Collision Detection on the GPU

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Overview

- Quick Background
- **CPU Methods**
- **CULLIDE**
- **RCULLIDE**
- **QCULLIDE**
- **CUDA Methods**

- Need to find collisions for lots of reasons
	- ⚪ Physics engines
	- ⚪ Seeing if a projectile hits an object
	- ⚪ Ray casting
	- ⚪ Game engines
	- \circ Etc...

- Broad phase:
	- Looks at entire scene
	- ⚪ Looks at proxy geometry (bounding shapes)
	- ⚪ Determines if two objects *may* intersect
	- ⚪ Needs to be very fast

- Narrow phase:
	- ⚪ Looks at pairs of objects flagged by broad phase
	- ⚪ Looks at the actual geometry of an object
	- ⚪ Determines if objects are truly intersecting
	- ⚪ Generally slower

Resolution

- ⚪ Compute forces according to the contact points returned from the narrow phase
- ⚪ Can be non trivial if there are multiple contact points
- ⚪ Returns resulting forces to be added to each body

CPU Methods

- **Brute Force**
	- ⚪ Check every object against every other
		- $N(N-1)/2$ tests $O(N^2)$
- **Sweep and Prune**
	- Average case: O(N log N)
	- Worst case: $O(N^2)$
- **Spatial Subdivisions**
	- Average case: O(N log N)
	- Worst case: O(N²)

Sweep and Prune

- Bounding volume is projected onto *x*, *y*, *z* axis
- Determine collision interval for each object $[b_{i}, e_{i}]$
- Two objects who's collision intervals do not overlap can not collide

Spatial Subdivisions

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CULLIDE

- Came out of Dinesh's group at UNC in 2003
- Uses graphics hardware to do a broad-narrow phase hybrid
- No shader languages

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- **• Pruning Algorithm**
- **• Implementation and Results**
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- **• Exact collision tests on the PCS**

Algorithm

GPU based PCS computation

Using CPU

Potentially Colliding Set (PCS)

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Visibility Computations

Lemma 1: An object O does not collide with a set of objects S if O is fully visible with respect to S

• Utilize visibility for PCS computation

Collision Detection using Visibility Computations

 Lemma 2: Given n objects O_{p} , O_{p} , an object O_{p} does not belong to PCS if it does not collide with $O_{1'}...O_{i+1'}$, O_{n}

• Prune objects that do not collide

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O_1 O_2 … O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} … O_{n-1} O_n

O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i

O_i **O**_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n

PCS Computation

- **• Each object tested against all objects but itself**
- **• Naive algorithm is O(n²)**
- **• Linear time algorithm**
	- **• Uses two pass rendering approach**
	- **• Conservative solution**

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O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i⁰_i **O**_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n Render

Fully Visible? Render $\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{1}}$

O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i⁰_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n Render

O_1 O_2 … O_{i-1} O_i O_{i+1} … O_{n-1} O_n

PCS Computation: Second Pass

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PCS ={O1 ,O2 }

Algorithm

- **• Each object is composed of sub-objects**
- We are given n objects O₁,...,O_n
- **Compute sub-objects of an object O**. **that overlap with sub-objects of other objects**

- **• Our solution**
	- Test if each sub-object of O_i overlaps with sub-objects of O₁,..O_{i-1}
	- Test if each sub-object of O_i overlaps with sub-objects of O_{i+1},...,O_n
- **• Linear time algorithm**
- **• Extend the two pass approach**

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Render sub-objects

O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i² **O**_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n

Render sub-objects

O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i

Rendered sub-objects

 \mathbf{O}_{2} … \mathbf{O}_{i-1} T_{1}^{1} Rendered

Fully Visible? sub-objects Render sub-objects

 \mathbf{O}_{2} … \mathbf{O}_{i-1} T_{2}^{1} Rendered

Fully Visible? sub-objects Render sub-objects

Render sub-objects

O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i

Rendered sub-objects

O₂ … **O**_{i-1} **O**_i **O**_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n

Rendered sub-objects

O₁ O_{₂ … **O**_{i-1}} **O**_i⁰_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n

O₁ O₂ … **O_{i-1} O**_i⁰_{i+1} … **O**_{n-1} **O**_n

| O_1 | Potential Colliding Set |
|-------|-------------------------|
| O_2 | O_2 |

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PCS = \{O_1, O_2\}
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Sub-objects

$PCS = sub-objects of { O_1, O_2 }$

First Pass

Rendering order: Sub-objects of $O_1 \longrightarrow O_2$

Rendering order: Sub-objects of $O_2 \longrightarrow O_1$

After two

passes

Algorithm

Exact Overlap tests using CPU

Visibility Queries

• We require a query

- **• Tests if a primitive is fully visible or not**
- **• Current hardware supports occlusion queries**
	- **• Test if a primitive is visible or not**
- **• Our solution**
	- **• Change the sign of depth function**

