

# Computational Methods HW- 5

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## Question 1.

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### Given

This problem asks to evolve the system of 655 galaxies in a box of  $10 \times 10$  Mpc with time. We have been given two files; *galaxies0.npy* and *galaxies1.npy*; which contain the x and y coordinate of the galaxies separated by a time of 1000 years. We have been given the freedom to choose our own time step.

### Approach

For this problem I made three functions.

- `scan(data,limits):`

This function scans for the points in the given quadrant.

#### Parameters-

`data` : the points you want to get scanned,

`limits` : Limits of the quadrant i.e  $a < x < b$  and  $c < y < d$

#### Returns-

`j` = number of points in the quadrant,

`newdata` = the points in the given quadrant

- `com(data):`

This function finds the Centre of mass for the given points

#### Parameters-

`data` : Points you want to find centre of mass for. Usually it is an output of scan function

#### Returns-

`comx` = x position of COM

`comy` = y position of COM

`n` = number of points for which COM is being calculated. I am taking `n` and not mass since all galaxies have same mass

- `accel(point1,point2):`

This function gives the acceleration on point1 due to point2. Force smoothing has been added as shown in paper Dehnen 2001.

#### Parameters-

`point1` : point1 coordinates.

`point2` : point2 coordinates and number of points it represents if it is a COM.

