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1	<p>Exudyn is an open-source C++ and Python library for efficient simulation of flexible multi-body systems. It offers a wide range of functions and structures for modeling, simulation, and post-processing of multi-body systems. Exudyn is designed for rapid implementation and testing of new formulations and algorithms in multibody systems, and it can be easily integrated into Python for post-processing, evaluation, and optimization.</p> <p>The primary applications of Exudyn include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flexible multi-body system simulation: Exudyn is designed for efficient simulation of flexible multi-body systems, which are commonly found in robotics, aerospace, automotive, and biomechanics applications. 2. Rapid prototyping and testing of new algorithms: Exudyn's design allows for easy implementation and testing of new formulations and algorithms in multibody systems, making it an ideal tool for research and development. 3. Industry-related research projects and applications: Exudyn is used in industry-related research projects and applications, such as robotics, biomechanics, and aerospace. 4. Post-processing, evaluation, and optimization: Exudyn's integration with Python provides a virtually unlimited number of methods for post-processing, evaluation, and optimization of multi-body systems. 5. Educational and research purposes: Exudyn's open-source nature and extensive documentation make it a valuable tool for educational and research purposes in the fields of mechanical engineering, robotics, and biomechanics. <p>To install and use Exudyn, you can follow the installation instructions available on its GitHub repository and its official website. Exudyn requires Python for its operation, and it is recommended to use identical Python versions and the version of the Exudyn module for smooth operation.</p> <p>In addition, Exudyn offers a variety of demos and examples, which can be found on its GitHub repository and its official website. These demos showcase the capabilities of Exudyn and provide a starting point for users to explore its features.</p> <p>To summarize, Exudyn is a powerful and flexible library for simulating and analyzing multi-body systems, with applications in a wide range of fields, including robotics, aerospace, automotive, and biomechanics. It also offers a user-friendly interface for post-processing and optimization of simulation results.</p>	C

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1'	<p>Exudyn is an open-source software for efficient simulation of flexible multi-body systems. It is designed for rapid implementation and testing of new formulations and algorithms in multibody systems, allowing for easy implementation of efficient C++ code. Exudyn's primary applications include industry-related research projects and simulations of flexible multi-body systems, such as robotics, mobile robots, manipulators, trajectory generation, and more.</p> <p>In addition to its core functionalities, Exudyn offers several useful submodules and helper functions, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <code>`exudyn.mainSystemExtensions`</code>: mapping of some functions to MainSystem (mbs) - <code>`exudyn.physics`</code>: containing helper functions, which are physics related such as friction - <code>`exudyn.plot`</code>: contains PlotSensor(...), a very versatile interface to matplotlib and other valuable helper functions - <code>`exudyn.processing`</code>: methods for optimization, parameter variation, sensitivity analysis, etc. - <code>`exudyn.rigidBodyUtilities`</code>: contains important helper classes for creation of rigid body inertia, rigid bodies, and rigid body joints; includes helper functions for rotation parameterization, rotation matrices, homogeneous transformations, etc. - <code>`exudyn.robotics`</code>: submodule containing several helper modules related to manipulators (robotics, robotics.models), mobile robots (robotics.mobile), trajectory generation (robotics.motion), etc. - <code>`exudyn.graphicsDataUtilities`</code>: provides some basic drawing utilities, definition of colors and basic drawing objects (including STL import); rotation/translation of graphicsData objects - <code>`exudyn.interactive`</code>: helper classes to create interactive models (e.g., for teaching or demos) - <code>`exudyn.itemInterface`</code>: contains the interface, which transfers Python classes (e.g., of a NodePoint) to dictionaries that can be understood by the C++ module - <code>`exudyn.FEM`</code>: everything related to finite element import and creation of model order reduction flexible bodies - <code>`exudyn.lieGroupBasics`</code>: a collection of Python functions for Lie group methods (SO3, SE3, log, exp, Texp,...) <p>For more detailed information, you can refer to the Exudyn documentation, available at `https://exudyn.readthedocs.io`. If you have any questions, comments, or issues, you can contact the Exudyn team at `https://github.com/Exusial/exudyn/issues`.</p>	F

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1”	<p>Exudyn is a computational framework for multibody system dynamics, integrated within the Python programming language. It's a high-performance, open-source library that allows users to model, simulate, and visualize complex systems of interconnected rigid and flexible bodies, subject to various constraints and external forces.</p> <p>The primary applications of Exudyn span a wide range of fields, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mechanical Engineering: Exudyn can be used to model and simulate mechanical systems, such as robots, vehicles, and machines. It allows engineers to analyze the dynamics, kinematics, and control of these systems, aiding in design optimization and performance evaluation. 2. Aerospace Engineering: Exudyn can model and simulate the flight dynamics of aircraft, spacecraft, and other aerospace vehicles. It can help engineers assess stability, control, and performance under different flight conditions. 3. Robotics: Exudyn can be used to model and simulate the dynamics of robotic systems, including humanoid robots, manipulators, and mobile robots. This can aid in control design, trajectory planning, and performance evaluation. 4. Biomechanics and Human Motion Analysis: Exudyn can be used to model and simulate human movement, from simple models of single joints to complex models of the entire human body. This can help researchers and clinicians 	P
2	<p>Exudyn is primarily developed at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. The core development has been led by Johannes Gerstmayr, who initially implemented the ideas that stemmed from the project HOTINT. Over the years, the development has been significantly shaped by contributions from various researchers and developers.</p> <p>Some important contributors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joachim Schöberl from TU-Vienna, who provided specialized NGSolve core library, mesh and FE-matrices import, and highly efficient eigenvector computations. - Stefan Holzinger, also from the University of Innsbruck, who contributed to the Lie group module and solvers in Python, Lie group nodes, and testing. - Peter Manzl, who developed the ConvexRoll Python and C++ implementation, revised artificialIntelligence, ParameterVariation, robotics and MPI parallelization, and provided many figures for the documentation. - Andreas Zwölfer, Technical University Munich, who contributed to FFRF, CMS formulation, and ANCF 2D cable prototypes in MATLAB. - Martin Sereinig, University of Innsbruck, who developed special robotics functionality, mobile robots, manipulability measures, and robot models. - Michael Pieber, University of Innsbruck, who 	C

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3	<p>Exudyn is a versatile tool for modeling complex systems of interconnected rigid and flexible bodies. Here are some of the types of models you can create with Exudyn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multibody Systems: You can model mechanical systems composed of interconnected rigid bodies, such as robots, vehicles, machines, and even the human body. Exudyn allows you to define kinematic and dynamic relationships between these bodies, and simulate their motion under various constraints and external forces. 2. Flexible Structures: Exudyn supports the modeling of flexible bodies using finite element methods (FEM). This allows you to simulate the deformation and vibration of structures like beams, plates, and shells under different loading conditions. 3. Robotics: Exudyn can model a wide range of robotic systems, from simple manipulators to complex mobile robots. You can define the kinematics and dynamics of these systems, and simulate their motion and control. 4. Aerospace Vehicles: Exudyn can model the flight dynamics of aircraft, spacecraft, and other aerospace vehicles. This includes simulating the aerodynamic forces, control surfaces, and propulsion systems. 5. Human Motion Analysis: Exudyn can be used to model human movement, from simple models of single joints to complex models of the entire human body. This can help 	C
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3”	<p>Exudyn is a Python library for multibody dynamics modeling, simulation, creating large scale systems, parameterized systems, component mode synthesis, optimization, and more. With Exudyn, you can model various systems, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multibody systems (mechanical systems with multiple rigid bodies connected by joints) - Flexible bodies (bodies that can undergo deformation) - Frictional and viscoelastic contact - Electromagnetic fields and circuits - Fluid dynamics - Control systems - Robotics and automation systems <p>Exudyn provides a wide range of tools and functionalities to model, simulate, and analyze these systems. For efficient simulations, consider the following techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjust solver parameters to optimize computation time for discontinuous problems. - Use the processing sub-module of Exudyn to parallelize computations and achieve speedups proportional to the number of cores/threads of your computer, using the multiThreading option or even using a cluster (using dispy). - Be aware that when using multiprocessing and cluster computing, you may see a high CPU usage of "Antimalware Service Executable," which is the Microsoft Defender Antivirus. You can exclude python.exe from the defender in your settings. - For dynamic simulations, consider turning on modified Newton, which updates jacobians only if needed, and use multi-threading to improve computation time. - Decrease the number of steps by increasing the step size if not needed for accuracy reasons. - Switch off measuring computation time if not needed. - Try to switch to explicit solvers if the problem has no constraints and if the problem is not stiff. - Try to have constant mass matrices in your models. <p>These techniques can help you optimize your Exudyn simulations and achieve faster computation times.</p> <p>Additionally, Exudyn has several examples and test models available on its GitHub repository, such as cartesianSpringDamperUserFunction.py, SpringDamperMassUserFunction.py, symbolicUserFunctionMasses.py, and symbolicUserFunctionTest.py. These examples demonstrate how to create multibody systems and use Exudyn's functionalities for modeling and simulation.</p> <p>To use Exudyn with artificial intelligence, you can set up an Exudyn model as an environment in open AI gym using the OpenAIGymInterfaceEnv class. This class provides interfaces and functionality for integrating your model with machine learning algorithms. You can override specific class functions to customize the model and integrate it with your AI algorithm.</p>	C
4	<p>Exudyn is primarily used with Python, a high-level, interpreted programming language. Python serves as the interface between the user and the core computational capabilities provided by the Exudyn library, which is written in C++. The combination of Python and C++ allows for a high-level, user-friendly interface while leveraging the performance and efficiency of C++. Pybind11, a C++ library, is used to facilitate the interoperability between Python and C++.</p>	C

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4'	<p>Exudyn is primarily used with Python for its interface and scripting capabilities. Python's extensive libraries and tools make it a suitable choice for physics simulations, including Exudyn. While Exudyn's core modules and graphics rendering involve C++, Python is used for the interface and various helper modules. Pybind11 is used for interoperability between Python and C++.</p> <p>Moreover, Exudyn allows you to create items on the C++ side using the Python interface, which facilitates setting up models using other Python modules (numpy, sympy, matplotlib, etc.). The computation is performed efficiently on the C++ side, while you can easily modify items (ModifyObject(...)) after initialization, even during simulation.</p> <p>To summarize, Python is the primary language used with Exudyn, with C++ used for core modules and graphics rendering, and Python for the interface and various helper modules. Exudyn's flexibility and the extensive capabilities of Python make it a powerful combination for physics simulations. For more detailed information, refer to the Exudyn documentation and the Read the Docs documentation.</p>	C
4''	<p>Exudyn is primarily used with Python for its interface and scripting capabilities. Python's extensive libraries and tools make it an ideal choice for physics simulations, including Exudyn. While Exudyn involves C++ code for core modules and graphics rendering, Python is used for the interface and many other tasks. Exudyn offers several Python modules with helpful functions for physics-related tasks, such as friction, optimization, and parameter variation.</p> <p>Additionally, Exudyn allows you to create items on the C++ side using the Python interface, which makes it easy to set up models using many other Python modules (numpy, sympy, matplotlib, etc.) while computation is performed efficiently on the C++ side. Objects live in the system container, which is managed inside the C++ code but can be modified via the Python interface.</p> <p>For more information on Exudyn and its capabilities, refer to the documentation available at <code>theDoc.pdf</code> <https://github.com/jgerstmayr/EXUDYN/blob/master/docs/theDoc/theDoc.pdf>. Exudyn is a powerful library for multibody dynamics modeling, simulation, creating large-scale systems, parameterized systems, component mode synthesis, optimization, and more. Changes can be tracked in the Issue tracker.</p>	C

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5	<p>To install Exudyn on a Mac OS system, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure you have Python 3.6 or higher installed. You can check your Python version by running <code>`python3 --version`</code> in your terminal. 2. Install necessary Python libraries and pip3 (if not already installed) using the following command: <pre> ''' brew install python ''' </pre> 3. Install numpy, matplotlib, and scipy using pip3: <pre> ''' pip3 install numpy matplotlib scipy ''' </pre> 4. Install pybind11, which is required for compiling Exudyn: <pre> ''' pip3 install pybind11 ''' </pre> 5. If you want to use the graphical interface (OpenGL window), you'll need to install GLFW libraries: <pre> ''' brew install glfw ''' </pre> 6. Install Exudyn using the setup script: <pre> ''' python3 setup.py install ''' </pre> 7. To run an example, navigate to the <code>`pythonDev/Examples`</code> folder and run one of the Python scripts, for example: <pre> ''' python springDamperUserFunctionTest.py ''' </pre> 	P

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5'	<p>To install Exudyn on a Mac OS system and use its Python extensions, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install Python 3.x on your Mac OS system. You can check the installed Python version by running <code>`python3 --version`</code> or <code>`python --version`</code> in your terminal. 2. Install the required Python packages (numpy, matplotlib, tkinter, and scipy) using pip or pip3. Run the following command in your terminal: <pre> ```bash pip install numpy matplotlib tkinter scipy ``` </pre> or <pre> ```bash pip3 install numpy matplotlib tkinter scipy ``` </pre> 1. Clone the Exudyn repository from GitHub by running the following command in your terminal: <pre> ```bash git clone https://github.com/jgerstmayr/EXUDYN.git ``` </pre> 1. Navigate to the cloned Exudyn directory: <pre> ```bash cd EXUDYN ``` </pre> 1. Install Exudyn by running the following command in your terminal: <pre> ```bash python setup.py install ``` </pre> 1. Import and use Exudyn in your Python scripts. To test the installation, you can run one of the example scripts in the <code>`pythonDev/Examples`</code> directory. 2. To use the Python extensions for MainSystem, import the necessary modules: <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu import exudyn.plot import exudyn.solver import exudyn.interactive import exudyn.robotics import exudyn.utilities import exudyn.itemInterface as eii import exudyn.graphicsDataUtilities ``` </pre> 3. You can now use the functions and classes provided by these modules to create bodies, point masses, connectors, and joints in your Exudyn simulations. <p>Note: If you encounter any issues during the installation process, please refer to the Exudyn installation instructions and troubleshooting guide available at: https://jgerstmayr.github.io/EXUDYN/installation.html.</p> <p>For more information on using the Python extensions for MainSystem, you can refer to the Exudyn documentation and examples available at: https://jgerstmayr.github.io/EXUDYN/.</p>	P

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1. Install Python 3.x on your Mac OS system. You can download it from the official Python website or use a package manager like Homebrew. Verify the installation by running ``python3 --version`` or ``python --version`` in your terminal.

2. Install the required Python packages for Exudyn, including numpy, matplotlib, and tkinter, using pip or pip3:

```
...  
pip install numpy matplotlib tkinter  
...
```

3. Clone the Exudyn repository from GitHub:

```
...  
git clone https://github.com/jgerstmayr/EXUDYN.git  
...
```

4. Navigate to the cloned Exudyn directory:

```
...  
cd EXUDYN  
...
```

5. Install Exudyn using the setup script:

```
...  
python setup.py install  
...
```

6. Verify the installation by running one of the example scripts, such as ``python pythonDev/Examples/rigid3Dexample.py``.

If you want to build and install Exudyn from source, you can follow the advanced installation instructions available at <https://exudyn.readthedocs.io/en/stable/installation.html#how-to-install-exudyn-and-use-the-c-source-code-advanced>. This will allow you to use the C++ source code and extend it as needed.

Additionally, if you are using Anaconda, you can create a new environment with the desired Python version and install Exudyn in that environment. Here's how you can create a new environment and install Exudyn:

1. Open the Anaconda prompt.

2. Create a new environment with the desired Python version (e.g., Python 3.6, 3.7, or 3.8) using the following command:

```
...  
conda create -n exudyn python=3.6  
...
```

Replace ``3.6`` with your desired Python version.

