

# **Autumn Examinations 2022-2023**

Course Instance 3BCT, 3BDA

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**Exam(s)** B.Sc. (CS&IT),

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Module(s) Games Programming

Paper No. 1

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<u>Instructions</u>: Answer any three questions. All questions carry equal marks. Note that the final page of this exam paper lists useful classes from the Unity3D SDK.

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<u>PTO</u>

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- (ii) In a shooting game, assume you are using raycasts to determine what the player has hit when they fire their gun. You may assume that you are given a reference to the gun object in the 3D scene.
  - Write appropriate Unity3D/C# code to perform a raycast when the gun is fired, to determine what is hit by the bullet. The gun should have a maximum range of 500 metres.
  - Write appropriate Unity3D/C# code to instantiate an 'explosion' object at the position that the bullet hits. You may assume that a prefab exists for this explosion object.
     [4]

# **PTO**

(i) Write a C# Monobehaviour script to attach to a Unity3D game object which automatically destroys the object as soon as it is either behind the camera or more than a defined distance away from it. This defined distance should be available as a value that can be edited in the inspector. [8]

```
(ii) What are C# Coroutines?
```

[2]

- (iii) Write a Coroutine which carries out a sequence of actions over time: [8]
  - Gradually (frame by frame) moves its local game object at a speed of 1 metre per second towards a Vector3 position.
  - After the game object arrives at the position, waits 2 seconds.
  - Then moves the game object in the same way to a second Vector3 position.

Your Coroutine should use the following signature:

```
IEnumerator MoveBetween(Vector3 pos1, Vector3 pos2)
{
}
```

(iv) Write a general-purpose version of your Coroutine which:

- [2]
- Moves the game object between each position in a List rather than just two positions.
- After arriving at each position, waits for the time defined in the Float, before continuing to the next Vector3 in the List.

Your Coroutine should use the following signature:

```
IEnumerator MoveBetween(List<Vector3> positions, float waitTime)
{
}
```

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Rigidbody: methods

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Rigidbody: data members

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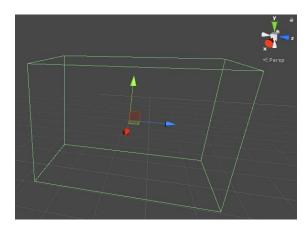
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(iii) The Game Object depicted has a Box Collider component, whose 'isTrigger' property is true. A script on the game object contains a reference to the Box Collider and to a prefab of a ball.

```
public BoxCollider bc;
public GameObject ball;
public IEnumerator SpawnBallsInBox(){
}
```

Write code for the SpawnBallsInBox() coroutine, so that it continually instantiates balls, at a rate of one ball every two seconds. The balls should be initialised to a random position somewhere inside the Box Collider. (Hint: use the 'bounds' property of the Box Collider, which has 'min' and 'max' properties, each of which are of type Vector3).

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# **Q.4.**

- (i) Bearing in mind that, in Unity's physics engine, gravity only operates along a fixed world vector, how could you simulate a moon orbiting a planet? Write Unity3D/C# code to achieve this, identifying the appropriate methods in which it should be written, as well as identifying the appropriate component(s) which have been added to the game objects.
- (ii) Write Unity3D/C# code to accomplish the following:
- instantiate a gameobject at runtime, from a prefab
  obtain a reference to the Rigidbody component attached to it, if it has one
- [2]
- attach a new Rigidbody to the gameobject, if it did not have one already [3]
- set the gameobject moving in a straight line using the physics engine [3]

# Q.5.

Write technical notes on each of the following

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- (i) How you would display (and update) a score on the screen while a game is being played, using the Unity GUI system.
- (ii) Garbage collection in Unity, including how to write low-garbage code.
- (iii)Triggers and Colliders in Unity how to use them and why they are useful for games development.
- (iv)Screen space, viewport space and world space in Unity.

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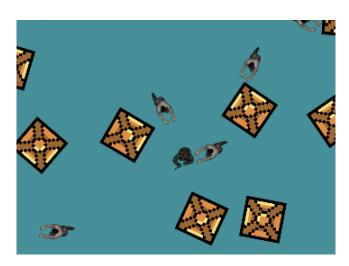


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# Q.1.

- (i) Write a Unity C# script which you can attach to game objects to make them continually face towards the camera (even when they and/or the camera moves) [5]
- (ii) In the two-dimensional game depicted in the image below, computer controlled 'zombies' chase the player. The zombie behaviour is controlled through a MonoBehaviour script called ZombieAI. Write Unity3D/C# code to rotate a zombie *a little* towards the player each frame, and indicate the appropriate method in the ZombieAI script into which this should be written. You can assume that zombies have access to the player game object via the static reference Player.activePlayer. Hint: use Vector3.RotateTowards() to calculate the result of rotating one vector towards another vector by a specified amount.
- (iii) Write additional code which will move the zombie in its own forwards direction in each frame, but only if the zombie is facing straight at (or almost straight at) the player. Hint: use Vector3.Dot (vector dot product). [5]
- (iv) Without writing any code, explain (in plain English) how you could extend the ZombieAI class so that zombies only rotate and move towards the player if their line of sight is not blocked by any of the boxes depicted in the image below. Be as precise as possible in your explanation. Zombies' vision should only be blocked by boxes, not by other zombies.



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[5]

[6]

# Q.4.

- (i) Bearing in mind that, in Unity's physics engine, gravity only operates along a fixed world vector, explain (in plain English) how could you simulate a planet orbiting a sun.

  [3]
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```
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{
}
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