Computational Fluid Dynamics (OpenFOAM)



stirred tank: MRF simulation



mixer: volumetric impulse sources



heatsink: solid – fluid heat transfer

Description: automatic CFD simulations in the OpenFOAM framework.

Features:

- 1) the cases don't need any assistance from the user but for the initialization (flow parameters, geometry), all the tools are open-source
- 2) meshing adaptive size and grading (bash and Python)
- 3) multi-step solution steady-state running, coarse to fine mesh interpolation, transient running
- 4) bash based case setup and running

Miscellaneous projects (Wolfram Mathematica)



FEM: beam bending



radiosity: image synthesis based on light reflections off diffuse surface



periodic caustics pattern in space and time



Buoyancy Force Calculation



Description: simple boat simulation

Algorithm Overview: calculating hydrostatic forces on immersed bodies represented by a triangular mesh

Steps:

1) moment of inertia (rotational inertia) calculation for triangle mesh (hull) – triangles are approximated as plates with infinitely small thickness

only calculated once, can be calculated before the whole simulation

- divide every triangle into 2 right-angled triangle
- with the help of parallel axis theorem (inertia tensor) sum the contribution of the rightangled triangles to the moment of inertia at the center of mass



moment of inertia validation – rectangle assembled from 4 right-angled triangles

2) separate and tessellate boat hull according to water height for buoyancy force calculation – divide triangles that are only partially submerged into fully submerged and non-submerged triangles



3) calculate the point of application and magnitude of the hydrostatic force for every triangle resulted in step 2 and accumulate it at the center of mass of the boat



pressure distribution on a partially submerged sphere

- 4) use the calculated force to update the position of the boat render image
- 5) update water height, go back to step 2

References:

Water interaction model for boats in video games by Jacques Kerner

2D Fluid Simulation



Description: 2D "stable fluid" simulation

Features:

- 1) implementation of the renowned algorithm of Jos Stam
- 2) obstacles
- 3) vorticity confinement
- 4) monotonic cubic interpolation, MacCormack advection

Reference:

Jos Stam – Stable Fluids GPU Gems – Fast Fluid Dynamics Simulation on the GPU GPU Gems 3 – Real-Time Simulation and Rendering of 3D Fluids

NVIDIA PhysX 2.x Engine



Description: game like physics sandbox application, with data driven "levels" featuring the core components of the PhysX 2.X SDK

Features:

- 1) simple OO entity hierarchy
- 2) xml based scene description (TinyXML loader) meshes, textures, materials, actors, PhysX descriptors, scenes
- 3) PhysX features rigidbody, cloth + tearing, pressure cloth, softbody, joints, terrain, forcefields