

Real Time Simulation

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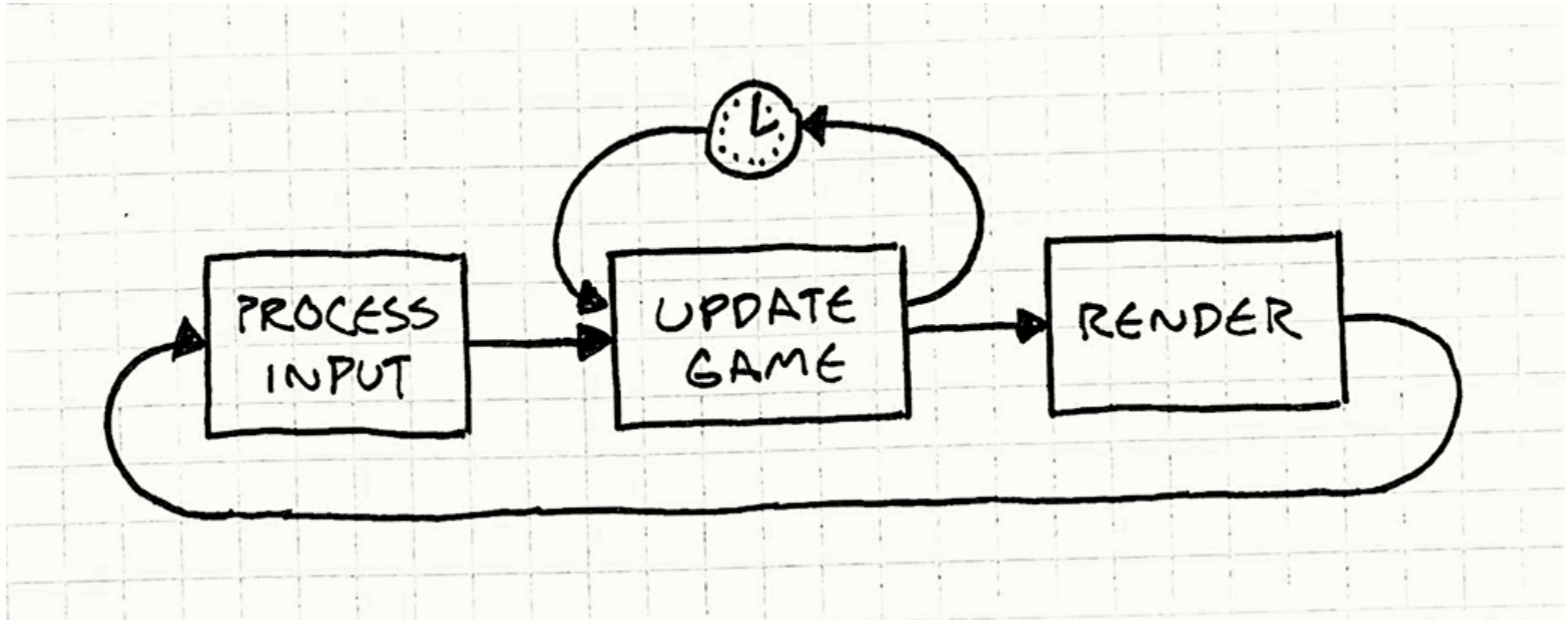
Outline

- Real Time Simulation (Games)
- Main Loop
- Physics Euler Integration
- Setting up Scene for Real Time Simulation Game
 - Apply gravity to shape
- Dynamically adding nodes to your scene
- Exercise

Real Time Simulation

- Real time simulation applications are applications where a Scene is composed of multiple objects, and the state of each object depends on the current time in the application
- Video Games are examples of real time simulation applications
- In a real-time simulations, the state of objects is updated at least 30 times per second, and each time is rendered on the screen. This process is called the Main Loop

The Main Loop



Timing information

- In Java, the current time can be retrieved using `System.nanoTime()`
- The method returns an integer (long) representing the most precise timer on the system in nano second.
- We can measure time spent by subtracting nano seconds from one call to another. To get the timing in seconds, we can divide the time interval by a billion (1000000000)
- To simulate a Main Loop, we can start an `AnimationTimer`. The `handle` method will automatically be called as often as possible. The amount of time between 2 calls of the `handle()` method will determine the frame duration.

