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Project Status Report ($1\% \times 5$ weeks)

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Using fourth order Runge-Kutta adaptive time step method to simulate the celestial free return trajectory followed by a spacecraft in the earth-moon gravitational field

Week #10

1. Did you meet with your advisor(s) to discuss research this week?

Yes. I did meet Dr.Gowtham from 11 to 11:10 AM ,November 2.

2. What did you do this week (past Saturday through this Friday)?

Discussed about the potential project ideas with Dr.Gowtham. Chose the “Apollo 16 on HPC” as my term project. Studied about the gravity slingshot technique. Working on the workflow as expected in the project Description.

3. What are you planning on doing next week (this Saturday through next Friday)?

To work on the project workflow and getting the equations set up and tested starting from Newton’s law of Gravitation.

4. What were (are) the difficulties/obstacles you faced (facing)?

The main difficulty is coming up with a good workflow and setting up the equations as of now.

5. What is the approximate percentage progress?

5%

Week #11

1. Did you meet with your advisor(s) to discuss research this week?

Yes. I did meet with Dr.Gowtham at 10:10 AM Wed, Nov 9 and 7:30 AM Thur, Nov 10 and was briefed and handed information on setting up the HPC cluster and have been in touch with Dr.Gowtham via email about the same.

2. What did you do this week (past Saturday through this Friday)?

Worked on setting up the HPC cluster using the detailed description from Dr.Gowtham and also learnt how to run MATLAB remotely on parallel processors in-class discussions, Scientific computing 1, Thur, Nov 10 that will be used to complete the project.

3. What are you planning on doing next week (this Saturday through next Friday)?

Will try to implement the algorithm on MATLAB and to implement the algorithm parallelly and set up workflow for running it on the cluster.

4. What were (are) the difficulties/obstacles you faced (facing)?

Installing the nodes of the cluster took about a day although successful and some nodes gave trouble booting from the network but were resolved and installed.

5. What is the approximate percentage progress?

25%.

Week #12

1. Did you meet with your advisor(s) to discuss research this week?

No. Dr.Gowtham is not available on campus until next week.

2. What did you do this week (past Saturday through this Friday)?

Worked on the equations that pave way to implement the code on MATLAB. Studied Range-Kutta(RK4) technique to solve the problem.

3. What are you planning on doing next week (this Saturday through next Friday)?

Making sure the equations are feasible to code onto MATLAB. Implement code on MATLAB locally and remotely.

4. What were (are) the difficulties/obstacles you faced (facing)?

Thorough understanding of the RK4 technique and how the project can be implemented using it.

5. What is the approximate percentage progress?

35%

Week #13

1. Did you meet with your advisor(s) to discuss research this week?

No. It was the Thanksgiving holiday week and it wasn't possible to meet Dr.Gowtham.

2. What did you do this week (past Saturday through this Friday)?

Worked rigourously on solving the problem on a 2D plane and coded it on MATLAB.

3. What are you planning on doing next week (this Saturday through next Friday)?

Install MATLAB on the cluster frontend and make sure everything is working and implement the program on the cluster.

4. What were (are) the difficulties/obstacles you faced (facing)?

Difficulty in understanding the problem and programming difficulty.

5. What is the approximate percentage progress?

60%

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4. What were (are) the difficulties/obstacles you faced (facing)?
5. What is the approximate percentage progress?