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# **Plasma Instabilities with a 1D Particle-In-Cell**

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## 1.1 FileHelper module

**class** FileHelper.**FileHelper**

Bases: object

Class for handling file operations.

**# Methods:**

- ***create\_test\_directory()***: Creates a directory to save the simulation results based on the parameters in the 'Parameters.json' file. (Static Method)
- ***get\_test\_directory\_name()***: Get the name of the directory where the simulation results are saved. (Static Method)

**static** **create\_test\_directory()**

Creates a filename for the plot based on the parameters in the 'Parameters.json' file.

**# Returns:**

*str*: The filename for the plot.

**# Raises:**

ValueError: If the directory already exists.

**static** **get\_test\_directory\_name()**

Get the name of the directory where the simulation results are saved.

**# Returns:**

*str*: the name of the directory where the simulation results are saved.

## 1.2 MainProgram module

**class** MainProgram.**MainProgram**

Bases: object

Main class to run the Particle-in-Cell simulation of a 1D plasma and visualize the results.

**# Attributes:**

- *parameters (dict)*: Dictionary containing simulation parameters loaded from 'Parameters.json'.
- *directory\_name (str)*: Name of the directory where the simulation results are saved.

### # Methods:

- `set_parameters()`: Loads simulation parameters from 'Parameters.json'.
- `execute()`: Execute the simulation and visualizes the results using the Simulation and Visualizer classes.

### `execute()`

Execute the simulation and visualizes the results using the Simulation and Visualizer classes.

### `set_parameters()`

Loads simulation parameters from 'Parameters.json'.

### `simulate()`

Runs the simulation using the Simulation class.

### `visualize()`

Visualizes the results of the simulation using the Visualizer class.

## 1.3 Simulation module

```
class Simulation.Simulation(parameters, directory_name)
```

Bases: object

Class for simulating a 1D plasma using the Particle-in-Cell method.

### # Args:

- `parameters (dict)`: Dictionary containing simulation parameters.
- `directory_name (str)`: Name of the directory where the simulation results will be saved.

### # Attributes:

- `dx (float)`: Spatial resolution.
- `EPSILON_0 (float)`: Permittivity of free space.
- `FACTOR (float)`: Factor used in the calculation of potential.
- `particles_number (int)`: Number of particles in the simulation.
- `particle_charge (float)`: Charge of each particle.
- `particle_mass (float)`: Mass of each particle.
- `domain_size (float)`: Size of the simulation domain.
- `cells_number (int)`: Number of cells in the simulation domain.
- `max_initial_velocity_deviation (float)`: Maximum deviation in initial velocities.
- `iterations_number (int)`: Number of simulation iterations.
- `potential_matrix (numpy.ndarray)`: Matrix used in the calculation of potential.
- `positions (numpy.ndarray)`: Array containing particle positions for each iteration.
- `velocities (numpy.ndarray)`: Array containing particle velocities for each iteration.
- `dt (numpy.ndarray)`: Array containing time steps for each iteration.

### # Methods:

- *set\_initial\_conditions()*: Set initial conditions for the simulation.
- *init\_arrays()*: Initialize arrays and matrices for the simulation.
- *compute\_charge\_density(iteration)*: Compute charge density at a given iteration.
- *compute\_potential(density)*: Compute potential based on charge density.
- *compute\_electric\_field(potential)*: Compute electric field based on potential.
- *compute\_particle\_electric\_field(electric\_field, iteration)*: Compute particle electric field.
- *compute\_force(particle\_electric\_field)*: Compute force on particles.
- *compute\_time\_step(iteration)*: Compute time step based on particle velocities.
- *update\_positions\_velocities(force, iteration)*: Update particle positions and velocities using Euler method.
- *save\_results()*: Save simulation results to 'results.npz'.
- *run()*: Run the simulation.

**compute\_charge\_density()**

Compute charge density for the current iteration.

**# Returns:**

*numpy.ndarray*: Charge density array.

**compute\_electric\_field(potential)**

Compute electric field based on potential.

**# Args:**

- *potential (numpy.ndarray)*: Potential array.

**# Returns:**

None

**compute\_force(particle\_electric\_field)**

Compute force on particles.

**# Args:**

- *particle\_electric\_field (numpy.ndarray)*: Array containing electric field for each particle.

**# Returns:**

*numpy.ndarray*: Force array.

**compute\_particle\_electric\_field()**

Compute particle electric field using interpolation.

**# Returns:**

*numpy.ndarray*: Array containing electric field for each particle.

**compute\_potential(density)**

Update potential based on charge density using relaxation method.

**# Args:**

*density (numpy.ndarray)*: Charge density array.

**# Returns:**

None

### **compute\_time\_step()**

Compute time step based on particle velocities.

#### **# Args:**

- *iteration (int)*: Iteration index.