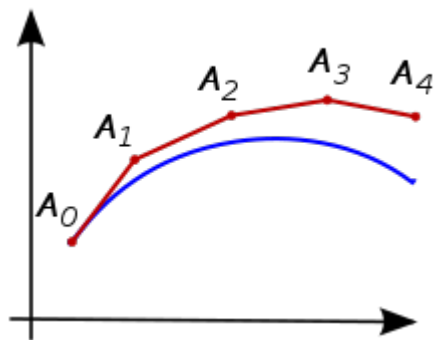
JavaFX Shapes for Simulation

- JavaFX provides Shape objects that are convenient to use for simulation applications.
- Circle objects can be positioned on a Pane using the `setCenterX()` and `setCenterY()` methods. It can be resized using the `setRadius()` method.
- Rectangle objects can also be positioned with `setX()` and `setY()`. The position where they draw is at the upper left corner by default.
- For any shape (variable name), to set a background image (JavaFX Image class), you can use the code below:

```
ImagePattern ip = new ImagePattern(image);  
shape.setFill(ip);
```

Physics - Euler Integration

- Re-compute Acceleration, Velocities and Position once per time step
 - Apply gravity and other forces to acceleration
 - Apply acceleration to velocity
 - Apply velocity to positions

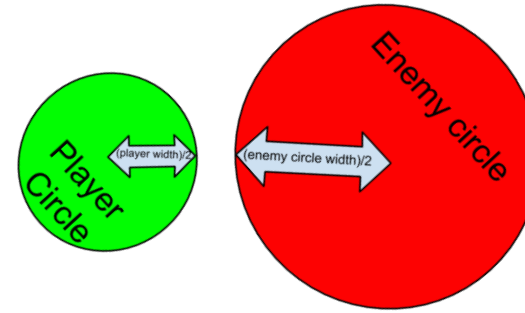


Typical Problems

Blue: Correct Positions
Red: Positions from Euler Integration

- Advantages with Euler Integration
 - Easy to implement
 - Fast to compute
- Problems with Euler Integration
 - Not Accurate, but good enough for simple movement
 - More robust integrations techniques (such as RK4) are required for more accurate physics simulation

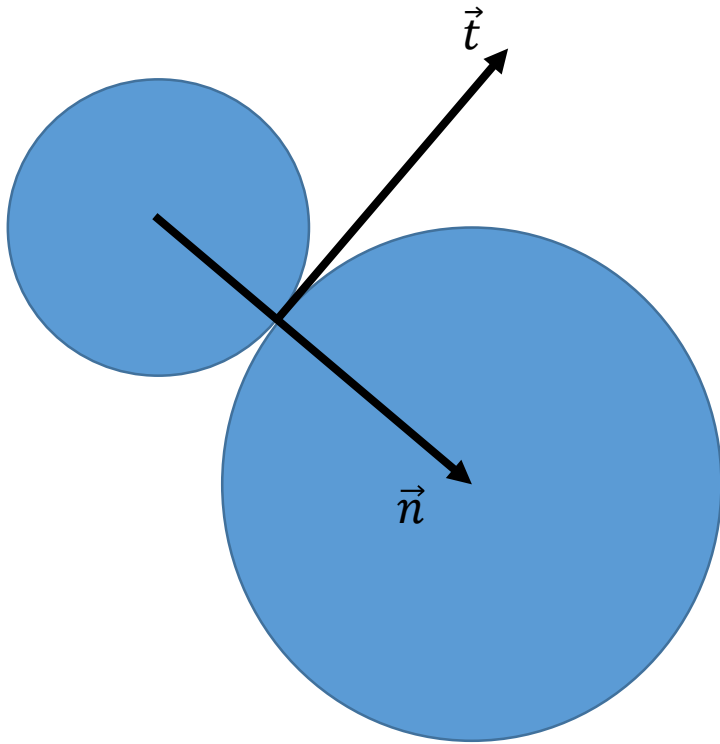
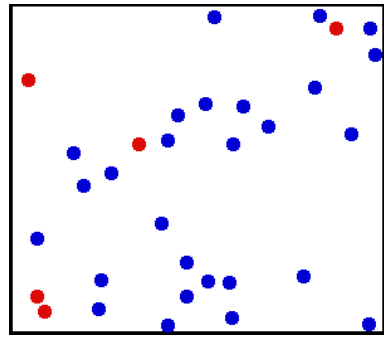
2D Physics - Collisions



- **Projectiles at constant speed** (inherit PhysicsGameObject)
 - Instantiate a projectile at an initial position
 - Set the velocity vector towards a destination ($v = \text{destination} - \text{initial}$)
 - Set the magnitude of your vector to be the speed you need (normalize then multiply by speed)
 - You can set the acceleration to be 0 and ignore gravity for projectiles

- **Detecting collision between 2 circles of arbitrary position** (Vector2 c_1 and c_2) and radius (float r_1 and r_2)
 - Calculate distance between 2 centers (c_1 and c_2)
$$d = \sqrt{(c_2.x - c_1.x)^2 + (c_2.y - c_1.y)^2}$$
 - if ($d < r_1 + r_2$), then the 2 circles collide
- You can get projectiles collision circle approximately matching the size of the sprite
- Every frame, detect collision between projectiles and targets (eg: enemies)

