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**Lab Project 1: Generating Plummer Model Initial Conditions for N-body simulation**

Develop an N-body simulation program to integrate the trajectories of various bodies under A reasonably good model for a globular cluster is the spherically symmetric Plummer model (Plummer 1911). It is a simple polytrope with index  $n = 5$ , i.e.  $P \propto \rho^{1+1/n} = \rho^{6/5}$ . In hydrostatic equilibrium, one finds in this case the density-potential pair (e.g., Binney & Tremaine 2011).

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3M}{4\pi b^3} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-5/2}, \quad (1)$$

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{\sqrt{r^2 + b^2}} \quad (2)$$

where  $b$  is the core radius,  $M$  the total mass,  $G$  the gravitational constant, and  $r$  the radial coordinate.

- a) Show that dimensionless units can be introduced, in which  $G = M = b = 1$ . What is the relation between  $\hat{r}$ ,  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{r})$  and  $\hat{\Phi}(\hat{r})$  in these units and the corresponding quantities in physical units?

Since we assume spherical symmetry in space, the potential  $\hat{\Phi}(\hat{r})$  and density  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{r})$  only depend on the distance to the center  $r$  and are independent of the spherical angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Phi}(\hat{r}) &= \Phi(r), \\ \hat{\rho}(\hat{r}) &= \rho(r). \end{aligned}$$

To work out the physical interpretation we write the density  $\rho(r)$  in its original representation that basically using the Poisson's equation  $\nabla^2 \Phi(r) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$ , such that

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3M}{4\pi} \frac{b^2}{(r^2 + b^2)^{5/2}}. \quad (3)$$

So, to see how the functions behave we introduce the central or core potential  $\Phi_0 = \Phi(0)$  and the central or core density  $\rho_0 = \rho(0)$  and represent the density-potential pair in the following way

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3M}{4\pi b^3} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-5/2} = \rho_0 \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-5/2}, \quad (4)$$

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{b} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-1/2} = \Phi_0 \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-1/2}. \quad (5)$$

The central potential corresponds to the surface potential of an object with mass which equals the total mass of the particle divided by the core radius, and the central density is the density that such an object would have. Thus, the physical units for the density equals basically to  $[\text{mass}][\text{volume of a sphere}]^{-1}$  and the physical units for the potential equals to  $[G][\text{mass}][\text{length}]^{-1}$ , where  $G (= 6.67408 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg s}^2})$  is the gravitational constant. However, we can easily see that in case in which  $G = M = b = 1$  the functions are given in dimensionless units and can be written as

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3}{4\pi} \left(1 + r^2\right)^{-5/2}, \quad (6)$$

$$\Phi(r) = - \left(1 + r^2\right)^{-1/2}, \quad (7)$$

which reveals the relationship between the  $\rho(r)$  and  $\Phi(r)$  of

$$\rho(r) = -\frac{3}{4\pi} \Phi(r)^5, \quad (8)$$

in dimensionless units. For the sake of completeness it is worth mentioned that we can as well looking at the inverse radial distance squared in units of the core length squared and write

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3Mb^2}{4\pi r^5} \left(1 + \frac{b^2}{r^2}\right)^{-5/2} = \rho_\infty \left(1 + \frac{b^2}{r^2}\right)^{-5/2}, \quad (9)$$

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{GM}{r} \left(1 + \frac{b^2}{r^2}\right)^{-1/2} = \Phi_\infty \left(1 + \frac{b^2}{r^2}\right)^{-1/2}, \quad (10)$$

where  $\rho_\infty$  and  $\Phi_\infty$  are the factorized constants of an asymptotic behavior of the functions when we go out to very large radii.

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In order to make a model of the star cluster, we need to sample from the initial phasespace distribution function  $f_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$  which is six-dimensional. We can break this however down into a simpler problem by exploiting that we can write

$$f_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = f_{pos}(\mathbf{x}) f_{vel}(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{x}) \quad (11)$$

as a product of the distribution of positions, times the conditional distribution of velocities given a position. We can therefore split the problem in two steps, and only consider sampling the positions first.

- b) Show that in our dimensionless units, the density  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{r})$  is normalised and therefore  $p_r(\hat{r}) = 4\pi\hat{r}^2\hat{\rho}(\hat{r})$  is the probability distribution function for  $\hat{r}$ .

As in a) we are using the fact that  $\hat{\Phi}(\hat{r}) = \Phi(r)$  and  $\hat{\rho}(\hat{r}) = \rho(r)$ . Eq.(3) gives the density function of the plummer model and can be used to calculate the mass of spherical volume of radius  $r$ . By calculating the cumulative mass as a function of  $r$  ( $\mathcal{M}(r)$ ) we can proof that the density  $\rho(r)$  is

normalised. Starting from

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}(r) &= \int_0^r p_r(r) dr = \int_0^r 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr = \int_0^r \frac{3M}{b^3} r^2 \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{b^2}\right)^{-5/2} dr \quad (G=M=b=1) \\
&= \int_0^r 3r^2 (1+r^2)^{-5/2} dr \stackrel{(r^2=y)}{=} \frac{3}{2} \int_0^{r^2} y^{1/2} (1+y)^{-5/2} dy = \\
&= - \int_0^{r^2} y^{1/2} \frac{d}{dy} \left\{ (1+y)^{-3/2} \right\} dy \stackrel{part.Int.}{=} r(1+r^2)^{-3/2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{r^2} y^{-1/2} (1+y)^{-3/2} dy \stackrel{(x=1/y)}{=} \\
&= r(1+r^2)^{-3/2} - \frac{1}{2} \int_\infty^{r^2} (1+x)^{-3/2} dx = \frac{r^3}{(1+r^2)^{3/2}} = \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{1}{r^2}\right)^{-3/2},
\end{aligned}$$

for  $M = 1$ .

