly learning the physical parameters, *how well do the LLMs optimize for the actual physical parameters?* In Figure 9(b), we plot the mean absolute error between the predicted physics parameters and their ground truth. Interestingly, we see that the LLMPhy estimations are better than those by other methods; note that the prior methods do the optimization without any knowledge about the semantic meaning of these optimization variables or their physical interpretations, which we believe the LLM is able to make use of. Specifically, we see the errors in sliding-friction, rotation-inertia, and stiffness are lower than those estimated using Bayesian optimization and CMA-ES, that is perhaps leading to the better performances of LLMPhy in the results in Table 1.

4.6 QUALITATIVE RESULTS

In Figure 12, we show several qualitative results from our TraySim dataset and comparisons of LLMPhy predictions to those of BO and CMA-ES. In general, we find that when the velocity of the pusher is lower, and the sliding friction is high, objects tend to stay stable if they are heavier (e.g., a bottle), albeit other physics parameters also playing into the outcome. In Figure 10, we show example iterations from Phase 1 that explicitly shows how the adjustment of the physical parameters by LLMPhy is causing the predicted object trajectories to align with the ground truth. In Figure 11, we show qualitative outputs from the optimization steps in Phase 2, demonstrating how the error feedback to the LLM corrects its previous mistakes to improve the layout estimation.

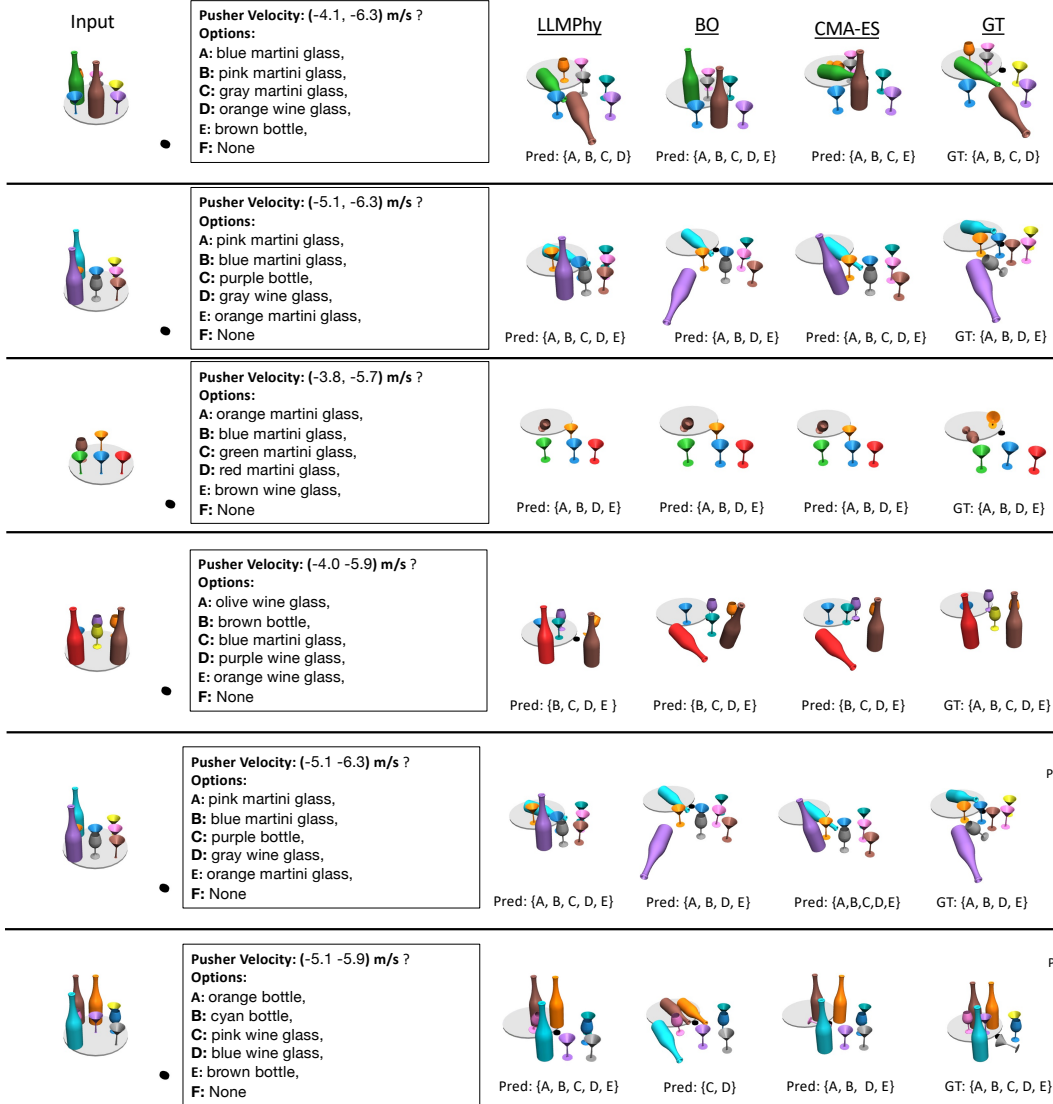


Figure 12: Qualitative comparisons between LLMPhy, Bayesian optimization, and CMA-ES.

5 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we introduced a novel task of predicting the outcome of complex physical interactions using an LLM with the help of a physics engine; a combination we refer to as LLMPhy. Our model systematically synergizes the capabilities of each underlying components, towards estimating the underlying physics of the scene, and experiments on our proposed dataset TraySim, demonstrate its

superior performances. Notably, as we make no assumptions on the differentiability of the simulator, our framework could be considered as an LLM-based black-box optimization framework, leveraging LLMs’ knowledge for hyperparameter sampling.

Our study shows that the recent powerful LLMs have enough world “knowledge” that combining this knowledge with a world model captured using a physics engine allows interactive and iterative problem solving towards better reasoning. We also find that using more powerful LLMs that are trained for scientific reasoning tasks, seems to demonstrate significantly superior physical reasoning abilities in an optimization pipeline as in LLMPhy. Our study suggests that perhaps training or fine-tuning large scale LLMs may not be necessary, instead we may start finding novel ways to extract and leverage the implicit LLM world knowledge for solving complex problems.

6 LIMITATIONS

While, our simulation setup has been designed to be as general as possible, we note that we are only experimenting with four physical attributes of the physics engine to study the plausibility of implicitly estimating a world model. In real-world settings, there are many more important physics attributes that need to be accounted for. Further, we considered the use of GPT-4o in our evaluations, as it is popular for its excellent performance. We note that as it is a closed-source model and its responses may be stochastic, making it difficult to provide any guarantees on the performance. However, we would like to note that our key intention is to show the usefulness of an LLM for solving this task, and we hope future open-source LLMs would be applicable as well to our setting.

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APPENDIX

Below, we present the prompts we used for the LLM in our experiments for Phases 1 and 2, as well as depicting the programs LLM generate.

Phase 1 Prompt:

The given scene has a tray with three objects (a bottle, a wine_glass, and a martini_glass) on it. The radius of the tray is 1.8 and its center of gravity is 0.05 above the ground with a sliding friction of 0.1 and no spin or roll friction. The radius of bottle is 0.4 and its center of gravity is 1.1 above the ground. The center of gravity of the martini_glass is at a height of 0.5. The center of gravity of the wine_glass is 0.9 above the ground. The tray is impacted by a pusher and the tray with the objects on it moves. Python code in example_code_1.py creates the scene and runs the simulation. The trajectories in object_traj_example_1.txt show the motion of the center of gravity of the objects when running the simulation. Your task is to analyze the given example and then write similar code to produce the trajectories given in 'problem_trajectories.txt'.