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Visibility Queries

•Examples - HP_Occlusion_test, NV_occlusion_query

Bandwidth Analysis

• Read back only integer identifiers

• Independent of screen resolution

- **• First use AABBs as object bounding volume**
- **• Use orthographic views for pruning**
- **• Prune using original objects**

- **• No coherence**
- **• No assumptions on motion of objects**
- **• Works on generic models**
- **• A fast pruning algorithm**
- **• No frame-buffer readbacks**

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- **• No distance or penetration depth information**
- **• Resolution issues**
- **• No self-collisions**
- **• Culling performance varies with relative configurations**

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Assumptions

- Makes assumptions that their algorithm will get faster as hardware improves.
- Luckily they were right

RCULLIDE

- An improvement on CULLIDE in 2004
- Resolves issue of screen resolution precision

Overview

- A main issue with CULLIDE was the fact that it wasn't reliable
- Collisions could easily be missed due to screen resolution

Overview

- 3 kinds of error associated with visibility based overlap
	- ⚪ Perspective error
		- Strange shapes from the transformation
	- ⚪ Sampling error
		- Pixel resolution isn't high enough
	- ⚪ Depth buffer precision error
		- **EXEC** If distance between primitives is less than the depth buffer resolution, we will get incorrect results from our visibility query

Reliable Queries

The three errors cause the following:

- A fragment to not be rasterized
- ⚪ A fragment is generated but not sampled where interference occurs
- ⚪ A fragment is generated and sampled where the interference occurs but the precision of the buffer is not sufficient

Reliable Queries

- Use "fat" triangles
	- ⚪ Generate 2 fragments for each pixel touched by a triangle (no matter how little it is in the pixel)
	- ⚪ For each pixel touched by the triangle, the depth of the 2 fragments must bound the depth of all points of the triangle in that pixel
- Causes method to become more conservative (read: slower) but much more accurate

Minkowski Sum

- Scary name…easy math
- $A + B = \{ \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{a} \in A, \mathbf{b} \in B \}.$

 $A = \{ (1, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1) \}$ $B = \{ (0, 0), (1, 1), (1, -1) \}$

A + *B* = { (1, 0), (2, 1), (2, −1), (0, 1), (1, 2), (1, 0), (0, −1), (1, 0), (1, −2)}

Reliable Queries

- In practice, we use the Minkowski sum of a bounding cube B and the triangle T
- $B = max(2dx, 2dy, 2dz)$ where dx, y, z are pixel dimensions
- If uniform supersampling is known to occur on the card, we can reduce the size of B
	- We need B to cover at least 1 sampling point for the triangle it bounds

■ Cubes only work for z-axis projections so in practice use a bounding sphere of radius sqrt(3)p/2

Bounding Offset

- So far we've just dealt with single triangles but we need whole objects
- This is done using a Union of Object-oriented Bounding Boxes(UOBB)

Algorithm

- 1. Clear the depth buffer (use orthographic projection)
- 2. For each object P_i , $i = 1, ..., n$
	- Disable the depth mask and set the depth function to GL_GEQUAL.
	- Enable back-face culling to cull front faces.
	- For each sub-object T_k^i in P_i Render offset representation of T_k^i using an occlusion query
	- Enable the depth mask and set the depth function to GL_LEQUAL.
	- Enable back-face culling to cull back faces.
	- For each sub-object T_k^i in P_i

Render offset representation of T_k^i

- 3. For each object P_i , $i = 1, ..., n$
	- For each sub-object T_k^i in P_i

Test if T_k^i is not visible with respect to the depth buffer. If it is not visible, set a tag to note it as fully visible.

Improvement over CULLIDE

(a) Interference computation on two bunnies

(b) Intersection curve computed by CULLIDE

(c) Intersection curve computed by FAR

Performance

Still runs faster than CPU implementations

3x slower than CULLIDE due to bounding box rasterization vs triangle rasterization

QCULLIDE

Extends CULLIDE to handle self collisions in complex meshes

■ All running in real time

Self Collision Culling

Note that only intersecting triangles that don't share a vertex or edge are considered colliding

Self Collision Culling

■ Algorithm

- ⚪ Include all potentially colliding primitives and PCS where each primitive is a triangle
- ⚪ Perform the visibility test to see if a triangle is penetrating any other
- ⚪ If completely visible, the object is not colliding

Q-CULLIDE

Sets

- ⚪ BFV Objects fully visible in both passes and are pruned from the PCS
- \circ FFV Fully visible in only the first pass
- ⚪ SFV Fully visible in only the second pass
- ⚪ NFV Not fully visible in both passes

Q-CULLIDE

Properties of sets

- FFV and SFV are collision free
	- No object in FFV collides with any other in FFV…same for SFV
- If an object is in FFV and is fully visible in the 2^{nd} pass of the algorithm, we can prune it and vice versa

Algorithm

- For each object O_i in PCS, i=1,...,n
	- If $O_i \in SFV$ or $O_i \in NFV$, test whether the object is fully visible using an occlusion query.
	- If $O_i \in FFV$ or $O_i \in NFV$, render the object into the frame buffer.
- For each object O_i in PCS, i=1,...,n
	- If $O_i \in SFV$ or $O_i \in NFV$, and the occlusion query determines O_i as fully visible
		- * If $O_i \in SFV$, then tag O_i as a member of BFV .
		- * If $O_i \in NFV$, then tag O_i as a member of FFV .

