

Modelling and Simulation of Systems

Exercise 6: Visualization of a Simulation

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Phenomenon description

The modelled phenomenon is the temperature propagation in a fluid, based on Brownian motion. It occurs in the gases and liquids. Can be observed in floor heating in an apartment.

Model

The phenomenon will be modelled using diffusion limited aggregation (DLA) process. In this process particles are undergoing random walk due to Brownian motion and cluster together to form aggregates of such particles. Particle is colored after a time when it aggregated to the cluster.

We model phenomenon in 2D.

Listing 1: Algorithm for generating consecutive steps

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N - modelled space width and height
dla = matrix[N][N]
particles = 0
set the bottom row as a seed
launch = N - 10 // all particles start 10 pixels down from the top

done = false
while(!done):
    x = random(0,N)
    y = launch;
    // random walk
    while (is within the considered 2D space):
        r = random(0,1);
        if (0 < r < 0.25) x--
        if (0.25 < r < 0.50) x++
        if (0.50 < r < 0.65) y++
        if (0.65 < r < 1) y-- // it is the biggest due to gravity force

        if (neighbour of [x,y] is occupied) {
            dla[x][y] = true
            particles++
            printPixel(x, N - y - 1, assignColor(particles))

            if (y > launch):
                done = true
            break // particle random walk finishes when it is marked
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