An other way to proof the above mentioned result is by using the Possion's equation, such that

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(r) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \Phi(r) \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r). \quad (12)$$

Using the last relationship we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}(r) &= \int_0^r p_r(r) dr = \int_0^r 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) dr = \\
&= \frac{1}{G} \int_0^r \frac{d}{dr'} \left( r'^2 \frac{d}{dr'} \Phi(r') \right) dr' = \\
&= \frac{1}{G} \left( r'^2 \frac{d}{dr'} \Phi(r') \right) \Big|_0^r = \frac{1}{G} r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \Phi(r) = \\
&= \frac{1}{G} r^2 \left( GM \frac{r}{(a^2 + r^2)^{3/2}} \right) = M \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right)^{-3/2},
\end{aligned}$$

which represents the general form.

By the last derivation we can proof that  $M = 1$ , since

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{M}(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} M \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right)^{-3/2} = M \stackrel{\text{by definition}}{=} 1,$$

for fixed  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  which proofs that  $\rho(r)$  is normalised and therefore  $p_r(r) = \frac{d\mathcal{M}(r)}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \rho(r)$ .

- c) Now generate positions  $\mathbf{x}_i$  for  $N$  stars,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Assume them to be all of equal mass  $\hat{m} = 1/N$  (in N-body units). Due to spherical symmetry, we can draw radius  $\hat{r}$  and the two angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  of a star in spherical coordinates independently. Use the inversion method (show that  $p_r$  can be inverted in closed form) to sample  $\hat{r}$ . Use 3D-unit-vector sampling to transform  $\hat{r}$  into a 3D vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

We know from eq. (12) the cumulative mass  $\mathcal{M}(r)$  which depends on the radius and have only to invert this relationship, to get the dependence of cumulative mass on radius for the inversion method. For  $M = a = 1$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}(r) &= M \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right)^{-3/2} \stackrel{M=a=1}{=} \left(1 + \frac{1}{r^2}\right)^{-3/2} \Rightarrow \\
\mathcal{M}(r) &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{r^2}\right)^{-3/2} \iff \\
\mathcal{M}(r)^{-2/3} &= 1 + \frac{1}{r^2} \iff \\
\mathcal{M}(r)^{-2/3} r^2 &= 1 + r^2 \iff \\
r^2 (\mathcal{M}(r)^{-2/3} - 1) &= 1 \iff \\
r(m) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{M}(r)^{-2/3} - 1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

The general form is

$$r(m) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{m}{M}\right)^{-2/3} - 1}}.$$

Using the last derivations we are able to sample the radius  $r$ . For  $\theta$  we know that it takes values between 0 and  $\pi$ , such that  $\cos(\theta)$  provides values from +1 to -1. So, to determine the desired values we have to pick a random number  $x \in \{-1, +1\}$  and take the arccosine to sample  $\theta$  ( $y = \arccos(x) \in \{0, \pi\}$ ). To sample  $\phi$  we simply draw the numbers from  $\phi \in \mathcal{U}(0, 2\pi)$ . The Cartesian coordinates may be retrieved from the randomly drawn spherical coordinates using

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= r \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta), \\
y &= r \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta), \\
z &= r \cos(\theta).
\end{aligned}$$

However, we have chosen  $1/N$  and not zero as lower bound to fulfil the assumption of equal mass for all particles and implement it and implement them in an easy way.

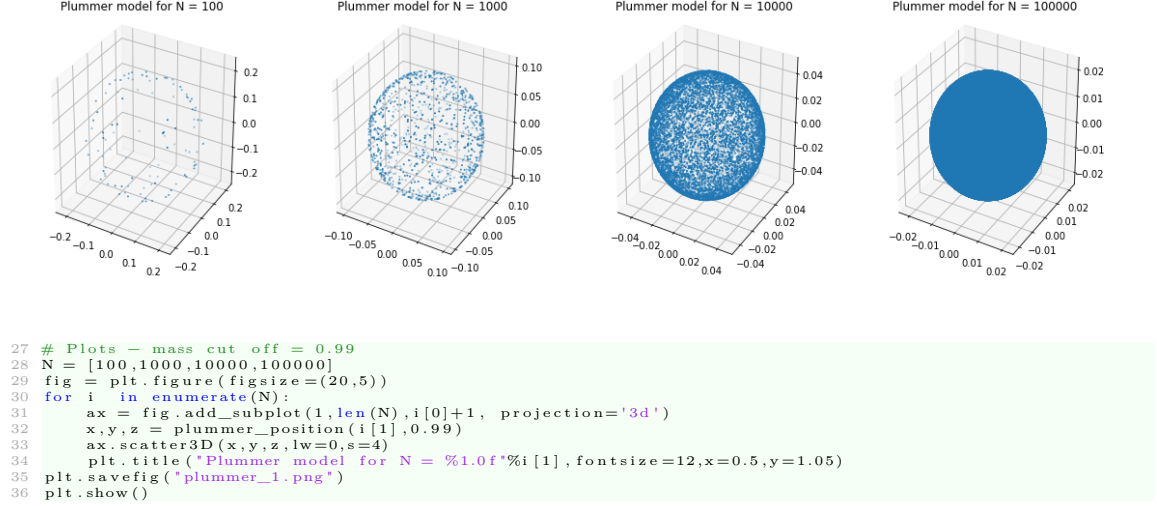
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1 import numpy.random
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from mpl_toolkits import mplot3d
5 from math import pi
6
7 def plummer_position(number_of_particles, mass_cutoff):
8
9     def calculate_radius():
10         random_mass_fraction = np.random.uniform(1/number_of_particles, mass_cutoff, (
11             number_of_particles, 1))
12         radius = 1.0/pow(pow(random_mass_fraction, -2.0/3.0) - 1.0, 1.0/2.0)
13         return radius
14
15     def position_spherical():
16         radius = calculate_radius()
17         theta = numpy.arccos(np.random.uniform(-1.0, 1.0, (number_of_particles, 1)))
18         phi = np.random.uniform(0.0, 2*pi, (number_of_particles, 1))
19         return (radius, theta, phi)
20
21     def spherical_to_cartesian(vec):
22         x = vec[0]*np.sin(vec[1])*np.cos(vec[2])
23         y = vec[0]*np.sin(vec[1])*np.sin(vec[2])
24         z = vec[0]*np.cos(vec[1])
25         return (x, y, z)
26
27     return spherical_to_cartesian(position_spherical())