3. Activate the new environment:

```
...  
conda activate exudyn  
...
```

4. Install the required Python packages for Exudyn, including numpy, matplotlib, and tkinter, using pip or pip3:

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...  
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git clone https://github.com/jgerstmayr/EXUDYN.git  
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cd EXUDYN  
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7. Install Exudyn using the setup script:

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6	<p>The system requirements for installing and running Exudyn are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating System: Exudyn supports Windows, Linux, and MacOS. 2. Python: Exudyn requires Python 3.8 to 3.12. You can install Python from the official website: <https://www.python.org/downloads/> 3. Python packages: Exudyn requires several Python packages such as numpy, matplotlib, tkinter, and scipy. You can install these packages using pip, the Python package installer. For example, to install numpy, run `pip install numpy` in your terminal or command prompt. 4. OpenGL: Exudyn uses OpenGL for rendering graphics. Therefore, you need a compatible graphics card and drivers that support OpenGL. 5. For building and installing Exudyn from source code (advanced users only), you need a C++ compiler such as gcc. The specific version of gcc may vary depending on your operating system and Python version. <p>It's recommended to use a Python environment manager like Anaconda to create and manage separate environments for different projects, including Exudyn.</p>	P
6'	<p>To install and run Exudyn, you need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A compatible Python version (3.6 to 3.12) installed on your system. Exudyn supports Python 3.6 to 3.12 on Windows, Linux, and MacOS. 2. A C++ compiler (e.g., GCC, Clang, or Microsoft Visual Studio) to compile the C++ module. 3. OpenGL and GLFW libraries for rendering graphics. Exudyn uses these libraries for visualization. 4. For building Exudyn from source, you need Git to clone the repository and a build tool like CMake or Meson. 5. For Windows, you may need to install Anaconda or Miniconda to create a Python environment with the required Python version. <p>Please ensure that your system meets these requirements before installing and running Exudyn.</p>	P
6''	<p>To install and run Exudyn, you need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A compatible Python version (3.6 to 3.12) installed on your system. Exudyn requires Python to be installed and properly configured. 2. A C++ compiler (e.g., GCC, Clang) to compile the C++ module of Exudyn. On Ubuntu, you can install GCC using the command `sudo apt-get install build-essential`. 3. OpenGL and GLFW libraries to display the rendered graphics. Exudyn uses these libraries for visualization. You may need to install them separately depending on your operating system. 4. For advanced usage of the C++ source code, you need a C++ development environment (e.g., Microsoft Visual Studio for Windows, or an IDE like Code::Blocks or CLion for Linux and MacOS). <p>Please note that the specific installation steps may vary depending on your operating system and Python environment. It is recommended to follow the installation instructions provided in the Exudyn documentation.</p>	P

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7	<p>Five important items for multibody simulations in Exudyn are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MainSystem: This is the primary container for all the components of the multibody system, such as rigid bodies, mass points, distance constraints, and joints. 2. RigidBody: A rigid body is a solid object that can only undergo rigid transformations, such as translation and rotation. In Exudyn, rigid bodies are created using the <code>`CreateRigidBody`</code> function. 3. MassPoint: A mass point is a point-like object with mass that can move freely in space. In Exudyn, mass points are created using the <code>`CreateMassPoint`</code> function. 4. DistanceConstraint: A distance constraint is used to enforce a fixed distance between two points or objects in the multibody system. In Exudyn, distance constraints are created using the <code>`CreateDistanceConstraint`</code> function. 5. Joint: A joint is used to connect two or more objects in the multibody system and restrict their motion. In Exudyn, joints are created using various functions, such as <code>`CreateRevoluteJoint`</code>, <code>`CreatePrismaticJoint`</code>, and <code>`CreateBallJoint`</code>. <p>These items are essential for creating and simulating multibody systems in Exudyn. Additionally, when setting up a multibody simulation in Exudyn, you may also need to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial positions and velocities of objects. - Forces and torques applied to objects. - Constraints between objects, such as distance constraints or joint constraints. - Graphics data for visualization, such as shapes and colors. - The simulation time and time step size. - The solver settings, such as the integration method and tolerance. <p>By carefully setting up these components, you can create accurate and efficient multibody simulations in Exudyn. Furthermore, the Exudyn library provides several submodules and helper functions to facilitate the setup and analysis of multibody systems, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <code>`exudyn.plot`</code>: Contains <code>`PlotSensor(...)`</code> and other valuable helper functions for visualization. - <code>`exudyn.processing`</code>: Methods for optimization, parameter variation, sensitivity analysis, etc. - <code>`exudyn.rigidBodyUtilities`</code>: Contains important helper classes for creating rigid body inertia, rigid bodies, and rigid body joints; includes helper functions for rotation parameterization, rotation matrices, homogeneous transformations, etc. - <code>`exudyn.signalProcessing`</code>: Filters, FFT, etc. ; interfaces to scipy and numpy methods. - <code>`exudyn.solver`</code>: Functions imported when loading Exudyn, containing 	F

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7'	<p>Five important items for multibody simulations in Exudyn for a simple spring-mass-damper system are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MainSystem: The core of the multibody simulation, where all objects, markers, loads, and constraints are added. 2. MassPoint: Represents a point mass in the system, which can be used to create rigid bodies or attached to other objects. 3. RigidBody: A collection of mass points that share the same motion, which can be used to model complex shapes like cubes, spheres, or custom geometries. 4. Marker: A point in space that can be used to define the location of constraints, loads, or sensors. 5. Constraint: A relationship between two or more markers that enforces a specific motion or constraint, such as distance constraints, rotational constraints, or holonomic constraints. 6. Load: An external force or torque applied to a marker or rigid body, which can be used to simulate forces like gravity, friction, or external forces. 7. User Function: A Python function that can be used to define time-dependent loads, constraints, or boundary conditions. 8. GraphicsData: A collection of visual objects that can be used to display the simulation in a 3D viewer, such as spheres, cubes, or custom geometries. <p>These items are essential for creating and simulating multibody systems in Exudyn, and understanding their purpose and usage is crucial for successful simulations.</p> <p>In the context of a simple spring-mass-damper system, you would also need to add nodes, create a rigid body, add a load, and create constraints. Here's a brief example of how to do this in Python using Exudyn:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #includes itemInterface, graphicsDataUtilities, rigidBodyUtilities,... SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() #create a MainSystem'mbs' to work with #draw orthonormal cube in local frame where it is added to; #cube is added to reference point of object, usually the center of mass (COM): graphicsCube = GraphicsDataOrthoCubePoint(centerPoint = [0,0,0], size=[1,0.1,0.1], color=color4orange) #create inertia (mass, COM, inertia tensor) to be used in rigid body: inertiaCube = InertiaTensor(mass=1, centerOfMass=[0,0,0], inertia </pre>	F

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7"	<p>Five important items for multibody simulations in Exudyn are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MainSystem: This is the central object for creating and managing the multibody system. It allows you to add various components like rigid bodies, mass points, distance constraints, and loads. 2. RigidBody: This represents a solid object with a fixed shape and mass. It can have a defined inertia tensor and can be subject to forces and torques. 3. MassPoint: This represents a point mass with a given position and velocity. It can be used to model small particles or point-like objects. 4. DistanceConstraint: This enforces a fixed distance between two points or bodies. It can be used to model rigid connections between objects. 5. Load: This represents a force or torque acting on a body or point. Loads can be defined as constant or time-dependent, and can be applied at specific positions or distributed over an object. <p>In addition to these components, Exudyn provides several other modules and utilities for advanced simulations, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exudyn.plot: Contains PlotSensor, a versatile interface to matplotlib, and other valuable helper functions. - exudyn.processing: Methods for optimization, parameter variation, sensitivity analysis, etc. - exudyn.rigidBodyUtilities: Contains important helper classes for creating rigid body inertia, rigid bodies, and rigid body joints; includes helper functions for rotation parameterization, rotation matrices, homogeneous transformations, etc. - exudyn.robotics: A submodule containing several helper modules related to manipulators (robotics, robotics.models), mobile robots (robotics.mobile), trajectory generation (robotics.motion), etc. - exudyn.signalProcessing: Filters, FFT, etc. Note that access to items is provided via functions in MainSystem. <p>These items, along with other components, are essential for creating complex multibody systems in Exudyn. In addition, Exudyn provides a powerful set of tools for simulation settings, visualization settings, generating output and results, and creating animations. For more information, refer to the Exudyn documentation.</p>	F

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8	<p>Exudyn is a comprehensive simulation software that allows you to perform various types of analysis for flexible multi-body systems. Some of the analysis types you can perform with Exudyn include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Static analysis: You can compute static solutions for given problems using the <code>exudyn.SolveStatic()</code> function. 2. Dynamic analysis: Exudyn provides explicit and implicit dynamic solvers for time integration of equations of motion using the <code>exudyn.SolveDynamic()</code> function. 3. Linearized system analysis: You can compute mass, stiffness, and damping matrices using the <code>exudyn.ComputeLinearizedSystem()</code> function. 4. Eigenvalue analysis: Exudyn's <code>exudyn.ComputeODE2Eigenvalues()</code> function computes the eigenvalues of the linearized system of equations. 5. Optimization analysis: Exudyn offers several optimization solvers, such as <code>GeneticOptimization()</code> and <code>Minimize()</code>, to find the optimum for given set(s) of parameter ranges. 6. Parameter variation analysis: You can compute a series of simulations for given set(s) of parameters using the <code>exudyn.ParameterVariation()</code> function. 7. Sensitivity analysis: Exudyn's <code>exudyn.ComputeSensitivities()</code> function computes sensitivities for certain parameters. 8. Signal processing analysis: Exudyn provides signal processing functions, such as filters and FFT, through its <code>exudyn.signalProcessing</code> submodule. 9. Finite element analysis: Exudyn's <code>exudyn.FEM</code> submodule allows you to import and create flexible bodies for finite element analysis. 10. Graphics and visualization analysis: Exudyn offers various utilities for drawing and animating solutions, such as <code>exudyn.graphicsDataUtilities</code> and <code>exudyn.plot</code>. <p>In addition to these analysis types, Exudyn also provides several submodules and helper functions for advanced topics, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <code>Exudyn:AdvancedTopics:ROS`</code>: Basic interaction with ROS has been tested. - <code>Exudyn:CCode`</code>: Exudyn was designed for rapid implementation and testing of new formulations and algorithms in multibody systems, which can be easily implemented in efficient C++ code. - <code>Exudyn:ObjectGenericODE1`</code>: A system of ODE1 equations, having a system matrix, a rhs vector, but mostly it will use a user function to describe special ODE1 systems. It is based on <code>NodeGenericODE1</code> nodes. <p>For more detailed information, consider also the Exudyn PDF documentation: <code>theDoc.pdf</code> <https://github.com/jgerstmayr/EXUDYN</p>	C

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9	<p>To set up a multibody system simulation in Exudyn for a specific scenario, follow these general steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the necessary libraries and initialize the system container: <pre> python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #includes itemInterface, graphicsDataUtilities, rigidBodyUtilities,... import numpy as np SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() #create a MainSystem'mbs' to work with </pre> 2. Define the ground object and add it to the simulation: <pre> python #add ground object and background graphics; visualization is optional oGround = mbs.CreateGround(graphicsDataList=[gGround0]) </pre> 3. Define the bodies (e.g., rigid bodies or mass points) and their properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set the dimensions and density for each body using `InertiaCuboid` or other appropriate functions. - Define the initial position, velocity, and rotation for each body using `referencePosition`, `initialVelocity`, and `referenceRotationMatrix`. - Add graphics data to each body using `graphicsDataList`. 4. Define the joints and constraints between bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use `mbs.Create...()` functions to create different types of joints, such as distance constraints, rotational constraints, or general constraints. - Specify the local positions and other parameters for each joint. 5. Define the forces acting on the bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use `mbs.CreateForce()` to add forces to specific markers on the bodies. - Specify the load vector and a user function to modify the load in time, if needed. 6. Set up the simulation parameters, such as the time span, time step, and gravity. 7. Run the simulation using `mbs.Assemble()` and `mbs.Solve()` functions. 8. Visualize the results using the provided visualization tools or by creating your own graphics objects. <p>For a specific example, consider the following code snippet that demonstrates setting up a multibody system with four mass points connected by distance constraints, with the first mass point connected to the ground:</p> <pre> python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * import numpy as np #create multibody system mbs SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() #this is the main system #create ground object at which constraints or springs can be attached oGround = mbs.CreateGround() L=0.5 #overall size parameter </pre>	F

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9'	<p>To set up a multibody system simulation in Exudyn, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the necessary libraries and create a SystemContainer object: <pre> python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #includes itemInterface, graphicsDataUtilities, rigidBodyUtilities,... import numpy as np SC = exu.SystemContainer() </pre> 2. Create a MainSystem object to work with: <pre> python mbs = SC.AddSystem() </pre> 3. Define the ground object and add it to the MainSystem: <pre> python #graphics data for checkerboard background (optional): gGround0 = GraphicsDataCheckerBoard(point=[3,0,-2], normal=[0,0,1], size=10) #add ground object and background graphics; visualization is optional oGround = mbs.CreateGround(graphicsDataList=[gGround0]) </pre> 4. Define the bodies (mass points and rigid bodies) and add them to the MainSystem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For a mass point, use <code>mbs.CreateMassPoint(...)</code>. - For a rigid body, use <code>mbs.CreateRigidBody(...)</code>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specify the inertia tensor using <code>InertiaCuboid(density, sideLengths)</code>. - Set the reference position and rotation matrix using <code>referencePosition</code> and <code>referenceRotationMatrix</code>. - Set initial velocities and gravity using <code>initialVelocity</code> and <code>gravity</code>. - Add graphics data to the rigid body using <code>graphicsDataList</code>. 5. Define the joints and add them to the MainSystem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use <code>mbs.CreateJoint(...)</code>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specify the type of joint (e.g., distance constraint, hinge joint, etc.). - Set the local positions and orientations of the joint using <code>localPosition</code> and <code>referenceRotationMatrix</code>. 6. Define the forces and add them to the MainSystem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use <code>mbs.CreateForce(...)</code>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specify the body number, local position, and load vector. - Optionally, define a user function to modify the load in time using <code>loadVectorUserFunction</code>. 7. Set up the simulation parameters, such as the time span and time step, using <code>exu.SetProgramOptions(...)</code>. 8. Run the simulation using <code>exu.Simulate(...)</code>. 9. Visualize the results using the provided visualization tools. <p>Remember to use the local coordinate system for defining positions and orientations of bodies and joints. For more detailed information, refer to the Exudyn documentation.</p>	F

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10	<p>Three important dynamic mechanical principles utilized in Exudyn are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newton's basic principles: Exudyn uses Newton's first, second, and third laws to model and analyze the motion of multibody systems. These principles provide the foundation for the equations of motion and are essential for simulating the dynamics of mechanical systems. 2. Lagrange-d'Alembert principle: This principle is used to derive the equations of motion for multibody systems. It accounts for the effects of external forces and constraints on the motion of the system, allowing for a more accurate and comprehensive analysis. 3. Rigid body dynamics: Exudyn is specifically designed for modeling and simulating the dynamics of rigid bodies. It includes functions and utilities for computing the inertia tensor, angular velocity, and other relevant quantities for rigid body motion. Rigid body dynamics is essential for simulating complex mechanical systems, such as robots, vehicles, and structures. <p>In addition, Exudyn also utilizes planar and spatial mechanisms, as well as the extended Chebychev-Grübler-Kutzbach criterion for redundant constraints, to accurately model and analyze mechanical systems. The function <code>ComputeSystemDegreeOfFreedom</code> in the solver module allows for the computation of ODE2 coordinates, total constraints, redundant constraints, and the degree of freedom in Exudyn. The set of generalized coordinates is represented by a vector, where position, orientation, and deformation coordinates are denoted as ODE2 coordinates.</p>	P
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11	<p>To configure the simulation environment in Exudyn for a 3D rigid body system, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the necessary modules and create a SystemContainer and a System (mbs) to hold all the items. 2. Create a ground object for a fixed reference position using <code>`mbs.CreateGround()`.</code> 3. Set the simulation parameters, such as the number of steps and the end time, using <code>`exu.SimulationSettings()`.</code> 4. Choose the linear solver type for the solver using <code>`simulationSettings.linearSolverType`.</code> 5. Assemble the system using <code>`mbs.Assemble()`.</code> 6. Solve the dynamic simulation using <code>`mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`.</code> 7. Visualize the results after the simulation using <code>`mbs.SolutionViewer()`.</code> 8. To inspect the model, if the simulation is paused, it can be continued by pressing space; use SHIFT+SPACE to continuously activate 'continue simulation'. 9. To close the renderer, press ESCAPE, which stops the simulation (and further simulations) and closes the render window (same as close window); after <code>visualizationSettings.window.reallyQuitTimeLimit</code> seconds, a dialog opens for safety. 10. To execute a command, press X, which opens a dialog to enter a Python command (in the global Python scope). 11. To modify visualization settings, press V, which opens a dialog to adjust settings. 12. For file management, you can change the file path by modifying the 'file_path' variable in your script. <p>Here's an example of how to configure the simulation environment for a simple 3D rigid body system:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.itemInterface import * from exudyn.utilities import * SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() print('EXUDYN version=' + exu.GetVersionString()) # Set simulation parameters simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 500 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 2 # Choose the linear solver type for the solver simulationSettings.linearSolverType = exu.LinearSolverType.EigenDense # Create a ground object for a fixed reference position oGround = mbs.CreateGround(referencePosition=[0, 0, 0]) # Define the rigid bodies and their initial positions and orientations oBody1 = mbs.AddObject(ObjectRigidBody(physicsMass=1, initialPosition=[0.5,</pre>	F

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To configure the simulation environment in Exudyn for a 3D rigid body system, follow these steps:

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1. Import the necessary modules and create a SystemContainer and a System (mbs) that will hold all the items.
2. Create a ground object for a fixed reference position using ``mbs.CreateGround()`.`
3. Set the parameters for your simulation, such as the number of steps, end time, and solver type using ``exu.SimulationSettings()`.`
4. Configure visualization settings for nodes using ``SC.visualizationSettings.nodes`.`
5. Assemble the system using ``mbs.Assemble()`.`
6. Solve the dynamic simulation using ``mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`.`
7. Visualize the results after the simulation using ``mbs.SolutionViewer()`.`

Here's an example of how to configure the simulation environment for a simple 3D rigid body system:

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```python
import exudyn as exu
from exudyn.itemInterface import *
from exudyn.utilities import *

SC = exu.SystemContainer()
mbs = SC.AddSystem() #this is the main system

oGround = mbs.CreateGround(referencePosition= [0,0,0],
 graphicsDataList =
 [GraphicsDataCheckerBoard(point=[0,-0.5,0.25],size=6)])

#set parameters for simulation
simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings()
simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 500
simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 2
simulationSettings.linearSolverType = exu.LinearSolverType.EigenDense

#configure visualization settings
SC.visualizationSettings.nodes.showCoordinates = True
SC.visualizationSettings.nodes.showVelocities = True

#assemble the system
mbs.Assemble()

#solve the dynamic simulation
mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)

#visualize the results after the simulation
mbs.SolutionViewer()
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Remember to adjust the simulation settings and visualization settings according to your specific needs. You can add 3D rigid bodies and connect them with spring-dampers to create your desired system. Make sure to adjust the parameters of the spring-dampers accordingly.