You must assume the scene is similar to the one given, however the physics between the tray and the objects are different, that is, the sliding-friction, damping, stiffness, and armature need to be adjusted for all the physical_parameters_for_object_id_* dictionaries in the example_code_1.py so as to reproduce the trajectories in 'problem_trajectories.txt'. You must assume that the physics of the tray with the ground remains the same and so is the external force applied on the tray by the pusher. The trajectories use a time step of 0.2s. Do not attempt to change the physics parameters beyond their first significant digit. Your written code should strictly follow the same code structure as provided in example_code_1.py. You may further assume that multiple instances of the same object will have the same physical parameters.

You must not change the 'mass' of the objects in your generated code. Do not include the object trajectories in your generated code as that will fail our simulator.

Note that the simulation trajectory in problem_trajectories.txt may use instances of bottle, martini_glass, and wine_glass. The name of the objects is provided in the problem_trajectories.txt file. The mass for the objects are as follows: wine_glass is 4.0, martini_glass is 10.0 and bottle is 20.0.'

```
\# nexample\_code\_1.py  
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
```

```

sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0,
    'damping': 5.7
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
...

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim

# object\_traj\_example\_1.txt
...

bottle_motion_trajectory (x, y, z) = [(-1.1, -1.1, 1.1), (-1.1, -1.1,
1.1), (-1.1, -1.1, 1.1), (-1.1, -1.1, 1.1), (-1.2, -1.2, 1.1), (-1.3,
-1.3, 1.1), (-1.4, -1.5, 1.1), (-1.5, -1.6, 1.1), (-1.6, -1.7, 1.1)]

martini_glass_motion_trajectory (x, y, z) = [(-1.0, 0.0, 0.5), (-1.1,
-0.0, 0.6), (-1.2, -0.1, 0.6), (-1.4, -0.4, 0.5), (-1.6, -0.6, 0.5),
(-1.8, -0.8, 0.5), (-2.0, -0.9, 0.5), (-2.1, -1.0, 0.5), (-2.2, -1.1,
0.5)]

...

```

Phase 2 Prompt:

Attached are two images: 'example_1_top_down_view_1.png' (top-down view) and 'example_1_side_view_2.png' (side view) of the same scene. The top-down view shows a scene arranged roughly on a 3x3 grid. The scene was rendered using the code in 'example_code_1.py'. Objects in the scene belong to one of the following classes: {martini_glass, wine_glass, bottle} and can be one of the following colors: {purple, red, green, blue, olive, cyan, brown, pink, orange, gray}. Each color appears only once in the scene. Can you interpret the provided code using the images? Use the top-down image to determine the arrangement and color of the objects, and correlate this with the side view to identify the object classes. Each object instance has a unique color, helping you identify the same object across different views.

```

example_1_top_down_view_1.png
Image: top-down-image url
example_1_side_view_2.png
Image: side-view image url

example_code_1.py

```

```

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
                 martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 5.7
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='brown', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.6,
    'armature': 0.8,
    'stiffness': 0.6,
    'mass': 4.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
                 martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 8.3
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
    =('row_3', 'column_2'), object_color='pink', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
                 martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 5.7
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='purple', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_4 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
                 martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 5.7
}
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='olive', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_4)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_5 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
                 martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 5.7
}

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    }
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
    row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_5)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_6 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.5,
    'armature': 0.4,
    'stiffness': 1.0,
    'mass': 10.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
        martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 8.8
}
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='cyan',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_6)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_7 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.5,
    'armature': 0.4,
    'stiffness': 1.0,
    'mass': 10.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
        martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 8.8
}
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='gray',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_7)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_8 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.5,
    'armature': 0.4,
    'stiffness': 1.0,
    'mass': 10.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
        martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 8.8
}
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_8)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_9 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0, # 'mass' is 20.0 for bottle, 10.0 for
        martini_glass, and 5.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 5.7
}
sim.create_object(object_id=9, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
    row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_9)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim

```

Using the above information, can you write code similar to 'example_code_1.py' to reproduce the two images given below for a different scene? The images are named: 'task_image_top_down_view_1.png' for the top-down view of the scene and 'task_image_side_view_2.png' for the side-view of the same scene. Note that not all positions on the grid need to have an object.

task_image_top_view_1.png

Image: top-down image url
task_image_side_view_2.png
Image: side-view image url
You should further use the following set of physical attributes for the respective objects in the scene when generating the code. Note that all the instances of the same object use the same physical attributes.
object_name: bottle, mass: 20.0, 'sliding-friction': 0.3, 'armature': 0.5, 'stiffness': 0.4, 'damping': 6.3

object_name: martini_glass, mass: 10.0, 'sliding-friction': 0.5, 'armature': 0.3, 'stiffness': 1.2, 'damping': 8.3

object_name: wine_glass, mass: 4.0, 'sliding-friction': 0.6, 'armature': 0.7, 'stiffness': 0.8, 'damping': 7.8

The chat history below shows various attempts of GPT-4o in generating Python code to reproduce the task images (task_image_top_view_1.png, task_image_side_view_2.png). For each attempt, we ran the GPT-4o generated code in our simulator and found mistakes. Below we provide the code GPT produced in each attempt, titled GPT Attempt #K, where K is the attempt number, as well as the PSNR of the generated image against the given top-down image. Can you refine your code to reproduce the task images correctly? You should not change any part of the code corresponding to correctly inferred objects.

GPT Attempt #0:

GPT generated code:

```
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Defining the physical parameters for each class of objects
physical_parameters_for_bottle = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.3,
    'armature': 0.5,
    'stiffness': 0.4,
    'mass': 20.0,
    'damping': 6.3
}

physical_parameters_for_wine_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.6,
    'armature': 0.7,
    'stiffness': 0.8,
    'mass': 4.0,
    'damping': 7.8
}

physical_parameters_for_martini_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.5,
    'armature': 0.3,
    'stiffness': 1.2,
    'mass': 10.0,
    'damping': 8.3
}
```

```

}

# Creating objects based on analysis of the task image
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='gray', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='yellow', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='red', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_3', 'column_2'), object_color='pink', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)

# Adding the missing martini glass with cyan color at row 1, column 2
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='cyan',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)

# Run the simulation
sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim

```

Colors of the objects in the code above that are misplaced: {'purple', 'cyan', 'pink'}

PSNR for the generated image against given top-down image = 40.9
Please check the locations of these objects in task_image_top_view_1.png
and fix the code accordingly.

End of Prompt

A AN EXAMPLE OF SYNTHESIZED PROGRAMS:

Below, we show an example of Python programs synthesized by LLMPhy models, which are then run to invoke the Mujoco Simulator to execute and render the dynamical sequence, to extract the outcome of the simulation.