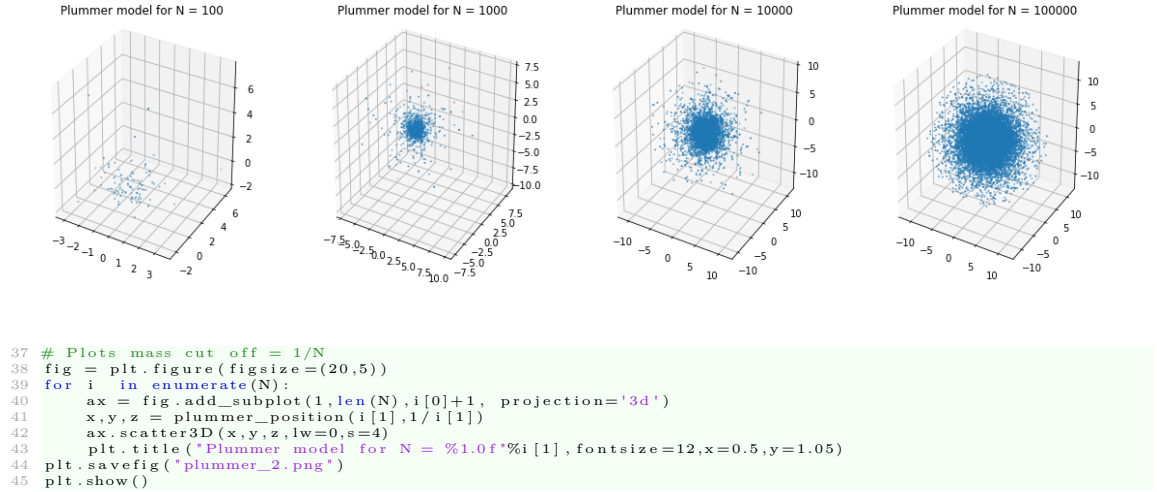
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- d) Verify that the density profile of the sampled stars approaches the desired profile for large  $N$ .

We have analysed the density profile for  $N \in \{100, 1000, 10000, 100000\}$  and in the case of  $\mathcal{M}(r) = \hat{m} = 1/N$  we obtain the following picture.



We see that the larger  $N$  the better we see the expected isotropic sphere. We have also analysed an uniformly distributed  $\mathcal{M}(r)$  between  $1/N$  and  $1.0$  ( $\mathcal{M}(r) \in \mathcal{U}(1/N, 1.0)$ ) which gives us the following density profile evolution.



For every star whose position we have already sampled, we now need to sample a velocity from the

conditional distribution  $f_{vel}(\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{x}) = f_{vel}(\mathbf{v}|r)$ , where the last equality holds in spherical symmetry.

The distribution function of energies in the Plummer model is known (see Binney Tremaine). A star cannot exceed the *escape velocity*  $v_e$  corresponding to  $E = 0$  at its radius, where  $E(v, \hat{r}) = v^2/2 + \hat{\Phi}(\hat{r})$  and therefore  $v_e(\hat{r}) = \sqrt{-2\hat{\Phi}(\hat{r})} = \sqrt{2}(1 + \hat{r}^2)^{-1/4}$ . Let  $q := v/v_e$ , then the distribution function of the modulus of the velocity can be written as

$$p_q(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{512}{7\pi} q^2 (1 - q^2)^{7/2} & 0 < q < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

- e) Use von Neumann rejection sampling to sample a  $q \sim p_q$  for every star, and use  $v = qv_e(\hat{r})$  to turn it into a radius dependent velocity modulus. Finally use the 3D-unit-vector sampling to obtain a 3D isotropic vector.

The normalization factor of  $p_q(q)$  does not have to be considered because the scaling factor of the comparing distributions can be dropped. So, the distribution function of the velocity is proportional to  $p_q(q) = q^2(1 - q^2)^{7/2}$ . To limit the sampling to the possible solution, we calculate the upper limit of the distribution such that

$$\frac{dp_q(q)}{dq} = 2(1 - q^2)^{7/2} - 7q^3(1 - q^2)^{5/2} = 2(1 - 9q^2)(1 - q^2)^{5/2} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \implies q_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$p_q(q_{max}) = p_q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{9}}\right) = 0.092 \sim 0.1,$$

and sample for  $q \sim p_q(q)$  out of uniformly distribution up to 0.1. To get the velocity we calculate  $v = qv_e(r) = q\sqrt{2}(1 + \hat{r}^2)^{-1/4}$ , and sample  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  as mentioned in c). We use the 3D-unit-vector sampling as well as mentioned in c) to obtain a 3D isotropic vector by transforming the spherical to Cartesian coordinates.

