Data structures used in PGE

- in this lecture we will examine the key data structures used in PGE
- at the end of the lecture you should understand how these data structures are used to represent the world of polygons, circles and colours in the game engine
- before we examine the data structures we will examine the API layering in a little more detail

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API layering

Snooker (or other game application)

pge

pgeif

twoDsim

Fractions

deviceGroff devicePygame

Roots

Python

C/C++/Modula-2

API layering

recall

- python/pge.py is written in Python
- c/pgeif.c is written in C and its external Python functions are defined in i/pgeif.i
- swig generates the wrapping code
- the file c/pgeif.c contains the implementation of all the publically accessible Python methods
- it also ensures that all publically created objects in the Physics game engine are remembered and stored in this file

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API layering

- this allows colours, polygons, circles to be mapped onto their high level Python counterparts in python/pge.py
- it also allows the implementation of python/pge.py to be cleaner as it will always obtain any object from c/pgeif.c
- examine the implementation for box inside c/pgeif.c
- we see that much of c/pgeif.c just calls upon the services of the lower layer c/twoDsim.c
 - after performing extensive checking of parameter types

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Implementation of box

- we see that it creates a box (using twoDsim_box)
 - it saves this box in its local definitions addDef
 - it is saved as an object and not a colour
- also note that the 5th parameter to twoDsim_box is a colour id, c, which is looked up using lookupDef

Implementation of box

c/pgeif.c

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The data structures inside c/twoDsim.c

c/twoDsim.c

- ObjectType defines the different kinds of object (ignore spring object)
- eventKind defines the three major classification of events

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The data structures inside c/twoDsim.c

- eventType further subclassifies the event kind with the collision event info
 - we distinguish between a circle/polygon collision and a circle/circle collision and a polygon/polygon collision

object

c/twoDsim.c

```
typedef struct _T2_r {
                                              /* the id of the object.
        unsigned int id;
                                              /* has it been deleted?
        unsigned int deleted;
                                              /* is it fixed to be worl
        unsigned int fixed;
        unsigned int stationary;
                                              /* is it stationary?
                                            /* is it stationary? */
/* velocity along x-axis.
/* velocity along y-axis.
/* acceleration along x-a
/* acceleration along y-a
/* a constant for the lif
/* the current rotation a
        double vx;
        double vy;
        double ax;
        double ay;
        double inertia;
        double angleOrientation;
                                              /* the rate of rotation.
        double angular Velocity;
                                              /* used to hold the curre
/* a count of the times t
        double angularMomentum;
        unsigned int interpen; /* a cou
ObjectType object; /* case tag */
        union {
                   Polygon p; /* object is either a polygon,
                   Circle c;
                   Spring s;
                };
```

Circle

object

c/twoDsim.c

```
typedef struct _T2_r _T2;
typedef _T2 *Object;
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notice you can ignore the inertia, angleOrientation, angularVelocity and angularMomentum as these are used to implement rotation c/twoDsim.c

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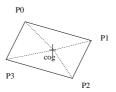
Polygon

Polygon

c/twoDsim.c

- the polygon has an array which is used to contain each corner
 - a corner is a polar coordinate from the centre of gravity

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Polar coordinates

- remember that a polar coordinate has a magnitude and an angle
 - an angle of 0 radians is along the x-axis
 - magnitude of, r and an angle of ω
- so we can convert a polar to cartesian coordinate by:
- $x = \cos(\omega) \times r$
- $y = \sin(\omega) \times r$

- in our diagram
- $P0 = (p0, 135/360 \times 2\pi)$
- $P1 = (p1, 45/360 \times 2\pi)$
- $P2 = (p2, 315/360 \times 2\pi)$
- $P3 = (p3, 225/360 \times 2\pi)$
- where p1, p2, p3, p4 are the lengths of the line from the CofG to the corner

Polar coordinates

dotted lines in our diagram

Polar coordinates

- the angle values in the polar coordinates for our polygon are the offset of the angle for the particular corner
 - the angularVelocity is used to determine the rotation of the polygon, this is added to each corner to find out the corner position at any time
- this allows rotation of the polygon to be modelled at a later date

Polar coordinates

- at any time in the future, t we can determine the polygons corner, i by:

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Polar coordinates

we can see how this data structure represents a polygon by following the dumpPolygon function

Polar coordinates

- see how each corner is defined by following through the function box
 - into poly4
- how it calculates the box CofG
- how it defines each corner relative to the CofG and as a polar coordinate
 - each corner is orbiting the CofG

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dumpPolygon

dumpPolygon

c/twoDsim.c

- follow through the function doDrawFrame and see how the corners of a polygon are updated dependant upon the angularVelocity, angleOrientation and the acceleration and velocity components
- examine newPositionRotationCoord, newPositionRotationSinScalar and newPositionRotationCosScalar

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Acceleration and Conclusion

 examine the function getAccelCoord and see if you can think how you might modify PGE to allow per object gravity