Phase 1 program:

```

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {

```

```

    'sliding-friction': 0.18, # finely adjusted as previous good attempt
    'armature': 0.1, # keeping consistent based on the effective value
    'stiffness': 0.16, # slight readjustment from previous effective value
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains 20.0 for bottle
    'damping': 4.5 # slight decrease for finer adjustment
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.35, # minor adjustment from better attempt
    'armature': 0.26, # further decreasing for better control
    'stiffness': 0.75, # slight decrease for better compliance
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains 10.0 for martini_glass
    'damping': 6.25 # slight adjustment for better trajectory control
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.42, # slight decrease for better fit
    'armature': 0.58, # minor decrease for better control
    'stiffness': 0.39, # minor decrease for better adjustment
    'mass': 4.0, # mass remains 4.0 for wine_glass
    'damping': 6.55 # slight decrease for finer adjustment
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'),
    object_color='orange',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'),
    object_color='orange',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_1'),
    object_color='orange',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim

```

Phase 2 program:

```

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

# Set physical attributes for the tray
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Physical parameters for each class of objects
physical_parameters_bottle = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.9,

```

```

    'armature': 0.2,
    'stiffness': 0.3,
    'mass': 20.0,
    'damping': 6.2
}

physical_parameters_wine_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.7,
    'armature': 0.4,
    'stiffness': 0.6,
    'mass': 4.0,
    'damping': 3.4
}

physical_parameters_martini_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.7,
    'armature': 0.6,
    'stiffness': 0.8,
    'mass': 10.0,
    'damping': 1.1
}

# Create objects with corrected positions and colors
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='wine_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_1'),
    object_color='gray',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_wine_glass)

sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='wine_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'),
    object_color='red',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_wine_glass)

sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'),
    object_color='pink',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_wine_glass)

sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'),
    object_color='cyan',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_martini_glass)

sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_2'),
    object_color='yellow',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_bottle)

sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='bottle',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_3'),
    object_color='purple',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_bottle)

sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='blue',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_martini_glass)

sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='bottle',
    object_location=('row_3', 'column_2'),

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    object_color='orange',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_bottle)

sim.create_object(object_id=9, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_3', 'column_3'),
    object_color='brown',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_martini_glass)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim

```

B EXAMPLE LLM RESPONSE (PHASE 1)

Below, we provide the full log of the optimization iterations produced by a phase 1. Specifically, the text shows how the LLM uses the provided feedback to adjust the physical attributes, with explanation of the justification for the adjustments. Note that each response from the LLM are separated by strings "=====".

```

In order to produce the desired trajectories given in `
problem_trajectories.txt`, we need to adjust the physics parameters
for the objects (`bottle`, `wine_glass`, and `martini_glass`) in the
scene. Based on the instructions, we need to adjust the `sliding-
friction`, `damping`, `stiffness`, and `armature` parameters. We
should follow the given code structure closely and only change the
parameters to their first significant digit.

```

Below is the adjusted Python code for `example_code_1.py` to produce the desired trajectories:

```

```python
example_code_problem.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

The physics of the tray with the ground remains the same
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

Adjusted physics parameters for the bottle
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.2,
 'armature': 0.3,
 'stiffness': 0.4,
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 6.5
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

Adjusted physics parameters for the martini_glass
physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.6,
 'armature': 0.5,

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 'stiffness': 1.1,
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 9.0
 }
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

Adjusted physics parameters for the wine_glass
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.8,
 'armature': 0.9,
 'stiffness': 1.0,
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.4
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

In this adjusted code, I have modified the `sliding-friction`, `damping`, `stiffness`, and `armature` parameters for each object to produce the desired motion trajectories as suggested by the `problem\_trajectories.txt` file. These modifications respect the constraint that parameters can only be adjusted up to their first significant digit.

You can now run this simulation code to generate the trajectories which should match closely to the ones provided in `problem\_trajectories.txt`.

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Let's see if we can refine the physical parameters for the objects to reduce the trajectory errors. To do this, we need to adjust the parameters more carefully while adhering to the given constraints.

Let's analyze the trajectories and try to make minor adjustments to the parameters:

1. **\*\*Bottle:\*\*** The predicted trajectory error is 1.9, implying the need for finer adjustments. The last attempt modified the parameters to:
  - `sliding-friction`: 0.2
  - `armature`: 0.3
  - `stiffness`: 0.4
  - `damping`: 6.5
2. **\*\*Martini\_glass:\*\*** The predicted trajectory error is relatively high at 3.16. We will need to make significant adjustments.
  - `sliding-friction`: 0.6
  - `armature`: 0.5
  - `stiffness`: 1.1
  - `damping`: 9.0

Let's reduce the damping a bit and adjust other parameters slightly.

3. **\*\*Wine\_glass:\*\*** The predicted trajectory error is low at 0.24. Therefore, fine adjustments may be enough.
  - `sliding-friction`: 0.8
  - `armature`: 0.9

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- 'stiffness': 1.0
- 'damping': 8.4

New physical parameters:

```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}

sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.25, # slight increase in friction
    'armature': 0.4,        # slight increase in armature
    'stiffness': 0.5,       # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 20.0,          # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.0         # slight increase in damping
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.55, # slight decrease in friction
    'armature': 0.6,         # slight increase in armature
    'stiffness': 1.2,        # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 10.0,           # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.5          # decrease in damping
}

sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.75, # slight decrease in friction
    'armature': 1.0,         # increase in armature
    'stiffness': 0.9,        # slight decrease in stiffness
    'mass': 4.0,            # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.2          # slight decrease in damping
}

sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

Please use the above code to run the simulation again and see if the trajectory errors decrease. Adjustments have been made based on the analysis of the previous attempt.

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Based on the trend and error information from the previous attempts, we'll refine the parameters further to attempt a better match for the trajectories in 'problem\_trajectories.txt'. The key insights from previous attempts suggest that we need finer adjustments, particularly to friction, damping, and stiffness.

Here's an updated attempt:

```
```python
# Code structure and constants same as provided

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Refine bottle parameters
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.23, # slight increase in friction
    'armature': 0.45,      # increase in armature
    'stiffness': 0.55,    # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 20.0,         # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.5        # increase in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

# Refine martini_glass parameters
physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.54, # slight decrease in friction
    'armature': 0.65,      # increase in armature
    'stiffness': 1.25,    # increase in stiffness
    'mass': 10.0,         # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.3        # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass', object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

# Refine wine_glass parameters
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.72, # slight decrease in friction
    'armature': 1.05,      # increase in armature
    'stiffness': 0.95,    # slight decrease in stiffness
    'mass': 4.0,          # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.1        # decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

# Run the simulation
sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
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This refinement aims to balance the dynamics and interactions of the objects with the tray, considering the error metrics from previous attempts. Monitoring the changes in each property helps to iteratively converge towards a more accurate trajectory.

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Based on the provided attempts and their errors, let's attempt to refine the physical parameters for the objects in such a way to specifically address the notable errors. Here's another attempt:

1. The bottle ('object\_id=1') has a relatively high trajectory error, so we may need to adjust its parameters further to get a close match.
2. The martini\_glass ('object\_id=2') has the highest trajectory error, requiring focus on reducing its discrepancy.
3. The wine\_glass ('object\_id=3') has the least error, suggesting that its parameters are close to what's needed but might still need slight adjustments to further align trajectories.

Considering these points, we'll make small but precise adjustments, particularly targeting increased damping for the bottle, slightly decreasing friction for the martini\_glass, and incrementally changing the armature and stiffness for both martini\_glass and wine\_glass.

Here is the code:

```
```python
# Generated Python code to accurately reproduce the trajectories

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight decrease in friction to adjust
    movement
    'armature': 0.43, # slight decrease in armature
    'stiffness': 0.53, # slight decrease in stiffness
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.4 # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slight decrease in friction to reduce
    error
    'armature': 0.62, # slight decrease in armature
    'stiffness': 1.23, # slight decrease in stiffness
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.1 # slight decrease in damping to reduce discrepancy
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
```

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physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.71, # slight decrease in friction for close
        alignment
    'armature': 1.04,      # slight decrease in armature
    'stiffness': 0.94,    # slight decrease in stiffness
    'mass': 4.0,          # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0        # slight decrease in damping for close alignment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
   =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

Make sure to run this code through your simulation environment to verify the trajectory errors. The adjustments are subtle yet precise to better align with the required trajectories in 'problem\_trajectories.txt'.