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46 def velocity_dens(number_of_particles):
47     Nstore = 0
48     x_value = numpy.zeros(0)
49     y_value = numpy.zeros(0)
50     while (Nstore < number_of_particles):
51         x = np.random.uniform(0,1.0,(number_of_particles-Nstore))
52         y = np.random.uniform(0,0.1,(number_of_particles-Nstore))
53         p = (x**2)*pow(1.0-x**2.0,7.0/2.0)
54         compare = y <= p
55         x_value = np.concatenate((x_value,x.compress(compare)))
56         y_value = np.concatenate((y_value,y.compress(compare)))
57         Nstore = len(x_value)
58     return (np.atleast_2d(x_value).transpose(),np.atleast_2d(y_value).transpose())
59
60 def velocity_spherical(radius):
61     x,y = velocity_dens(number_of_particles)
62     velocity = x*np.sqrt(2.0)*pow(1.0+radius*radius,-1.0/4.0)
63     theta = np.arccos(np.random.uniform(-1.0,1.0,(number_of_particles,1)))
64     phi = np.random.uniform(0.0,2*pi,(number_of_particles,1))
65     return (velocity,theta,phi)
66
67 def centering(vec,mass):
68     weight = (vec*mass)/sum(mass)
69     center = vec - weight
70     return center
71
72 mass = np.zeros((number_of_particles,1))+(1.0/number_of_particles)
73 radius, theta, phi = position_spherical()
74 position = np.hstack(spherical_to_cartesian(position_spherical()))
75 velocity = np.hstack(spherical_to_cartesian(velocity_spherical(radius)))
76 position = position/scaling
77 velocity = velocity/np.sqrt(1.0/scaling)

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- f) Because coordinates and velocities are produced from a random process, center of mass and center of momentum might not be exactly zero for small  $N$ . Subtract them, to define the rest frame of the cluster.

To make the center of mass adjustments we have calculated the center of mass position and the center of velocity and subtracted them from each particle's position and form from each particle's velocity, such that

$$\mathbf{x}_{center} = \mathbf{x}_i - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} m_i \mathbf{x}_i,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{center} = \mathbf{v}_i - \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} m_i \mathbf{v}_i,$$

where  $M$  is the total mass of the system and  $m_i$  is the fraction of mass for each star which is in our case  $m_i = \frac{1}{M}, \forall i \in N$ .

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78 # centering
79 def centering(vec, mass):
80     weight = (vec*mass)/sum(mass)
81     center = vec - weight
82     return center_1.png*)
83 plt.show()

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- g) Verify that the distribution function of energies  $E$  of the sampled system has the expected scaling  $p(E) \propto (E)$  for small energies and large  $N$  (plot the histogram in log-log), and that indeed all your stars are bound, i.e. have  $E < 0$  (see e.g., Binney & Tremaine for origin of the  $p(E)$  formula, can bonus points for re-deriving it for this system).

Our Plummer model implementation is optionally scaled such that the kinetic and potential energies are 0.25 and  $-0.5$ , respectively and thus gives a total energy of  $-0.25$  for the scaled system. For a broader distribution of energies we took a small  $N$ -body system of 5 and repeated the sampling 1,000,000 times to obtain the energy distribution. We see that the power-law behavior, especially in the semi-log plot and that energies are clearly bounded by  $E < 0$ . As mentioned we have plotted the desired log-log distribution and additionally have plotted a semi-log distribution as well. However, for large  $N$ -body systems the energy converges to the following numbers.

$$E_{kin} = \frac{3}{2} 4\pi \int_0^\infty \rho(r) \sigma^2(r) r^2 dr = \frac{3\pi}{64} \frac{GM^2}{a}$$

$$E_{pot} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \rho(r) \Phi(r) 4\pi r^2 dr = -\frac{3\pi}{32} \frac{GM^2}{a}$$

where  $\sigma^2(r)$  is the velocity dispersion, which is given by

$$\sigma^2(r) = \frac{G}{\rho(r)} \int_r^\infty \frac{\rho(r') \mathcal{M}(r') dr'}{r'^2}.$$

In order to transform the Plummer model into standard units where  $G=M=a=1$  we have to scale the position an velocity vector assuming that  $a = \frac{3\pi}{16}$  since the viral radius is  $r_{viral} = \frac{16}{3\pi} a = 1$  which is the inverse of the mean distance of particles  $i, j \in N$ , for  $\forall i \neq j$ . Doing so we get right scaling by

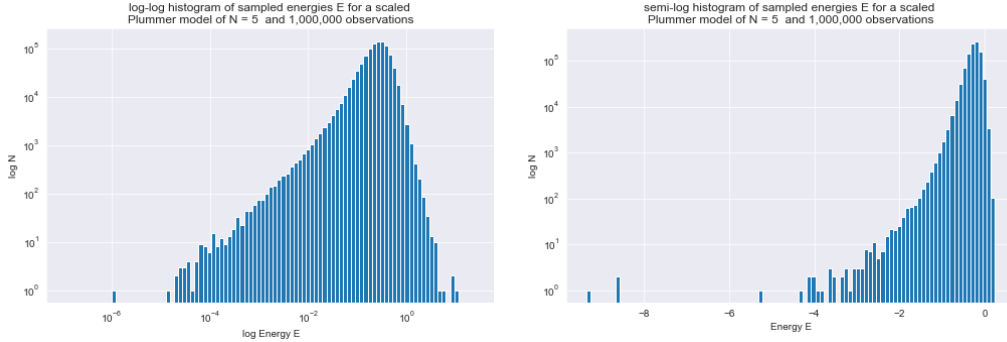
$$\mathbf{x}_{new} = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\frac{3\pi}{16}} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{v} * \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{16}}.$$

This change our expected results for  $E_{kin}$  and  $E_{pot}$  as well to

$$E_{kin} = \frac{3\pi}{64} \frac{16}{3\pi} = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$E_{pot} = -\frac{3\pi}{32} \frac{16}{3\pi} = -\frac{1}{2},$$

for  $G = M = a = 1$  and which results in a total energy of  $E_{tot} = -1/2$  for large N-body systems.