Additionally, here are some useful keyboard shortcuts for interacting with the simulation in the Exudyn render window:

- Space: Continue the paused simulation.
- Shift + Space: Continuously activate 'continue simulation'.
- Escape: Close the render window and stop the simulation

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| 12 | <p>To change the integrator type in Exudyn, you need to modify the <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration`</code> parameters. Exudyn supports different integrator types, such as <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code>, <code>`newton`</code>, and others. You can choose the desired integrator type by adjusting the <code>`solverType`</code> and other related parameters. For example, to use the <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code> integrator, you can set <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.spectralRadius`</code> and <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.computeInitialAccelerations`</code> as needed. Similarly, for the <code>`newton`</code> integrator, you can adjust <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance`</code>, <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance`</code>, and other related parameters. It's essential to refer to the Exudyn documentation for the specific parameters and their descriptions for each integrator type. The provided code snippet demonstrates how to set the solver type and related parameters for both <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code> and <code>`newton`</code> integrators. Remember to adjust the parameters according to your specific needs and model requirements.</p> <p>Here's an example of how to set the integrator type and related parameters in Python using Exudyn:</p> <pre> python # Set the integrator type to generalizedAlpha simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.spectralRadius = 0.9 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.computeInitialAccelerations = True # Set the integrator type to newton simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance = 1e-6 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance = 1e-8 </pre> <p>Make sure to adjust the parameters according to your specific needs and model requirements. Refer to the Exudyn documentation for more information on available integrator types and their related parameters.</p> | C |

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| 12' | <p>To change the integrator type in Exudyn, you need to modify the <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration`</code> parameters. Exudyn supports various integrator types, such as <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code>, <code>`newton`</code>, and others. You can select the desired integrator type by adjusting the <code>`solverType`</code> and other related parameters. For instance, to use the <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code> integrator, you can set <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.spectralRadius`</code> and <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.computeInitialAccelerations`</code> according to your requirements. Similarly, for the <code>`newton`</code> integrator, you can adjust <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance`</code>, <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance`</code>, and other related parameters. It's crucial to refer to the Exudyn documentation for a detailed description of each parameter and its impact on the simulation.</p> <p>Here's a code snippet demonstrating how to set the solver type and initialize the dynamic solver in Exudyn. Remember to adjust the integrator type and related parameters based on your specific needs:</p> <pre> ```python # Set the integrator type and related parameters simulationSettings.timeIntegration = exu.TimeIntegrationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.solverType = exu.SolverType.Newton # Adjust other parameters for the desired integrator type simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance = 1e-6 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance = 1e-10 #... # Initialize the dynamic solver self.mbs.systemData.SetSystemState(systemStateList=currentState, configuration = exu.ConfigurationType.Initial) self.mbs.systemData.SetODE2Coordinates_tt(coordinates = self.mbs.systemData.GetODE2Coordinates_tt(), configuration = exu.ConfigurationType.Initial) ... </pre> <p>Make sure to consult the Exudyn documentation for a comprehensive understanding of each parameter and its effect on the simulation.</p> | C |

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| 12” | <p>To change the integrator type in Exudyn, you need to modify the <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration`</code> parameters. Exudyn supports several integrator types, such as <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code>, <code>`newton`</code>, and others. You can choose the desired integrator type by adjusting the <code>`solverType`</code> and other related parameters within <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration`</code>. For example, to switch to the <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code> integrator, set <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.spectralRadius`</code> and other related parameters accordingly. Remember to ensure that the chosen integrator type is compatible with your simulation requirements. It's also important to note that some parameters, like <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime`</code>, are copied into the internal solver's structure and may not have an immediate effect during simulation. Make sure to set these parameters before calling <code>`exu.SolveDynamic(mbs, simulationSettings)`</code>. The provided code snippet demonstrates how to set the solver and integrator type in Exudyn. You can use this as a reference to modify the integrator type according to your needs.</p> <p>Here's an example of how to set the integrator type to <code>`generalizedAlpha`</code>:</p> <pre> ```python simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration = exu.TimeIntegrationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha = exu.GeneralizedAlphaSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.generalizedAlpha.spectralRadius = 0.9 # Set the spectral radius simulationSettings.timeIntegration.solverType = exu.SolverType.EXUnewton # Set the solver type to newton # Set other parameters as needed #... mbs = exu.Model() # Initialize your model exu.SolveDynamic(mbs, simulationSettings) # Solve the dynamic simulation ``` </pre> <p>Make sure to adjust the parameters according to your specific needs and ensure that the chosen integrator type is compatible with your simulation requirements.</p> | C |

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| 13 | <p>To modify the initial step size for simulations in Exudyn, you can access the <code>`initialStepSize`</code> parameter directly using <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize`</code>. Set its value to your desired float value. For example, if you want to set the initial step size to 0.01, you can do so by writing <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize = 0.01`</code>. This change should be made in the <code>`TimeIntegrationSettings`</code> section of your Exudyn model.</p> <p>Additionally, note that smaller values (< 1000) increase CPU usage but improve real-time accuracy. You can also adjust other parameters related to time integration and solver settings to optimize the simulation for your specific needs. For more information, refer to the Exudyn documentation and the provided examples.</p> <p>In the given code examples, you can find different simulations with varying parameters, including the initial step size. To modify the initial step size in these examples, locate the <code>`simulationSettings`</code> object and set the <code>`initialStepSize`</code> parameter accordingly. For instance, in the <code>`nMassOscillator.py`</code> example, you can modify the initial step size by adding the following line of code:</p> <pre>```python simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize = 0.01 ```</pre> <p>Remember to adjust the step size based on your specific simulation requirements and computational resources.</p> | F |
| 13' | <p>To modify the initial step size for simulations in Exudyn, you can access the <code>`initialStepSize`</code> parameter directly using <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize`</code>. Set its value to your desired float value. For example, if you want to set the initial step size to 0.01, you can do so by writing <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize = 0.01`</code>. This change should be made in the <code>`TimeIntegrationSettings`</code> section of your Exudyn model.</p> <p>In the provided code examples, you can find how to set the <code>`initialStepSize`</code> parameter in different scenarios. For instance, in the 'Micro example from documentation' script, you can set the initial step size by adding the following line before solving the dynamic simulation:</p> <pre>```python simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize = 0.01 ```</pre> <p>Similarly, in the 'Nonlinear oscillations interactive simulation' script, you can set the initial step size by adding the following line:</p> <pre>```python h = 0.002 #step size deltaT = 0.01 #time period to be simulated between every update ```</pre> <p>Remember that smaller values (< 1000) increase CPU usage but improve real-time accuracy. You can also adjust other parameters related to time integration and solver settings to optimize the simulation for your specific needs. For more information, refer to the Exudyn documentation.</p> | F |

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| 13” | <p>To modify the initial step size for simulations in Exudyn, you can access the <code>`initialStepSize`</code> parameter directly using <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize`</code>. Set its value to your desired float value. For example, if you want to set the initial step size to 0.01, you can do so by using <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.initialStepSize = 0.01`</code>. This change should be made in the <code>`TimeIntegrationSettings`</code> section of your Exudyn model.</p> <p>Additionally, note that Exudyn provides various other parameters related to time integration and the solver that you can adjust to control the simulation's behavior. For example, you can modify the <code>`relativeTolerance`</code>, <code>`reuseConstantMassMatrix`</code>, <code>`simulateInRealtime`</code>, <code>`startTime`</code>, <code>`stepInformation`</code>, <code>`stepSizeMaxIncrease`</code>, <code>`stepSizeSafety`</code>, and <code>`verboseMode`</code> parameters.</p> <p>If you are working with specific examples provided in the Exudyn documentation, you may need to adjust parameters like <code>`forceAmplitude`</code> and <code>`damping`</code> based on the specific case you are simulating. For instance, in the <code>`nMassOscillator.py`</code> example, you can modify the <code>`force`</code> and <code>`damper`</code> parameters to control the force amplitude and damping coefficient, respectively.</p> <p>To ensure that your modifications are effective, you can use the <code>`verboseMode`</code> parameter to get detailed output during the simulation. This will help you identify any issues or unexpected behavior.</p> <p>Remember to update the step size (<code>`h`</code>) and the time period to be simulated between every update (<code>`deltaT`</code>) according to your specific needs. These parameters control the accuracy and computational efficiency of your simulation.</p> <p>In the provided examples, you can find specific modifications to other parameters like <code>`N`</code>, <code>`spring`</code>, <code>`mass`</code>, and <code>`eigenMode`</code> based on the specific case being simulated. You can adapt these modifications to your own simulations as needed.</p> | F |

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| 14 | <p>To adjust Newton settings in Exudyn, you can modify the <code>`simulationSettings`</code> object in your simulation script. Specifically, you can access the <code>`timeIntegration.newton`</code> settings to change the relative and absolute tolerances, as well as other options. Here's an example of how to set the relative and absolute tolerances:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance = 1e-8 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance = 1e-10 </pre> <p>You can also adjust other settings related to the Newton solver, such as <code>`useModifiedNewton`</code>, <code>`numericalDifferentiation.minimumCoordinateSize`</code>, and <code>`generalizedAlpha.spectralRadius`</code>. For a full list of available settings, refer to the Exudyn documentation. Remember to update the <code>`simulationSettings`</code> object before calling <code>`exu.SolveDynamic(mbs, simulationSettings)`</code>.</p> <p>Additionally, to speed up Exudyn simulations, consider the following techniques:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use sparse solvers for models with more than 50 coordinates. 2. Switch to Eigen's PartialPivLU solver for dense direct solvers. 3. Convert Python functions into Exudyn symbolic user functions or use the Python numba package to speed up Python functions. 4. Adjust solver parameters for discontinuous problems, such as the iteration tolerance and maximum iterations. 5. Use multi-threading for multiple computations or parameter variations. 6. Exclude Python.exe from Microsoft Defender Antivirus if you notice high CPU usage. 7. Try to have constant mass matrices when possible. 8. Decrease the number of steps by increasing the step size if not needed for accuracy reasons. 9. Switch to explicit solvers if the problem has no constraints and is not stiff. 10. Turn off measuring computation time if not needed. <p>For more information on these techniques and additional ways to speed up Exudyn, refer to the provided context.</p> | C |

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To adjust Newton settings in Exudyn, you can modify the ``simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton`` parameters in your simulation settings. However, if you are working with a flexible pendulum model, as described in the provided context, you might also need to adjust parameters related to the FEM (Finite Element Method) solver.

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For Newton settings, here are some commonly adjusted parameters:

- ``relativeTolerance``: The relative tolerance for Newton's method. This determines how close the solution should be to the desired tolerance.
- ``absoluteTolerance``: The absolute tolerance for Newton's method. This determines the minimum change in the solution that will be considered significant.
- ``numericalDifferentiation``: You can adjust the ``relativeEpsilon`` parameter for numerical differentiation to control the accuracy of the derivative approximation.
- ``useModifiedNewton``: Set this to ``True`` to use the modified Newton method, which can be more robust for stiff systems.
- ``numericalDifferentiation.minimumCoordinateSize``: This parameter determines the minimum number of coordinates required for numerical differentiation.
- ``numericalDifferentiation.relativeEpsilon``: The relative epsilon for numerical differentiation.
- ``numericalDifferentiation.absoluteTolerance``: The absolute tolerance for numerical differentiation.

You can set these parameters in your simulation settings before calling ``exu.SolveDynamic(mbs, simulationSettings)``. For example:

```
```python
simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance = 1e-8*100
simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance = 1e-10
```
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For the FEM solver, you might need to adjust parameters such as:

- ``femSolver.newton.relativeTolerance``: The relative tolerance for Newton's method in the FEM solver.
- ``femSolver.newton.absoluteTolerance``: The absolute tolerance for Newton's method in the FEM solver.
- ``femSolver.numericalDifferentiation.relativeEpsilon``: The relative epsilon for numerical differentiation in the FEM solver.
- ``femSolver.numericalDifferentiation.absoluteTolerance``: The absolute tolerance for numerical differentiation in the FEM solver.

You can set these parameters in your simulation settings before calling ``exu.SolveFEM(mbs, simulationSettings)``. For example:

```
```python
simulationSettings.femSolver.newton.relativeTolerance = 1e-8*100
simulationSettings.femSolver.newton.absoluteTolerance = 1e-10
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Remember to adjust these parameters according to your specific needs

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| 14” | <p>To adjust Newton settings in Exudyn, you can modify the `simulationSettings` object when setting up your simulation. Here are the settings related to the Newton solver:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.relativeTolerance = 1e-8 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.newton.absoluteTolerance = 1e-10 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.verboseMode = 1 # set to 1 for solver output </pre> <p>You can also adjust other settings related to the Newton solver, such as the use of modified Newton, numerical differentiation, and spectral radius. Refer to the Exudyn documentation for more information on available settings and their descriptions.</p> <p>Additionally, here are some general tips to speed up Exudyn simulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use sparse solvers for models with more than 50 coordinates. 2. Switch to Eigen's PartialPivLU solver for dense direct solvers. 3. Convert Python functions into Exudyn symbolic user functions or use the Python numba package to speed up Python functions. 4. Adjust solver parameters for discontinuous problems, such as the iteration tolerance and maximum iterations. 5. Use multi-threading to parallelize computations. 6. Decrease the number of steps by increasing the step size if not needed for accuracy reasons. 7. Switch to explicit solvers if the problem has no constraints and is not stiff. 8. Try to have constant mass matrices. 9. Turn off measuring computation time if not needed. 10. Exclude Python.exe from Microsoft Defender Antivirus if you see high CPU usage of "Antimalware Service Executable." <p>Remember to refer to the Exudyn documentation for more information on available settings and their descriptions.</p> | P |
| 15 | <p>To adjust the recordImagesInterval parameter in Exudyn structure SolutionSettings to record images at a specific interval during solving, you can set it to the desired time interval in seconds. For example, if you want to record an image every 10 milliseconds, you can set recordImagesInterval to 0.01. Here's an example of how you can modify the parameter in Python code:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings.solutionSettings.recordImagesInterval = 0.01 </pre> <p>Remember to adjust this value before starting the simulation. Additionally, note that Exudyn structure VSettingsGeneral contains various parameters for visualization, including autoFitScene, which adjusts the scene size automatically after starting the renderer. The autoFitScene parameter has a Python type bool and a default value of "true". If you need to adjust other visualization parameters, refer to the VSettingsGeneral documentation. The parameter outputPrecision in the Exudyn structure SimulationSettings determines the precision for floating-point numbers written to the console, such as solver output. For more information on other parameters in Exudyn, refer to the provided descriptions of parameters in the Exudyn structure VSettingsGeneral and SimulationSettings.</p> | C |

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| 15' | <p>To adjust the recordImagesInterval parameter in Exudyn structure SolutionSettings to record images at a specific interval during solving, you can set it to the desired time interval in seconds. For example, if you want to record an image every 10 milliseconds, set recordImagesInterval to 0.01. Here's an example of how to modify the parameter in Python code:</p> <pre>```python simulationSettings.solutionSettings.recordImagesInterval = 0.01 ```</pre> <p>Remember to adjust the recordImagesInterval value before starting the simulation to ensure that images are recorded at your desired interval. Additionally, note that Exudyn structure VSettingsGeneral contains various parameters, including autoFitScene, which automatically fits the scene within the render window after StartRenderer() is called. For more information about these parameters, refer to the documentation or the provided description.</p> | C |
| 15'' | <p>To adjust the recordImagesInterval parameter in Exudyn structure SolutionSettings to record images at a specific interval during solving, you can set it to the desired time interval in seconds. For example, if you want to record an image every 10 milliseconds, you can set recordImagesInterval to 0.01. Here's an example of how to modify the recordImagesInterval parameter in Python:</p> <pre>```python simulationSettings.solutionSettings.recordImagesInterval = 0.01 ```</pre> <p>Remember to adjust this setting before starting the simulation. Additionally, note that Exudyn structure VSettingsGeneral contains various parameters for visualization, including autoFitScene, which adjusts the scene size automatically after starting the renderer. The autoFitScene parameter has a Python type bool and a default value of "true". If you need to adjust other visualization parameters, refer to the VSettingsGeneral documentation. Lastly, the outputPrecision parameter in the Exudyn structure SimulationSettings determines the precision of floating-point numbers written to the console, such as solver output.</p> | C |

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| 16 | <p>The <code>sensorsStoreAndWriteFiles</code> parameter in the Exudyn <code>SolutionSettings</code> determines whether sensor data will be stored and written to files during a simulation. If set to <code>true</code> (the default value), sensor output will be stored and written to files according to the specified settings. If set to <code>false</code>, no sensor files will be created, and no sensor data will be stored, which may be advantageous for benchmarking or special solvers that should not overwrite existing results.</p> <p>To specify the frequency of writing sensor data to files, you can use the <code>solutionWritePeriod</code> parameter in <code>simulationSettings</code>.</p> <p>Additionally, the <code>writeInitialValues</code> parameter determines whether initial sensor values will be exported for the start time. If set to <code>true</code>, initial sensor values will be written to the file.</p> <p>To control the writing of file headers and footers, use the <code>writeFileHeader</code> and <code>writeFileFooter</code> parameters in <code>simulationSettings</code>.</p> <p>For more advanced sensor functionality, consider using the <code>SensorUserFunction</code> to compute sensor output based on other sensor outputs or time-dependent functions.</p> <p>Relevant examples and test models can be found in the Exudyn documentation, including <code>ANCFALetest.py</code>, <code>beltDriveALE.py</code>, and <code>craneReevingSystem.py</code>, among others. For more details, consider also the Exudyn PDF documentation.</p> | C |
| 16' | <p>The parameter <code>sensorsStoreAndWriteFiles</code> in the Exudyn structure <code>SolutionSettings</code> controls the storage and writing of sensor data during a simulation. If set to <code>true</code> (the default value), sensor output will be stored and written to files according to the specified settings. If set to <code>false</code>, no sensor files will be created, and no sensor data will be stored, which may be advantageous for benchmarking or special solvers that should not overwrite existing results.</p> <p>The parameter is located within the <code>simulationSettings</code> structure and can be accessed directly using <code>simulationSettings.sensorsStoreAndWriteFiles</code>.</p> <p>This parameter affects the storage and writing of sensor data for various types of sensor objects in Exudyn, including <code>SensorNode</code>, <code>SensorObject</code>, <code>SensorLoad</code>, and <code>SensorMarker</code>. These sensor objects have different parameters, such as <code>name</code>, <code>nodeNumber</code>, <code>objectNumber</code>, <code>loadNumber</code>, and <code>marker</code>, which determine the specific sensor data to be stored and written to files. The <code>outputVariableType</code> parameter specifies the type of sensor output to be stored and written.</p> <p>Furthermore, the <code>SensorUserFunction</code> allows for more flexibility in defining sensor outputs by providing a Python function that computes a new sensor value based on other sensor outputs or time-dependent functions. The function takes arguments such as <code>mbs</code> (the <code>MainSystem</code> to which the object belongs), <code>t</code> (the current time in <code>mbs</code>), <code>sensorNumbers</code> (optional list of sensor numbers for use in the user function), <code>factors</code> (optional list of factors for weighting sensor values), and <code>configuration</code> (the type of configuration, usually <code>exudyn.ConfigurationType.Current</code>).</p> <p>To summarize, the <code>sensorsStoreAndWriteFiles</code> parameter in the Exudyn structure <code>SolutionSettings</code> controls the storage and writing of sensor data during a simulation, and it affects various sensor objects with different parameters. The <code>SensorUserFunction</code> provides more flexibility in defining sensor outputs by allowing a user-defined Python function to compute a new sensor value based on other sensor outputs or time-dependent functions.</p> | C |

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| 16” | <p>The <code>sensorsStoreAndWriteFiles</code> parameter in the Exudyn structure <code>SolutionSettings</code> determines whether sensor data will be stored and written to files during a simulation. If set to <code>true</code> (the default value), sensor output will be stored and written to files according to the settings of other parameters such as <code>sensorsWritePeriod</code> and <code>sensorsWriteFileFooter</code>. If set to <code>false</code>, no sensor files will be created, and no sensor data will be stored, which may be advantageous for benchmarking or special solvers that should not overwrite existing results. The parameter is located within the <code>simulationSettings</code> structure and can be accessed directly using <code>simulationSettings.sensorsStoreAndWriteFiles</code>.</p> <p>In addition, Exudyn provides various types of sensors, including <code>SensorNode</code>, <code>SensorObject</code>, <code>SensorLoad</code>, and <code>SensorMarker</code>. These sensors have parameters such as <code>name</code>, <code>objectNumber</code>, <code>loadNumber</code>, and <code>nodeNumber</code>, which determine the specific object or node to which the sensor is attached. The <code>writeToFile</code> parameter determines whether sensor output will be written to a file, and the <code>fileName</code> parameter specifies the directory and file name for sensor file output.</p> <p>Furthermore, Exudyn allows for the creation of custom sensors using <code>SensorUserFunction</code>. This type of sensor collects data via a user function, which completely describes the output itself. The user function takes arguments such as <code>mbs</code> (the <code>MainSystem</code> to which the object belongs), <code>t</code> (the current time in <code>mbs</code>), <code>sensorNumbers</code> (an optional list of sensor numbers for use in the user function), <code>factors</code> (an optional list of factors for weighting sensor values), and <code>configuration</code> (the type of configuration, usually <code>exudyn.ConfigurationType.Current</code>). The user function should return a time-dependent sensor value based on the provided arguments. The <code>storeInternal</code> parameter determines whether sensor data will be stored in memory, and the visualization parameters control the visualization of the sensor in the simulation.</p> <p>For more information, consider also the Exudyn PDF documentation: <code>theDoc.pdf</code> <https://github.com/jgerstmayr/EXUDYN/blob/master/docs/theDoc/theDoc.pdf> _.</p> | C |
| 17 | <p>If the <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> parameter is set to <code>true</code>, the sensor output will be written to a file. In the context of Exudyn, this parameter affects the behavior of various types of sensors, including <code>SensorObject</code> and <code>SensorNode</code>. When <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> is set to <code>true</code>, sensor output will be appended to existing files, allowing you to store sensor values over different simulations.</p> <p>To understand how this parameter interacts with other code, consider the following example. If <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> is used in conjunction with a file path, the sensor output will be written to that specific file. In the provided code snippet, the <code>LoadSolution</code> function reads a binary solution file or a text file with a specified format. If the file has a header, the first few lines are read and checked for validity. The data is then loaded into a numpy array.</p> <p>When <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> is set to <code>true</code> and a file path is specified, each time the simulation time advances, the sensor values will be appended to the existing file. The file will be created if it does not exist. If <code>fileName</code> is an empty string, the default file name will be generated based on the sensor's unique name and the output variable type. Note that if the file is not specified, the directory for the file output will be created if it does not exist.</p> <p>To access this parameter directly in your Python code, use <code>simulationSettings.sensorsAppendToFile</code>. You can also adjust other related parameters such as <code>sensorsWritePeriod</code>, <code>sensorsWriteFileHeader</code>, and <code>sensorsWriteFileFooter</code> to control the frequency and format of sensor output.</p> <p>For more detailed information, refer to the Exudyn documentation, specifically the section on <code>SensorObject</code> and <code>SensorNode</code>, as well as the <code>SolutionSettings</code> structure. Examples and test models are available in the <code>Examples</code> and <code>TestModels</code> directories, respectively. If you have any further questions, please let me know.</p> | C |

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| 17' | <p>If the <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> parameter is set to true, the sensor output will be written to a file. The file will be created if it does not exist, and new sensor values will be appended to the file each time the simulation time advances. If <code>fileName</code> is an empty string, the default file name will be generated based on the sensor's unique name and the output variable type.</p> <p>In the context provided, it's essential to note that if you have sensor data stored in a file with the <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> parameter set to true, you can use the <code>LoadSolution</code> function to read the data from the file. The function can accept either sensor numbers or file paths as input. If the input is a file path, the function will read the data from the file and return a numpy array containing the time and sensor values.</p> <p>Here's an example of how you can use the <code>LoadSolution</code> function to read sensor data from a file:</p> <pre> ```python import numpy as np from exudyn import LoadSolution # Set the file path to the sensor data file file_path = '/home/csaz7662/VOGEL/VogelChristian/totalData_inText/totalText.txt' # Load the solution from the file solution = LoadSolution(file_path) # Access the time and sensor values from the solution time = solution[:, 0] sensor_values = solution[:, 1:] # Now you can use the time and sensor values for further analysis or visualization ``` </pre> <p>Remember that the format of the data in the file must contain per row the time and according solution values in columns. If you want to plot the sensor data, you can use the <code>PlotSensor</code> function from the <code>exudyn</code> library, providing the sensor numbers or file paths as input. The function will automatically adjust the sensor numbers if <code>components</code> is a list and <code>sensorNumbers</code> is a scalar. You can also specify the components to be plotted at the y-axis and the x components of sensors for plotting curves.</p> <p>Note that if the <code>sensorsAppendToFile</code> parameter is set to true and <code>storeInternal</code> is also set to true, sensor data will be stored in memory, which may consume large amounts of memory if there are many sensors or if the simulation runs for a long time. Be cautious when using these parameters together.</p> | C |

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| 17” | <p>If the sensorsAppendToFile parameter is set to true, the sensor output will be written to a file. In the context of Exudyn, this parameter is located in the SolutionSettings structure. When sensorsAppendToFile is true, sensor output will be appended to existing files, allowing you to store sensor values over different simulations. If false, a new file will be created for each simulation.</p> <p>In the provided code snippet, the parameter is accessed using the following code:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() sensorsAppendToFile = simulationSettings.sensorsAppendToFile </pre> <p>If the parameter is set to true, sensor data will be written to a file. The file will be created if it does not exist, and new sensor values will be appended to the file each time the simulation time advances. If fileName is an empty string, the default file name will be generated based on the sensor's unique name and the output variable type. If the file already exists and sensorsAppendToFile is true, the existing data will be preserved and the new sensor values will be appended to the file. If sensorsAppendToFile is false, the sensor output will not be written to a file.</p> <p>In the provided code snippet, the function LoadSolutionFile reads a binary or text file, depending on the file extension. If the file is binary, LoadBinarySolutionFile is called. The function reads the header of the file, which contains information about the number of written coordinates and the columns exported. The data is then read, and a numpy array is created if the safeMode flag is false. If safeMode is true, an alternative method is used to load the data, which may require more memory.</p> <p>In the context of plotting sensor data, the function PlotSensor takes sensor numbers, components, and optionally, file paths or numpy arrays as input. If the input is a file path, the function reads the file and extracts the time and sensor values. If the input is a numpy array, the function assumes that the first column is the time and the following columns contain the sensor values. The function plots the specified components of the sensors against the time.</p> <p>To summarize, setting sensorsAppendToFile to true will write sensor output to a file, preserving existing data and appending new sensor values each time the simulation time advances. The provided code snippets demonstrate how to access and use this parameter in Exudyn and how to plot sensor data from files.</p> | C |

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| 18 | <p>The maximum number of iterations that can be performed in Exudyn's Newton settings before the solver refines the step size or stops with an error depends on the specific settings. In the SimulationSettings, the maxIterations parameter is defined for both the timeIntegration and staticSolver substructures. For example, in the timeIntegration settings, the maxIterations has a default value of 25, while in the staticSolver settings, it also has a default value of 25. These values can be adjusted according to the specific needs of the simulation. However, it's worth noting that in certain optimization scenarios, such as genetic optimization, the number of computations required can be significantly higher, depending on the design space and the number of variations in the parameters. For instance, a 3D design space with 100 variations into every direction could require up to 1,000,000 computations, which could take weeks to compute if each computation takes approximately 1 second. To manage such computational requirements, parallel computing techniques, such as multiprocessing, can be employed to speed up the computations. In engineering, we often need to find a set of unknown, independent parameters $\{\mathbf{x}\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\{\mathbf{x}\}$ being denoted as design variables and \mathbb{R}^n as design space. The according function ParameterVariation(...), see Section sec-processing-parametervariation, performs a set of multi-dimensional parameter variations using a dictionary that describes the variation of parameters. See also parameterVariationExample.py in the Examples folder for a simple example showing a 2D parameter variation. The function ParameterVariation(...) requires the multiprocessing Python module which enables simple multi-threaded parallelism and has been tested for up to 80 cores on the LEO4 supercomputer at the University of Innsbruck, achieving a speedup of 50 as compared to a serial computation. This information is also provided in the sensor output files. Note that line 8 contains the Exudyn and Python versions (as well as some other specific information on the platform and compilation settings (which may help you identify with which computer, etc., you created results)) provided in the solution file are the versions at which Exudyn has been compiled with. The Python micro version (last digit) may be different from the Python version from which you were running Exudyn.</p> | P |
| 18' | <p>The maximum number of iterations in Exudyn's Newton settings depends on the specific settings and the objective function being optimized. In the SimulationSettings, the maxIterations parameter is defined for both the timeIntegration and staticSolver substructures, with a default value of 25. This parameter determines the maximum number of iterations (including modified + restart Newton iterations) before the solver takes action. However, the specific behavior may vary depending on the chosen numericalDifferentiation, newtonResidualMode, and other settings.</p> <p>In the context of optimization and parameter variation, the number of iterations required can significantly increase. For example, if you have a 3D design space with 100 variations in each direction, you would need to perform 1000.000 computations, which could take almost 2 weeks if each computation takes 1 second. Therefore, it's essential to consider the computational resources available when setting the maximum number of iterations in Exudyn's Newton settings. For more detailed information on the specific settings and their impact on the solver behavior, refer to the Exudyn documentation.</p> <p>Additionally, Exudyn's GeneticOptimization and ParameterVariation functions allow for parallel computation, which can significantly reduce the computation time when dealing with a large number of iterations. These advanced methods are built upon the basic solvers and essentially run single simulations in the background. The function GeneticOptimization(...) finds the optimum for given set of parameter ranges using genetic optimization, while ParameterVariation(...) computes a series of simulations for given set(s) of parameters. Both methods work in parallel to speed up computation. The function ComputeSensitivities(...) can also be used to compute sensitivities for certain parameters, which can be useful in optimization problems. These advanced methods are described in more detail in the Exudyn documentation.</p> | P |

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| 18” | <p>The maximum number of iterations that can be performed in Exudyn's Newton settings before the solver refines the step size or stops with an error depends on the specific settings being used. In the SimulationSettings, there are two settings related to maximum iterations: maxIterations for both timeIntegration and staticSolver, and maxModifiedNewtonIterations for timeIntegration. The former controls the maximum number of iterations for the overall Newton method, while the latter controls the maximum number of iterations for modified Newton (without Jacobian update). Additionally, there is maxModifiedNewtonRestartIterations, which controls the maximum number of iterations for modified Newton after a Jacobian update. The specific values for these settings can be adjusted according to the needs of the simulation.</p> <p>However, in the context of optimization and parameter variation, the number of computations required can significantly increase. For example, if you have a 3D design space with 100 variations in each direction, you would need to perform 1000.000 computations. The maximum iterations for each computation will depend on the specific settings and requirements of the simulation. To optimize such a large number of computations, you may consider using parallel computing techniques, such as multiprocessing in Python, which has been tested for up to 80 cores on the LEO4 supercomputer at the University of Innsbruck, achieving a speedup of 50 as compared to a serial computation. This information is also provided in the sensor output files.</p> | P |
| 19 | <p>When the adaptiveStep parameter in Exudyn's TimeIntegrationSettings is set to True, the solver will employ adaptive time stepping. This means that the time step size will be dynamically adjusted during the simulation based on the error control. The solver will increase the step size if the error remains within a specified relative tolerance, defined by the relativeTolerance parameter. Conversely, if the error exceeds this tolerance, the solver will decrease the step size by a factor specified by adaptiveStepIncrease, up to a minimum step size determined by minimumStepSize.</p> <p>The number of steps after which step increases are considered is determined by adaptiveStepRecoverySteps. If the step reduction is due to discontinuousIteration or Newton errors, the solver will attempt to increase the step size after adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations iterations.</p> <p>To access these parameters in your Exudyn simulation, you can use the following code snippets:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings.adaptiveStep simulationSettings.relativeTolerance simulationSettings.adaptiveStepIncrease simulationSettings.minimumStepSize simulationSettings.adaptiveStepRecoverySteps simulationSettings.adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations </pre> <p>Remember to set these parameters appropriately to achieve the desired level of accuracy and efficiency in your simulation. The default values for adaptiveStepRecoverySteps and adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations are 10 and 7, respectively. The default value for minimumStepSize is 1e-8, and the default value for automaticStepSize is True. The default value for computeLoadsJacobian is 0. You can access these parameters using the provided code snippets.</p> | P |

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| 19' | <p>When the adaptiveStep parameter in Exudyn's TimeIntegrationSettings is set to True, the solver uses adaptive step size control to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the simulation. The step size will be adjusted automatically based on the error control and the relative tolerance specified in the TimeIntegrationSettings.</p> <p>The adaptiveStepRecoverySteps parameter determines the number of steps after which the step size will be increased after a previous step reduction due to discontinuous iteration or Newton errors. The adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations parameter is related to this but refers to the number of iterations needed for a step increase after a previous step reduction.</p> <p>The other parameters mentioned in the context, such as automaticStepSize, initialStepSize, minimumStepSize, and computeLoadsJacobian, are related to the adaptive step size control mechanism and can be adjusted according to specific simulation requirements.</p> <p>To access these parameters, you can use the following code snippets:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings.adaptiveStep simulationSettings.adaptiveStepDecrease simulationSettings.adaptiveStepRecoverySteps simulationSettings.adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations simulationSettings.adaptiveStepIncrease simulationSettings.initialStepSize simulationSettings.minimumStepSize </pre> <p>In summary, setting the adaptiveStep parameter to True enables adaptive step size control in Exudyn's TimeIntegrationSettings, allowing for more efficient and accurate simulations. The adaptive step size control adjusts the step size based on error control and relative tolerance, and the adaptiveStepRecoverySteps parameter determines when the step size will be increased after a previous step reduction. The other parameters mentioned control specific aspects of the adaptive step size control mechanism.</p> | C |

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| 19” | <p>When the adaptiveStep parameter in Exudyn's TimeIntegrationSettings is set to True, the solver uses adaptive step size control to ensure convergence and stability during time integration. The initial step size is either the automaticStepSize or the initialStepSize, depending on the settings. If the adaptiveStepDecrease parameter is set to a value greater than 0, the solver will reduce the step size if necessary.</p> <p>The adaptiveStepIncrease parameter determines the multiplicative factor for step size increases after previous step reductions due to discontinuous iteration or Newton errors. The adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations and adaptiveStepRecoverySteps parameters determine when step increases are considered and when steps will be increased after previous step reductions due to errors.</p> <p>The minimumStepSize parameter sets the lower limit of the time step size, below which the integrator stops with adaptiveStep or raises a warning if automaticStepSize is True. The computeLoadsJacobian parameter determines whether the Jacobian for loads is computed, which can help with convergence in cases where loads are related nonlinearly to coordinates.</p> <p>The constrainODE1coordinates parameter determines whether ODE1 coordinates are constrained to their initial values. The loadStepDuration parameter sets the quasi-time for all load steps, and the loadStepGeometric parameter determines whether load steps are incremental (arithmetic series) or increased in a geometric series.</p> <p>In addition, the adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations and adaptiveStepRecoverySteps parameters have default values of 7 and 10, respectively. These parameters can be accessed directly using simulationSettings.adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations and simulationSettings.adaptiveStepRecoverySteps. The initialStepSize parameter can be accessed directly using simulationSettings.initialStepSize, and the adaptiveStepDecrease parameter can be accessed directly using simulationSettings.adaptiveStepDecrease.</p> <p>The adaptiveStep parameter in Exudyn's TimeIntegrationSettings controls the adaptive step size control for the solver during time integration. When set to True, the solver adjusts the step size to ensure convergence and stability. The adaptiveStepIncrease parameter determines the multiplicative factor for step size increases after previous step reductions due to discontinuous iteration or Newton errors. The adaptiveStepRecoveryIterations and adaptiveStepRecoverySteps parameters determine when step increases are considered and when steps will be increased after previous step reductions due to errors.</p> <p>The minimumStepSize parameter sets the lower limit of the time step size, below which the integrator stops with adaptiveStep or raises a warning if automaticStepSize is True. The computeLoadsJacobian parameter determines whether the Jacobian for loads</p> | C |

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| 20 | <p>When <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> in the <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> is set to <code>`True`</code>, the Jacobian derivative is computed for analytic Jacobians of connectors in an Exudyn simulation. This results in additional CPU costs and may not be available for all connectors or markers. If <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> is set to <code>`False`</code>, the Jacobian derivative is neglected in analytic Jacobians (but included in numerical Jacobians), which usually has only a minor influence on convergence.</p> <p>In the context of Exudyn, the <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> has additional items such as <code>`addReferenceCoordinatesToEpsilon`</code>, <code>`doSystemWideDifferentiation`</code>, and others. These settings control the computation of the Jacobian derivative and its influence on the simulation. For example, when <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> is set to <code>`True`</code>, the <code>`relativeTolerance`</code> parameter in the <code>`NewtonSettings`</code> may need to be adjusted to achieve the desired convergence criteria, especially for larger systems.</p> <p>It's also worth noting that changing simulation settings, such as <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> or <code>`NewtonSettings`</code>, within the <code>`execute`</code> command can be dangerous and must be treated with care. Some parameters, such as <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime`</code>, are copied into the internal solver's <code>`mbs.sys['dynamicSolver'].it`</code> structure. Thus, changing simulation settings within the <code>`execute`</code> command may have no effect during simulation. As a rule of thumb, all variables that are not stored inside the solvers structures may be adjusted by the <code>`simulationSettings`</code> passed to the solver (which are then not copied internally); see the C++ code for details. However, behavior may change in future and unexpected behavior or changing simulation settings will likely cause crashes if you do not know exactly the behavior.</p> <p>Relevant Examples (Ex) and TestModels (TM) with weblink to github include <code>`nMassOscillator.py`</code> (Ex), <code>`nMassOscillatorEigenmodes.py`</code> (Ex), <code>`nMassOscillatorInteractive.py`</code> (Ex), <code>`ANCFBeamEigTest.py`</code> (TM), <code>`ANCFBeamTest.py`</code> (TM), <code>`bricardMechanism.py`</code> (TM), and others. These examples demonstrate the use of <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> and other simulation settings in Exudyn.</p> | C |
| 20' | <p>When the parameter <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> in the Exudyn structure <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> is set to <code>`True`</code>, the Jacobian derivative is computed for analytic Jacobians of connectors. This means that if available, the derivative of the Jacobian matrix will be computed for each connector or marker in the system. This can be beneficial for certain applications, such as when analyzing kinematic systems where the residual is zero.</p> <p>However, computing the Jacobian derivative may increase CPU costs, especially if numerical differentiation needs to be used for some connectors or markers. It's essential to consider the computational cost and the specific requirements of your application when setting this parameter.</p> <p>In the provided code snippet, the <code>`ComputeODE2Eigenvalues`</code> function is used to compute the eigenvalues of the system's ODE2 matrix. The <code>`constrainedCoordinates`</code> parameter is used to specify which coordinates are considered as constrained. If <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> is set to <code>`True`</code>, the computation of the Jacobian derivative might affect the eigenvalues and the modes of vibration of the system.</p> <p>To summarize, setting <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> to <code>`True`</code> computes the derivative of the Jacobian matrix for analytic Jacobians of connectors, which can be useful in certain cases. However, it may increase CPU costs, and its impact on the system's eigenvalues and modes depends on the specific application.</p> <p>The provided context does not require any further changes to the original answer. The refined answer remains the same.</p> | C |

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| 20” | <p>When the parameter <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> in the Exudyn structure <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> is set to <code>`True`</code>, the Hessian (Jacobian derivative) is computed for analytic Jacobians of connectors. This can increase CPU costs, especially if the system has many connectors or markers. If <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code> is set to <code>`False`</code>, the Hessian is neglected in analytic Jacobians, but included in numerical Jacobians. Neglecting the Hessian usually has only a minor influence on convergence.</p> <p>In the context of Exudyn, the <code>`NumericalDifferentiationSettings`</code> also includes other parameters such as <code>`addReferenceCoordinatesToEpsilon`</code>, <code>`doSystemWideDifferentiation`</code>, and <code>`weightTolerancePerCoordinate`</code>. These parameters control how the numerical differentiation is performed and can be adjusted depending on the specific needs of the simulation.</p> <p>In simulations, the error is computed differently depending on the value of <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code>. If it is set to <code>`False`</code>, the error is computed as the L2-Norm of residual. If it is set to <code>`True`</code>, the error is computed as $(\text{L2-Norm of residual}) / (\sqrt{\text{number of coordinates}})$, which can help to use common tolerance independent of system size.</p> <p>Relevant Examples (Ex) and TestModels (TM) with weblink to github:</p> <p><code>nMassOscillator.py</code> (Ex), <code>nMassOscillatorEigenmodes.py</code> (Ex), <code>nMassOscillatorInteractive.py</code> (Ex), <code>ANCFBeamEigTest.py</code> (TM), <code>ANCFBeamTest.py</code> (TM), <code>bricardMechanism.py</code> (TM), <code>computeODE2AEigenvaluesTest.py</code> (TM), <code>computeODE2EigenvaluesTest.py</code> (TM)</p> <p>This answer has been refined to include more context and clarify the computation of error based on the value of <code>`jacobianConnectorDerivative`</code>.</p> | C |

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21 The `writelnInitialValues` parameter in Exudyn's `SolutionSettings` determines whether the initial values of the simulation should be exported to the solution file. If `writelnInitialValues` is set to `True`, the initial values will be included in the solution file at the start of the simulation. If it is set to `False`, only the results from the simulation will be included in the solution file.

This parameter affects the exporting process by determining whether the initial state of the simulation is included in the solution file. If `writelnInitialValues` is `True`, the initial state will be part of the solution file, which can be useful for comparing results between different simulations or for restarting a simulation from a specific point in time. If `writelnInitialValues` is `False`, only the results from the simulation will be included in the solution file, which can be useful for tracking changes in the system over time.

To avoid duplication of output times (start/end) when exporting multiple simulations to a single solution file, you can set `writelnInitialValues` to `False` and `appendToFile` to `True` in the `SolutionSettings`. Additionally, you can set `writeFileHeader` to `False` to avoid writing a header for each appended simulation.

Here's an example of how to set these parameters in the code:

```
```python
simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings()
simulationSettings.solutionSettings.writelnInitialValues = False
simulationSettings.solutionSettings.writeFileHeader = False
simulationSettings.solutionSettings.appendToFile = True
```
```

After solving the simulation, you can retrieve the ODE2 coordinates and print the load value and tip position:

```
```python
sol = mbs.systemData.GetODE2Coordinates()
n = len(sol)
print('load=', loadValue, ', tip: x=', sol[n-4], ', y=', sol[n-3])
```
```

Finally, if you want to visualize the solution file, you can use the `SolutionViewer` function:

```
```python
if useGraphics:
 SC.WaitForRenderEngineStopFlag()
 exu.StopRenderer() # safely close rendering window!
 t = LoadSolutionFile('solution/coordinatesSolution.txt', verbose=False, safeMode=True)
 mbs.SolutionViewer(solution=t)
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| 21' | <p>The <code>writelnInitialValues</code> parameter in Exudyn's <code>SolutionSettings</code> structure determines whether the initial values of the simulation should be exported to the solution file. If set to <code>True</code>, the initial values will be included in the solution file at the start time. If set to <code>False</code>, the initial values will not be exported.</p> <p>This parameter can affect the exporting process depending on the mode of the file operation. If <code>appendToFile</code> is set to <code>True</code>, and <code>writelnInitialValues</code> is also <code>True</code>, the initial values will be appended to the existing file. However, if <code>appendToFile</code> is <code>False</code> (i.e., the file is created each time), the initial values will be written regardless of the value of <code>writelnInitialValues</code>.</p> <p>To avoid duplication of output times (start/end) when exporting the solution file, you can set <code>writelnInitialValues</code> to <code>False</code> and adjust other parameters such as <code>appendToFile</code> accordingly.</p> <p>In the provided code example, you can add the following lines to control the exporting process:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings.solutionSettings.writelnInitialValues = False #to avoid duplication of output times (start/end) simulationSettings.solutionSettings.writeFileHeader = False simulationSettings.solutionSettings.appendToFile = True </pre> <p>To access and print the coordinates of the tip of the cable, you can use the following code snippet:</p> <pre> python sol = mbs.systemData.GetODE2Coordinates() n = len(sol) print('load=',loadValue, ', tip: x='+str(sol[n-4])+', y='+str(sol[n-3])) </pre> <p>Finally, if you want to visualize the solution using the <code>SolutionViewer</code>, you can add the following lines:</p> <pre> python if useGraphics: SC.WaitForRenderEngineStopFlag() exu.StopRender() #safely close rendering window! t=LoadSolutionFile('solution/coordinatesSolution.txt', verbose=False, safeMode=True) mbs.SolutionViewer(solution=t) </pre> <p>Make sure to replace <code>useGraphics</code> with a boolean value indicating whether you want to visualize the solution or not.</p> | C |

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| 21” | <p>The `writeInitialValues` parameter in the `SolutionSettings` of Exudyn structure determines whether the initial values of the simulation should be exported to the solution file. If `writeInitialValues` is set to `True`, the initial values will be included in the solution file at the start of the simulation. If it is set to `False`, the initial values will not be exported.</p> <p>This parameter can affect the exporting process by determining whether the initial state of the simulation is recorded in the solution file. If the initial values are identical to the final values of a previous computation and `writeInitialValues` is set to `True` in the append file mode, it may not be desired to include the initial values in the solution file, as it would result in redundant data. In such cases, setting `writeInitialValues` to `False` can help avoid unnecessary storage and improve the efficiency of the exporting process.</p> <p>To avoid duplication of output times (start/end) and improve the efficiency of the exporting process, you can set `writeInitialValues` to `False` in the `SolutionSettings` when appending to a file. Additionally, you can set `writeFileHeader` to `False` to avoid writing the header information repeatedly when appending to a file. Finally, set `appendToFile` to `True` to append the solution to an existing file instead of overwriting it.</p> <p>Here's an example of how to set these parameters in the `SolutionSettings`:</p> <pre> python simulationSettings.solutionSettings.writeInitialValues = False simulationSettings.solutionSettings.writeFileHeader = False simulationSettings.solutionSettings.appendToFile = True </pre> <p>To access the solution and visualize it, you can use the `GetODE2Coordinates` function to retrieve the coordinates and the `SolutionViewer` function to display the solution:</p> <pre> python sol = mbs.systemData.GetODE2Coordinates() n = len(sol) print('load=', loadValue, ', tip: x=', sol[n-4], ', y=', sol[n-3]) if useGraphics: SC.WaitForRenderEngineStopFlag() exu.StopRender() # safely close rendering window! t = LoadSolutionFile('solution/coordinatesSolution.txt', verbose=False, safeMode=True) mbs.SolutionViewer(solution=t) </pre> <p>This will load the solution file and display the coordinates of the tip of the cable in the solution viewer.</p> | C |

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| 22 | <p>The <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> parameter in the Exudyn simulation settings controls whether the simulation should pause after each time step or static load step. If set to <code>`true`</code>, the simulation will pause after each step, allowing the user to observe the state of the simulation before proceeding. If set to <code>`false`</code> (the default), the simulation will run continuously without pausing between steps.</p> <p>This parameter affects the interactivity of the simulation process. When <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is <code>`true`</code>, the user can observe intermediate states of the simulation and potentially make adjustments before continuing. On the other hand, when <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is <code>`false`</code>, the simulation runs more smoothly without interruptions, which can be beneficial for simulations that require a large number of time steps. However, it may also make it more challenging to observe the intermediate states of the simulation.</p> <p>To access this parameter in Python, you can use <code>`simulationSettings.pauseAfterEachStep`</code>. To set its value, simply assign <code>`True`</code> or <code>`False`</code> to it. For example, to enable pausing after each step, you can write <code>`simulationSettings.pauseAfterEachStep = True`</code>.</p> <p>Note that changing simulation settings within the execute command is generally not recommended, as it may lead to unexpected behavior or crashes. Some parameters, such as <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime`</code>, are copied into the internal solver's structures and cannot be changed on the fly. It's best to set all necessary simulation settings before calling <code>`mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`</code>.</p> | C |
| 22' | <p>The <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> parameter in the Exudyn simulation settings controls whether the simulation should pause after each time step or static load step. If <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is set to <code>`true`</code>, the simulation will pause after each step, allowing the user to observe the state of the simulation before proceeding. The user can continue the simulation by pressing the spacebar. If <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is set to <code>`false`</code>, the simulation will run continuously without pausing between steps.</p> <p>This parameter affects the simulation process by controlling the interactivity of the simulation. When <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is enabled, the user can observe the intermediate states of the simulation and potentially make adjustments before continuing. This can be useful for debugging, visualization, or manual control of the simulation. When <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is disabled, the simulation runs more smoothly and efficiently, without the need for user input between steps.</p> <p>In the provided code example, the <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> parameter is not explicitly set, but it can be controlled by setting <code>`simulationSettings.pauseAfterEachStep`</code> to <code>`True`</code> or <code>`False`</code> as needed. Changing simulation settings within the execute command is generally safe, but caution should be exercised when modifying parameters that are copied internally, such as <code>`simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime`</code>.</p> | C |

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| 22” | <p>The <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> parameter in the Exudyn simulation settings controls whether the simulation should pause after each time step or static load step, waiting for user input (pressing the SPACE key) before continuing. If set to <code>`true`</code>, the simulation will pause after each step, allowing the user to inspect the current state of the simulation. If set to <code>`false`</code> (the default), the simulation will continue without pausing after each step.</p> <p>This parameter affects the simulation process by controlling the interactivity of the simulation. When <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is set to <code>`true`</code>, the simulation becomes more interactive, allowing the user to closely inspect the simulation state at each time step. However, this may also slow down the simulation process, as it requires user input to continue. When <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> is set to <code>`false`</code>, the simulation runs more smoothly and efficiently, without the need for user input to continue.</p> <p>In the context of the provided code examples, the <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> parameter might be set in the <code>`simulationSettings`</code> object before calling <code>`mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`</code>. For example:</p> <pre> <code>```python simulationSettings.pauseAfterEachStep = True mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) ```</code> </pre> <p>This would cause the simulation to pause after each step, waiting for the user to press the SPACE key before continuing. If you want the simulation to run without pausing, you can set <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> to <code>`False`</code>:</p> <pre> <code>```python simulationSettings.pauseAfterEachStep = False mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) ```</code> </pre> <p>The purpose of the <code>`pauseAfterEachStep`</code> parameter is to provide interactivity to the simulation process, allowing users to inspect the current state of the simulation at each time step. However, setting this parameter to <code>`true`</code> may slow down the simulation process, so it's essential to consider the trade-off between interactivity and computational efficiency when setting this parameter.</p> | C |

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| 23 | <p>When the parameter <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> reaches its maximum limit of 100, each thread will receive 100 subtasks. This setting is used to distribute the computational load efficiently across multiple threads in large systems. However, it's crucial to ensure that the maximum limit does not exceed the actual number of available threads, as it could lead to performance degradation or even errors. The optimal value for <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> depends on the specific system and computational resources available. If you're using parallel processing, make sure to adjust this parameter accordingly to maximize efficiency without overloading your system.</p> <p>In the context of <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code>, note that this parameter should not exceed the actual number of available threads. If you set it to 100 but only have 4 threads, you'll overload your system and potentially reduce performance. Experiment with different values to find the optimal setting for your specific use case.</p> <p>Remember that parallel processing comes with its own overhead, so it's crucial to balance the benefits of parallelization with the additional computational load. For smaller simulations or systems with limited resources, it might be more efficient to use scalar processing instead. Always monitor your system's performance and adjust these settings accordingly to achieve the best results.</p> <p>The provided context discusses various settings related to parallel processing in the Exudyn simulation framework, including <code>`numberOfThreads`</code>, <code>`taskSplitMinItems`</code>, and <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code>. These settings control the distribution of computational tasks among multiple threads, which can significantly improve performance for large simulations. However, it's essential to find the right balance between parallelization and resource utilization to achieve optimal results.</p> <p>In the context of <code>`numberOfThreads`</code>, note that this parameter determines the number of threads used for parallel processing. By default, it's set to the number of CPUs available on your system. If you're using parallel processing, make sure to set this parameter appropriately to maximize efficiency without overloading your system.</p> <p>The <code>`resultsFile`</code> parameter allows you to specify an output file for the results of the computation. If provided, the results will be written to this file during processing.</p> <p>The <code>`clusterHostNames`</code> parameter is used when you want to distribute the computation across multiple machines in a cluster. If you provide a list of hostnames, the computation will be executed in parallel on each machine in the list. Note that this requires the <code>`dispy`</code> library to be installed and the computation time should be longer than 1-5 seconds for significant speedup.</p> | C |

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| 23' | <p>When the parameter <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> reaches its maximum limit of 100, each thread will receive 100 subtasks. This setting is used to distribute the computational load efficiently across multiple threads in large systems. However, it's crucial to ensure that the maximum limit does not exceed the actual number of available threads, as it could lead to performance degradation or even errors. The optimal value for <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> depends on the specific system and computational resources available. If you're using parallel processing, make sure to adjust this parameter accordingly to maximize efficiency without overloading your system.</p> <p>In the context of the Exudyn simulation framework, <code>`numberOfThreads`</code> and <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> are parameters used for parallel computation. <code>`numberOfThreads`</code> determines the number of threads used for parallel computation, while <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> controls the number of subtasks assigned to each thread. If <code>`useMultiProcessing`</code> is set to True, the multiprocessing library is used for parallelized computation. The <code>`clusterHostNames`</code> parameter allows you to specify a list of hostnames for cluster computation if dispy is installed.</p> <p>Remember to adjust these parameters based on your specific system and computational resources to achieve the best performance. If you're using parallel processing, ensure that the number of threads and subtasks per thread are optimized for your system to avoid performance issues.</p> | C |
| 23'' | <p>When the parameter <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> reaches its maximum limit of 100, each thread will be assigned 100 subtasks. This is done to distribute the computational load efficiently across multiple threads in large systems. However, it's crucial to ensure that the maximum limit does not exceed the actual number of available threads, as it could lead to performance degradation or errors. The optimal value for <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> depends on the specific system and available computational resources.</p> <p>In the context of Exudyn's <code>`ProcessParameterList`</code> function, <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> determines the number of subtasks each thread receives when using multiprocessing or cluster computation. If the number of subtasks exceeds the number of available threads, the function will still process all subtasks, but the benefits of parallelization may be reduced.</p> <p>To ensure optimal performance, it's essential to find the appropriate value for <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> based on the available computational resources and the complexity of the computations being performed. As a general guideline, the value should be roughly between 50 and 5000, but this may vary depending on the specific use case. If you're using cluster computation, consider the network bandwidth and the overhead associated with managing the cluster during computation when determining the optimal value.</p> <p>In the provided code example, the <code>`numberOfThreads`</code> parameter determines the number of threads used for parallel processing. If not specified, it defaults to the number of CPUs available. The <code>`resultsFile`</code> parameter allows for output to be written during processing if provided. The <code>`clusterHostNames`</code> parameter specifies a list of hostnames for cluster computation if dispy is installed and <code>`useMultiProcessing`</code> is set to True. The <code>`useDispyWebMonitor`</code> and <code>`useMPI`</code> parameters control additional features related to cluster computation and mpi parallelization, respectively.</p> <p>To summarize, when <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> reaches its maximum limit of 100, each thread will be assigned 100 subtasks. It's crucial to ensure that the maximum limit does not exceed the actual number of available threads and to find the optimal value for <code>`taskSplitTasksPerThread`</code> based on the specific system and available computational resources.</p> | C |

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| 24 | <p>When you set the `showNumbers` parameter in the `VSettingsConnectors` of an Exudyn structure to `true`, it enables the display of connector numbers (object numbers) in the visualization settings. This flag can be accessed directly using `SC.visualizationSettings.connectors.showNumbers`. Enabling this feature allows for better identification and tracking of individual connectors in the visualization. The value of `showNumbers` is an integer, and its default value is `false`.</p> <p>In addition to `showNumbers`, `VSettingsConnectors` also contains other parameters such as `defaultSize` and `showContact`. The `defaultSize` parameter sets the default size of connectors in the visualization, while the `showContact` parameter determines whether contact points between connectors should be displayed.</p> <p>To access and modify these parameters, you can use the following code:</p> <pre>```python SC.visualizationSettings.connectors.showNumbers = True SC.visualizationSettings.connectors.defaultSize = 0.01 SC.visualizationSettings.connectors.showContact = True ```</pre> <p>Remember to adjust these settings according to your specific needs and preferences. The provided context also includes other visualization settings for bodies and kinematic trees, but they are not directly related to the original query.</p> | C |
| 24' | <p>When you set the `showNumbers` parameter in the `Exudyn` structure `VSettingsConnectors` to `true`, it enables the display of connector numbers (object numbers) in the visualization settings. This change will make connector numbers visible if `showNumbers` is set to `true`.</p> <p>In addition to `showNumbers`, `Exudyn` provides several other parameters to customize the visualization settings, such as `axesTiling`, `circleTiling`, `cylinderTiling`, `sphereTiling`, `textSize`, and other parameters in the `VSettingsGeneral` structure.</p> <p>Among the body-specific settings, `VSettingsBodies` has parameters like `frameSize`, `showCOMframes`, `showFramesNumbers`, and `showJointFrames` that can be used to customize the visualization of kinematic trees.</p> <p>For instance, `showFramesNumbers` in `VSettingsBodies` controls whether numbers are drawn for joint frames and center of mass frames. Similarly, `showJointFrames` determines whether a frame is attached to the origin of every joint frame.</p> <p>In the context of beams, `VSettingsConnectors` provides parameters like `drawVertical`, `drawVerticalColor`, `drawVerticalFactor`, and `reducedAxialInterpolation` to customize the visualization settings.</p> <p>For example, `drawVertical` enables the drawing of contour plots along the beam height, and `reducedAxialInterpolation` determines whether the interpolation along the beam axis may be lower than the beam element order.</p> <p>These parameters can be accessed directly using their respective attribute names. For instance, `SC.visualizationSettings.axesTiling` will give you the current value of `axesTiling`.</p> | C |

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| 24” | <p>When you set the <code>`showNumbers`</code> parameter in the Exudyn structure <code>`VSettingsConnectors`</code> to <code>`true`</code>, it enables the display of connector numbers (object numbers) in the visualization settings. The <code>`showNumbers`</code> flag determines whether the connector numbers will be shown or not. If <code>`showNumbers`</code> is set to <code>`true`</code>, the connector numbers will be displayed; otherwise, they will not be shown. The <code>`showNumbers`</code> parameter is located at <code>`SC.visualizationSettings.showNumbers`</code>.</p> <p>Additionally, <code>`VSettingsConnectors`</code> contains other parameters for controlling the visualization settings of connectors, such as <code>`cylinderTiling`</code>, <code>`sphereTiling`</code>, <code>`pointSize`</code>, <code>`coordinateSystemSize`</code>, <code>`textSize`</code>, <code>`textOffsetFactor`</code>, <code>`textColor`</code>, <code>`textHasBackground`</code>, <code>`textAlwaysInFront`</code>, <code>`useGradientBackground`</code>, <code>`useBitmapText`</code>, <code>`useMultiThreadedRendering`</code>, <code>`rendererPrecision`</code>, <code>`graphicsUpdateInterval`</code>, <code>`linuxDisplayScaleFactor`</code>, <code>`useWindowsDisplayScaleFactor`</code>, <code>`useGradientBackground`</code>, <code>`backgroundColor`</code>, <code>`backgroundColorBottom`</code>, <code>`worldBasisSize`</code>, <code>`drawWorldBasis`</code>, <code>`drawCoordinateSystem`</code>, <code>`showComputationInfo`</code>, <code>`showSolverInformation`</code>, <code>`showSolverTime`</code>, <code>`showSolutionInformation`</code>, <code>`showHelpOnStartup`</code>, <code>`autoFitScene`</code>, <code>`axesTiling`</code>, and <code>`minSceneSize`</code>. These parameters can be accessed directly using their respective paths within <code>`SC.visualizationSettings`</code>. For example, to control the display of cross-sections in beams, you can use parameters like <code>`crossSectionFilled`</code>, <code>`crossSectionTiling`</code>, <code>`drawVertical`</code>, <code>`drawVerticalColor`</code>, and <code>`drawVerticalFactor`</code>. Similarly, for kinematic trees, you can adjust parameters like <code>`frameSize`</code>, <code>`showCOMframes`</code>, <code>`showFramesNumbers`</code>, and <code>`showJointFrames`</code>.</p> <p>The provided additional context discusses other visualization settings, such as <code>`beams`</code> and <code>`kinematicTree`</code>, which are separate from <code>`VSettingsConnectors`</code>. These settings include parameters for controlling the appearance of beams and kinematic trees, such as <code>`frameSize`</code>, <code>`showCOMframes`</code>, <code>`showFramesNumbers`</code>, and <code>`showJointFrames`</code>. However, these details are not directly related to the original query about the <code>`showNumbers`</code> parameter in <code>`VSettingsConnectors`</code>.</p> | C |
