

Waves and Optics

Numerical Analysis of Gravitational Lensing

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1. Numerical Integration For a Single Ray

Given the Ray equation

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left(n(\vec{r}(\tau)) \frac{\dot{\vec{r}}(\tau)}{\|\dot{\vec{r}}(\tau)\|} \right) = \|\dot{\vec{r}}(\tau)\| \vec{\nabla} n(\vec{r}) \Big|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}(\tau)}$$

And the refractive index

$$n(\vec{r}) = 1 + \frac{2Gm}{c^2 r}, \quad \frac{2Gm}{c^2} = 1$$

We will calculate the a ray's trajectory given the initial values:

1. Light source poistion $(0, z_i)$
2. Mass position $(0, 0)$

After assigning $n(\vec{r})$ in the Ray Equation we got:

$$\begin{aligned} n\ddot{\vec{r}} &= \nabla n - (\nabla n \cdot \dot{\vec{r}})\dot{\vec{r}} \\ \ddot{\vec{r}} &= \nabla \ln(n) - (\nabla \ln(n) \cdot \dot{\vec{r}})\dot{\vec{r}} \\ \ddot{\vec{r}} &= \frac{-\alpha(x\hat{x} + y\hat{y})}{r^2(\alpha + r)} + \frac{\alpha(x\dot{x}\hat{x} + y\dot{y}\hat{y})}{r^3} \end{aligned}$$

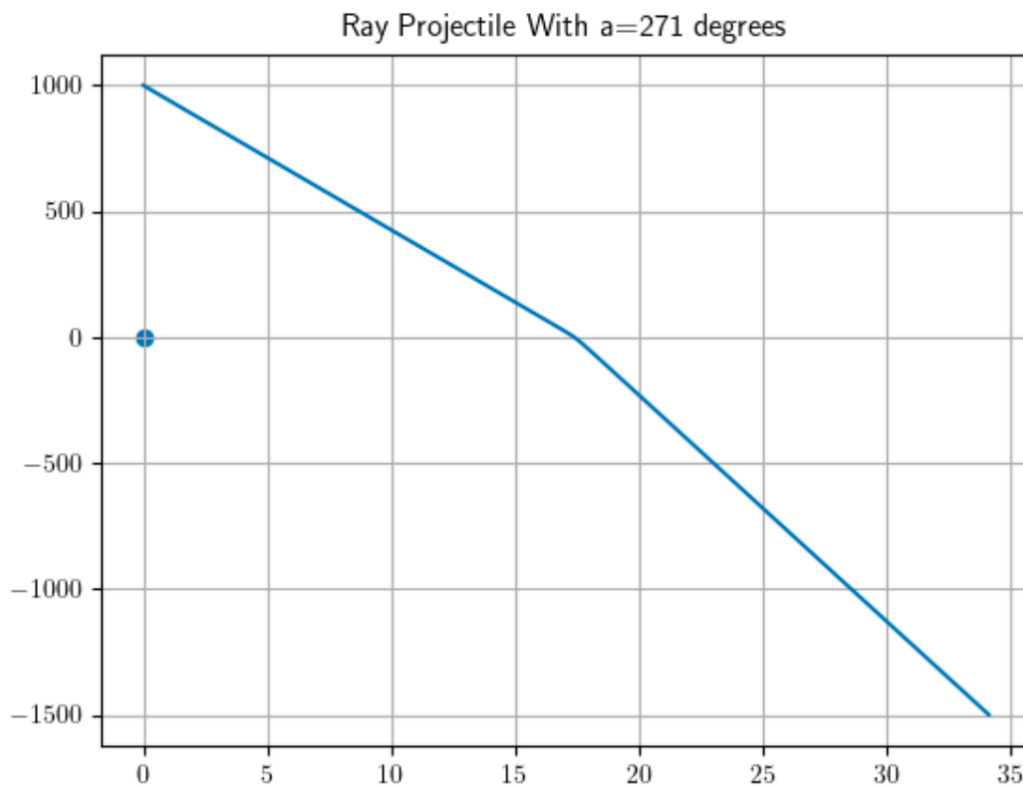
We assumed that the ray is contained in the $x - z$ plane

Explanation

$\dot{\vec{r}}$ and $\ddot{\vec{r}}$ construct a plane which contains the ray.