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84 # Energy analysis
85 def calc_energy(N,m,x,v):
86     kin = 0.; pot = 0.
87     x_ij = np.zeros_like(x[0])
88     for i in range(N):
89         kin += 1/2*m[i]*(norm(v[i])**2)
90         l = [k for k in range(N) if k > i]
91         for j in l:
92             x_ij = x[j]-x[i]
93             pot += (m[i]*m[j])/norm(x_ij)
94     return (kin+pot)
95
96 def hist_energy(N,repeat):
97     result = np.zeros(repeat)
98     for i in range(repeat):
99         m,x,v = plummer(N,0.99,16.0/(3*pi))
100         result[i] = calc_energy(N,m,x,v)
101     return result
102
103 # Histogram of energies # it takes same minutes
104 nbody = 5
105 obs = 1000000
106 result = hist_energy(nbody,obs)
107
108 # log-log plot
109 import pylab as pl
110 data = -result
111 pl.figure(figsize=(8,5))
112 pl.hist(data, bins=np.logspace(np.log(0.001),np.log(4.0),100))
113 pl.gca().set_xscale('log')
114 pl.gca().set_yscale('log')
115 pl.title('log-log histogram of sampled energies E for a scaled \n' +\
116         'Plummer model of N = %1.f' %nbody + ' and %1.f' %obs + ' observations')
117 pl.ylabel('log N')
118 pl.xlabel('log Energy E')
119 plt.grid()
120 plt.savefig('histogram_plummer.png')
121 pl.show()
122
123 # semi-log plot
124 import pylab as pl
125 data = result
126 pl.figure(figsize=(8,5))
127 pl.hist(data,100)
128 pl.gca().set_yscale('log')
129 pl.title('semi-log histogram of sampled energies E for a scaled \n' +\
130         'Plummer model of N = %1.f' %nbody + ' and %1.f' %obs + ' observations')
131 pl.ylabel('log N')
132 pl.xlabel('Energy E')
133 plt.grid()
134 plt.savefig('histogram_plummer_semi.png')
135 pl.show()

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- h) BONUS: run the cluster with the  $N$ -body method you developed. Verify that it remains relatively stable, i.e. does not collapse or explode on very short times, and that the energy is conserved. If you run the cluster for a longer time, it should evaporate by ejecting stars through 3-body-interactions.

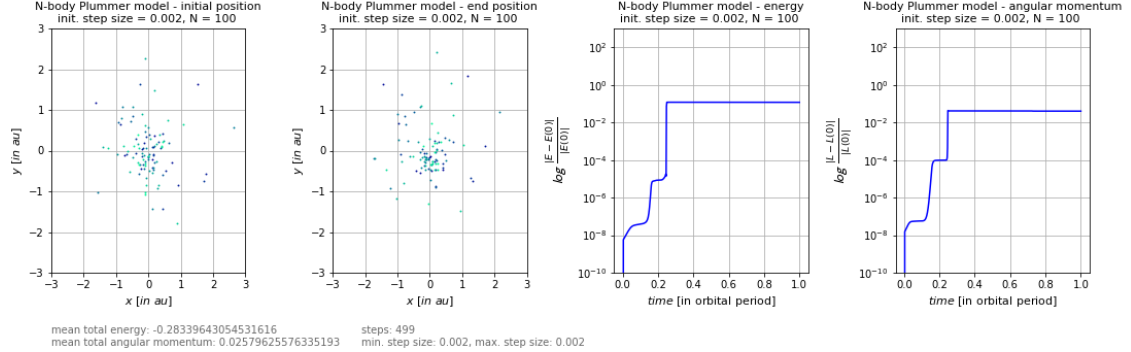
We have implemented a  $N$ -body Plummer model simulation with  $N = 100$  and a step size of  $s = 1/500$ , where the Plummer model provides the initial values in standard units  $G = M = a = 1$  (position coordinates are in barycentric coordinates). We further have implemented an adaptive step size configuration as well, where the time step may depend on the current curvature of the trajectory. In this case, the time step is calculated by the accelerations and the jerks, such that

$$\Delta t_{acc} = \tilde{\eta} \min_{i=1,\dots,N} \frac{|\mathbf{a}_i(t_n)|}{|\dot{\mathbf{a}}_i(t_n)|}.$$

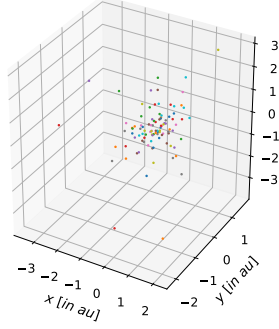
We also have implemented an adaptive step size simulation based on the position and the velocity

$$\Delta t_{vel} = \tilde{\eta} \min_{i=1,\dots,N} \frac{|\sum_{j \neq i} r_j - r_i|}{|\sum_{j \neq i} v_j - v_i|}.$$

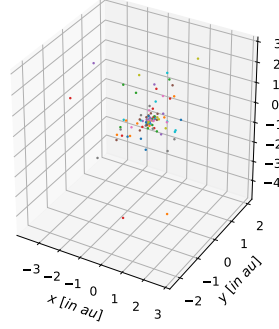
This simulation uses larger time steps for particles that are far apart or moving slowly with smaller time steps when particles are closer together or moving quickly and is basically build on the same intuition as in the first adaptive time step approach. We see as expected that the total energy and the total angular momentum is conserved. The first two plots show the initial and the final position of our simulation.



N-body Plummer model - initial position  
init. step size = 0.002, N = 100



N-body Plummer model - end position  
init. step size = 0.002, N = 100



In the appendix one can see the programmed Plummer modul and the N-body Plummer implementation with optional step size adaption.