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To refine the parameters and reduce the trajectory prediction error, I will make gradual and strategic adjustments while making sure not to alter beyond the first significant digit. Below are the physical parameters for each object, followed by the refined code that will be used to generate the trajectories.

```

```python
# refined_code.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.21, # slight decrease in friction for finer
        adjustment
    'armature': 0.42,      # slight decrease in armature
    'stiffness': 0.54,    # slight adjustment in stiffness
    'mass': 20.0,         # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.3        # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
    row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.51, # slight decrease in friction to further
        reduce error
    'armature': 0.61,      # slight decrease in armature
    'stiffness': 1.22,    # slight adjustment in stiffness
    'mass': 10.0,         # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0        # slight decrease in damping
}
```

```

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```

sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.73, # slight increase in friction for better
 alignment
 'armature': 1.03, # slight decrease in armature
 'stiffness': 0.96, # slight increase in stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.9 # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

Create and run the scene
sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

The above adjustments are strategic, aiming for finer tuning of the sliding-friction, armature, stiffness, and damping parameters to get results closer to the desired trajectories. By changing only up to the first significant digit, these increments offer more precise control over the movements of the objects in the simulation.

You can run this refined code in your simulation environment to compare the actual trajectory errors and see if the refinements have reduced the prediction errors further.

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To refine the parameters further, let's focus on making smaller and yet significant adjustments based on the previous attempts and their respective errors. We will perform slight tweaking to the parameters to minimize the trajectory errors further.

Given that the previous attempts were gradually reducing errors, let's make slight fine-tuning adjustments to improve the accuracy even further:

- Slightly tweaking the sliding-friction for each object to balance the motion.
- Small adjustments to armature, stiffness, and damping to achieve optimal results.
- Keeping all changes within the first significant digit, as instructed.

Here is the adjusted version of the code that aims to further refine the object parameters:

```

'''python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

```

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```

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight increase in friction
 'armature': 0.41, # slight decrease in armature
 'stiffness': 0.52, # slight adjustment in stiffness
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.1 # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
 'row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.53, # slight decrease in friction
 'armature': 0.64, # slight increase in armature
 'stiffness': 1.24, # slight adjustment in stiffness
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.1 # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.72, # slight decrease in friction
 'armature': 1.02, # slight decrease in armature
 'stiffness': 0.93, # slight decrease in stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.8 # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()

del sim
'''

```

This adjustment attempts to balance the parameters more precisely by making small changes while focusing on the physical behavior that impacts the simulation. The goal remains to accurately reproduce the trajectories provided in 'problem\_trajectories.txt'.

=====

To further refine the simulation parameters and achieve lower trajectory prediction errors, we will use small adjustments based on the previous attempts. Here is the updated code based on a careful analysis of the prior errors and corresponding changes:

```

'''python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {

```

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```

 'sliding-friction': 0.22, # increased slightly
 'armature': 0.40, # decreased slightly
 'stiffness': 0.53, # adjusted slightly
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.2 # decreased slightly
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
 row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.54, # decreased slightly
 'armature': 0.63, # adjusted slightly
 'stiffness': 1.23, # adjusted slightly
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.2 # adjusted slightly
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.73, # increased slightly
 'armature': 1.04, # adjusted slightly
 'stiffness': 0.94, # adjusted slightly
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.0 # adjusted slightly
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

Filename: `example\_code\_refined.py`

#### Explanation of Changes:

1. **\*\*Bottle (object\_id\_1)\*\*:**
  - Increased sliding friction from 0.21 to 0.22 to further adjust movement.
  - Decreased armature from 0.42 to 0.40 for a finer balance.
  - Adjusted stiffness slightly from 0.54 to 0.53.
  - Decreased damping from 7.3 to 7.2 for finer tuning.
2. **\*\*Martini Glass (object\_id\_2)\*\*:**
  - Decreased sliding friction to 0.54 for slight adjustment.
  - Increased armature slightly from 0.61 to 0.63.
  - Adjusted stiffness slightly to 1.23.
  - Decreased damping to 8.2 for finer tuning.
3. **\*\*Wine Glass (object\_id\_3)\*\*:**
  - Increased sliding friction slightly to 0.73 for better alignment.
  - Adjusted armature to 1.04 for balance.
  - Adjusted stiffness to 0.94.
  - Kept damping at 8.0 for slight adjustment.

This should result in a better alignment of the predicted trajectories with the ones given in `problem\_trajectories.txt`.

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To refine the physical parameters further and reduce the trajectory prediction errors, let's analyze the errors from previous attempts and try to make incremental adjustments.

Given the previous errors and the adjustments made, it is noticed that attempts have incrementally changed both the sliding-friction and the armature values slightly, while trying to balance out the trajectories of the bottle, martini\_glass, and wine\_glass.

Let's make further fine-tuned adjustments to these values in an effort to bring the prediction errors closer to the intended trajectories.

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}

sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.23, # slight increase
    'armature': 0.39, # slight decrease
    'stiffness': 0.53, # slight adjustment
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.2 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.53, # decrease slightly
    'armature': 0.66, # increase slightly
    'stiffness': 1.23, # adjusted slightly
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.2 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass', object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.72, # slight decrease
    'armature': 1.05, # slight increase
    'stiffness': 0.96, # slight adjustment
    'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.9 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```
```

This updated code aims to fine-tune the physical parameters (sliding-friction, armature, stiffness, and damping) based on the errors

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observed in previous attempts. The adjustments aim for minimal yet effective changes to reduce the trajectory prediction errors. You should use this code and verify the resulting trajectory errors to see if they are minimized.