| 25 | <p>The parameter <code>showCurrent</code> in Exudyn's <code>VSettingsSensorTraces</code> determines whether to display the current values of sensors in the visualization. By default, its value is set to "false". If <code>showCurrent</code> is set to true, the current values of sensors will be shown in the visualization. To access this parameter directly, use <code>SC.visualizationSettings.showCurrent</code>.</p> <p>In addition, Exudyn's <code>SensorNode</code> has various parameters, including <code>show</code>, which determines if the sensor is shown in the visualization. Other parameters related to sensor output include <code>writeToFile</code>, <code>fileName</code>, <code>outputVariableType</code>, <code>storeInternal</code>, and <code>visualization</code>. These parameters allow for customization of sensor data storage and visualization settings. For more detailed information, refer to the Exudyn documentation or examples, such as <code>ANCFALEtest.py</code>, <code>beltDriveALE.py</code>, and others listed in the provided examples and <code>TestModels</code>.</p> <p>Remember, the context provided gives additional information about Exudyn's structure and related parameters, but the original query specifically asked about the <code>showCurrent</code> parameter in <code>VSettingsSensorTraces</code>. The refined answer emphasizes this parameter while also providing additional context about related parameters and examples.</p> | F |

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| 25' | <p>The parameter 'showCurrent' does not appear in the Exudyn structure VSettingsSensorTraces. However, in the related VSensorNode, there is a parameter named 'show' with the Python type bool, which determines whether the sensor is shown in the visualization. If you are looking for a specific parameter related to sensor traces, please ensure to check the available parameters, such as 'show', 'showNumbers', 'vectorsShowEvery', 'triadsShowEvery', 'defaultColor', 'defaultSize', 'drawSimplified', and 'traceColors'. The parameter 'showCurrent' might be present in a different context or structure. If you need more information about other parameters in VSettingsSensorTraces or VSensorNode, refer to the provided context information.</p> | F |
| 25'' | <p>The parameter showCurrent in the Exudyn structure VSettingsSensorTraces determines whether to display the current values of sensors in the visualization. By default, its value is set to "false". If showCurrent is set to true, the current values of sensors will be shown in the visualization. This parameter belongs to the VSensorNode object, which is part of the VSettingsSensorTraces structure. To access the showCurrent parameter directly, use SC.visualizationSettings.showCurrent. For more information on sensors and visualization settings, refer to the Exudyn documentation. Examples and TestModels are available in the Examples/ and TestModels/ directories, respectively. The complete documentation can be found in the PDF file named 'theDoc.pdf'. Additionally, the parameter description and related parameters for visualization settings can be found in the Exudyn structures VSettingsContour and VSettingsGeneral. Other relevant parameters include show, showNumbers, vectorsShowEvery, triadsShowEvery, defaultColor, defaultSize, drawSimplified, showBoundingBoxes, showContact, showJointAxes, and more.</p> | F |
| 26 | <p>The `exportAlgebraicCoordinates` parameter in the Exudyn package controls the export of algebraic coordinates as output variables. It is available in the `GetOutput()` function of the `System` class. When `exportAlgebraicCoordinates` is set to `True`, the `Coordinates` and `Coordinates_t` output variables are available, which represent the algebraic coordinates vector and the velocity of algebraic coordinates vector of nodes and bodies, respectively.</p> <p>In the context of the `NodeGenericAE` item, the `numberOfAECordinates` parameter determines the number of generic algebraic coordinates for a node. These coordinates can be accessed as output variables when `exportAlgebraicCoordinates` is enabled.</p> <p>For more detailed information, refer to the Exudyn documentation, specifically the `NodeGenericAE` and `System` class descriptions, as well as the `GetOutput()` function. Examples and test models are also available in the Exudyn package for practical usage.</p> <p>The `exportAlgebraicCoordinates` parameter is used to control the export of algebraic coordinates as output variables in Exudyn. When set to `True`, the `Coordinates` and `Coordinates_t` output variables are available, which represent the algebraic coordinates vector and the velocity of algebraic coordinates vector of nodes and bodies, respectively. In the context of the `NodeGenericAE` item, the `numberOfAECordinates` parameter determines the number of generic algebraic coordinates for a node. These coordinates can be accessed as output variables when `exportAlgebraicCoordinates` is enabled. For more information, refer to the Exudyn documentation, specifically the `NodeGenericAE` and `System` class descriptions, as well as the `GetOutput()` function. Examples and test models are also available in the Exudyn package for practical usage.</p> | P |

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| 26' | <p>The <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> parameter is available in the <code>GetOutput()</code> function of the <code>System</code> class in the Exudyn package. It determines whether the algebraic coordinates (also known as generic AE coordinates) of nodes are exported as output variables.</p> <p>When <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> is set to <code>True</code>, the following output variables are available as <code>OutputVariableType</code> in sensors, <code>Get...Output()</code>, and other functions:</p> <p><code>Coordinates` : $\{\mathbf{y}\}_{cConfig} = [y_0, \dots, y_{nc}]^T$</code>
 algebraic coordinates vector of node</p> <p><code>Coordinates_t` : $\dot{\{\mathbf{y}\}}_{cConfig} = [\dot{y}_0, \dots, \dot{y}_{nc}]^T$</code>
 algebraic velocity coordinates vector of node</p> <p>When <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> is set to <code>False</code>, these output variables are not available.</p> <p>To use this parameter, you can modify the <code>GetOutput()</code> function of a <code>System</code> object as follows:</p> <pre> '''python SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Set exportAlgebraicCoordinates to True mbs.Set(exportAlgebraicCoordinates=True) # Get the output variables output = mbs.GetOutput() ''' </pre> <p>Remember to set <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> back to <code>False</code> if you don't need the algebraic coordinates in your subsequent calculations. Additionally, note that the <code>NodeGenericAE</code> class in Exudyn provides parameters for AE coordinates, which are similar to algebraic coordinates. The output variables for AE coordinates are available when the corresponding parameters are set. For more information, refer to the Exudyn documentation.</p> | P |

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| 26” | <p>The <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> parameter in the Exudyn package is part of the <code>GetOutput()</code> function. When set to <code>True</code>, it exports the algebraic coordinates of nodes as output variables. Algebraic coordinates are additional variables used internally by certain elements to satisfy algebraic equations and may be necessary for correct simulation results.</p> <p>To use this parameter, you can modify the <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> argument in the <code>GetOutput()</code> function call. Here's an example:</p> <pre>```python output = mbs.GetOutput(exportAlgebraicCoordinates=True) ```</pre> <p>This will include the algebraic coordinates in the output variables. If you want to exclude them, set <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> to <code>False</code>:</p> <pre>```python output = mbs.GetOutput(exportAlgebraicCoordinates=False) ```</pre> <p>In the context of Exudyn, the <code>NodeGenericAE</code> item has parameters related to generic AE coordinates. These coordinates are part of the <code>Coordinates</code> output variable. For more information on the <code>NodeGenericAE</code> item and its parameters, refer to the Exudyn documentation.</p> <p>Relevant Examples and TestModels include <code>ANCFcontactCircle.py</code>, <code>ANCFcontactCircle2.py</code>, <code>ANCFmovingRigidbody.py</code>, and more. These examples demonstrate the usage of the <code>exportAlgebraicCoordinates</code> parameter and other Exudyn features. You can find them in the Examples and TestModels sections of the Exudyn documentation</p> | F |

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| 27 | <p>To define a simple mass point in Exudyn, you can add a `MassPoint` object to your multibody system. Here's a brief example of how to define a mass point with a given mass and attach it to a node:</p> <pre data-bbox="239 347 1220 459"> <code>```python # add mass point (this is a 3D object with 3 coordinates): massPoint = mbs.AddObject(MassPoint(physicsMass = mass, nodeNumber = n1)) ```</code></pre> <p>In this example, `massPoint` is the mass point object, `physicsMass` is the mass of the point in kg, and `nodeNumber` is the number of the node to which the mass point is attached. Make sure to replace `mass` and `n1` with the desired mass and node number, respectively.</p> <p>To use the mass point in a specific mechanical system, you can connect it to other objects using various types of connections, such as springs or constraints. After adding all objects to your multibody system, assemble it and start the simulation.</p> <p>For more advanced usage, you can access the mass point's position and other properties using Exudyn's object output and marker systems. For example, you can retrieve the current mass position at a specific local position using the following code:</p> <pre data-bbox="239 918 1260 1030"> <code>```python result = mbs.GetObjectOutputBody(mass, exu.OutputVariableType.Position, [0,0,0])[0] print("result ",x, "=",result) ```</code></pre> <p>In this example, `result` contains the current position of the mass point at the specified local position [0,0,0]. Make sure to replace `x` with the desired variable name.</p> <p>Remember to import the necessary Exudyn modules and set up the simulation settings before running the simulation. You can also use parallelization to speed up the simulation process, as shown in the provided example.</p> <p>If you want to create a more complex system like the one in the given code example, you can define additional nodes, mass points, and spring-damper elements and connect them accordingly. Make sure to adjust the parameters, such as mass, stiffness, and damping, to match your desired system behavior.</p> | F |

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| 27' | <p>To define a simple mass point in Exudyn, you can add a `MassPoint2D` object to your multibody system. Here's a general example of how to define a mass point with a given mass and attach it to a node:</p> <pre> python # add mass point (this is a 2D object with 2 coordinates): massPoint = mbs.AddObject(ObjectMassPoint2D(physicsMass = mass, nodeNumber = n1)) </pre> <p>In this example, `massPoint` is the mass point object, `physicsMass` is the mass of the point in kg, and `nodeNumber` is the number of the node to which the mass point is attached. Make sure to replace `mass` and `n1` with the desired mass and node number, respectively.</p> <p>After adding objects, assemble the multibody system and solve it using `mbs.Assemble()` and `mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`. You can also customize the visualization settings for the mass point using the `SC.visualizationSettings.nodes` attribute.</p> <p>For a more detailed example, you can refer to the provided code snippet that demonstrates how to define a mass point, apply a force, and solve the system using Exudyn. This example also shows how to access the position of the mass point at a specific local position using the `GetObjectOutputBody` function.</p> <p>In the given context, a spring-damper mass point system is also modeled using Exudyn. The code snippet shows how to define the number of nodes in the mesh, the undeformed spring length, mass point mass and spring-damper properties, and simulation settings. The system is defined by adding mass points and spring-damper elements, and the simulation is performed using `mbs.Assemble()` and `mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`.</p> <p>Remember to adapt the code to your specific needs, such as changing the mass, node number, and simulation settings.</p> | F |

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| 27” | <p>To define a simple mass point in Exudyn, you can add a `MassPoint` object to your multibody system. Here's a brief example of how to define a mass point with a given mass and attach it to a node:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu # Create a multibody system SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create a node for the mass point node = mbs.AddNode(Point(referenceCoordinates=[0, 0, 0], initialCoordinates=[0, 0, 0], initialVelocities=[0, 0, 0])) # Create the mass point and attach it to the node mass_point = mbs.AddObject(MassPoint(physicsMass=1.0, nodeNumber=node)) # Add the mass point to the system for simulation mbs.AddSystem(mass_point) ``` </pre> <p>This code creates a mass point with a mass of 1.0 kg and attaches it to a node at the origin. You can customize the mass and position of the mass point as needed. Remember to assemble the multibody system before running the simulation.</p> <p>Additionally, if you want to use parallel computation in Exudyn, you can start the solver for your model using `mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)`. To access the current position of the mass point at the local position [0,0,0], you can use the `GetObjectOutputBody` function, as shown in the provided example:</p> <pre> ```python result = mbs.GetObjectOutputBody(mass_point, exu.OutputVariableType.Position, [0,0,0]) [0] print("result ", result) ``` </pre> <p>The final x-coordinate of the position should be 2. Make sure to adjust the code according to your specific needs and model setup.</p> | F |

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| 28 | <p>To apply forces to a rigid body in Exudyn, you can follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a rigid body using <code>mbs.CreateRigidBody(...)</code>. 2. Define the position and orientation of the force application point using the <code>localPosition</code> parameter in the <code>CreateForce</code> function. The position should be given in the local coordinate system of the rigid body. 3. Specify the force components using the <code>loadVector</code> parameter in the <code>CreateForce</code> function. The force components can be given as a 3D vector. 4. If you want the force to be time-dependent, you can provide a user-defined function for the force using the <code>loadVectorUserFunction</code> parameter in the <code>CreateForce</code> function. <p>Here's an example of applying a force of 10 N in the x-direction to a rigid body at marker position <code>[-0.5,0,0]</code>:</p> <pre> python mbs.CreateForce(bodyNumber=b0, localPosition=[-0.5,0,0], loadVector=[10,0,0]) </pre> <p>In this example, <code>b0</code> is the body number of the rigid body, and the force is applied at the point <code>[-0.5,0,0]</code> in the local coordinate system of the rigid body. The force components are <code>[10,0,0]</code>, which means 10 N in the x-direction.</p> <p>Note: The provided code example is for applying a constant force. If you want to apply a time-dependent force, you can replace the constant force vector with a user-defined function that returns the force components as a function of time.</p> <p>Remember to import the necessary modules and set up the Exudyn system container and main system before running the code. If you have any further questions, feel free to ask!</p> | C |

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| 28' | <p>Here's a more detailed example of applying forces and torques to a rigid body in Exudyn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a rigid body using <code>`mbs.CreateRigidBody(...)`</code>. 2. Define the desired initial position, rotation, velocity, and angular velocity of the rigid body. 3. Set the gravity for the rigid body if needed. 4. To apply a force, use <code>`mbs.CreateForce(...)`</code>. This function requires the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <code>`bodyNumber`</code>: The number of the rigid body to which the force will be applied. - <code>`localPosition`</code>: The position of the force application point relative to the local coordinate system of the rigid body. - <code>`loadVector`</code>: The force vector applied at the specified <code>`localPosition`</code>. - Optionally, you can provide a <code>`loadVectorUserFunction`</code> to modify the force vector in time. 5. To apply a torque, use <code>`mbs.CreateTorque(...)`</code>. This function requires similar parameters as <code>`mbs.CreateForce(...)`</code>, but with <code>`loadVector`</code> replaced by <code>`loadVector`</code> and <code>`localPosition`</code> replaced by <code>`localPosition`</code>. 6. Here's an example code snippet that applies a force and a torque to a rigid body: <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create a rigid body b0 = mbs.CreateRigidBody(referencePosition=[0.5, 0, 0], referenceRotationMatrix=np.eye(3), initialVelocity=[0, 4, 0], initialAngularVelocity=[2, 0, 0], gravity=[0, -9.81, 0], graphicsDataList=[GraphicsDataOrthoCubePoint(size=[1, 0.1, 0.2], color=color4orange)]) # Apply a force of 10 N in the x-direction to the rigid body at marker position [0.5, 0, 0] mbs.CreateForce(bodyNumber=b0, localPosition=[0.5, 0, 0], loadVector=[10, 0, 0]) </pre> | C |

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| 28” | <p>To apply forces to a rigid body in Exudyn, you can use the `CreateForce` function. Here's an example of applying a constant force of 10 N in the x-direction to a rigid body at a specific local position:</p> <pre> python mbs.CreateForce(bodyNumber=b0, localPosition=[-0.5*L,0,0], loadVector=[10,0,0]) </pre> <p>In this example, `b0` is the body number of the rigid body, and `[-0.5*L,0,0]` is the local position of the force application point. The force components `[10,0,0]` specify a force of 10 N in the x-direction.</p> <p>To apply damping forces, you can use the `CreateDamping` function. For example, to apply linear and angular damping with coefficients `d` and `dr` respectively, you can use:</p> <pre> python mbs.CreateDamping(bodyNumber=b0, linearDamping=[d, d, d], angularDamping=[dr, dr, dr]) </pre> <p>These damping forces will act in the opposite direction of the velocity of the rigid body.</p> <p>Remember to replace `b0` and `[-0.5*L,0,0]` with the appropriate body number and local position for your specific use case.</p> <p>In the provided code example, `L` is used as a variable for length. You can replace it with the desired length value in your specific application.</p> | P |

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| 29 | <p>To create a new system (mbs) in Exudyn with only a ground and a mass point, you can use the following code:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # create ground for fixed reference position oGround = mbs.CreateGround() # create a mass point at global position [2.7*L, 1.1*L, 2.1*L] exposed to gravity and set initial velocity b0 = mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition = [2.7, 1.1, 2.1], initialVelocity = [5.0, 0.0, 1.0], physicsMass = 0.1, gravity = [0, 9.81, 0], color = (0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 1.0), drawSize = 0.3) ``` </pre> <p>This code creates an empty system container and adds an empty system to it. It then creates a ground and a mass point with the specified parameters. You can modify the position, mass, initial velocity, and color of the mass point as needed.</p> <p>To prepare the system for simulation, you need to assemble it using <code>mbs.Assemble()</code>. After that, you can set the simulation parameters and run the solver using <code>mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)</code>.</p> <p>To access the system data and get information about the size of the coordinate vectors, you can use the <code>MainSystemData</code> class. For example, to get the size of the ODE2 coordinate vector for the current configuration, you can use <code>mbs.systemData.ODE2Size()</code>.</p> <p>Remember to visualize the results after the simulation using <code>mbs.SolutionViewer()</code>.</p> <p>If you want to add more components to the system, you can use the <code>CreateMassPoint()</code>, <code>CreateDistanceConstraint()</code>, or other available functions provided by the Exudyn library. Just make sure to assemble the system after adding each component.</p> |

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| 29' | <p>To create a new system with Exudyn, you can use the following Python code:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu # create system container and store by reference in SC: SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # create ground for fixed reference position oGround = mbs.CreateGround() # generate a system with 4 masses; connected them with spring-dampers # create mass point 0 with mass=10kg at position [3.0*L, 2.0*L, 0.0] m0 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[0, 0, 0])) m1 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[3.0, 0, 0])) m2 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[6.0, 0, 0])) m3 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[9.0, 0, 0])) mbs.AddObject(ObjectMassPoint(physicsMass=10, nodeNumber=m0)) mbs.AddObject(ObjectMassPoint(physicsMass=10, nodeNumber=m1)) mbs.AddObject(ObjectMassPoint(physicsMass=10, nodeNumber=m2)) mbs.AddObject(ObjectMassPoint(physicsMass=10, nodeNumber=m3)) m01 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=m1)) m12 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=m2)) m23 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=m3)) mbs.AddLoad(Force(markerNumber=m01, loadVector=[0, 0, -10])) mbs.AddLoad(Force(markerNumber=m12, loadVector=[0, 0, -10])) mbs.AddLoad(Force(markerNumber=m23, loadVector=[0, 0, -10])) mbs.Assemble() # choose simulation parameters # load default settings: simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 1000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5 simulationSettings.linearSolverType = exu.LinearSolverType.EigenDense # run time integration mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) # run viewer mbs.SolutionViewer() ``` </pre> <p>This code creates a new `SystemContainer` object named `SC` and adds a new `Main</p> | C |

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To create a new system with Exudyn, you can use the following Python code:

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```
```python
import exudyn as exu
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```
create system container and store by reference in SC:
SC = exudyn.SystemContainer()
```

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add MainSystem to SC:
mbs = SC.AddSystem()
```
```

This code creates a new `SystemContainer` object named `SC` and adds a new `MainSystem` object named `mbs` to it. The `MainSystem` object is where you will define and assemble your multibody system. You can then use the `mbs` object to create other objects such as nodes, bodies, and constraints.

To install Exudyn on Ubuntu, follow these steps:

1. Update your Ubuntu system:

```
```bash
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```
```

2. Install Python 3.6 (if not already installed):

```
```bash
sudo apt install python3.6
```
```

3. Install Exudyn using the wheel file in the dist folder:

```
```bash
python setup.py install
```
```

4. Go to the `pythonDev/Examples` folder and run an example:

```
```bash
cd pythonDev/Examples
python springDamperUserFunctionTest.py
```
```

5. To interact with the render window, run the following code:

```
```python
exudyn.StartRenderer()
exudyn.DoRendererIdleTasks(-1)
```
```

To create a multibody system, you can use the provided example code to create a system with 4 masses connected by spring-dampers. The first mass is connected to the ground. You can modify the code to suit your specific needs.

To learn more about Exudyn, visit the official documentation at <https://exudyn.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>.

Remember to install Exudyn in a conda environment if you prefer using conda. If you encounter any issues, please provide detailed bug reports.

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- 30** To set up a SpringDamper in Exudyn, you can use the provided Python code snippet as an example. This code sets up a simple spring damper system with two nodes and a spring damper object connecting them. You can adjust the stiffness, damping, and reference length of the spring damper, as well as add loads if needed.

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Here's the refined code snippet:

```
```python
import exudyn as exu
from exudyn.itemInterface import *

SC = exudyn.SystemContainer()
mbs = SC.AddSystem()

Set parameters
L = 0.5
mass = 1.6
spring = 4000
damper = 8
u0 = -0.08
v0 = 1
f = 80
x0 = f / spring

Add nodes
n0 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[0, 0, 0])) # reference point
n1 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[L, 0, 0])) # point where the spring
is attached

Add markers
mN0 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=n0))
mN1 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=n1))

Add spring damper
mbs.AddObject(SpringDamper(markerNumbers=[mN0, mN1], stiffness=spring,
referenceLength=L, damping=damper))

Add load (optional)
mbs.AddLoad(Force(markerNumber=mN1, loadVector=[10, 0, 0])) # example: 10 N force
in x-direction

mbs.Assemble()
```
```

To run the simulation, start the renderer with ``exu.StartRenderer()``, and then call ``mbs.SolveDynamic()`` with the desired simulation settings. The simulation will run until the end time specified in the settings, and you can interact with the render window during the simulation.

For more advanced settings and post-processing, you can adjust the simulation settings and use the provided functions for visualization and analysis. For example, you can add sensors to measure the position, velocity, or force of the mass point, and plot the results using the ``mbs.PlotSensor()`` function.

To install Exudyn, run ``python setup.py install`` or use pip to install the wheel file from the ``dist`` folder. For more detailed installation instructions, refer to the Exudyn

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To set up a SpringDamper in Exudyn, you can use the following Python code snippet as an example:

```
```python
import exudyn as exu
from exudyn.itemInterface import *

SC = exudyn.SystemContainer()
mbs = SC.AddSystem()

Set parameters
L = 0.5
mass = 1.6
spring = 4000
damper = 8
u0 = -0.08
v0 = 1
f = 80

Add nodes
n0 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[0, 0, 0])) # Node 0
n1 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[L, 0, 0])) # Node 1

Add markers
mN0 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=n0))
mN1 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber=n1))

Add spring damper
springDamper = mbs.AddObject(CoordinateSpringDamper(markerNumbers=[mN0, mN1],
 stiffness=spring,
 damping=damper,
 referenceLength=L))

Add load (optional)
mbs.AddLoad(LoadCoordinate(markerNumber=mN1, load=f))

Assemble the system
mbs.Assemble()
```
```

In this code, replace `L` with the desired length of the spring, and set the `stiffness` parameter to your desired spring constant. If you want to apply a load to the system, you can add a `LoadCoordinate` object to the `mbs.AddLoad()` function, adjusting the `load` parameter accordingly. Finally, call `mbs.Assemble()` to finalize the setup of the SpringDamper in Exudyn.

To run the simulation and visualize the results, you can use the provided `springDamperTutorial.py` script. Make sure to have Exudyn installed and properly set up in your Python environment. You can find installation instructions and more examples in the Exudyn documentation.

If you want to adjust the simulation settings, such as the end time or the number of steps, you can modify the `simulationSettings` object in the `springDamperTutorial.py` script. For example, to change the end time of the simulation, modify the `tEnd` variable.

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| 30” | <p>To set up a SpringDamper in Exudyn, you can use the following Python code snippet as an example:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.itemInterface import * SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Set parameters L = 0.5 mass = 1.6 spring = 4000 damper = 4 load0 = 80 # Add nodes n0 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[0, 0, 0])) n1 = mbs.AddNode(NodePoint(referenceCoordinates=[L, 0, 0])) # Add markers mN0 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber = n0)) mN1 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerNodePosition(nodeNumber = n1)) # Add spring damper mbs.AddObject(SpringDamper(markerNumbers = [mN0, mN1], stiffness = spring, damping = damper, referenceLength=L)) # Add load (optional) mbs.AddLoad(Force(markerNumber=mN1, loadVector=[0, load0, 0])) # Assemble the system mbs.Assemble() ``` </pre> <p>In this example, `L` is the reference length of the spring, `spring` is the stiffness of the spring, and `damper` is the damping constant. You can adjust these values according to your needs. The `Force` object can be used to apply a load to the end of the spring if needed. Finally, `mbs.Assemble()` is used to build the system and prepare it for simulation.</p> <p>For more detailed settings and parameters, you can refer to the Exudyn documentation and examples. Additionally, you can customize the simulation settings, such as the time integration settings, to suit your specific needs.</p> <p>Remember to run `exudyn.StartRenderer()` and `mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)` to start the simulation and visualize the results in the render window.</p> | P |

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| 31 | <p>To create a rigid body in Exudyn using Python code, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the necessary libraries:
 <pre> python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #includes itemInterface, graphicsDataUtilities and rigidBodyUtilities import numpy as np </pre> 2. Create a SystemContainer and a MainSystem to work with:
 <pre> python SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() </pre> 3. Define the graphics data for visualization (optional):
 <pre> python graphicsCube = GraphicsDataOrthoCubePoint(centerPoint = [0,0,0], size=[1,0.1,0.1], color=color4orange) </pre> 4. Compute the inertia (mass, COM, and inertia tensor) for the rigid body:
 <pre> python inertiaCube = InertiaCuboid(density=5000, sideLengths=[1,0.1,0.1]) </pre> 5. Create the rigid body using the `CreateRigidBody` function, providing the inertia and other necessary parameters:
 <pre> python b0 = mbs.CreateRigidBody(inertia = inertiaCube, referencePosition = [0.5,0,0], #reference position x/y/z of COM referenceRotationMatrix=RotationVector2RotationMatrix([0,0,pi*0.5]), initialAngularVelocity=[2,0,0], initialVelocity=[0,4,0], gravity = [0,-9.81,0], graphicsDataList = [graphicsCube]) </pre> 6. To create additional rigid bodies, follow similar steps, and connect them using appropriate joints. For example, to create another rigid body and connect it with the first one using a distance constraint, you can do:
 <pre> python b1 = mbs.CreateRigidBody(inertia = InertiaCuboid(density=5000, sideLengths=[1,0.1,0.1]), referencePosition = [2.5,0,0], #all quantities are giving as 3D lists [x,y,z] for positions, velocities,... referenceRotationMatrix=RotationVector2RotationMatrix([0,0,pi*0.5]), initialAngularVelocity=[0,0,0], initialVelocity=[0,0,0], gravity = [0,-9.81,0], graphicsDataList = [graphicsCube]) </pre> | C |

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| 31 | <p>To create a rigid body with a revolute joint in Exudyn using Python code, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the necessary libraries:
 <pre>```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #includes itemInterface, graphicsDataUtilities, and rigidBodyUtilities import numpy as np ```</pre> 2. Create a SystemContainer and a MainSystem to work with:
 <pre>```python SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() ```</pre> 3. Define the graphics data for visualization (optional):
 <pre>```python graphicsCube = GraphicsDataOrthoCubePoint(centerPoint = [0,0,0], size=[1,0.1,0.1], color=color4orange) ```</pre> 4. Compute the inertia (mass, COM, and inertia tensor) for the rigid body:
 <pre>```python inertiaCube = InertiaCuboid(density=5000, sideLengths=[1,0.1,0.1]) ```</pre> 5. Create the rigid body using the `CreateRigidBody` function, providing the inertia and other necessary parameters:
 <pre>```python b0 = mbs.CreateRigidBody(inertia = inertiaCube, referencePosition = [0.5,0,0], #reference position x/y/z of COM referenceRotationMatrix=RotationVector2RotationMatrix([0,0,0]), initialAngularVelocity=[0,0,0], initialVelocity=[0,0,0], gravity = [0,-9.81,0], graphicsDataList = [graphicsCube]) ```</pre> | C |

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| 31 | <p>To create a rigid body in Exudyn with a revolute joint, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the required libraries:
 <pre> python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #includes itemInterface, graphicsDataUtilities, and rigidBodyUtilities import numpy as np </pre> 2. Create a SystemContainer and a MainSystem to work with:
 <pre> python SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() </pre> 3. Define the graphics data for visualization (optional):
 <pre> python graphicsCube = GraphicsDataOrthoCubePoint(centerPoint = [0,0,0], size=[1,0.1,0.1], color=color4orange) </pre> 4. Compute the inertia (mass, COM, and inertia tensor) for the rigid body:
 <pre> python inertiaCube = InertiaCuboid(density=5000, sideLengths=[1,0.1,0.1]) </pre> 5. Create the first rigid body using the `CreateRigidBody` function, providing the inertia and other necessary parameters:
 <pre> python b0 = mbs.CreateRigidBody(inertia = inertiaCube, referencePosition = p0, #reference position x/y/z of COM referenceRotationMatrix=RotationVector2RotationMatrix([0,0,0]), initialAngularVelocity=[0,0,0], initialVelocity=[0,0,0], gravity = [0,-9.81,0], graphicsDataList = [graphicsCube]) </pre> | C |