## Appendix Lab Project 1 - Code

### Plummer modul:

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136 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
137 """
138 @author: Dawid Stepanovic - Plummer modul
139 """
140 import numpy.random
141 import numpy as np
142 from math import pi
143
144 # Plummer modul
145 def plummer(number_of_particles, mass_cutoff, scaling = 1.):
146     def calculate_radius():
147         random_mass_fraction = np.random.uniform(1/number_of_particles, mass_cutoff, (
148             number_of_particles, 1))
149         radius = 1.0/pow(pow(random_mass_fraction, -2.0/3.0) - 1.0, 1.0/2.0)
150         return radius
151
152     def position_spherical():
153         radius = calculate_radius()
154         theta = numpy.arccos(np.random.uniform(-1.0, 1.0, (number_of_particles, 1)))
155         phi = np.random.uniform(0.0, 2*pi, (number_of_particles, 1))
156         return (radius, theta, phi)
157
158     def spherical_to_cartesian(vec):
159         x = vec[0]*np.sin(vec[1])*np.cos(vec[2])
160         y = vec[0]*np.sin(vec[1])*np.sin(vec[2])
161         z = vec[0]*np.cos(vec[1])
162         return (x, y, z)
163
164     def velocity_position(number_of_particles):
165         Nstore = 0
166         x_value = numpy.zeros(0)
167         y_value = numpy.zeros(0)
168         while (Nstore < number_of_particles):
169             x = np.random.uniform(0, 1.0, (number_of_particles - Nstore))
170             y = np.random.uniform(0, 0.1, (number_of_particles - Nstore))
171             p = (x**2)*pow(1.0 - x**2.0, 7.0/2.0)
172             compare = y <= p
173             x_value = np.concatenate((x_value, x.compress(compare)))
174             y_value = np.concatenate((y_value, y.compress(compare)))
175             Nstore = len(x_value)
176         return (np.atleast_2d(x_value).transpose(), np.atleast_2d(y_value).transpose())
177
178     def velocity_spherical(radius):
179         x, y = velocity_position(number_of_particles)
180         velocity = x*np.sqrt(2.0)*pow(1.0 + radius*radius, -1.0/4.0)
181         theta = np.arccos(np.random.uniform(-1.0, 1.0, (number_of_particles, 1)))
182         phi = np.random.uniform(0.0, 2*pi, (number_of_particles, 1))
183         return (velocity, theta, phi)
184
185     def centering(vec, mass):
186         weight = (vec*mass)/sum(mass)
187         center = vec - weight
188         return center
189
190     mass = np.zeros((number_of_particles, 1)) + (1.0/number_of_particles)
191     radius, theta, phi = position_spherical()
192     position = np.hstack((spherical_to_cartesian(position_spherical()),))
193     velocity = np.hstack((spherical_to_cartesian(velocity_spherical(radius)),))
194     position = position/scaling
195     velocity = velocity/np.sqrt(1.0/scaling)
196
197     # centering
198     position = centering(position, mass)
199     velocity = centering(velocity, mass)
200     return (mass, position, velocity)

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### N-body Plummer:

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200 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
201 """
202 @author: Dawid Stepanovic - N-body Plummer
203 """
204 from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
205 import numpy as np
206 import plummer_modul as pl
207 from numpy.linalg import norm
208 from math import pi
209 np.set_printoptions(precision=20)
210
211 method = "rk4" # implemented methods: "rk4", "rk4_acc", "rk4_vel"
212 nbody = 100 # number of bodies
213 period = 1 # period
214 step_val = 1/500 # initial step size
215 norbit_val = 1 # number of orbits
216
217 def Nbodyproblem_Plummer(method, nbody, period, step_val, norbit_val):
218
219     # general setting
220     dt = step_val # time step
221     norbits = norbit_val # number of orbits
222     au = 1.49597870700*10**11 # in m

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223 G_SI      = 6.67408*10**-11          # gravitational constant [in m^3/(kg*s^2)]
224 daysec    = 86400.                  # in seconds
225 solar     = 1.988544*10**30         # in kg
226
227 # convert the gravitational constant
228 G_new = G_SI/au**3*solar*(daysec)**2/np.square(2*np.pi/365.2568983263281) # ~ 1
229
230 # variable setting
231 if method == "rk4":
232     steps = int(norbits*(period/dt))
233 else:
234     steps = int(norbits*(period/dt))*100
235
236 t = np.zeros(steps); dtstore = np.zeros(steps); energy = np.zeros(steps); moment = np.zeros(steps)
237
238 a_time = np.zeros(nbody)
239
240 # r array stores the steps, the number of bodies in the system and the (x,y,z) array
241 r = np.zeros((steps,nbody,3))
242 v = np.zeros_like(r)
243
244 # gravitational constant*mass
245 mass,pos,vel = pl.plummer(nbody,0.99,16.0/(3*pi))
246 m = mass
247 # initial position and velocity
248 for i in range(nbody):
249     r[0,i,:] = pos[i];
250     v[0,i,:] = vel[i];
251
252 # acceleration for j != i
253 def acceleration(i,r):
254     a = np.zeros_like(r[0])
255     r_ij = np.zeros_like(r[0])
256     l = [k for k in range(nbody) if k != i]
257     for j in l:
258         r_ij = r[j]-r[i]
259         a += m[j]/(norm(r_ij))*3*r_ij
260     return a
261
262 # jerk for j != i
263 def acceleration_dot(i,r,v):
264     a_dot = np.zeros_like(r[0])
265     r_ij = np.zeros_like(r[0])
266     v_ij = np.zeros_like(r[0])
267     l = [k for k in range(nbody) if k != i]
268     for j in l:
269         r_ij = r[j]-r[i]
270         v_ij = v[j]-v[i]
271         a_dot += m[j]/(norm(r_ij))*3*v_ij-(3*np.dot(r_ij,v_ij)/(norm(r_ij))**5*r_ij)
272     return a_dot
273
274 # total (kinetic + potential) energy
275 def calc_energy(r,v):
276     kin = 0.; pot = 0.
277     r_ij = np.zeros_like(r[0])
278     for i in range(nbody):
279         kin += 1/2*m[i]*(norm(v[i])**2)
280         l = [k for k in range(nbody) if k > i]
281         for j in l:
282             r_ij = r[j]-r[i]
283             pot -= (m[i]*m[j])/norm(r_ij)
284     return (kin+pot)/G_new
285
286 # total angular momentum
287 def calc_moment(r,v):
288     L = np.zeros_like(r[0])
289     for i in range(nbody):
290         L += m[i]/G_new*np.cross(r[i],v[i])
291     return norm(L)
292
293 def diff(i,vr):
294     vr_ij = np.zeros_like(vr[0])
295     l = [k for k in range(nbody) if k != i]
296     for j in l:
297         vr_ij += vr[j]-vr[i]
298     return vr_ij
299
300 # Barycenter
301 def barycenter(r,v):
302     rbar = np.zeros(3)
303     vbar = np.zeros(3)
304     for i in range(nbody):
305         rbar += m[i]*r[i]
306         vbar += m[i]*v[i]
307     for i in range(nbody):
308         r[i] = r[i]-(rbar/G_new)/np.sum(m/G_new)
309         v[i] = v[i]-(vbar/G_new)/np.sum(m/G_new)
310     return rbar, vbar
311
312 # initial total energy
313 energy[0] = calc_energy(r[0],v[0])
314
315 # initial angular momentum
316 moment[0] = calc_moment(r[0],v[0])
317
318 # general settings for the RK-methods
319 n = 0