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Below is a refined code structure to simulate the scene, taking into consideration the errors from previous attempts and aiming to minimize the overall trajectory prediction error. The goal is to fine-tune the physical parameters for each object to closely match the provided 'problem\_trajectories.txt'.

```
```python
# refined_code.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

# Tray parameters remain unchanged as per the instructions
physical_parameters_for_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_tray)

# New calculated parameters for bottle
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight decrease in friction for finer
    adjustment
    'armature': 0.42,      # slight adjustment in armature
    'stiffness': 0.54,    # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 20.0,         # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.3        # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

# New calculated parameters for martini_glass
physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.51, # slight decrease in friction for reduction
    in error
    'armature': 0.61,      # adjusted slightly
    'stiffness': 1.21,    # adjusted slightly
    'mass': 10.0,         # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0        # adjusted slightly
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

# New calculated parameters for wine_glass
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.73, # adjusted for better alignment
    'armature': 1.03,      # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 0.94,    # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 4.0,          # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.9        # slight adjustment
}
```
```

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```
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)
```

```
sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```
```

Key Adjustments Made:

- **Bottle (ID 1)**:
 - Slight decrease in sliding friction to 0.22.
 - Adjusted armature to 0.42.
 - Increased stiffness to 0.54.
 - Decreased damping to 7.3.
- **Martini Glass (ID 2)**:
 - Decreased sliding friction to 0.51.
 - Adjusted armature to 0.61.
 - Stiffness set to 1.21.
 - Damping decreased to 8.0.
- **Wine Glass (ID 3)**:
 - Sliding friction adjusted up to 0.73.
 - Armature adjusted to 1.03.
 - Stiffness increased to 0.94.
 - Damping adjusted to 7.9.

These adjustments target reducing the overall prediction error based on the last feedback received. Running this simulation with these parameters should yield predictions closer to the proposed `problem_trajectories.txt`.

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To further refine the physical parameters and reduce the trajectory prediction error, let's carefully adjust each parameter based on the insights from previous attempts. It's crucial to keep the adjustments minimal and focus on specific discrepancies between the predicted and actual trajectories to fine-tune the parameters more effectively.

Here is the Python code for `example_code_1.py` with updated physical parameters:

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

Physics parameters for the tray (unchanged)
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

Adjusted physical parameters for the bottle
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.21, # slight decrease
 'armature': 0.43, # slight adjustment
 'stiffness': 0.53, # slight adjustment
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.2 # slight adjustment
}
```

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```

}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

Adjusted physical parameters for the martini_glass
physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 0.64, # slight adjustment
 'stiffness': 1.21, # slight adjustment
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.1 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

Adjusted physical parameters for the wine_glass
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.73, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 1.03, # slight adjustment
 'stiffness': 0.93, # slight adjustment
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.8 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

Explanation of refinement:

1. **Sliding Friction**: Slightly decreased for the bottle and martini_glass based on their sensitivity.
2. **Armature**: Tweaked by a small degree for each object considering their resistance to movement.
3. **Stiffness**: Adjusted to fine-tune the object's resistance to deformation.
4. **Damping**: Decreased slightly to improve the motion accuracy of all objects.

This fine-tuned approach aims to reduce the prediction error while ensuring minimal changes to the parameters, focusing on enhancing the alignment of the trajectories with the given problem_trajectories.txt. Adjust only to their first significant digit to conform to the constraints.

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Given the previous attempts and their errors, it seems that the adjustments have incrementally improved but not drastically reduced the errors. To reduce errors further, we should continue fine-tuning the parameters while considering the inherent dynamics of each object. Here is another attempt with refined parameters:

```

```python
example_code_1.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,

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 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
 }
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.21, # slight decrease for finer control
 'armature': 0.41, # adjusted armature
 'stiffness': 0.55, # slight increase in stiffness
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.0 # slight decrease in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.52, # adjusted friction
 'armature': 0.63, # slight adjustment in armature
 'stiffness': 1.22, # slight adjustment in stiffness
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.0 # slight increase in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.72, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 1.02, # slight decrease
 'stiffness': 0.94, # slight adjustment in stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.9 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

Key Adjustments:
1. **Bottle ('object_id=1'):**
 - Reduced sliding friction further to improve response.
 - Increased stiffness for better stability.
 - Slightly reduced damping to allow more movement.

2. **Martini Glass ('object_id=2'):**
 - Adjusted sliding friction and armature for more controlled dynamics.
 - Slightly increased damping to prevent overshooting.
 - Marginal adjustments in stiffness.

3. **Wine Glass ('object_id=3'):**
 - Slightly adjusted sliding friction and armature for finer tuning.
 - Minor adjustments in stiffness for better alignment.
 - Damping adjusted for controlled oscillations.

Run this updated code in your simulator and check if the error is further
reduced. It's crucial to analyze the trajectories post-simulation to
ensure each parameter adjustment is aiding in convergence toward the
desired trajectories.

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To optimize the code further and reduce the trajectory error, I'll base my changes on the closest attempts with slight adjustments to each parameter to improve the alignment with 'problem\_trajectories.txt'.

Let's try small incremental adjustments of the successful parameters from GPT Attempt #11:

```
```python
# example_code_optimized.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

# Tray parameters remain unchanged
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Optimized parameters based on closest previous attempt with slight
  adjustments
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle
    'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight increase for better alignment
    'armature': 0.42, # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 0.54, # slight adjustment
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.1 # slight adjustment
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.53, # slight adjustment
    'armature': 0.64, # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 1.23, # slight adjustment
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.2 # slight adjustment
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.73, # slight adjustment
    'armature': 1.03, # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 0.95, # slight adjustment
    'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.8 # slight adjustment
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
  row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
  physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
  object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
  object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
  =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
  physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

'''

In this adjustment, I've increased or decreased parameters slightly within the first significant digit and maintained the structure of the initial code. This approach should bring the predicted trajectories closer in alignment with the ones in 'problem_trajectories.txt'.

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Given the existing attempts and their respective trajectory prediction errors, let's incrementally adjust the physical parameters to better align with the desired trajectories in 'problem_trajectories.txt'. We'll focus on making small adjustments to the individual parameters to minimize the error.

Revised Code

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.21, # decreased friction
 'armature': 0.41, # slightly decreased armature
 'stiffness': 0.54, # slight increase in stiffness
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.2 # slightly decreased damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slightly decreased friction
 'armature': 0.62, # slightly decreased armature
 'stiffness': 1.24, # slight increase in stiffness
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.0 # slight increase in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass', object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.73, # slight increase in friction
 'armature': 1.02, # slightly decreased armature
 'stiffness': 0.95, # slight increase in stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.9 # slight increase in damping
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
```

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```
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''
```

The changes applied here are small and precise:

1. For the 'bottle':
  - Minor decrease in 'sliding-friction' to possibly tune finer control over motion.
  - Slight decrease in 'armature' for more conservative moment inertia.
  - Small increase in 'stiffness' to ensure some adjustment in impact response.
  - Slight decrease in 'damping' to adjust energy dissipation.
2. For the 'martini\_glass':
  - Slight decrease in 'sliding-friction' to reduce resistance.
  - Slight decrease in 'armature' to have fewer moments of inertia.
  - Small increase in 'stiffness' to adjust the rigidity.
  - Slight increase in 'damping' to tune the damping effect.
3. For the 'wine\_glass':
  - Slight increase in 'sliding-friction' to increase motion resistance towards alignment.
  - Slight decrease in 'armature' for finer inertia control.
  - Small increase in 'stiffness' for more precise impact response.
  - Slight increase in 'damping' for tuned energy dissipation.

By maintaining the careful balance between these suggested adjustments, we are likely to achieve a closer match to the desired trajectories in 'problem\_trajectories.txt'. The actual prediction should be evaluated by running this updated code in the provided simulator and examining the resulting trajectory errors.

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Based on the trajectory prediction errors from previous attempts, it appears that the parameters for the 'bottle' are quite close to accurate, whereas the 'martini\_glass' exhibits higher errors which need to be reduced. The 'wine\_glass' parameters seem to be nearly accurate.

To further reduce the trajectory prediction error, we will optimize the parameters while maintaining significant digits:

1. Slightly adjust the 'sliding-friction' and 'damping' for all objects.
2. Fine-tune 'armature' and 'stiffness' precisely for each object to better align with the desired trajectories.