$\ddot{\vec{r}}$ defined to be orthogonal derivative of $\ln(n(\vec{r}))$ hence will always point in the $\dot{\vec{r}} - \ddot{\vec{r}}$ plane.

For a ray with an angle $\alpha = 271^\circ$ we can see the trajectory



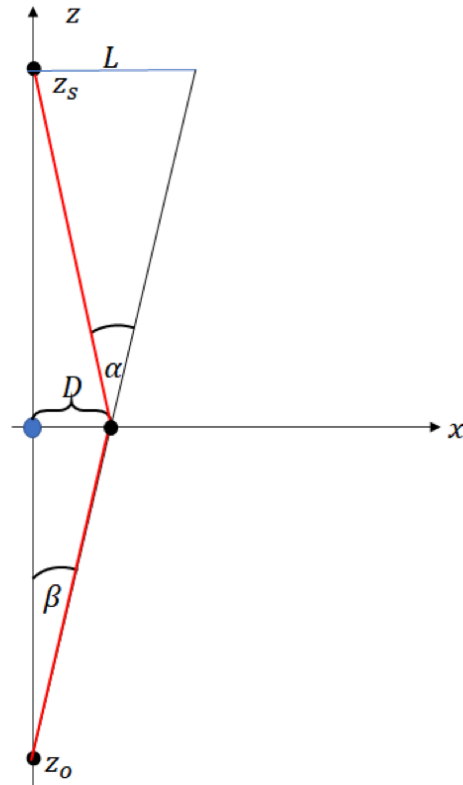
The deflection angle with the following initial values is 6.8°

The approximated analytical solution is 6.57°

The Analytical solution is accurate up to 10 % of error in the range of small angles - $[-40^\circ, 40^\circ]$.

2. Einstein Ring

Assume we have a viewer standing at z_0 .



We will express β with small angles approximation.

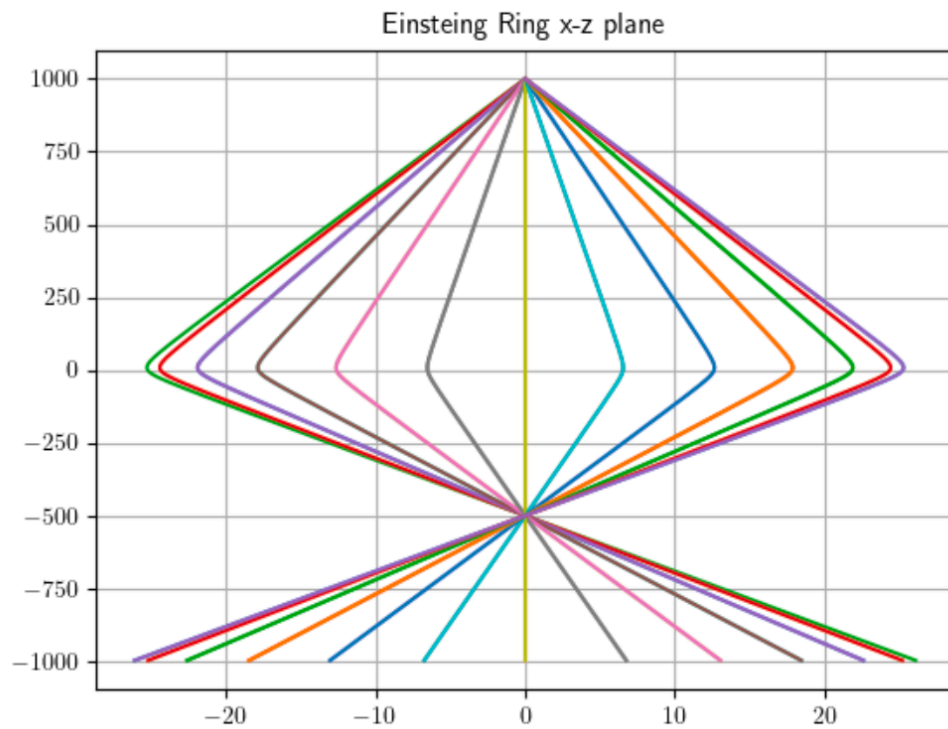
$$\tan(\alpha - \beta) \cdot z_s = D = z_0 \cdot \tan(\beta)$$

