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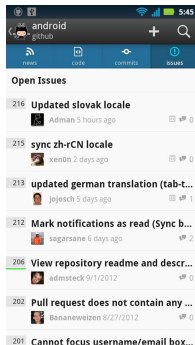
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Verlet Integration I

Verlet integration is a numerical method used to integrate Newton's equations of motion. It is frequently used to calculate trajectories of particles in molecular dynamics simulations and computer graphics.

If we do a Taylor expansion of the position vector $\vec{x}(t \pm \Delta t)$ forwards and backward we get

$$\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = \vec{x}(t) + \vec{v}(t)\Delta t + \frac{\vec{a}(t)\Delta t^2}{2} + \frac{\vec{b}(t)\Delta t^3}{6} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$$

$$\vec{x}(t - \Delta t) = \vec{x}(t) - \vec{v}(t)\Delta t + \frac{\vec{a}(t)\Delta t^2}{2} - \frac{\vec{b}(t)\Delta t^3}{6} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4),$$

Verlet Integration II

Adding these two expansions gives

$$\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = 2\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}(t - \Delta t) + \vec{a}(t)\Delta t^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4).$$

We can see that the first and third-order terms from the Taylor expansion cancel out, thus making the Verlet integrator an order more accurate than integration by simple Taylor expansion alone. So we can use as time stepper the equation

$$\boxed{\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = 2\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}(t - \Delta t) + \vec{a}(t)\Delta t^2},$$

or in terms of forces

$$\boxed{\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = 2\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}(t - \Delta t) + \frac{\vec{F}(t)}{m}\Delta t^2},$$

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Small programming tasks

We have a set of *simple* programming tasks. The main idea is to get a set of different solutions to compare the execution times or the codes. Please commit your code as `probX_ID.ext`, where `X` is the number of the problem, `ID` and `ext` is the extension of the file. There is a directory named `./programming_challenges/`, where you should commit your solutions.

Thank you for your attention.