

# Computer Seminar I: Final Project

## Simulation of Charged Particle Inside Electromagnetic Field

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## 1 Introduction

This simulation is based on charged particles' natural behavior when it interacts with other charged particle, a static magnetic field, and a static electric field. It will visualize the trajectory of either a positive or negative particles governed by the existing law such as *Lorentz force* and *Coulomb's law*. However, in this simulation it is assumed that there is no friction (vacuum) and the gravity acceleration is set to 0.

## 2 Program Explanation

When the program is executed, it will show a pygame window with dimension  $1200 \times 800$  pixels and blue-colored background. It has two legends at the right top part that indicate the vector of magnetic and electric field respectively  $([x, y, z])$ . There is also a short text instructing on how to start over by pressing the  $[r]$  key button located at the bottom left part of the window.

The detailed commands are described as follows:

- Left-Click Mouse: Create a positive charge particle that is indicated by  $+$  sign and red color.
- Right-Click Mouse: Create a negative charge particle that is indicated by  $-$  sign and elm color.
- Key  $[SPACE]$  Button: Has to be pressed together with either left or right click mouse to create a white-colored fixed charged particle. The charge depends on the mouse click.
- Key  $[UP]$  and  $[DOWN]$  Button: Change the value of the electric field vector in  $y$ -direction.
- Key  $[LEFT]$  and  $[RIGHT]$  Button: Change the value of the electric field vector in  $x$ -direction.
- Key  $[EQUAL]$  and  $[-]$  Button: Change the value of the magnetic field vector in  $z$ -direction.
- Key  $[r]$  Button: Delete all the particles and reset both fields vectors to 0.

In addition, the initial velocity of the charged particles can be set by clicking the mouse and dragging it a distance before releasing it (similar to the exercise given in the 5<sup>th</sup> lecture). There is also a footprint for each non-fixed particle when it moves.

## 3 Implementation

In general, most of the implementations that are being used in this simulation are based on the *spring\_mass.py* and *interactive\_main.py* files. The program also has two .py files that consists of *electro\_magnetic.py*, which holds the classes of the objects that are going to be implemented, and *main.py* that sets the initial values as well as runs the program. Moreover, the *pygame.math.Vector3* module is used here instead of the *pygame.math.Vector2* as 3D vectors are needed to implement the *Lorentz force*.

### 3.1 World, CircleDrawer, Tracer, and ValueBoard Classes

#### 3.1.1 World Class

```
6  class World:
7      def __init__(self, size, dt):
8          self.size = size
9          self.dt = dt
10
```

Figure 1: World Class

The World Class is pretty much the same as the World Class defined in *spring\_mass.py* file except it doesn't have the gravity argument as this simulation doesn't take gravity force into account.

#### 3.1.2 CircleDrawer Class

```
11 class CircleDrawer:
12     def __init__(self, color, text_color, font_size,
13                 font_file, width, antialias=True):
14         self.color = pygame.Color(color)
15         self.color_text = text_color
16         self.width = width
17         self.font_size = font_size
18         self.font = pygame.font.Font(font_file, self.font_size)
19         self.antialias = antialias
20
21     def __call__(self, screen, center, radius, text):
22         pygame.draw.circle(screen, self.color, center, radius, self.width)
23         text_image = self.font.render(text, self.antialias, self.color_text)
24         screen.blit(text_image,
25                     (center - PgVector((0.5 * radius, (self.font_size - 2 * radius))))
```

Figure 2: CircleDrawer Class

The CircleDrawer Class used in this simulation was also based on the CircleDrawer Class from *spring\_mass.py* file. This class will be used only to draw the charged particles and since there are two types of it, it will be more convenient to add a text indicating what kind of charge it is. This feature has already included in this Class indicated by the addition of several arguments like `font_size` and `font_file` on the initiation to specify the font and `text` on the `__call__` method to print the desired text. The position of the text (in this case is sign) is in the center of the circle and was determined by trial and error with `radius = 10` and

`font_size = 30`. However, the position of the text has to be adjusted once the mentioned values are changed.

