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3 % ECE 202 Fall 2021 MATLAB Exercise M6
4 % Three carts colliding elastically, find the resulting velocities of each
5 % collision, and determine where collisions occur and between which carts
6 % using a while loop. Take input for carts and the cutoff for checks
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8 clear
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10 % ----- Input info and initial conditions-----
11 global m; % m, array of masses, and M, combined mass are stated as globals
12 global M; % for use in the function, "collision" at the bottom of the script
13 m = input("Enter masses in order, in brackets \n");
14 % the masses of 1,2,3, repectively, in grams
15 v = input("Enter velocities in order, in brackets \n");
16 % the initial velocities in cm/s, not labeled vi, since the array will change
17 % throughtout the program
18 cut = input("Enter the cutoff value for checks of momentum and energy \n");
19 % gets user input for the value at which the checks fail, and the program
20 % terminates (cutoff)
21 disp(" ")
22 % wanted to skip a line here to make output more legible
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24 % ----- inital momentum and energy calculations -----
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26 pi = sum(v.*m); % initial momentum of the system in g*cm/s
27 KEi = sum((1/2)*m.*v.^2); % initial KE of the system in ergs
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29 % ----- loop start -----
30 count = 0;
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32 while v(1) > v(2) || v(2) > v(3)
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34     % ----- Check for collision -----
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36     % varaiable next for the other cart, and marks the cart colliding with cart
37     % 2, since cart 2 is always in the collision
38     if v(1) > v(2) && v(2) > v(3)
39         next = input("Which cart collides with cart 2? \n");
40     elseif v(1) > v(2)
41         next = 1;
42     else
43         next = 3;
44     end
45
46     % ----- Outputting values and calculations -----
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48     count = count + 1; % counter for collisions
49     M = m(2) + m(next); % combined mass of colliding carts, in grams
50     disp("Collision " + count)
51     v = collision(v, next)
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53     % ----- Momentum and Energy Check -----
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55     dp = abs(pi - sum(v.*m)); % The check for conservation of momentum in the
56     % system in g*cm/s, which subtracts the momentum of the current array from the
57     % initial should be zero if momentum is conserved, uses ABS() to make
58     % for cutoff value check
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59     dKE = abs(KEi - sum((1/2)*m.*v.^2)); % The check for conservation of energy(E)
60     % in the system, in ergs, which subtracts the value of KE of the current
61     % array from the initial value, and should return zero since E is conserved
62     % shockingly, the d in front of both checks means "change in" of KE or p
63     % uses ABS() to make for cutoff value check
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65     % if statements determine which check values to print in the case they are
66     % greater than the cutoff value
67
68     if dp > cut
69         dp
70     end
71     if dKE > cut
72         dKE
73     end
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75 end
76
77 if count == 0
78     disp("There are no collisions")
79 else
80     disp("There are no more collisions")
81 end
82
83 % function "collision" to calculate the velocity array after each collision
84 % and update it. Takes next as the variable for the cart colliding with
85 % cart 2, which is always in the collision
86 function vf = collision(v0, next)
87     global m M;
88     vf(next) = (2*m(2)*v0(2) + v0(next)*(m(next)-m(2)))/M;
89     vf(2) = (2*m(next)*v0(next) + v0(2)*(m(2)-m(next)))/M;
90     vf(4 - next) = v0(4 - next);
91 end
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93 % The design is successful, and the output matches that of M3 when the same
94 % values are used
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