COMP 2510 WINTER 2024

Assignment 2

Deadline: 11:59PM on Feb 16

Requirements

In this assignment, you can work in a group of up to 4. You will write a particle simulator that will show the location of particles after a designated number of seconds. We are assuming that we are working on an XY grid that is specified by the dimensions in the input file. Your particles will only move within this boundary. The grid is boxed by borders. If your grid is 20 by 20, the vertices of the borders are at (-1,-1), (-1,20), (20,-1), and (20,20). You are given an input file which contains a set of (x, y) coordinates and (x,y) velocities. These coordinates are initial positions and velocities of the particles. The unit of velocity is 1 unit per second.

For example, let's assume that input.txt contains the following inputs:

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>> cat input.txt
20
10
1
0,0,1,0
0,1,1,0
1,1,1,0
E
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All input files will have an E designator at the end marking the end of the file. This input file has the dimension of 20 by 10 where 20 is the X dimension and 10 is the Y dimension. In other words, X coordinates can go from 0 to 19 and Y coordinates can go from 0 to 9. In this case, we have 3 particles located at (0,0), (0,1), and (1,1). The third line contains the simulation time which is 1 unit provided here. Their x-direction initial velocity is 1 for all particles and y-direction initial velocity is 0 for all particles. After one second, the following are their new respective coordinates: (1,0), (1,1), and (2,1).

Particles can only move in x-axis, y-axis or 45 degree angle directions. In case of 45 degree angle directions, the x and y directional velocity will have the same magnitude. A couple of example velocities are (1,1) and (1,-1).

Your program will simulate this movement and output the final position in the output file. For the above example, if we ran the simulation for 3 seconds, the final output positions will be the following: (3,0), (3,1), and (4,1).

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Your output file must be a graphical position of particles with borders. Below is the sample output file for 5 by 5 grid with (3,0), (3,1), and (4,1) coordinates:

>> cat output.txt

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* + *

Note that the output is shown for 5 by 5 as an exemplary purpose only. Your program must be able to print the grid specified by the input file. Your border must be marked with * symbols while your particles must be marked with + symbols.

Your particle can be bound off the border and you should account for those. For particles moving in x and y directions, the bounding just reverses the direction while keeping the same magnitude of the velocity. For example, (1,0) with -1 x-direction velocity will be at (0,0) after one second, (1,0) after two seconds, and (2,0) after three seconds.

For those traveling at 45 degree angle, the bounding will reflect the angle. Here is a particle with (1,1) with 1 x-direction velocity and -1 y-direction velocity. The position will be (2,0) after one second, (3,1) after two seconds, and (4,2) after three seconds.

Finally, these particles have a property where if they collide, they disappear. Let's assume that we have two particles with following properties:

- (1,3) at 1 x-direction velocity and 0 y-direction velocity
- (2,2) at 0 x-direction velocity and 1 y-direction velocity

These two particles will both be at (2,3) after one second. Since they are at the same coordinate at the same time, they are considered collided, so these two particles will be removed from the system. This means these two particles do not exist anymore. You also need to take care of path crossing collisions. We have two scenarios. Let's take a look at each one of them.

- (0,0) at 1 x-direction velocity and 1 y-direction velocity
- (1,0) at -1 x-direction velocity and 1 y-direction velocity

In this case, the final positions of the particle will be at (1,1) and (0,1). In this case, they are not considered collided. Our coordinate system can only deal with integer coordinates. The path cross in this case occurs when two particles cross at (0.5, 0.5), yet we do not consider such coordinates, so we ignore such crossing cases. However, consider the following.

- (0,0) at 2 x-direction velocity and 2 y-direction velocity
- (2,0) at -2 x-direction velocity and 2 y-direction velocity

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Now with all information given, your job is to write a program that can simulate this. You are not given a skeleton file. You have seen enough skeleton files, so I will let you make one for yourself. There will be sample input and output files provided with Makefile later.

How to Compile and Run

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Restrictions

- No new restrictions added in this lab
- In any corner cases, write "Error" to the output file and exit gracefully

Grading

Any grading failure due to not following instructions will result in 0. You will get one chance to show your work to the instructor.

- (1 point) All files are submitted correctly using the instructions below.
- (4 point) Generate a correct solution to the problem(s) in this lab. Three test inputs will be used.
- (4 point) Handle corner cases gracefully

Submission Files

- You must submit only one file named: assignment2.c
- Submit it to learning hub before the deadline