$$\alpha z_s = \beta(z_0 + z_s)$$

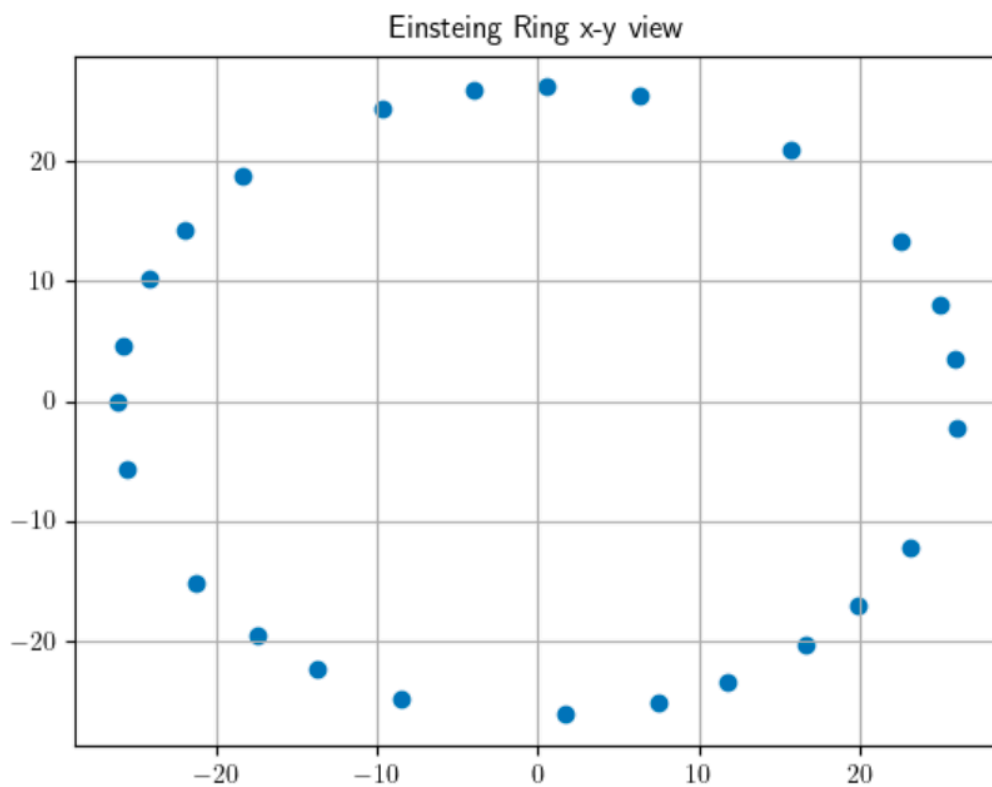
$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{z_s}{z_0 + z_s} \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \beta z_0$$

In order to find all of the rays which arrives z_0 we will calculate the trajectories for the rays for every θ .



And by plotting the rays in $x - y$ plane we would get the following view,
 A circle with radius $26.27[m]$ and the approximated analytical radius is $25.01[m]$.