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| 32 | <p>To set up a SphericalJoint in Exudyn, you can use the `ObjectJointSpherical` class. Here's an example of how to set it up within a multibody system:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.itemInterface import * SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create markers for the two bodies connected by the joint m0 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber=1, localPosition=[0, 0, 0])) m1 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber=2, localPosition=[1, 0, 0])) # Create SphericalJoint sphericalJoint = mbs.AddObject(ObjectJointSpherical(name='sphericalJoint', markerNumbers=[m0, m1], activeConnector=True)) # Set up visualization for the joint vSphericalJoint = VObjectJointSpherical() vSphericalJoint.show = True vSphericalJoint.axisRadius = 0.1 vSphericalJoint.axisLength = 0.4 vSphericalJoint.color = [0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 1] mbs.AddObject(VObjectSphericalJointZ(graphicsData=vSphericalJoint)) # Assemble the multibody system before simulation mbs.Assemble() # Choose simulation parameters simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 4000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 2 # Use a sparse solver for larger system size simulationSettings.linearSolverType = exu.LinearSolverType.EigenSparse # Solve the system with a dynamic solver mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) # Visualize the results after simulation mbs. ``` </pre> <p>In this example, we create two markers `m0` and `m1` for the two bodies connected by the joint. Then, we add a SphericalJoint with the name 'sphericalJoint' and the two markers as input. Finally, we set up visualization for the joint using `VObjectJointSpherical`. Note that you may need to adjust the parameters according to your specific use case. If you need to use the given context, you can integrate the SphericalJoint into your existing multibody system code accordingly.</p> |

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| 32' | <p>To set up a SphericalJoint in Exudyn, you can use the `ObjectJointSpherical` class. Here's an example of how to set it up:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.itemInterface import * # Create the system container and add the system SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create the spherical joint nBodies = 2 markerNumbers = [mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber = i, localPosition=[0,0,0])) for i in range(nBodies)] sphericalJoint = mbs.AddObject(ObjectJointSpherical(name='sphericalJoint', markerNumbers=markerNumbers)) # Set the rotation markers rotationMarker0 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber = 0, localPosition=[0,0,0])) rotationMarker1 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber = 1, localPosition=[0,0,0])) # Set the visualization parameters (optional) visualization = VObjectJointSpherical() visualization.axisRadius = 0.1 visualization.axisLength = 0.4 visualization.color = [0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 1] # Add the spherical joint to the visualization mbs.AddObject(visualization, 'VJointSpherical') # Assemble the system mbs.Assemble() ``` </pre> <p>This code creates a system container, adds a system to it, and sets up a spherical joint between two rigid bodies. The rotation markers for each body are also added, and visualization parameters can be set as needed. Finally, the system is assembled. To use this joint in a larger multibody system, you can connect the bodies using distance constraints or other appropriate connectors.</p> | P |

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| 32 | <p>To set up a SphericalJoint in Exudyn, you can use the `ObjectJointSpherical` class. Here's an example of how to set it up:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.itemInterface import * SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create markers for the two bodies connected by the spherical joint m0 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber=1, localPosition=[0, 0, 0])) m1 = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyRigid(bodyNumber=2, localPosition=[1, 0, 0])) # Create SphericalJoint sphericalJoint = mbs.AddObject(ObjectJointSpherical(name='sphericalJoint', markerNumbers=[m0, m1], activeConnector=True)) # Set up visualization for the joint vSphericalJoint = VObjectJointSpherical() vSphericalJoint.show = True vSphericalJoint.axisRadius = 0.1 vSphericalJoint.axisLength = 0.4 vSphericalJoint.color = [0.1, 0.1, 0.8, 1] mbs.AddObject(VObjectSphericalJointZ(graphicsData=vSphericalJoint)) ``` </pre> <p>In this example, we create two markers `m0` and `m1` for the two bodies connected by the spherical joint. Then, we add a `ObjectJointSpherical` object to the system with the markers as input. Finally, we set up visualization for the joint using `VObjectJointSpherical`. Note that the `axisRadius` and `axisLength` parameters control the appearance of the joint axis in the visualization, and the `color` parameter sets the color of the joint.</p> | F |

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- 33** To create a mass point at [1,0,0] with 5 kg mass and add a distance constraint of 1 meter to the ground at [0,0,0], and set up a dynamic simulation for 5 seconds, you can use the following Python code using the `exudyn` library:

```
```python
import exudyn as exu
from exudyn.utilities import *

#create multibody system mbs
SC = exu.SystemContainer()
mbs = SC.AddSystem() #this is the main system

#create ground object at which constraints or springs can be attached
oGround = mbs.CreateGround()

L=1.0 #overall size parameter

#create mass point 0 with mass=5kg at position [1.0, 0.0, 0.0]
b0=mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition = [1.0, 0.0, 0.0],
 physicsMass = 5,
 gravity = [0, -9.81, 0],
 color=color4blue, drawSize=0.025)

#create a rigid distance constraint of 1 meter between local positions of ground and a body
mbs.CreateDistanceConstraint(bodyList=[oGround, b0],
 distance=1, #1 meter
 drawSize=0.32)

#choose simulation parameters
simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings()

simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 4000
simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5

#start solver for dynamic simulation
mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings)

#visualize results after simulation
mbs.SolutionViewer()
```
```

This code will create a mass point at [1, 0, 0] with a mass of 5 kg and connect it to the ground at [0, 0, 0] with a distance constraint of 1 meter. The mass point will be subject to gravity and the simulation will run for 5 seconds. The `exudyn` library is used for creating multibody systems and performing dynamic simulations. The additional context provided does not require any changes to the original answer.

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| 33' | <p>To create a mass point at [1,0,0] with 5 kg mass and add a distance constraint of 1 meter to the ground at [0,0,0], and set up a dynamic simulation for 5 seconds, you can use the following code snippet:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #create container and mbs system SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() #this is the main system #create ground object at which constraints or springs can be attached oGround = mbs.CreateGround() #create mass point with mass=5kg at position [1.0, 0.0, 0.0] and expose it to gravity massPoint = mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition = [1.0, 0.0, 0.0], physicsMass = 5, gravity = [0, -9.81, 0], color=color4blue, drawSize=0.05) #create a rigid distance constraint between the ground and the mass point mbs.CreateDistanceConstraint(bodyList=[oGround, massPoint], distance=1, # set the distance to 1 meter) #set up simulation parameters simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 4000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5 #solve system with dynamic solver mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) #visualize results after simulation mbs.SolutionViewer() ``` </pre> <p>This code will create a mass point at [1,0,0] with 5 kg mass, attach it to the ground with a distance constraint of 1 meter, expose it to gravity, and set up a dynamic simulation for 5 seconds. The simulation results can be visualized using `mbs.SolutionViewer()`. The additional context provided does not require any changes to the original answer.</p> | P |

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| 33' | <p>To create a mass point at [1,0,0] with 5 kg mass and add a distance constraint of 1 meter to the ground at [0,0,0], and set up a dynamic simulation for 5 seconds, you can use the following Python code using the `exudyn` library:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * #create multibody system mbs SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() #this is the main system #create ground object at which constraints or springs can be attached oGround = mbs.CreateGround() L=1.0 #overall size parameter #create mass point 0 with mass=5kg at position [1.0, 0.0, 0.0] b0=mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition = [1.0, 0.0, 0.0], physicsMass = 5, gravity = [0, -9.81, 0], color=color4blue, drawSize=0.025) #create a rigid distance constraint of 1 meter between local positions of ground and a body mbs.CreateDistanceConstraint(bodyList=[oGround, b0], distance=1, #1 meter drawSize=0.32) #choose simulation parameters simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 4000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5 #start solver for dynamic simulation mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) #visualize results after simulation mbs.SolutionViewer() ``` </pre> <p>This code will create a mass point at [1, 0, 0] with a mass of 5 kg and connect it to the ground at [0, 0, 0] with a distance constraint of 1 meter. The mass point will be subject to gravity and the simulation will run for 5 seconds. The `exudyn` library is used for multibody dynamics simulation. The additional context provided does not change the original answer significantly, but it does clarify that the code creates a system with two mass points connected by distance constraints.</p> | P |

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| 34 | <p>Here is the refined answer for creating a simulation model in Exudyn to simulate the dynamics of a mass-spring-damper system with the given properties (mass $m = 4$ kg, stiffness $k = 2500$ N/m, and damping $d = 25$ Ns/m) and a force of 50 N applied to the mass:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * import numpy as np # Create a system container and the main system SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create a ground object oGround = mbs.CreateGround() # Define the properties of the mass, spring, and damper mass = 4 # kg spring = 2500 # N/m damper = 25 # Ns/m # Create a mass point with the given mass and position oMass = mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition=[0, 0, 0], physicsMass=mass) # Create a spring damper between the mass and the ground oSD = mbs.CreateSpringDamper(bodyOrNodeList=[oMass, oGround], stiffness=spring, damping=damper) # Apply a force of 50 N to the mass bodyMarker = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyPosition(bodyNumber=oMass)) mbs.AddLoad(LoadForceVector(markerNumber=bodyMarker, loadVector=[50, 0, 0])) # Set the simulation parameters simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 1000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5 # seconds # Assemble the system before running the simulation mbs.Assemble() # Run the simulation and visualize the results mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) mbs.SolutionViewer() ``` </pre> <p>This code will create a simulation model in Exudyn for a mass-spring-damper system with the given properties and apply a force of 50 N to the mass. The simulation will run for 5 seconds with 1000 time steps. You can adjust the simulation parameters as needed.</p> | C |

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| 34' | <p>Here is the refined answer for creating a simulation model in Exudyn to simulate the dynamics of a mass-spring-damper system with the given properties and a force of 50 N applied to the mass:</p> <pre> ```python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * import numpy as np # Create a system container and the main system SC = exu.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() # Create a ground object oGround = mbs.CreateGround() # Define the properties of the mass, spring, and damper mass = 4 # kg spring = 2500 # N/m damper = 25 # Ns/m # Create a mass point with the given mass and position oMass = mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition=[0, 0, 0], physicsMass=mass) # Create a spring damper between the mass and the ground oSD = mbs.CreateSpringDamper(bodyOrNodeList=[oMass, oGround], stiffness=spring, damping=damper) # Apply a force of 50 N to the mass bodyMarker = mbs.AddMarker(MarkerBodyPosition(bodyNumber=oMass)) mbs.AddLoad(LoadForceVector(markerNumber=bodyMarker, loadVector=[50, 0, 0])) # Set the simulation parameters simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 1000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5 # seconds # Assemble the system before running the simulation mbs.Assemble() # Run the simulation and visualize the results mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) mbs.SolutionViewer() ``` </pre> <p>This code will create a simulation model in Exudyn for a mass-spring-damper system with the given properties and apply a force of 50 N to the mass. The simulation will run for 5 seconds with 1000 time steps. You can adjust the simulation parameters and visualize the results using the `mbs.SolutionViewer()` function.</p> | C |

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| 34” | <p>To create a simulation model in Exudyn to simulate the dynamics of a mass-spring-damper system with the given properties (mass $m = 4$ kg, stiffness $k = 2500$ N/m, and damping $d = 25$ Ns/m) and apply a force of 50 N to the mass, follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import the necessary libraries:
 <pre> python import exudyn as exu from exudyn.utilities import * import numpy as np </pre> 2. Create a container and the main system:
 <pre> python SC = exudyn.SystemContainer() mbs = SC.AddSystem() </pre> 3. Create a ground object:
 <pre> python oGround = mbs.CreateGround() </pre> 4. Define the properties for the mass, spring, and damper:
 <pre> python mass = 4 # kg spring = 2500 # N/m damper = 25 # Ns/m </pre> 5. Create a mass point with the given mass and position:
 <pre> python oMass = mbs.CreateMassPoint(referencePosition=[0, 0, 0], physicsMass=mass) </pre> 6. Create a spring damper between the mass and the ground using a user-defined function:
 <pre> python def springDamperFunction(q, t): return [spring * (q[0] - 0), damper * q[0]] oSD = mbs.CreateSpringDamper(bodyOrNodeList=[oMass, oGround], stiffness=spring, damping=damper, function=springDamperFunction) </pre> 7. Apply a force of 50 N to the mass using a user-defined function:
 <pre> python def forceFunction(t): return [50, 0, 0] mbs.AddLoad(LoadForceVector(markerNumber=oMass, loadVector=forceFunction)) </pre> 8. Set the simulation parameters:
 <pre> python simulationSettings = exu.SimulationSettings() simulationSettings.timeIntegration.numberOfSteps = 1000 simulationSettings.timeIntegration.endTime = 5 # seconds </pre> 9. Assemble the system before running the simulation:
 <pre> python mbs.Assemble() </pre> 10. Run the simulation and visualize the results:
 <pre> python mbs.SolveDynamic(simulationSettings) mbs.SolutionViewer() </pre> | C |

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To create a 4x4 matrix in NumPy, you can use the `np.array` function and specify the values as a list of lists, where each inner list represents a row of the matrix. Here's an example of creating a 4x4 identity matrix:

```
```python
import numpy as np

identity_matrix = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0],
 [0, 1, 0, 0],
 [0, 0, 1, 0],
 [0, 0, 0, 1]])

print(identity_matrix)
```
```

This will output:

```
```
[[1. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 1. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 1. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 1.]]
```
```

You can replace the values in the list of lists to create any custom 4x4 matrix. If you prefer to create a matrix programmatically, you can use the `np.ones` or `np.zeros` functions to create a matrix filled with ones or zeros, respectively, and then reshape it to the desired size.

For example, to create a 4x4 matrix filled with ones:

```
```python
import numpy as np

ones_matrix = np.ones((4, 4))
print(ones_matrix)
```
```

This will output:

```
```
[[1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1.]
 [1. 1. 1. 1.]]
```
```

You can also create a 4x4 matrix filled with zeros:

```
```python
import numpy as np

zeros_matrix = np.zeros((4, 4))
print(zeros_matrix)
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This will output:

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36	<p>To calculate the mean of an array in NumPy, you can use the <code>np.mean()</code> function. Here's an example using the NumPy library:</p> <pre> python import numpy as np  # create a NumPy array arr = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  # calculate the mean mean_value = np.mean(arr)  # print the mean value print("The mean of the array is:", mean_value) </pre> <p>In this example, the <code>np.mean()</code> function takes the array <code>arr</code> as input and returns the mean value, which is 3.0. The <code>np.mean()</code> function calculates the arithmetic mean of the elements in the input array. It's a convenient and efficient way to compute the average value of a NumPy array. The provided code snippet demonstrates how to calculate the mean of an array in NumPy using the <code>np.mean()</code> function.</p>	C
37	<p>The original question was about creating a line plot using Matplotlib. Here's the detailed process to create a line plot:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Import the necessary libraries: <pre> python import matplotlib.pyplot as plt </pre> </li> <li>2. Prepare your data. You'll need x and y values for your line plot. For example: <pre> python x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] y = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11] </pre> </li> <li>3. Create a new figure and axis using <code>plt.subplots()</code>, or use an existing figure if you have one: <pre> python fig, ax = plt.subplots() </pre> </li> <li>4. Plot the line using <code>ax.plot()</code>. You can specify the line style, color, and width: <pre> python ax.plot(x, y, color='blue', linewidth=2, linestyle='--') </pre> </li> <li>5. Customize your plot by adding a title, labels for the x and y axes, and any other desired elements: <pre> python ax.set_title('Line Plot Example') ax.set_xlabel('X-axis') ax.set_ylabel('Y-axis') </pre> </li> <li>6. Display the plot using <code>plt.show()</code>: <pre> python plt.show() </pre> </li> </ol> <p>This will create a line plot with the specified x and y values, line style, color, and width. You can customize the plot further by adjusting various parameters and adding additional elements as needed.</p>	C

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38	<p>To generate random numbers in NumPy, you can use various functions depending on the type of random numbers you want to generate. Here are some common ones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <code>`numpy.random.rand()`</code>: This function generates random numbers from a uniform distribution over the half-open interval <code>[0.0, 1.0)</code>. For example, <code>`numpy.random.rand(3, 2)`</code> will return a 3x2 array of random numbers.</li> <li>2. <code>`numpy.random.randint()`</code>: This function generates random integers from a discrete uniform distribution over the half-open interval <code>[low, high)</code>. For example, <code>`numpy.random.randint(0, 10, size=(3, 2))`</code> will return a 3x2 array of random integers between 0 and 9 (inclusive).</li> <li>3. <code>`numpy.random.choice()`</code>: This function generates a random sample from a given 1-D array. For example, <code>`numpy.random.choice([1, 2, 3, 4], size=(3, 2))`</code> will return a 3x2 array of randomly chosen elements from the input array.</li> <li>4. <code>`numpy.random.normal()`</code>: This function generates random numbers from a normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1. For example, <code>`numpy.random.normal(0, 1, size=(3, 2))`</code> will return a 3x2 array of random numbers with mean 0 and standard deviation 1.</li> </ol> <p>You can customize these functions by providing additional arguments to control the shape, size, and distribution parameters. Make sure to import the NumPy library as <code>`import numpy as np`</code> before using these functions.</p> <p>The provided code demonstrates how to filter and compute derivatives of a 2D signal using NumPy. The <code>`FilterSensorOutput`</code> function takes a 2D NumPy array <code>`signal`</code> as input, along with optional parameters for filtering (<code>`filterWindow`</code>, <code>`polyOrder`</code>) and derivative computation (<code>`derivative`</code>, <code>`centralDifferentiate`</code>). It returns a filtered and derivative-transformed version of the input signal.</p> <p>To use this function, you'll need to ensure that your input signal has two columns, where the first column represents time and the second column contains the data. You can then call the function with your signal and desired parameters, like so:</p> <pre> ```python import numpy as np  # Assuming 'signal' is your 2D NumPy array filtered_data = FilterSensorOutput(signal, filterWindow=5, polyOrder=3, derivative=1, centralDifferentiate=True) `` </pre>	C

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40	<p>To read a CSV file using Pandas, you can use the <code>pandas.read_csv()</code> function. Here's an example:</p> <pre>'''python import pandas as pd  # Replace 'file_path.csv' with the actual path to your CSV file data = pd.read_csv('file_path.csv')  # To access the DataFrame, use the variable 'data' '''</pre> <p>This will load the CSV file into a Pandas DataFrame, which is a two-dimensional size-mutable, potentially heterogeneous tabular data structure. You can then use various Pandas functions to manipulate and analyze the data.</p>	C