Here is a suggested set of parameters for another attempt:

```
'''python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.21, # slight adjustment in friction
 'armature': 0.42, # slight decrease in armature
```

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```

 'stiffness': 0.53, # slight decrease in stiffness
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.3 # slight decrease in damping
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.54, # slight adjustment to decrease friction
 'armature': 0.63, # slight adjustment
 'stiffness': 1.24, # slight adjustment
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.1 # slight adjustment
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.74, # slight increase to better align friction
 'armature': 1.01, # slight adjustment
 'stiffness': 0.94, # slight decrease in stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.8 # slight decrease in damping
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

This adjustment continues to follow the structure of the example Python code, and the changes made to the parameters are conservative to prevent large deviations while aiming to reduce the overall trajectory error. This should produce a better alignment of the trajectories to the given data in 'problem_trajectories.txt'.

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To better align the trajectories with those in 'problem_trajectories.txt', I will refine the physical parameters for the objects. Based on previous attempts and trajectory errors, I will focus on minor adjustments, especially honing in on the slight variations in friction, armature, stiffness, and damping.

Here's the revised code following the given structure:

```

```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle

```

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```

 'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 0.42, # fine-tune armature
 'stiffness': 0.54, # fine-tune stiffness
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.1 # minor adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
 row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
 'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 0.63, # fine-tune armature
 'stiffness': 1.23, # fine-tune stiffness
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.1 # minor adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
 'sliding-friction': 0.73, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 1.04, # fine-tune armature
 'stiffness': 0.95, # fine-tune stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.8 # minor adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

Explanation of changes:

- For the bottle, martini\_glass, and wine\_glass, slight adjustments are made to the sliding-friction, armature, and damping parameters in very small increments to better mimic the trajectories.
- The fine-tuning is based on a better alignment seen in the errors of previous attempts.

Please run this refined code in your simulator to evaluate the accuracy of the trajectories produced.

=====

Based on the previous attempts and their resulting errors, it appears that fine-tuning the physical parameters can potentially bring the trajectory prediction error closer to the desired trajectories. Given that previous attempts were close but required further refinement, let's slightly adjust the parameters once more to seek better alignment.

Here is the refined attempt:

```

'''python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,

```

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```

 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle
 'sliding-friction': 0.21, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 0.40, # fine-tune armature
 'stiffness': 0.54, # fine-tune stiffness
 'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.2 # minor adjustment
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
 'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 0.64, # fine-tune armature
 'stiffness': 1.23, # fine-tune stiffness
 'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 8.1 # minor adjustment
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
 'sliding-friction': 0.73, # slight adjustment
 'armature': 1.04, # fine-tune armature
 'stiffness': 0.94, # fine-tune stiffness
 'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
 'damping': 7.9 # minor adjustment
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

This code has been adjusted based on the trend observed in previous attempts. Small refinements are made to the parameters to attempt a better match to the target trajectories:

1. Slight adjustments in sliding friction, armature, stiffness, and damping for each object.
2. Ensured to keep all changes within the realm of minor adjustments, considering past errors.

These changes are aimed to further fine-tune the physics parameters closer to the desired trajectories. This should help in reducing the trajectory prediction error further.

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It seems like all the example attempts produced code that follows the original problem's constraints and shows some progress in reducing the trajectory error. However, there is still room for improvement in reducing the trajectory prediction error further. Let's adjust the parameters again slightly, being mindful of not changing them beyond

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the first significant digit, and pick a set that should help us achieve better accuracy:

Here's an updated set of parameters for the objects:

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle
    'sliding-friction': 0.21, # slight adjustment in friction
    'armature': 0.40, # slight decrease in armature
    'stiffness': 0.55, # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.2 # slight decrease in damping
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.53, # slight adjustment to decrease friction
    'armature': 0.63, # slight adjustment in armature
    'stiffness': 1.22, # slight increase in stiffness
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.2 # slight decrease in damping
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.72, # slight adjustment to increase traction
    'armature': 1.04, # slight decrease
    'stiffness': 0.96, # slight adjustment in stiffness
    'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0 # slight decrease in damping
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    'row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
    =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```
```

In this iteration:

- We fine-tuned the 'sliding-friction', 'armature', 'stiffness', and 'damping' values for each object, but ensured they remained within their first significant digit constraints.
- We used previous attempts' values as a base to make minute adjustments that could better align the trajectories with the given problem.

Once this new code set is tested, it should ideally show an improvement in error reduction. Please run this updated code using your simulator



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environment to verify the trajectory errors. If further adjustment is needed, making iterative small changes around these values can help further fine-tune and minimize errors.

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To refine your code based on the trajectory prediction error results and better align with the trajectories given in 'problem\_trajectories.txt', we need to follow a reasonable approach to adjust the physical parameters for each object slightly further. Below is a refined attempt based on the provided feedback:

```
Refined Physical Parameters Code:
```python
# example_code_1.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}

sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle
    'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight increase for better alignment
    'armature': 0.41, # fine-tune armature
    'stiffness': 0.55, # fine-tune stiffness a bit more
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.1 # slight adjustment
}
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    'row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slight decrease for alignment
    'armature': 0.62, # slight fine-tune
    'stiffness': 1.21, # slight fine-tune
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.1 # slight fine-tune
}
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.73, # increase slightly for better traction
    'armature': 1.03, # adjusted slightly
    'stiffness': 0.95, # fine-tune to keep closer to expected
    'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0 # fine-tune
}
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
    =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

demonstration_tray_motion_trajectory = [
    (0.0, 0.0, 0.1), (-0.7, -0.7, 0.1), (-1.2, -1.2, 0.1), (-1.6, -1.6,
    0.1),
    (-1.9, -2.0, 0.1), (-2.1, -2.3, 0.1), (-2.3, -2.5, 0.1), (-2.4, -2.6,
    0.1),
    (-2.6, -2.8, 0.1)]
```

```
]
```

```
sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''
```

This refinement involves slight increments and decrements on the physical parameters of the objects based on the significant aberrations observed in the previous outputs. The adjustments focus on enhancing the sliding friction, armature, and damping more accurately towards the expected trajectories per the 'problem_trajectories.txt'.

Ensure that you test this code using the same simulator constraints you have been using. If further fine-tuning is necessary, keep iterating with slight adjustments, focusing on realigning the most anomalous trajectory points first.

```
=====
```

Given the simulation errors and the iterations you provided, it looks like adjustments to 'sliding-friction', 'armature', 'stiffness', and 'damping' were evaluated. The challenge is to find a balance among these parameters to minimize the total trajectory error. Below, I've made refined adjustments based on the observed errors in previous attempts:

```
'''python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle
    'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight alignment adjustment
    'armature': 0.42, # fine-tune armature
    'stiffness': 0.54, # fine-tune stiffness
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.2 # slight fine-tune
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.52, # slight increase
    'armature': 0.63, # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 1.22, # slight fine-tune
    'mass': 10.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.1 # fine-tune damping
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.73, # increase slightly
    'armature': 1.03, # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 0.95, # fine-tune stiffness
    'mass': 4.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0 # fine-tune damping
}
'''
```

```

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

These refined adjustments should help get closer to the trajectory provided in `problem\_trajectories.txt`:

- Slightly increased `sliding-friction` and `damping` for all objects to match their interaction with the tray more closely.
- Fine-tuned `armature` and `stiffness` to slightly alter responses without overdoing adjustments.

