

# Exercise No. 3

David Bubeck, Pascal Becht, Patrick Nisblè

May 12, 2017

## 1.2 - Three Body System

### 1.1 a)

Problem: Simulate a three-body system with given initial positions and velocities ( $y_1$  to  $y_{12}$ ) using the Runge-Kutta-Scheme of 4th order

Using the following implementation of the RK4 method:

```
7 def rKN(x: np.ndarray, fx: List[Callable], hs: float):
8     k1 = np.array(x)
9     k2 = np.array(x)
10    k3 = np.array(x)
11    k4 = np.array(x)
12
13    l = len(fx)
14
15    for i in range(l):
16        k1[i] = fx[i](x)*hs
17
18    for i in range(l):
19        k2[i] = fx[i](x + k1*.5)*hs
20
21    for i in range(l):
22        k3[i] = fx[i](x + k2*.5)*hs
23
24    for i in range(l):
25        k4[i] = fx[i](x + k3)*hs
26
27    return x + (k1 + 2*(k2 + k3) + k4)/6
```

Figure 1: rKN-function for iterative use on previous calculated values

and the following set of equations:

$$\dot{\vec{x}}_{n+1} = \vec{v}_n \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{\vec{v}}_{n+1} = \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12,n}^2} \frac{\vec{r}_{12,n}}{r_{12,n}} + \frac{Gm_3}{r_{13,n}^2} \frac{\vec{r}_{13,n}}{r_{13,n}} \quad (2)$$

where  $r_n = \|\vec{r}\|$ , for  $m_1$

```

1 from rk4 import rKN
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5 # calculating gravitational acceleration
6 def grav_acc(
7     m1: float,
8     x1: float,
9     y1: float,
10    m2: float,
11    x2: float,
12    y2: float) -> (float, float):
13
14    G = 1 # m^3/kg/s^2
15
16    r = np.array([x2-x1, y2-y1])
17    a = G*m2/np.sqrt(r[1]**2+r[0]**2)**3*r
18    return a
19
20 def three_body_sim(
21     nsteps: int = 100,
22     tmax: float = 1,
23     init_val = np.ndarray(shape=(1,12))
24 ) -> np.ndarray:
25
26     # where (y-1+4i, y-2+4i) initial x,y coords of m-i and
27     # (y-3+4i, y-4+4i) the initial x,y velocity of m-i
28     # taken from exercise sheet no3
29
30     xlist = np.ndarray(shape=(nsteps+1,12), dtype=float)
31     xlist[0] = init_val
32
33
34     # only dist dependent accelerations
35     a12 = lambda x: grav_acc(1,x[0],x[1],1,x[4],x[5])
36     a13 = lambda x: grav_acc(1,x[0],x[1],1,x[8],x[9])
37     a23 = lambda x: grav_acc(1,x[4],x[5],1,x[8],x[9])
38
39     # system of linear equations for three body system
40     fsys = [
41         lambda x: x[2], # dx_1
42         lambda x: x[3], # dy_1
43         lambda x: a12(x)[0] + a13(x)[0], # dv_x1
44         lambda x: a12(x)[1] + a13(x)[1], # dv_y1
45
46         lambda x: x[6], # dx_2
47         lambda x: x[7], # dy_2
48         lambda x: -a12(x)[0] + a23(x)[0], # dv_x2
49         lambda x: -a12(x)[1] + a23(x)[1], # dv_y2
50
51         lambda x: x[10], # dx_3
52         lambda x: x[11], # dy_3
53         lambda x: -a23(x)[0] - a13(x)[0], # dv_x3
54         lambda x: -a23(x)[1] - a13(x)[1] # dv_y3
55     ]

```

```

57     # runge-kutta using prev calculated values
58     for i in range(nsteps):
59         xlist[i+1] = rKN(xlist[i], fsys, tmax/nsteps)
60
61     return xlist
62
63
64 if __name__=="__main__":
65
66     xinit = np.array([[
67         -.97000436,
68         .24308753,
69         -.46620368,
70         -.43236573,
71         .97000436,
72         -.24308753,
73         -.46620368,
74         -.43236573,
75         .0,
76         .0,
77         .93240737,
78         .86473146
79     ]])
80     tmax = 2 # s
81     plt.figure(figsize=(10.8,7.2))
82     plt.xlabel('x')
83     plt.ylabel('y')
84     for stepsize in np.linspace(.01,.001, 3):
85         xlist = three_body_sim(int(tmax/stepsize), tmax, xinit)
86         print(xlist)
87         plt.plot(xlist[:,0], xlist[:,1], label = '$m_1, \Delta t = {:.3f}$'.format(
88             stepsize))
89         plt.plot(xlist[:,4], xlist[:,5], label = '$m_2, \Delta t = {:.3f}$'.format(
90             stepsize))
91         plt.plot(xlist[:,8], xlist[:,9], label = '$m_3, \Delta t = {:.3f}$'.format(
92             stepsize))
93
94     plt.legend()
95     plt.savefig('3-21-plot.png', bbox_inches='tight')
96     plt.show()

```

Figure 2: implementation of a three-body system using the RK4 method

where when done for stepsizes between 0.01 and 0.001 we can only see a difference in calculated length over multiple steps, when accounted for stepsize the calculated paths look alike. An animation was also created.