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319     t[n] = dt
320     dtstore[n] = dt
321
322     k1 = np.zeros((nbody,6))
323     k2 = np.zeros_like(k1)
324     k3 = np.zeros_like(k1)
325     k4 = np.zeros_like(k1)
326
327     # initial barycenter values
328     barycenter(r[0],v[0])
329
330     if(method == "rk4"):
331         for n in range(steps-1):
332             for i in range(nbody):
333                 k1[:,0:3] = dt*v[n,:]
334                 k1[i,3:6] = dt* acceleration(i,r[n])
335
336                 k2[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+0.5*k1[:,3:6])
337                 k2[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+0.5*k1[:,0:3])
338
339                 k3[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+0.5*k2[:,3:6])
340                 k3[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+0.5*k2[:,0:3])
341
342                 k4[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+k3[:,3:6])
343                 k4[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+k3[:,0:3])
344
345                 # next acceleration and position
346                 r[n+1,i] = r[n,i]+1/6*(k1[i,0:3]+2*k2[i,0:3]+2*k3[i,0:3]+k4[i,0:3])
347                 v[n+1,i] = v[n,i]+1/6*(k1[i,3:6]+2*k2[i,3:6]+2*k3[i,3:6]+k4[i,3:6])
348
349             # barycenter
350             barycenter(r[n+1],v[n+1])
351             # compute total energy of system
352             energy[n+1] = calc_energy(r[n+1],v[n+1])
353             # compute angular momentum of system
354             moment[n+1] = calc_moment(r[n+1],v[n+1])
355             # time step
356             t[n+1] = t[n]+dt
357             dtstore[n+1] = dt
358             n = n+1
359             print('t:',t[n])
360
361     elif(method == "rk4_vel"):
362         while(t[n]<period*norbits):
363             for i in range(nbody):
364                 k1[:,0:3] = dt*v[n,:]
365                 k1[i,3:6] = dt* acceleration(i,r[n])
366
367                 k2[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+0.5*k1[:,3:6])
368                 k2[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+0.5*k1[:,0:3])
369
370                 k3[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+0.5*k2[:,3:6])
371                 k3[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+0.5*k2[:,0:3])
372
373                 k4[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+k3[:,3:6])
374                 k4[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+k3[:,0:3])
375
376                 # next acceleration and position
377                 r[n+1,i] = r[n,i]+1/6*(k1[i,0:3]+2*k2[i,0:3]+2*k3[i,0:3]+k4[i,0:3])
378                 v[n+1,i] = v[n,i]+1/6*(k1[i,3:6]+2*k2[i,3:6]+2*k3[i,3:6]+k4[i,3:6])
379
380             # barycenter
381             barycenter(r[n+1],v[n+1])
382             # compute total energy of system
383             energy[n+1] = calc_energy(r[n+1],v[n+1])
384             # compute angular momentum of system
385             moment[n+1] = calc_moment(r[n+1],v[n+1])
386             # time step
387             for i in range(nbody):
388                 a_time[i] = norm(diff(i,r[n+1]))/norm(diff(i,v[n+1]))
389
390             multiplier = 10
391             if((np.min(step_val*a_time[a_time > 0])*multiplier)/(t[n]-t[n-1])> 10):
392                 dt = dt
393             else:
394                 dt = np.min(step_val*a_time[a_time > 0])*multiplier
395             t[n+1] = t[n]+dt
396             dtstore[n+1] = dt
397             n = n+1
398             print('t:',t[n])
399
400     elif(method == "rk4_acc"):
401         while(t[n]<period*norbits):
402             for i in range(nbody):
403                 k1[:,0:3] = dt*v[n,:]
404                 k1[i,3:6] = dt* acceleration(i,r[n])
405
406                 k2[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+0.5*k1[:,3:6])
407                 k2[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+0.5*k1[:,0:3])
408
409                 k3[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+0.5*k2[:,3:6])
410                 k3[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+0.5*k2[:,0:3])
411
412                 k4[:,0:3] = dt*(v[n,:]+k3[:,3:6])
413                 k4[i,3:6] = dt*acceleration(i,r[n]+k3[:,0:3])
414
415                 # next acceleration and position