### 3.1.3 Tracer Class

```
27 class Tracer:
28     def __init__(self, color, radius, interval, width):
29         self.color = pygame.Color(color)
30         self.width = width
31         self.interval = interval
32         self.radius = radius
33
34     def __call__(self, screen, position_list):
35         i = 0
36         for i in range(0, len(position_list) -
37                        len(position_list)%self.interval, self.interval):
38             pos = position_list[i]
39             pygame.draw.circle(screen, self.color, (pos[0], pos[1]), self.radius)
```

Figure 3: Tracer Class

This is a new class functioned as the tracer for the moving particles. When it is called, it receives an argument `position_list`, which is a list that contains the position of the particle for every time interval. The tracer then will be displayed according to the specified interval. In addition, since it traces the particle based on its previous positions, it will indicate the particles' acceleration (the same concept as ticker tape).

### 3.1.4 ValueBoard Class

```
39 class ValueBoard:
40     def __init__(self, color, font_size, font_file, pos, antialias=True):
41         self.color = pygame.Color(color)
42         self.font_size = font_size
43         self.font = pygame.font.Font(font_file, font_size)
44         self.pos1 = PgVector((pos[0], pos[1]))
45         self.pos2 = self.pos1 + 0.8 * PgVector((0, self.font_size))
46         self.antialias = antialias
47
48     def __call__(self, screen, text1, text2):
49         text_image1 = self.font.render(text1, self.antialias, self.color)
50         text_image2 = self.font.render(text2, self.antialias, self.color)
51         screen.blit(text_image1, self.pos1)
52         screen.blit(text_image2, self.pos2)
```

Figure 4: ValueBoard Class

The main purpose of this class is to display the legend text. It receives several text-related input as initiation arguments and two text input when it is called. The second text (`text2`) will be displayed below the first text (`text1`).

## 3.2 Creating Particles

### 3.2.1 Non-Fixed Charged Particles

```
61 class ChargedParticle:
62     def __init__(self, pos, vel, world, radius=10, mass=10,
63                 charge_value=10, charge_sign=True, restitution=0.95,
64                 drawer=None, tracer=None):
65
66         self.is_alive = True
67         self.world = world
68         self.drawer = drawer
69         self.tracer = tracer
70
71         self.pos = Vector3d((pos[0], pos[1], 0))
72         self.list_position = [(pos[0], pos[1], 0)]
73         self.vel = Vector3d((vel[0], vel[1], 0))
74         self.radius = radius
75         self.mass = mass
76         self.restitution = restitution
77         if charge_sign:
78             self.charge = charge_value
79             self.text = '+'
80         else:
81             self.charge = -charge_value
82             self.text = '-'
83
84         self.total_force = Vector3d((0, 0, 0))
```

Figure 5: Non-Fixed Charged Particles Initiation

Overall, the initiation arguments are pretty much the same as `PointMass` class. There are some additional arguments like `charge_value`, `charge_sign`, and `tracer` (the name reflects the role).

The methods used are also pretty similar to `PointMass` class as shown in figure 6. There are some new methods like `trace` to call the object of type `Tracer` and `update_after_move` to kill the particle once it moves beyond the world. The same function is also used to calculate the new position and velocity (`integrate_symplectic`, figure 7).

```
56 def integrate_symplectic(pos, vel, force, mass, dt):
57     vel_new = vel + force / mass * dt
58     pos_new = pos + vel_new * dt
59     return pos_new, vel_new
```