3. Two Masses Gravitational Lensing

We would now solve a more general problem with the following refractive index

$$n(\vec{r}) = 1 + \frac{2Gm_1}{c^2|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} + \frac{2Gm_2}{c^2|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2|}$$

We will use the following initial values in the program

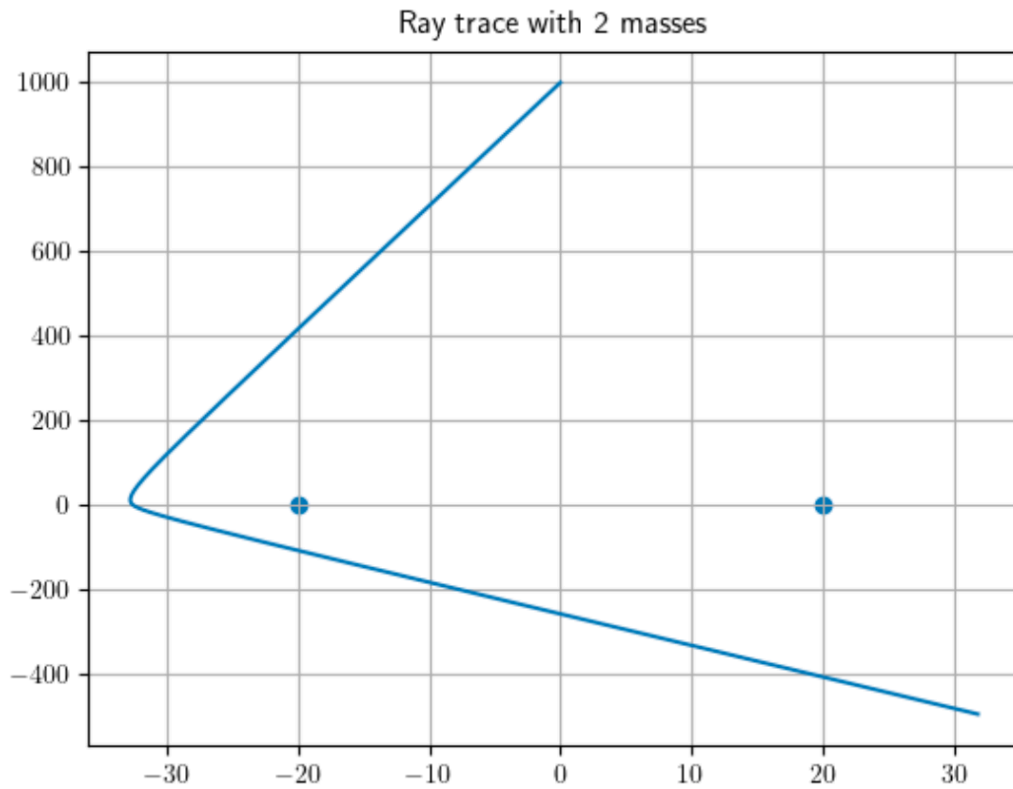
$$\begin{cases} \frac{2Gm}{c^2} = 1 \\ m_1 = m_2 = m \\ \vec{r}_1 = (20,0,0) \\ \vec{r}_2 = (-20,0,0) \end{cases}$$

We just need to recalculate $\nabla \ln(n)$ and assign it in the previous expression.