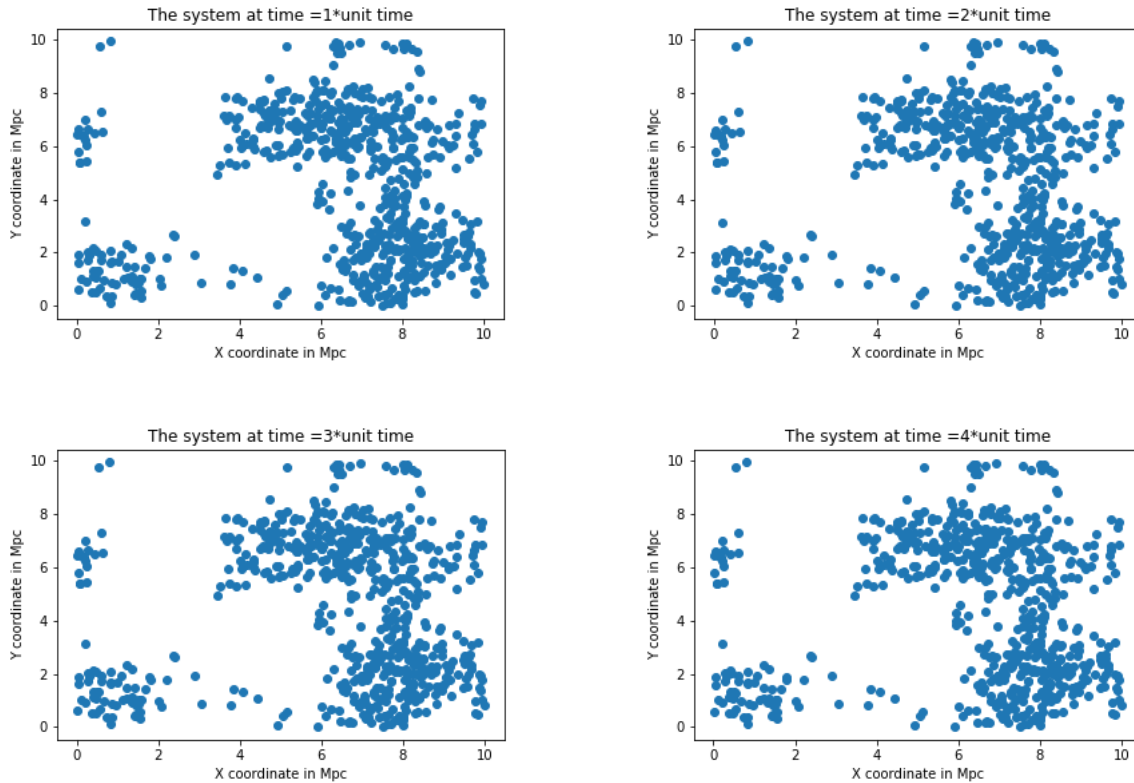
#### Returns-

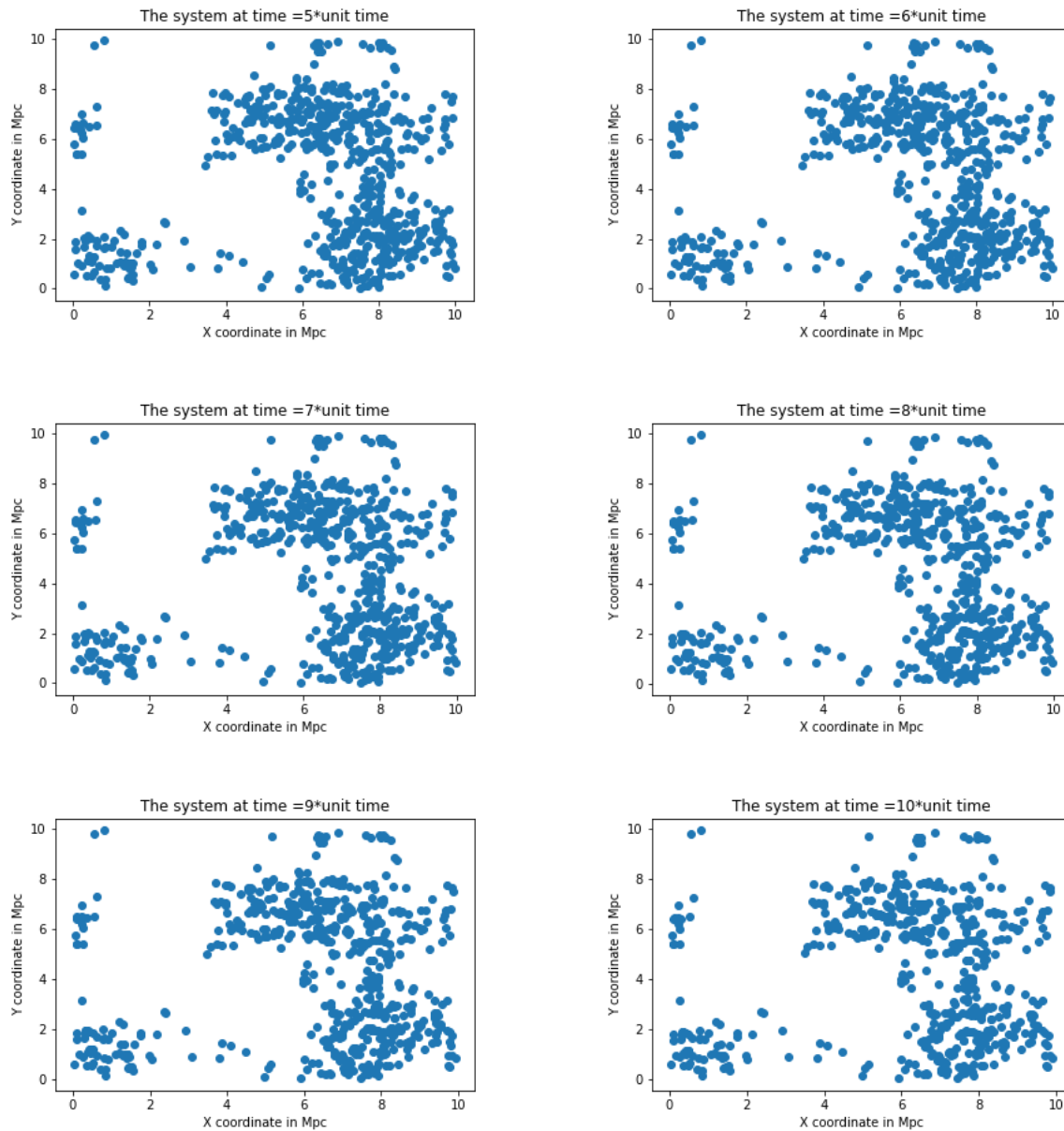
`Xacceleration`, `Yacceleration`.

So after defining the functions I defined the Barnes-hut algorithm. To define the algorithm I used:

- **while loop** - This loop is for time, it goes on till it reaches the end of time defined by us
- **for loop**- For each time, this for loop focuses on each of the 655 galaxies
- **while loop and four pairs of if-else statements**- the while loop has "i" as a switch so that when "i" takes a value of 1, it turns off and allows the for loop to move on to next galaxy. i=1 only when the galaxy in question is the only galaxy in a quadrant.  
The four pair of if-else statements check if the point(galaxy) in question is in one of 4 quadrant. If it isn't, else statements finds out the acceleration of the galaxy in question due to galaxies in that quadrant. If the galaxy is in the quadrant then if statements focuses on that quadrant and scans the quadrant if there are more than one galaxies. If there are then it divides it again into 4 quadrants else, it allows the main for loop to move on to next galaxy.  
Also, l acts as a switch so that when  $l \geq 4$ , the algorithm switches from finding COM to calculating forces between individual galaxies.