2D Physics – Circle Collision Response



- 2 Circles
 - centered at C_1 and C_2
 - with velocities \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2
- Define a normal and tangent vectors
 - $\vec{n} = C_2 - C_1$ (and normalize \vec{n})
 - $\vec{t} = (-n_y, n_x)$ (perpendicular to \vec{n})
- Decompose both velocities according to \vec{n} and \vec{t}
 - $\vec{v}_1^t = \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{t}$ $\vec{v}_1^n = \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{n}$
 - $\vec{v}_2^t = \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{t}$ $\vec{v}_2^n = \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{n}$
- Velocities after collision \vec{v}_1' and \vec{v}_2'
 - $\vec{v}_1' = \vec{v}_1^t + \vec{v}_1^n - \vec{v}_2^n$
 - $\vec{v}_2' = \vec{v}_2^t + \vec{v}_2^n - \vec{v}_1^n$

Scene Setup in Java FX

- Add a circle to your scene
- Update the circle every frame using an Animation Timer that you start in the initialization method
- Every frame (timer tick), you will update the position of the circle by taking into account the current velocity, updated by the acceleration.

```
public class FXMLDocumentController implements Initializable {

    @FXML
    private Circle circle;
    private Vector2D circlePosition;
    private Vector2D circleVelocity;

    private double lastFrameTime = 0.0;

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL url, ResourceBundle rb) {
        double circlePosX = circle.getCenterX();
        double circlePosY = circle.getCenterY();

        circlePosition = new Vector2D(circlePosX, circlePosY);
        circleVelocity = new Vector2D(0.0f, 0.0f);

        lastFrameTime = 0.0f;
        Long initialTime = System.nanoTime();
        final Vector2D acceleration = new Vector2D(0.0, 9.8);

        new AnimationTimer()
        {
            @Override
            public void handle(Long now) {

                // Time calculation
                double currentTime = (now - initialTime) / 1000000000.0;
                double frameDeltaTime = currentTime - lastFrameTime;
                lastFrameTime = currentTime;

                // Euler Integration
                // Update velocity
                Vector2D frameAcceleration = acceleration.mult(frameDeltaTime);
                circleVelocity = circleVelocity.add(frameAcceleration);
                circlePosition = circlePosition.add(circleVelocity.mult(frameDeltaTime));

                // Update position
                circle.setCenterX(circlePosition.getX());
                circle.setCenterY(circlePosition.getY());

            }
        }.start();
    }
}
```

Dynamically adding Nodes to your Scene

- You can keep track of the root pane in your controller
- From the pane, you can add any node (shape, button, etc) to your scene
- In the example, we instantiate a new circle every second and keep track of them in a container (array list)

```
public class FXMLDocumentController implements Initializable {

    @FXML
    AnchorPane pane;

    private double lastFrameTime = 0.0;
    private ArrayList<Circle> circleList;

    public void addToPane(Node node)
    {
        pane.getChildren().add(node);
    }

    @Override
    public void initialize(URL url, ResourceBundle rb) {
        lastFrameTime = 0.0f;
        Long initialTime = System.nanoTime();

        circleList = new ArrayList<Circle>();

        new AnimationTimer()
        {
            @Override
            public void handle(Long now) {
                // Time calculation
                double currentTime = (now - initialTime) / 1000000000.0;
                double frameDeltaTime = currentTime - lastFrameTime;
                lastFrameTime = currentTime;

                // Add random circles every second
                if ((int)currentTime > circleList.size())
                {
                    Random rng = new Random();
                    int x = rng.nextInt((int) pane.getWidth());
                    int y = rng.nextInt((int) pane.getHeight());
                    int radius = rng.nextInt(50);

                    Circle c = new Circle(0, 0, radius);
                    c.setCenterX(x);
                    c.setCenterY(y);
                    circleList.add(c);
                    addToPane(c);
                }
            }
        }.start();
    }
}
```

Exercise

Exercise 1

- From the first example, make the circle bounce by flipping the velocity “y” vector component when the circle reaches the bottom of the pane. You can also add a multiplier between 0 and 1 to make it eventually rest.

**Also Setup your Assignment 3
Be prepared to demo!**

Exercise 2

- From the second example, add gravity and bouncing to each circles spawned over time.
- Collisions:
 - Step 1: Make circles disappear when they collide
 - Step 2: Make start with random velocity vectors, and bounce off each other
- You could create a class GameObject containing a circle, acceleration, velocity and position Vector2D to simplify your code
 - Update method receives the duration of the frame (delta time)

References

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