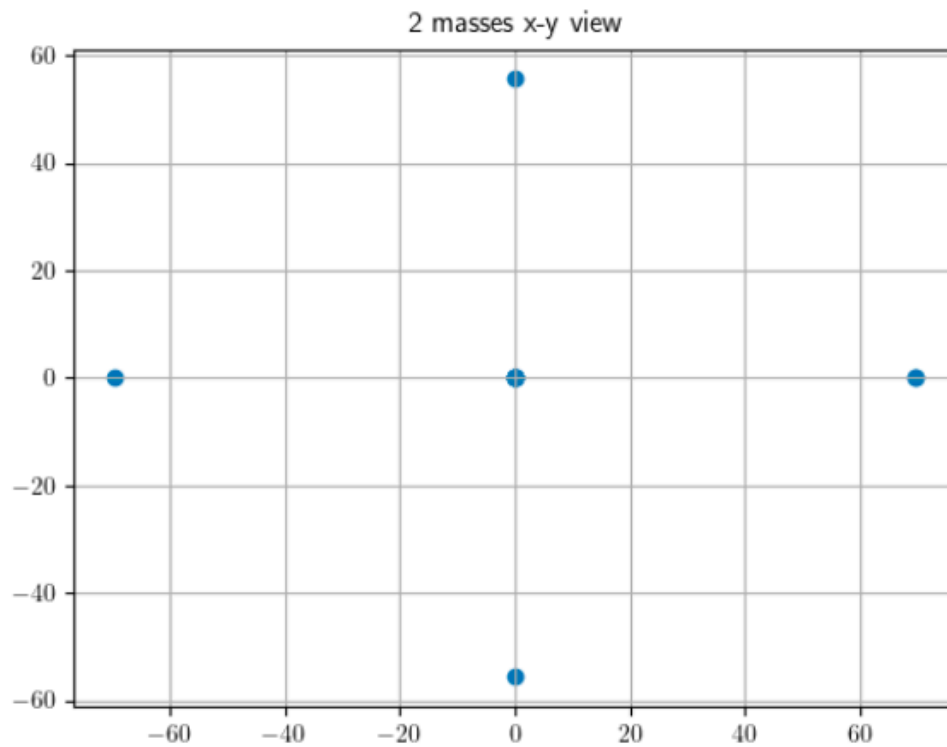
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \ln(n) &= \nabla \ln\left(1 + \frac{2Gm_1}{c^2|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} + \frac{2Gm_2}{c^2|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2|}\right) = \\ &= \frac{\frac{-\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|^3} + \frac{-\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2|^3}}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1|} + \frac{\alpha}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_2|}} = \frac{\frac{-\alpha(x - x_1)}{r_1^3} + \frac{-\alpha(x - x_2)}{r_2^3}}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{r_1} + \frac{\alpha}{r_2}} \hat{x} + \frac{\frac{-\alpha(z - z_1)}{r_1^3} + \frac{-\alpha(z - z_2)}{r_2^3}}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{r_1} + \frac{\alpha}{r_2}} \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

We will assign this result in $\ddot{\vec{r}} = \nabla \ln(n) - (\nabla \ln(n) \cdot \dot{\vec{r}})\vec{r}$ and will get the result.

A trace of a ray with an angle of $\theta = 268^\circ$ is:



By running over the rays which come towards $(0,0, -1300)$ we would get 5 rays arriving from different angles, hence constructing the following image for a viewer:



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1 import math
2
3 import numpy as np
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5 from scipy.integrate import odeint
6 import scipy
7
8 alpha = 1
9
10
11 def ode2D(x0, z0, theta, s=2000):
12     theta = np.deg2rad(theta)
13
14     y0 = [
15         x0,
16         z0,
17         np.cos(theta),
18         np.sin(theta)
19     ]
20
21     def f(y, t):
22         def grad_ln_n(x, z):
23             r_squared = x ** 2 + z ** 2
24             return - alpha / (r_squared * (np.sqrt(
25                 r_squared) + alpha))
26
27         grad_x_z = grad_ln_n(y[0], y[1])
28         position_vec = np.array([y[0], y[1]])
29         velocity_vec = np.array([y[2], y[3]])
30         vx, vy = grad_x_z * position_vec - np.dot(
31             grad_x_z * position_vec, velocity_vec) *
32             velocity_vec
33
34         return [y[2], y[3], vx, vy]
35
36     t = np.arange(0, s, 1)
37     y = odeint(f, y0, t)
38
39     return y