#### **# Returns:**

None

### **init\_arrays()**

Initialize arrays for the simulation.

#### **# Returns:**

None

### **run()**

Run the simulation.

#### **# Returns:**

None

### **save\_global\_results()**

Save global results to output files.

#### **# Remarks:**

- **The results are saved to the following files:**
  - ‘positions.csv’: Particle positions.
  - ‘velocities.csv’: Particle velocities.
  - ‘electric\_field.csv’: Electric field.
  - ‘potential.csv’: Potential.
- These datas are saved every ‘iteration\_save\_rate’ iterations.

#### **# Returns:**

None

### **save\_unit\_results()**

Save unit results to output files.

#### **# Remarks:**

- **The results are saved to the following files:**
  - ‘followed\_particle.csv’: Followed particle position and velocity.
  - ‘followed\_cell.csv’: Followed cell potential and electric field.
- These datas are saved every iteration.

#### **# Returns:**

None

### **set\_initial\_conditions()**

Set initial conditions for the simulation.

#### **# Returns:**

None



**update\_positions\_velocities(*force*)**

Update particle positions and velocities using Euler method.

**# Args:**

- *force* (*numpy.ndarray*): Force array.

**# Returns:**

None

**write\_output\_files\_headers()**

Write headers to output files.

**# Returns:**

None

## 1.4 Visualizer module

```
class Visualizer.Visualizer(iteration_save_rate, position_filename='positions.csv',  
                             velocity_filename='velocities.csv')
```

Bases: object

Class for visualizing the results of a particle-in-cell simulation.

**# Attributes:**

- *directory\_name* (*str*): Name of the directory where the simulation results are saved.
- *position\_filepath* (*str*): Path to the file containing the particle positions.
- *velocity\_filepath* (*str*): Path to the file containing the particle velocities.
- *electric\_field\_filepath* (*str*): Path to the file containing the electric field values.
- *potential\_filepath* (*str*): Path to the file containing the potential values.
- *followed\_particle\_filepath* (*str*): Path to the file containing the followed particle data.
- *followed\_cell\_filepath* (*str*): Path to the file containing the followed cell data.
- *time* (*numpy.ndarray*): Array containing the time values.
- *iteration\_save\_rate* (*int*): Number of iterations between each saved step.

**# Methods:**

- *plot\_phase\_space*(*iteration\_number=-1*): Plot the phase space of the particles at a specific iteration.
- *plot\_phase\_space\_foreach\_saved\_step*(): Plot the phase space of the particles for each saved step.
- *plot\_electric\_field*(*iteration\_number=-1*): Plot the electric field at a specific iteration.
- *plot\_electric\_field\_foreach\_saved\_step*(): Plot the electric field for each saved step.
- *plot\_potential*(*iteration\_number=-1*): Plot the potential at a specific iteration.
- *plot\_potential\_foreach\_saved\_step*(): Plot the potential for each saved step.
- *plot\_single\_particle\_position*(): Plot the position of a followed particle over time.
- *plot\_single\_particle\_phase\_space*(): Plot the phase space of a single followed particle.
- *plot\_potential\_for\_single\_cell*(): Plot the potential for a single cell over time.
- *plot\_electric\_field\_for\_single\_cell*(): Plot the electric field for a single cell over time.

**plot\_electric\_field**(*iteration\_number=-1*)

Plot the electric field at a specific iteration.

**# Args:**

**-iteration\_number (int, optional):** The iteration number at which the electric field should be plotted. Defaults to -1.

**# Remarks:**

If *iteration\_number* is -1, the electric field for the last iteration is plotted.

**plot\_electric\_field\_for\_single\_cell**()

Plot the electric field for a single cell over time.

**plot\_electric\_field\_foreach\_saved\_step**()

Plot the electric field for each saved step according to the *iteration\_save\_rate*.

**plot\_phase\_space**(*iteration\_number=-1*)

Plot the phase space of the particles at a specific iteration.

**# Args:**

- **iteration\_number (int, optional):** The iteration number at which the phase space should be plotted. Defaults to -1.

**# Remarks:**

If *iteration\_number* is -1, the phase space for the last iteration is plotted.

**plot\_phase\_space\_foreach\_saved\_step**()

Plot the phase space of the particles for each saved step according to the *iteration\_save\_rate*.

**plot\_potential**(*iteration\_number=-1*)

Plot the potential at a specific iteration.

**# Args:**

- **iteration\_number (int, optional):** The iteration number at which the potential should be plotted. Defaults to -1.

**plot\_potential\_for\_single\_cell**()

Plot the potential for a single cell over time.

**plot\_potential\_foreach\_saved\_step**()

Plot the potential for each saved step according to the *iteration\_save\_rate*.

**plot\_single\_particle\_phase\_space**()

Plot the phase space of a single followed particle.

**plot\_single\_particle\_position**()

Plot the position of a followed particle over time.

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