Please test this configuration in your simulation environment to check for reduced trajectory prediction errors. Fine-tuning these configurations iteratively based on errors should help achieve the desired result.

=====

Thank you for providing the detailed analysis and results. Based on the previous attempts, it appears that the adjustments to the sliding-friction, armature, stiffness, and damping parameters need further fine-tuning to achieve a closer match with the trajectories in `problem\_trajectories.txt`. I will make slight adjustments to these parameters to try to minimize the trajectory prediction error further.

\*\*Adjusted Physical Parameters:\*\*

```

```python
# refined_code.py

sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle
    'sliding-friction': 0.22, # slight adjustment for better alignment
    'armature': 0.41, # fine-tuning armature
    'stiffness': 0.54, # fine-tuning stiffness
    'mass': 20.0, # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 7.3 # fine-tuning damping
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.52, # fine-tuning sliding-friction

```

```

    'armature': 0.63,      # fine-tuning armature
    'stiffness': 1.23,    # fine-tuning stiffness
    'mass': 10.0,        # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0       # fine-tuning damping
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass
    'sliding-friction': 0.72, # fine-tuning sliding-friction
    'armature': 1.04,        # slight adjustment
    'stiffness': 0.94,      # fine-tuning stiffness
    'mass': 4.0,            # mass remains unchanged
    'damping': 8.0         # slight fine-tuning damping
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

This refined code makes slight adjustments to the physical parameters, considering the previous results. The aim is to better align the simulated trajectories with the problem trajectories given in 'problem_trajectories.txt'.

Let's run these refined parameters through the simulator and compare the generated trajectories with the reference ones.

Continue this iterative process, making small adjustments within the significant digits, to minimize the error further.

=====

Let's iteratively fine-tune the physical parameters for each object using the minimal changes approach. As each previous attempt had varied errors, I'll aim to adjust the parameters finely to achieve a closer alignment with the target trajectories.

Here is a refined attempt following the same code structure:

```

```python
Generating refined code based on the provided feedback and previous
 attempts

Initializing the simulator
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

Setting up the tray with the same parameters
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}

```

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```

sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

Setting up physical parameters for each object
physical_parameters_for_object_id_1 = { # bottle, trying finer
 adjustments
 'sliding-friction': 0.22,
 'armature': 0.41,
 'stiffness': 0.54,
 'mass': 20.0,
 'damping': 7.2
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_2 = { # martini_glass, slight
 adjustments
 'sliding-friction': 0.53,
 'armature': 0.63,
 'stiffness': 1.23,
 'mass': 10.0,
 'damping': 8.0
}

physical_parameters_for_object_id_3 = { # wine_glass, finer tuning
 'sliding-friction': 0.73,
 'armature': 1.04,
 'stiffness': 0.95,
 'mass': 4.0,
 'damping': 7.9
}

Creating objects on the tray
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_1)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_object_id_2)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_object_id_3)

Creating the scene and running the simulation
sim.create_scene()
sim_out = sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

The rationale behind these values is as follows:

- For 'bottle', the parameters were slightly fine-tuned to achieve balanced damping and appropriate friction for better alignment.
- For 'martini\_glass', adjustments were made to sliding friction and damping to fine-tune the alignment.
- For 'wine\_glass', tuning involved slight adjustments to friction, stiffness, and armature to refine the trajectory.

Let's run the simulation with these parameters to evaluate the trajectory prediction errors.

## C EXAMPLE LLM RESPONSE (PHASE 2)

Similar to above, we present an example optimization steps from a phase 2 LLMPHy optimization.

Sure, here's the code for creating the provided scene based on 'task\_image\_top\_view\_1.png' and 'task\_image\_side\_view\_2.png'. The

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object classes and colors are arranged as follows, based on the interpretation of the images.

### Arrangement of Objects on the 3x3 Grid:

- (1,1): Yellow (Bottle)
- (1,2): Cyan (Bottle)
- (1,3): Orange (Bottle)
- (2,1): Brown (Martini Glass)
- (2,2): Blue (Martini Glass)
- (2,3): Pink (Martini Glass)
- (3,1): Purple (Wine Glass)
- (3,2): None
- (3,3): Green (Wine Glass)

Here's the code to create the scene using the specified physical attributes:

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Physical parameters for bottle
physical_parameters_for_bottle = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.21,
    'armature': 0.41,
    'stiffness': 0.55,
    'mass': 20.0,
    'damping': 7.0
}

# Physical parameters for martini glass
physical_parameters_for_martini_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.52,
    'armature': 0.63,
    'stiffness': 1.22,
    'mass': 10.0,
    'damping': 8.0
}

# Physical parameters for wine glass
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.72,
    'armature': 1.02,
    'stiffness': 0.94,
    'mass': 4.0,
    'damping': 7.9
}

sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='yellow', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='cyan', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
```

```

sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='brown',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='blue',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='martini_glass',
    object_location=('row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='pink',
    object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
    =('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='purple', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
    =('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

This code will recreate the scene as depicted in the provided images 'task\_image\_top\_view\_1.png' and 'task\_image\_side\_view\_2.png' using the specific physical parameters given.

=====

Certainly! Based on the feedback from the previous attempt and a careful review of the top-down view 'task\_image\_top\_view\_1.png', here is a refined version of the code to correctly match the object positions and colors.

```

```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Physical parameters for bottle
physical_parameters_for_bottle = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.21,
    'armature': 0.41,
    'stiffness': 0.55,
    'mass': 20.0,
    'damping': 7.0
}

# Physical parameters for martini glass
physical_parameters_for_martini_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.52,
    'armature': 0.63,
    'stiffness': 1.22,
    'mass': 10.0,
    'damping': 8.0
}

# Physical parameters for wine glass
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.72,

```

```

    'armature': 1.02,
    'stiffness': 0.94,
    'mass': 4.0,
    'damping': 7.9
}

# Object placements based on correct interpretation
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='yellow', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='cyan', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='brown',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='pink',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='purple', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_2'), object_color='brown', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=9, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

Steps taken:

- Identified that the issue with the object colors in previous Attempt #0.
 - 'cyan' should be 'blue'.
 - 'orange' should be 'purple'.
 - 'pink' should be 'brown'.
 - 'blue' should be 'cyan'.
- Corrected these placements and colors to match the top-down view `task_image_top_view_1.png`.

Please run this corrected code in your simulator to check if it matches the desired output.

=====

Certainly! To reproduce the task images correctly, we need to ensure that each object is placed in the correct grid location and given the correct color. Let's carefully inspect the top-down image and the side-view image again:

- From `task_image_top_view_1.png`:
1. Top-left (row 1, column 1): Yellow object
 2. Top-middle (row 1, column 2): Cyan object
 3. Top-right (row 1, column 3): Orange object
 4. Middle-left (row 2, column 1): Brown object

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5. Middle-middle (row 2, column 2): Blue object
 6. Middle-right (row 2, column 3): Pink object
 7. Bottom-left (row 3, column 1): Purple object
 8. Bottom-middle (row 3, column 2): No object
 9. Bottom-right (row 3, column 3): Green object

From `task_image_side_view_2.png`, identify the types of objects:

1. Bottles have a slender, tall shape.
2. Martini glasses have a distinctive cone shape.
3. Wine glasses have a bowl-like shape and are shorter than bottles.

Using these identifications and physical attributes provided, we will correct the mistake identified in the attempt. Below is the refined version of the Python code to correctly reproduce the top-down and side-view images of the scene.

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

Physical parameters for bottle
physical_parameters_for_bottle = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.21,
 'armature': 0.41,
 'stiffness': 0.55,
 'mass': 20.0,
 'damping': 7.0
}

Physical parameters for martini glass
physical_parameters_for_martini_glass = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.52,
 'armature': 0.63,
 'stiffness': 1.22,
 'mass': 10.0,
 'damping': 8.0
}

Physical parameters for wine glass
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.72,
 'armature': 1.02,
 'stiffness': 0.94,
 'mass': 4.0,
 'damping': 7.9
}

Correct object placements and colors based on the images
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='yellow', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='cyan', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_bottle)
```

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```

sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='brown',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='pink',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='purple',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

This code ensures that each object is assigned the correct position and color as per the task images. The corrected physical parameters will also contribute to a more accurate simulation output.