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39 def ode3D(x0, y0, z0, phi, theta, s=2000):
40     theta = np.deg2rad(theta)
41     phi = np.deg2rad(phi)
42
43     y0 = [
44         x0,
45         y0,
46         z0,
47         np.sin(theta - math.pi / 2) * np.cos(phi),
48         np.sin(theta - math.pi / 2) * np.sin(phi),
49         np.cos(theta - math.pi / 2)
50     ]
51
52     def f(y, t):
53         def grad_ln_n_2_masses(x, z, y, x1, y1, z1
54             , x2, y2, z2):
55             r1 = np.sqrt((x - x1) ** 2 + (z - z1
56                 ) ** 2 + (y - y1) ** 2)
57             r2 = np.sqrt((x - x2) ** 2 + (z - z2
58                 ) ** 2 + (y - y2) ** 2)
59             x_numerator = - alpha * ((x - x1) / r1
60                 ** 3 + (x - x2) / r2 ** 3)
61             y_numerator = - alpha * ((y - y1) / r1
62                 ** 3 + (y - y2) / r2 ** 3)
63             z_numerator = - alpha * ((z - z1) / r1
64                 ** 3 + (z - z2) / r2 ** 3)
65             denominator = (1 + alpha * (1 / r1 + 1
66                 / r2))
67
68             return np.array(
69                 [x_numerator / denominator,
70                 y_numerator / denominator, z_numerator /
71                 denominator]
72             )
73
74         grad_x_z = grad_ln_n_2_masses(x=y[0], y=y[1
75             ], z=y[2], x1=-20, y1=0, z1=0, x2=20, y2=0, z2=0)
76         velocity_vec = np.array([y[3], y[4], y[5]])
77         pos = grad_x_z - np.dot(grad_x_z,
78             velocity_vec) * velocity_vec

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69         return [y[3], y[4], y[5],
70                 pos[0], pos[1], pos[2]]
71
72     t = np.arange(0, s, 1)
73     y = odeint(f, y0, t)
74
75     return y
76
77
78 def approximated_analytical_angle(angle):
79     b = 1000 * np.tan(np.deg2rad(angle))
80     theta = 2 * alpha / b
81     print("analytical theta {} and {} deg".format(
82         theta, np.rad2deg(theta)))
83     return theta
84
85 def error(real, approx):
86     return 100 * abs(real - approx) / abs(real)
87
88
89 def calculate_angles(x, z):
90     angles = np.arctan2(
91         np.array([z[1] - z[0], z[-1] - z[-2]]),
92         np.array([x[1] - x[0], x[-1] - x[-2]])
93     )
94     mid_angle = abs(angles[1]) - abs(angles[0])
95     return angles[0], angles[1] - math.pi / 2,
96     mid_angle
97
98 def einstein_ring_2D(x0=0, z0=1000, x1=0, z1=-500
99     , theta_range=[]):
100     def calculate_distance_route_from_point_2D(x,
101         z, x1, z1):
102         for p in zip(x, z):
103             if (p[0] - x1) ** 2 + (p[1] - z1) ** 2
104             < 1:
105                 return True
106
107         return False

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105
106     routes = list()
107     for theta in theta_range:
108         y = ode2D(x0=x0, z0=z0, theta=theta, s=
109             2000)
110         x, z, _, _ = zip(*y)
111         if calculate_distance_route_from_point_2D(
112             x, z, x1, z1):
113             routes.append(
114                 [x, z]
115             )
116     return routes
117
118 def einstein_ring_3D(x0=0, y0=0, z0=1000, x1=0, y1
119 =0, z1=-1300, theta_range=[], phi_range=[]):
120     def calculate_distance_route_from_point_3D(x,
121         y, z, x1, y1, z1):
122         for p in zip(x, y, z):
123             if (p[0] - x1) ** 2 + (p[1] - y1) ** 2
124             + (p[2] - z1) ** 2 < 1:
125                 return True
126             return False
127
128     routes = list()
129
130     for theta in theta_range:
131         for phi in phi_range:
132             route = ode3D(x0=x0, y0=y0, z0=z0,
133                 theta=theta, phi=phi, s=4000)
134             x, y, z, _, _, _ = zip(*route)
135
136             if
137             calculate_distance_route_from_point_3D(x, y, z, x1
138             , y1, z1):
139                 routes.append(
140                     [x, y, z]
141                 )
142
143     return routes
144

