

# Heat Equation

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We consider heat propagation in a medium (e.g. a solid) far away from any state transition and we define:

$\epsilon$  : internal energy density

$c$  : specific heat

$\rho$  : mass density

$T$  : temperature

By virtue of the first thermodynamic principle ( $\Delta U = \Delta Q - L = \Delta Q$ ):

$$d\left[\int_{\Omega} c\rho T \, dV\right] = \left[-\int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{J} \cdot \vec{n} \, dS\right] dt \quad (1)$$

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*Newton-Fourier Law*, heat spreads and temperature becomes uniform throughout the medium:

$$\vec{J} = -k\vec{\nabla}T \quad (2)$$

By substituting equation (2) in (1) and applying the *divergence theorem* one gets the **heat equation**:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{k}{c\rho} \Delta T = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{k}{c\rho} \Delta T = f(\vec{x}, t)$$

- ▶ First order in time
- ▶ Second order in space
- ▶ If we consider a heating system, we must add  $f(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \frac{k}{c\rho} \Delta T = f(\vec{x}, t)$$

Discretize space and time: forward difference for time,  
central difference for space:

$$T_{ij}^{n+1} = T_{ij}^n + \eta \left[ T_{i+1,j}^n + T_{i-1,j}^n + T_{i,j+1}^n + T_{i,j-1}^n - 4T_{ij}^n \right] \quad (4)$$

where  $n$  is the time index,  $i, j$  are x-index and y-index,

$$\eta = \frac{k\Delta t}{c\rho(\Delta x)^2}.$$

# General Structure

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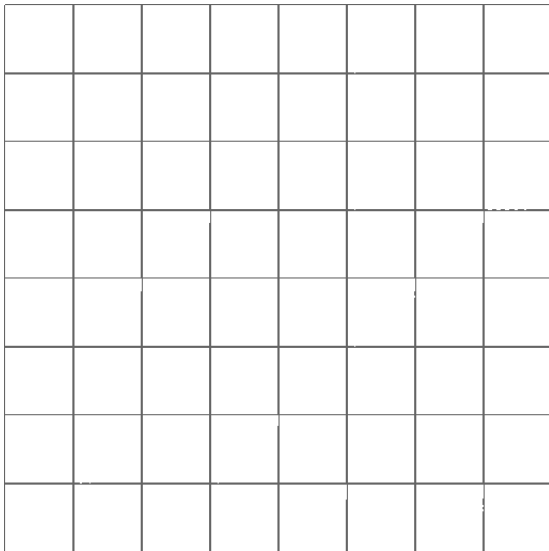
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# Shared Memory

Random errors



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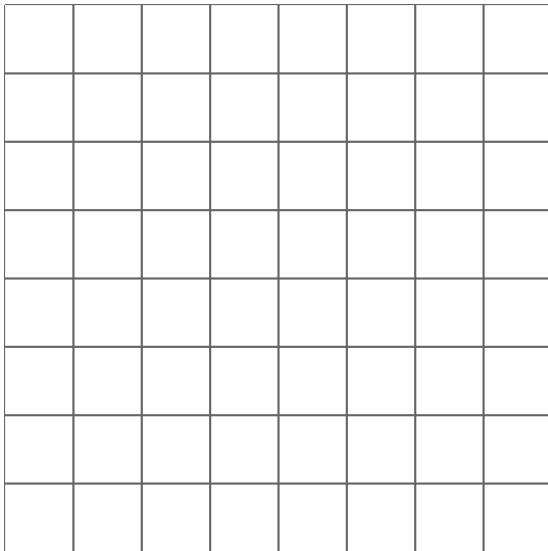
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Synchronized threads



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descrizione della gpu usata (numero blocchi e thread  
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Execution time vs blocks number

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Execution time vs loops number

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Execution time GPU vs CPU

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Different GPUs

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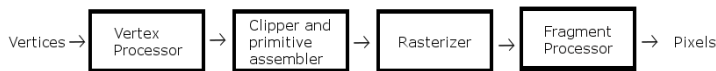
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OpenGL is a graphics API (similar in scope to Direct3D) that allows to use the graphics card to draw 2D and 3D vector graphics.

- ▶ 1992 - OpenGL is first released
- ▶ 2004 - OpenGL 2.0 is released. Adds support for programmable pipeline (shaders).
- ▶ 2010 - OpenGL 4.0 is released. Adds support for geometry shader (tessellation).



# Old method for drawing

```
glColor3f(1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);  
glBegin(GL_QUADS);  
    glVertex2f(-0.25f, 0.25f);  
    glVertex2f(-0.5f, -0.25f);  
    glVertex2f(0.5f, -0.25f);  
    glVertex2f(0.25f, 0.25f);  
glEnd();
```

Moreover the API had to support many features, for example textures coordinates, lighting, shadows, coordinate transformation and perspective matrices.

This results in a complex API and lack of flexibility.



# Modern approach

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# OpenGL state machine

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Since the rendering of the 3D scene is a very complex task, OpenGL uses the concept of state machine to simplify the API interface (avoid function with too many arguments).

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```
// Tell OpenGL which array contains the data
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
// Specify how the data for position can be accessed
glVertexAttribPointer(0, size, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0, 0);
// Enable the attribute
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0); // location = 0

// Draw
glDrawArrays(type, 0, vertex_num);
```

VBO (Vertex Buffer Object) - is an array of data in the GPU memory for storing vertices.

# OpenGL Textures

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Texture - is an image that is mapped to vertices.

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