=====

To correctly reproduce the scene shown in the "task_image_top_view_1.png" and "task_image_side_view_2.png" images, we need to ensure that the placement, object types, and colors are all accurately represented. From GPT Attempt #0, we've identified that there are issues with the colors of the objects placed in the scene.

Let's refine the code to align the objects' colors and positions accurately according to the provided images.

Here's the corrected code snippet:

```

```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.1,
 'armature': 0.1,
 'stiffness': 0.0,
 'mass': 0.5,
 'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

Physical parameters for bottle
physical_parameters_for_bottle = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.21,
 'armature': 0.41,
 'stiffness': 0.55,
 'mass': 20.0,
 'damping': 7.0
}

Physical parameters for martini glass
physical_parameters_for_martini_glass = {

```

---

```

 'sliding-friction': 0.52,
 'armature': 0.63,
 'stiffness': 1.22,
 'mass': 10.0,
 'damping': 8.0
}

Physical parameters for wine glass
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass = {
 'sliding-friction': 0.72,
 'armature': 1.02,
 'stiffness': 0.94,
 'mass': 4.0,
 'damping': 7.9
}

Correct object placements and colors based on the images
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='yellow', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='cyan', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='brown',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
 row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='pink', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_wine_glass) # Corrected to wine glass
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='martini_glass',
 object_location=('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='purple',
 object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass) # Corrected
 color position
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
 =('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green', object_physics=
 physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
'''

```

Changes made:

1. For 'object\_id=6', the type was changed to 'wine\_glass' instead of 'martini\_glass'.
2. The color 'purple' was moved to position '(row\_3, column\_1)' for the 'martini\_glass' as per the task image.

Ensure the scene setup provided above now accurately reflects the task images. With these corrections, the positions and object types should match the top-down and side view images respectively.

=====

To refine the Python code for generating the scene to exactly match the given images ('task\_image\_top\_view\_1.png' and 'task\_image\_side\_view\_2.png'), we need to correct the object colors and their placements on the grid. Below is the mistake analysis from GPT Attempt #0 and the necessary corrections:

- 
1. `**Object at (row_1, column_2)**`: The given image shows this is yellow, but the existing code has it as cyan.
  2. `**Object at (row_1, column_3)**`: The given image shows this is cyan, but the existing code has it as orange.
  3. `**Object at (row_3, column_1)**`: The given image shows this is orange, but the existing code has it as purple.

We can use this information to adjust the code appropriately:

1. Place the cyan bottle at `(row_1, column_3)`.
2. Place the orange bottle at `(row_3, column_1)`.
3. Place the purple martini glass at `(row_2, column_2)`.

Let's write the corrected code accordingly:

```
```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()
sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.1,
    'armature': 0.1,
    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
    'damping': 20
}
sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

# Physical parameters for bottle
physical_parameters_for_bottle = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.21,
    'armature': 0.41,
    'stiffness': 0.55,
    'mass': 20.0,
    'damping': 7.0
}

# Physical parameters for martini glass
physical_parameters_for_martini_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.52,
    'armature': 0.63,
    'stiffness': 1.22,
    'mass': 10.0,
    'damping': 8.0
}

# Physical parameters for wine glass
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass = {
    'sliding-friction': 0.72,
    'armature': 1.02,
    'stiffness': 0.94,
    'mass': 4.0,
    'damping': 7.9
}

# Correct object placements and colors based on the images
sim.create_object(object_id=1, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    row_1', 'column_1'), object_color='yellow', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='bottle', object_location=(
    row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='cyan', object_physics=
    physical_parameters_for_bottle) # Corrected to cyan and position
```

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sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle) # Corrected to orange and position
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='brown',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_2', 'column_3'), object_color='pink', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='purple',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass) # Corrected to
purple and position
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)

sim.create_scene()
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()
del sim
```

```

This code should now correctly reproduce the task images:

```

- **Object Placements**:
- `(row_1, column_1)` -> Yellow bottle
- `(row_1, column_2)` -> Purple martini glass
- `(row_1, column_3)` -> Cyan bottle
- `(row_2, column_1)` -> Brown martini glass
- `(row_2, column_2)` -> Blue bottle
- `(row_2, column_3)` -> Pink wine glass
- `(row_3, column_1)` -> Orange bottle
- `(row_3, column_3)` -> Green wine glass

```

With these corrected attributes and proper placements, running the simulation should yield the desired images.

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Thank you for providing the various details and previous attempts. Let's analyze the array of object placements and the corresponding colors more carefully, given both views and the physical properties.

The given task\_images (task\_image\_top\_view\_1.png and task\_image\_side\_view\_2.png) indicate a specific arrangement of colored objects. Let's identify and correct the colors and positions of the objects in the generated scene to match the task:

1. Yellow object: A bottle, located in row 1, column 1.
2. Cyan object: A bottle, located in row 1, column 3.
3. Orange object: A bottle, located in row 1, column 2.
4. Purple object: A martini glass, located in row 3, column 2.
5. Blue object: A bottle, located in row 2, column 2.
6. Pink object: A wine glass, located in row 3, column 1.
7. Green object: A wine glass, located in row 3, column 3.
8. Brown object: A martini glass, located in row 2, column 1.

Using the corrected layout information, here is the refined Python code to reproduce the task images correctly:

```

```python
sim = SIMULATOR_MODEL()

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sim.create_pusher('3.0 3.0 0.05')

# Physical parameters for the tray
physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray = {
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    'stiffness': 0.0,
    'mass': 0.5,
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sim.create_tray(object_physics = physical_parameters_for_object_id_tray)

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sim.create_object(object_id=2, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_3'), object_color='cyan', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=3, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_1', 'column_2'), object_color='orange', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=4, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_2', 'column_1'), object_color='brown',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=5, object_name='bottle', object_location=('
row_2', 'column_2'), object_color='blue', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_bottle)
sim.create_object(object_id=6, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_1'), object_color='pink', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=7, object_name='wine_glass', object_location
=('row_3', 'column_3'), object_color='green', object_physics=
physical_parameters_for_wine_glass)
sim.create_object(object_id=8, object_name='martini_glass',
object_location=('row_3', 'column_2'), object_color='purple',
object_physics=physical_parameters_for_martini_glass)

```

```
sim.create_scene()  
sim_out=sim.run_simulation()  
del sim  
'''
```

This code corrects the placement and color assignments for the given objects, ensuring they match what is observed in the task image. Run this code in your simulator to verify the outputs.