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What's Happening

- 1. Objects that are fully visible in both the passes:
	- This subset of objects belonging to NF^V are pruned from the PCS (based on Lemma 5).
	- 2. Objects that are fully visible in the first pass:
		- NFV: These objects are removed from NFV and placed in FFV.
		- SFV: These objects are removed from the PCS (based on Lemma 4).
		- FFV: Visibility computations are not performed for these objects in this pass.
	- 3. Objects that are fully visible in the second pass:
		- NFV: These objects are removed from NFV and placed in SFV.
		- **FFV:** These objects are removed from the PCS (based on Lemma 3).
		- SFV: Visibility computations are not performed for these objects in this pass.

Improvement Over CULLIDE

Improvements Over CULLIDE

Sends an order of magnitude less collisions to the CPU than CULLIDE

Spatial Subdivision

- □ Partition space into uniform grid
- \Box Grid cell is at least as large as largest object
- □ Each cell contains list of each object whose centroid is in the cell
- □ Collision tests are performed between objects who are in same cell or adjacent cells

Implementation:

- 1. Create list of object IDs along with hashing of cell IDs in which they reside
- 2. Sort list by cell ID
- 3. Traverse swaths of identical cell IDs
- 4. Perform collision tests on all objects that share same cell ID

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Parallel Spatial Subdivision

- □ Complications:
	- Single object can be involved in multiple collision tests
	- 2. Need to prevent multiple threads updating the state of an object at the same time

Ways to solve this?

Guaranteed Individual Collision Tests

- Prove: No two cells updated in parallel may contain the same object that is being updated
	- **Constraints**
	- Each cell is as large as the bounding volume of the largest object
	- 2. Each cell processed in parallel must be separated by each other cell by at least one intervening cell
	- In 2d this takes <u>4</u> number of passes
	- In 3d this takes $\frac{8}{2}$ number of passes

Example of Parallel Spatial Subdivision

Avoiding Extra Collision Testing

- 1. Associate each object a set of control bits to test where its centroid resides
- 2. Scale the bounding sphere of each object by sqrt(2) to ensure the grid cell is at least 1.5 times larger than the largest object

Implementing in CUDA

- Store list of object IDs, cell IDs in device memory
- Build the list of cell IDs from object's bounding boxes
- \Box Sorting list from previous step
- Build an index table to traverse the sorted list
- \Box Schedule pairs of objects for narrow phase collision detection

Initialization

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Cell ID Array

OBJ 1 Cell ID 1 OBJ 1 Cell ID 2 OBJ 1 Cell ID 3 OBJ 1 Cell ID 4 OBJ 2 Cell ID 1 OBJ 2 Cell ID 2 OBJ 2 Cell ID 3 OBJ 2 Cell ID 4

Object ID Array

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OBJ 1 ID, Control Bits OBJ 2 ID, Control Bits .

Construct the Cell ID Array

Host Cells $(H - Cells)$

Contain the centroid of the object

 $H\text{-}Cell Hash = (pos.x / CELLSIZE) \ll XSHIFT)$ (pos.y / CELLSIZE) << YSHIFT) | $(pos.z / CELLSIZE) \ll ZSHIFT)$

Phantom Cells (P-Cells)

Overlap with bounding volume but do not contain the centroid

 $P-Cells - Test$ the 3^d-1 cells surrounding the H cell There can be as many as 2^d -1 P cells

Sorting the Cell ID Array

- What we want:
	- Sorted by Cell ID
	- H cells of an ID occur before P cells of an ID
- \Box Starting with a partial sort
	- H cells are before P cells, but array is not sorted by Cell ID
- □ Solution:
	- Radix Sort
	- Radix Sort ensures identical cell IDs remain in the same order as before sorting.

Sorting Cell Array

Spatial Subdivision

- 1. Assign to each cell the list of bounding volumes whose objects intersect with the cell
- 2. Perform Collision test only if both objects are in the cell and one has a centroid in the cell

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Create the Collision Cell List

- □ Scan sorted cell ID array for changes of cell ID
	- Mark by end of the list of occupants of one cell and beginning of another
- 1. Count number of objects each collision cell contains and convert them into offsets using scan
- 2. Create entries for each collision cell in new array
	- 1. Start
	- 2. Number of H occupants
	- 3. Number of P occupants

Create Collision Cell List

Traverse Collision Cell List

