SYNC or Swim

A Particle Model of the Interaction within Fish Schools

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- Circadian Rhythms

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- Human Imitation (Memes/Trends)

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- Round of Applause

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Collective Behavior

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- For mathematical purposes, consider a swarm as an emergent behavior with no central coordination.

Why Do We Care?

- Learning C/CUDA
- Applying mathematical models to real life phenomenon
- How will environmental factors affect the animal aggregate
- How animal aggregates will affect the environment

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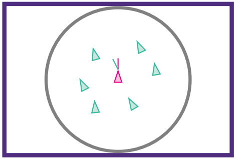

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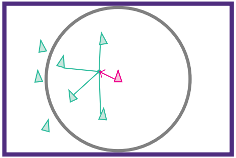

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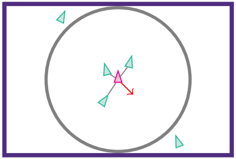
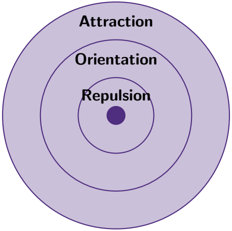


The Mathematics

- Lagrangian Algorithm
- Metric distance model



Attractive and Repulsive Forces Between Fish

- Attraction between a fish i and neighbor j :

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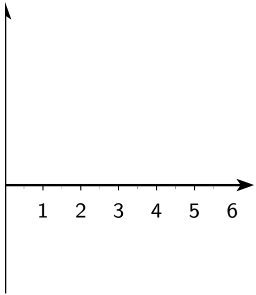
- Overall Attraction:

$$F_A = C_a \frac{p_j - p_i}{d^2} - C_r \frac{p_j - p_i}{d^4}$$

The Attraction and Repulsion Coefficients

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^4}$$



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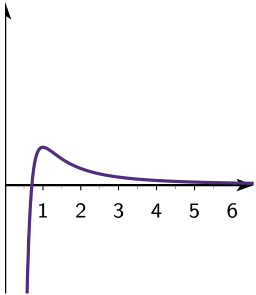
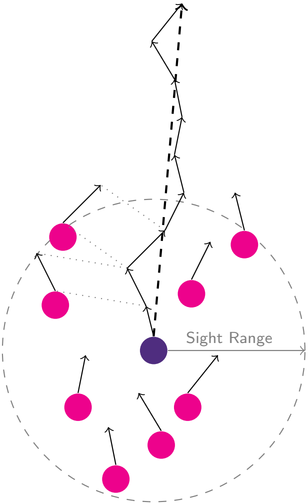


Directional Alignment of Fish i



$$F_{D_i} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{v_j}{||p_i - p_j||}$$

Total Force on Fish i From All Neighbors

$$F_{i_N} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left(W_a \left(C_a \frac{p_j - p_i}{d^2} - C_r \frac{p_j - p_i}{d^4} \right) + W_d \left(\frac{v_j}{||p_i - p_j||} \right) \right) \quad (1)$$

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And, acceleration of each fish is the same as our force (taking each mass to be 1).

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2. If the $||p_i - p_j|| < \text{SIGHT}$, use (1) to determine the force between particle j and particle i, and sum forces over all particles within SIGHT of particle i (F_{i_N}).

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3. Use F_{i_N} calculated above to update particle i's velocity as follows:

$$v_i = v_i + F_{i_N} \cdot dt$$

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4. And update particle i's position using:

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Simulations

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Where Do We Go From Here?

- Add initial conditions for species-specific parameters
  - Density of swarms, how they behave towards targets and obstacles, etc.
- Move calculations from CPU to GPU to speed up calculation time

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QUESTIONS?