Figure 7: Integrate-Symplectic Function

```

86     def update(self):
87         self.move()
88         self.list_position.append(self.pos)
89         self.update_after_move()
90         self.total_force = Vector3d((0, 0, 0))
91
92     def draw(self, screen):
93         self.drawer(screen, PgVector((self.pos[0], self.pos[1])),
94             self.radius, self.text)
95
96     def trace(self, screen):
97         self.tracer(screen, self.list_position)
98
99     def receive_force(self, force):
100         self.total_force += Vector3d(force)
101
102     def update_after_move(self):
103         if self.pos[0] < 0 or self.pos[0] > self.world.size[0] \
104             or self.pos[1] > self.world.size[1] or self.pos[1] < 0:
105             self.is_alive = False
106
107     def move(self):
108         self.pos, self.vel = \
109             integrate_symplectic(self.pos, self.vel, self.total_force,
110                                 self.mass, self.world.dt)

```

Figure 6: Non-Fixed Charged Particles Methods

### 3.2.2 Fixed Charged Particles

This class also uses the same implementation as `FixedPointMass`: inheritance (figure 8). The charge sign is also set as the initiation argument as it will depend on the mouse-click input. By setting the velocity value to (0,0,0) and mass to  $10^9$ , the particle won't move anywhere.

## 3.3 Forces

There are 4 forces in total: *Lorentz force*, Electric field force, *Coulomb force*, and Collision force. The first two forces are not appended to the actor list as its values are subject to change, whereas the latter are appended to the actor list because it governs interaction between particles thus needs to track the existing particle. Each force has its own function (the physical equation) and class (the regulator).

### 3.3.1 Lorentz Force

Lorentz force dictates that a particle  $q$  moving with a velocity  $\vec{v}$  will experience a force of

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

due to the existence of a magnetic field  $\vec{B}$ . This equation is implemented in `compute_lorentz_force` function as shown in figure 9.

The class that corresponds to this function is shown in figure 10.

```

112 class FixedChargedParticle(ChargedParticle):
113     def __init__(self, pos, vel, world, radius=10, mass=10,
114                 charge_value=10, charge_sign=True, restitution=0.95,
115                 drawer=None, tracer=None):
116         super().__init__(pos, vel, world, radius, mass,
117                         charge_value, charge_sign, restitution, drawer, tracer)
118         self.vel, self.mass = Vector3d((0, 0, 0)), 1e9
119
120     def move(self):
121         pass

```

Figure 8: Fixed Charged Particles

```

126 def compute_lorentz_force(magnetic_field, vel, charge):
127     return vel.cross(charge * magnetic_field)

```

Figure 9: Lorentz Force Function

```

232 class MagneticForce:
233     def __init__(self, world, actor_list, MagneticField=(0,0,0),
234                 target_condition=None, drawer=None, tracer=None):
235         self.world = world
236         self.actor_list = actor_list
237         self.magnetic_field = Vector3d([MagneticField[0], MagneticField[1],
238                                         MagneticField[2]])
239         self.drawer = drawer
240         self.tracer = tracer
241
242         if target_condition is None:
243             self.target_condition = is_charged_particle
244         else:
245             self.target_condition = target_condition
246
247     def update(self):
248         self.generate_force()
249
250     def draw(self, screen):
251         text1 = "Magnetic Field Vector:"
252         text2 = str(self.magnetic_field)
253         self.drawer(screen, text1, text2)
254
255     def trace(self, screen):
256         if self.tracer is not None:
257             self.tracer(screen)
258
259     def generate_force(self):
260         plist = [a for a in self.actor_list if self.target_condition(a)]
261         for p in plist:
262             fl = compute_lorentz_force(self.magnetic_field, p.vel, p.charge)
263             p.receive_force(fl)

```

Figure 10: Lorentz Force Class

The initiation includes the declaration of several variables like `self.magnetic_field`, `self.drawer`, `self.target_condition`, etc. The overall structure is the same as the `CollisionResolver` Class: the `generate_force` method will iterate over the objects inside the actor list that fulfill the `self.target_condition` (which later will be defined as function that excludes anything except particles, as shown in figure 11), then it will compute the corresponding *Lorentz force* for each particle. This method will then be executed once the `update` method is called.

```
123 def is_charged_particle(actor):
124     ...return isinstance(actor, ChargedParticle)
```

Figure 11: `is_charge_particle` Function

For the `draw` method, since we want to display texts that indicate the value of the magnetic field vector, we create the indicator text "Magnetic Field Vector:" and the value of the magnetic field itself `self.magnetic_field`. Later in the `main.py`, we will declare the `self.drawer` as the `ValueBoard` Class. Moreover, the *Lorentz force* does not need any tracer thus `self.tracer` is defined as shown in line 255-257.