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138
139 def create_x_z_rays(routes, phi_range):
140     new_routes = []
141     for route in routes:
142         for phi in phi_range:
143             x = list(route[0]) * np.full(len(route
144 [0]), np.cos(np.deg2rad(phi)))
145             z = route[1]
146             new_routes.append([x, z])
147
148     return new_routes
149
150 def create_x_y_points_2D(routes, phi_range):
151     circle_points_x = []
152     circle_points_y = []
153     for route in routes:
154         in_angle, out_angle, mid_angle =
155 calculate_angles(route[0], route[1])
156         for phi in phi_range:
157             x = np.tan(out_angle) * 500 * np.cos(
158 phi)
159             y = np.tan(out_angle) * 500 * np.sin(
160 phi)
161             circle_points_x.append(x)
162             circle_points_y.append(y)
163
164     return circle_points_x, circle_points_y
165
166 def create_x_y_points_3D(routes):
167     def point_in_z_plane(route):
168         """
169         returns the x,y of the nearest point to z=
170 0 plane
171         :param route:
172         :return:
173         """
174         min_dist = 100
175         min_point = None
176         for point in zip(*route):

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174         if point[2] < min_dist:
175             min_dist = point[2]
176             min_point = point
177         return min_point[0], min_point[1]
178
179     circle_points_x = []
180     circle_points_y = []
181     for route in routes:
182         x, y = point_in_z_plane(route)
183         circle_points_x.append(x)
184         circle_points_y.append(y)
185
186     return circle_points_x, circle_points_y
187
188
189 def section_1():
190     angle = 275
191     y = ode2D(x0=0, z0=1000, theta=angle, s=2500)
192     x, z, _, _ = zip(*y)
193     plt.rcParams['text.usetex'] = True
194     plt.plot(x, z)
195
196     theta_in, theta_out, theta_mid =
197     calculate_angles(x, z)
198     theta_approx = approximated_analytical_angle(
199     angle - 270)
200     print("The error of the approximation is {} %"
201     .format(error(theta_mid, theta_approx)))
202     plt.scatter([0], [0])
203     plt.title("Ray Projectile With a={} degrees".
204     format(angle))
205     plt.grid(True)
206     plt.savefig('Ray trace')
207     plt.show()
208
209
210 def section_2():
211     phi_range = np.linspace(0, 360, 25)
212     theta_range = np.linspace(271, 272, 11)
213
214     routes = einstein_ring_2D(theta_range=

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210 theta_range)
211     x_z_rays = create_x_z_rays(routes, phi_range)
212     x_y_points = create_x_y_points_2D(routes,
    phi_range)
213
214     for ray in x_z_rays:
215         plt.plot(ray[0], ray[1])
216     plt.grid(True)
217     plt.title("Einsteing Ring x-z plane")
218     plt.savefig('Einsteing Ring x-z plane')
219     plt.show()
220
221     plt.scatter(x=x_y_points[0], y=x_y_points[1])
222     plt.grid(True)
223     plt.title("Einsteing Ring x-y view")
224     plt.savefig('x-y circle')
225     plt.show()
226
227     r1 = np.sqrt(x_y_points[0][0] ** 2 +
    x_y_points[1][0] ** 2)
228     beta = approximated_analytical_angle(1.5) - np
    .deg2rad(1.5) # alpha - theta
229     r2 = 500 * beta # z_0 * beta
230     print("radius of circle is {} and approximated
    anayltical radius is {}".format(r1, r2))
231
232
233 def section_3():
234     y = ode3D(x0=0, y0=0, z0=1000, theta=272, phi=
    10, s=1500)
235     x, y, z, _, _, _ = zip(*y)
236     plt.rcParams['text.usetex'] = True
237     plt.plot(x, z)
238     plt.scatter([-20, 20], [0, 0])
239     plt.grid(True)
240     plt.title('Ray trace with 2 masses')
241     plt.show()
242
243     theta_range = np.linspace(270, 280, 21)
244     phi_range = np.linspace(0, 360, 9)
245

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246     routes = einstein_ring_3D(theta_range=
    theta_range, phi_range=phi_range)
247     for ray in routes:
248         plt.plot(ray[0], ray[2])
249
250     plt.title('2 masses x-z view')
251     plt.show()
252
253     x_points, y_points = create_x_y_points_3D(
    routes)
254     plt.scatter(x=x_points, y=y_points)
255     plt.grid(True)
256     plt.title("2 masses x-y view")
257     plt.show()
258
259
260 if __name__ == '__main__':
261     section_1()
262     section_2()
263     section_3()
264
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