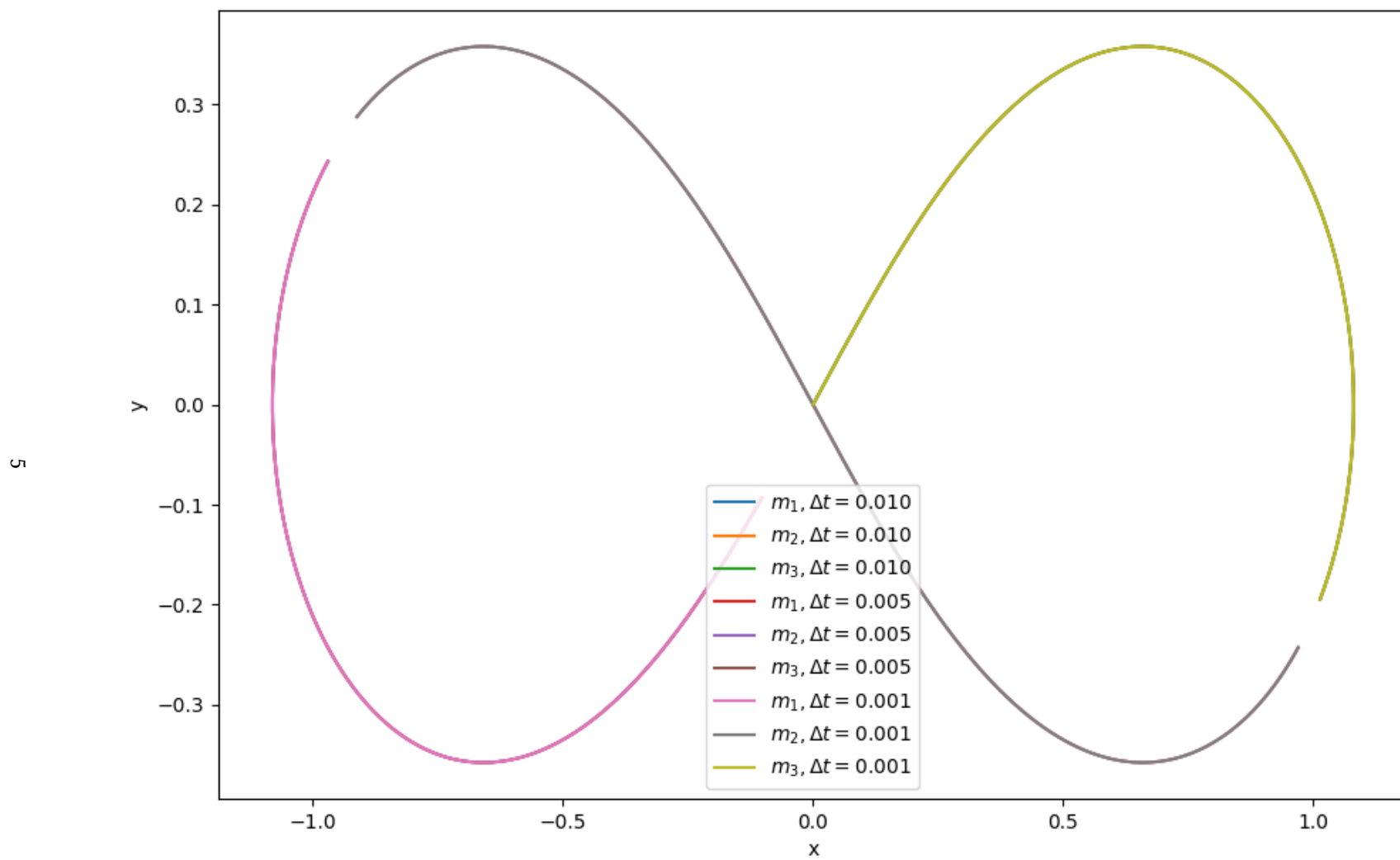


Figure 3: plot of all 3 masses and 3 different stepsizes