Particle-in-Cell System for Snowball Movement Simulation

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[Picture of colliding snow balls]

Introduction

What is PIC?

• Particle-in-cell system presents the movement of the scattered objects

Problem

• Imbalanced calculation workload

Solutions

 Design an optimized PIC system by using 5 optimization techniques from teammates' domain knowledge

Performance experiment: Post-post K computer

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Architecture



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- Estimate the shape on the next "moment"
- Parallelized calculation for result for estimation
- Resize each area to fit the workloads

Markov Chain for Shape Estimation



Markov Chain for Shape Estimation

- Markov Chain is used to model the state of the system/Particle at any given time in space/medium.
- The element of the transition Matrix is obtained using the transition diagram.
- The probability of being in the next state is determined as a function of the conditional probability of the being in the current state.
- The Markov Chain helps the scheduler to determine where to assign the computing resources

Mathematically,

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{P}[\mathbf{X}_{n+1} = \mathbf{j} | \mathbf{X}_n = \mathbf{i}]$$

Parallelization

• The overall grid computation tasks are parallelized; more CPUs share heavy computation area



Power Saving

Storage Design

SSD Devices



HDD Devices





Power Saving (Scheduler Tasks)





Verification

- In this project, the scheduler is critical
- We should find bugs in the scheduler
- Separation Logic is a tool for software verification
 - It can find some memory leak bugs in a given program with high accuracy

Summary

We propose a new PIC system which utilize Markov Chain, high parallelization, power-efficient strategy to handle dynamic and complicated particle movements simulation.

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Reference

Snow picture:

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