## Results





Here the unit time is 40000000 years.

## Question 2.

### Given

This problem asked to find out potential at different points in a 10\*10 Mpc box. The box has 655 galaxies, 400 uniformly distributed in a disk of radius 3Mpc centered at (7,7) and 255 uniformly distributes in a dish of radius 2Mpc centered at (8,2). The boundary condition is that potential at boundaries is zero.

### Approach

I created a mesh with a step size of 0.1 Mpc in both x and y direction. I calculated potential at each point and plotted it.

To find out the potential I divided the code in three if statements to find out density:

- one which checks if it is inside the disk at (7,7) and gives out density =  $(455 * 10^{12}) / (\pi * 9)$  if it is.
- one which checks if it is inside the disk at (8,2) and gives out density =  $(200 * 10^{12}) / (\pi * 4)$  if it is.
- one which check if it outside both disks and gives out density to be zero.

These checks are done by using the inequality

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 \leq r^2$$

After finding the densities I used the three point method to evaluate the Laplacian and found out the value of potential at each point iteratively using Successive Over Relaxation method (SOR).

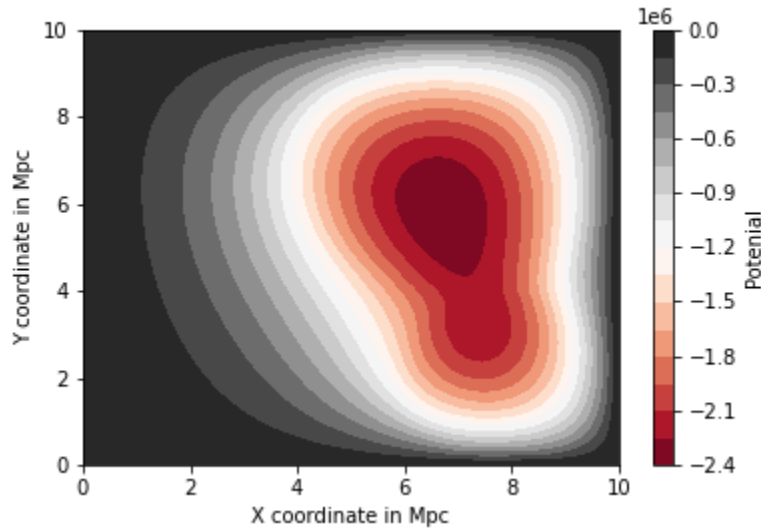
The equation used are:

$$R[i][j] = 0.25 * (p[i+1][j] + p[i-1][j] + p[i][j-1] + p[i][j+1] - 0.1^2 * 4 * \pi * G * density) - p[i][j]$$

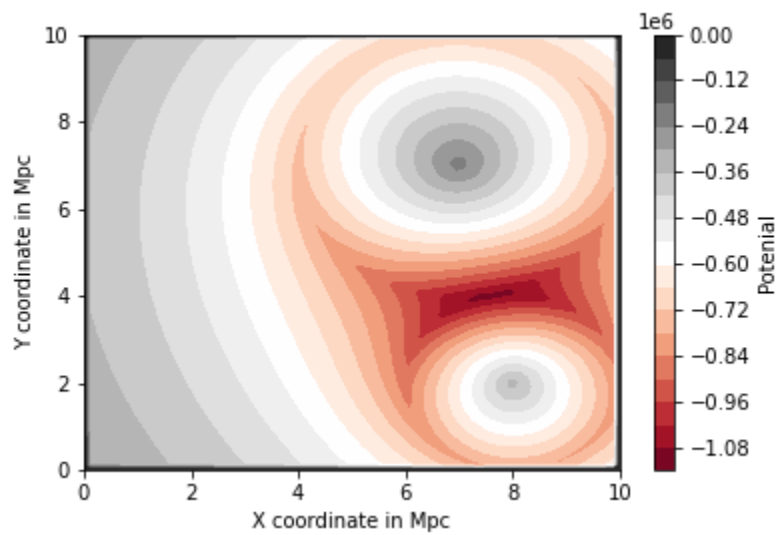
$$p1[i][j] = R[i][j] + p[i][j]$$

Here, p is an array of potentials for  $k^{th}$  iteration and p1 is an array for  $k+1$  iteration, G is the Gravitational constant, R is the residual array and density is found at the centre of cell.

### Results



This figure shows the potential due to two disks using SOR.



This figure shows the potential due to two disks analytically. However, the boundary conditions were superficially imposed. So the code isn't exactly right for this case. The code for that is pb2m if you are interested