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416         r[n+1,i] = r[n,i]+1/6*(k1[i,0:3]+2*k2[i,0:3]+2*k3[i,0:3]+k4[i,0:3])
417         v[n+1,i] = v[n,i]+1/6*(k1[i,3:6]+2*k2[i,3:6]+2*k3[i,3:6]+k4[i,3:6])
418
419     # barycenter
420     barycenter(r[n+1],v[n+1])
421     # compute total energy of system
422     energy[n+1] = calc_energy(r[n+1],v[n+1])
423     # compute angular momentum of system
424     moment[n+1] = calc_moment(r[n+1],v[n+1])
425     # time step
426     for i in range(nbody):
427         a_time[i] = norm(acceleration(i,r[n+1]))/norm(acceleration_dot(i,r[n+1],v[n+1]))
428
429     multiplier = 1e8
430     if ((np.min(step_val*a_time[a_time > 0])*multiplier)/(t[n]-t[n-1])> 2):
431         dt = dt
432     else:
433         dt = np.min(step_val*a_time[a_time > 0])*multiplier
434         t[n+1] = t[n]+dt
435         dtstore[n+1] = dt
436         n = n+1
437         print('t:',t[n])
438
439 # extract relevant non-zero values
440 r=r[:n+1]
441 t=t[:n+1]
442 dtstore=dtstore[:n+1]
443 energy=energy[:n+1]
444 moment=moment[:n+1]
445
446 # plots
447 # figure 1 - orbit
448 plt.figure(figsize=(18,5))
449 plt.subplots_adjust(wspace = 0.45, left=1/9, right=1-1/9, bottom=1/4.8, top=1-1/7.5)
450 plt.subplot(141)
451 for i in range(nbody):
452     plt.plot(r[0,i,0],r[0,i,1],color=(0,i/nbody,0.6,1),linewidth=.5,\
453             marker='h',markersize=1,markevery=1)
454
455 plt.title(r'N-body Plummer model - initial position'\n'\
456          'init. step size = %1.3f, ' %step_val +\
457          'N = %1.f ' %nbody,fontsize=11)
458 plt.xlabel(r'$x$-[in-au]$',fontsize=11)
459 plt.ylabel(r'$y$-[in-au]$',fontsize=11)
460
461 plt.ylim([-3,3])
462 plt.xlim([-3,3])
463 plt.grid()
464
465 col = 'dimgrey'
466 plt.annotate('mean total energy: '+str(np.mean(energy))\
467             ,xy=(0.0, -0.25),xycoords='axes fraction',color=col)
468 plt.annotate('mean total angular momentum: '+str(np.mean(moment))\
469             ,xy=(0.0, -0.3),xycoords='axes fraction',color=col)
470 plt.annotate('steps: '+str(n),xy=(1.6, -0.25),xycoords='axes fraction',color=col)
471 plt.annotate('min. step size: '+str(np.min(dtstore))+\
472             ', max. step size: '+str(np.max(dtstore)),\
473             xy=(1.6, -0.3),xycoords='axes fraction',color=col)
474
475 plt.subplot(142)
476 for i in range(nbody):
477     plt.plot(r[n,i,0],r[n,i,1],color=(0,i/nbody,0.6,1),linewidth=.5,\
478             marker='h',markersize=1,markevery=1)
479 plt.title(r'N-body Plummer model - end position'\n'\
480          'init. step size = %1.3f, ' %step_val +\
481          'N = %1.f ' %nbody,fontsize=11)
482 plt.xlabel(r'$x$-[in-au]$',fontsize=11)
483 plt.ylabel(r'$y$-[in-au]$',fontsize=11)
484
485 plt.ylim([-3,3])
486 plt.xlim([-3,3])
487 plt.grid()
488
489 # figure 3 - total energy
490 plt.subplot(143)
491 plt.semilogy(t/period,abs(energy-energy[0])/abs(energy[0]),'k',color='b')
492 plt.title(r'N-body Plummer model - energy'\n'\
493          'init. step size = %1.3f, ' %step_val +\
494          'N = %1.f ' %nbody,fontsize=11)
495 plt.xlabel(r'$time$-[\rm in-orbital-period]$',fontsize=11)
496 plt.ylabel(r'$\mathcal{\log}-\frac{|E-E(0)|}{|E(0)|}$',fontsize=13.5)
497 plt.ylim([1e-10,1000])
498 plt.grid()
499
500 # figure 4 - total angular momentum
501 plt.subplot(144)
502 plt.semilogy(t/period,abs(moment-moment[0])/abs(moment[0]),'k',color='b')
503 plt.title(r'N-body Plummer model - angular momentum'\n'\
504          'init. step size = %1.3f, ' %step_val +\
505          'N = %1.f ' %nbody,fontsize=11)
506 plt.xlabel(r'$time$-[\rm in-orbital-period]$',fontsize=11)
507 plt.ylabel(r'$\mathcal{\log}-\frac{|L-L(0)|}{|L(0)|}$',fontsize=13.5)
508 plt.ylim([1e-10,1000])
509 plt.grid()
510
511 # save figures as pdf
512 plt.savefig('Nbody_plummer.png')

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513 plt.show()
514
515 # 3D plots
516 # figure 1 - initial position
517 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
518 ax = fig.add_subplot(1,2,1, projection='3d')
519 for i in range(nbody):
520     ax.scatter3D(r[0,i,0],r[0,i,1],r[0,i,2],lw=0,s=4)
521 plt.title(r"N-body Plummer model - initial position"+"\n" +
522         "init. step size = %1.3f, " %step_val +\
523         "N = %1.f " %nbody, fontsize=11)
524 plt.xlabel(r"$x-[in-au]$", fontsize=11)
525 plt.ylabel(r"$y-[in-au]$", fontsize=11)
526
527 # figure 2 - end position
528 ax = fig.add_subplot(1,2,2, projection='3d')
529 for i in range(nbody):
530     ax.scatter3D(r[n,i,0],r[n,i,1],r[n,i,2],lw=0,s=4)
531 plt.title(r"N-body Plummer model - end position"+"\n" +
532         "init. step size = %1.3f, " %step_val +\
533         "N = %1.f " %nbody, fontsize=11)
534 plt.xlabel(r"$x-[in-au]$", fontsize=11)
535 plt.ylabel(r"$y-[in-au]$", fontsize=11)
536 plt.savefig("Nbody_plummer_3D.pdf")
537 plt.show()
538
539 Nbodyproblem_Plumer(method,nbody,period,step_val,norbit_val)

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