### 3.3.2 Electric Field Force

This law dictates that a particle  $q$  will experience a force of

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

due to the existence of a electric field  $\vec{E}$ . This equation is implemented in `compute_electric_field_force` as shown in figure 12

```
129 def compute_electric_field_force(electric_field, charge):
130     ...return electric_field * charge
```

Figure 12: `Electric Field Force` Function

The class that corresponds to this function is shown in figure 13.

In general, since this force behaves in the same way as *Lorentz force*, it is implemented with the same structure as `MagneticForce` Class.

### 3.3.3 Coulomb Force

*Coulomb's law* dictates that there exists a force between two electrically charged particles:

$$\vec{F} = k_e \frac{q_1 q_2}{|\mathbf{r}_{12}|^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12}$$

Where  $k_e$  is *Coulomb's constant*,  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are the charges,  $\mathbf{r}_{12}$  is the vectorial distance between the charges and  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{12}$  is the unit vector pointing from  $q_2$  to  $q_1$ . This force is implemented in `coulomb_force` as shown in figure 14.

```

265 class ElectricFieldForce:
266     def __init__(self, world, actor_list, ElectricField=(0,0,0),
267                 target_condition=None, drawer=None, tracer=None):
268         self.world = world
269         self.actor_list = actor_list
270         self.electric_field = Vector3d([ElectricField[0], ElectricField[1],
271                                     ElectricField[2]])
272         self.drawer = drawer
273         self.tracer = tracer
274
275         if target_condition is None:
276             self.target_condition = is_charged_particle
277         else:
278             self.target_condition = target_condition
279
280     def update(self):
281         self.generate_force()
282
283     def draw(self, screen):
284         text1 = "Electric Field Vector:"
285         text2 = str(self.electric_field)
286         self.drawer(screen, text1, text2)
287
288     def trace(self, screen):
289         if self.tracer is not None:
290             self.tracer(screen)
291
292     def generate_force(self):
293         plist = [a for a in self.actor_list if self.target_condition(a)]
294         for p in plist:
295             fe = compute_electric_field_force(self.electric_field, p.charge)
296             p.receive_force(fe)

```

Figure 13: Electric Field Force Class

```

132 def coulomb_force(constant, p1, p2):
133     if p1.pos == p2.pos:
134         return None
135     direction = p2.pos - p1.pos
136     distance = (direction.magnitude())
137     unit_vector = direction / distance
138     effective_distance = distance - (p1.radius + p2.radius)
139     fe = unit_vector * ((constant * p1.charge * p2.charge /
140                        (effective_distance ** 2)))
141     return fe

```

Figure 14: Coulomb Force Function

The condition in line 133 is written because the direction of the force cannot be determined if the positions of particles 1 and 2 are exactly the same. This is actually an improbable situation



that might happen in the simulations. Here, it is ignored. In addition, I also tweaked the formula a little bit: instead of using the actual distance between particles, I used the variable `effective_distance`, which is defined as the distance subtracted by both particles' radius, as the denominator.

The reason why I did this is because I just found out that charged particles (e.g. electron and proton) cannot in normal situations 'collide' because of 'strong nuclear force'. Even though I have revised the collision impact force a little so that it would collide with a certain distance between (it can be seen as the effect of the strong nuclear force), there are still some cases where the *Coulomb force* is higher than the impact force resulting one particle to penetrate the other. In my opinion, it is more natural for the particles to just fly away with infinite force before the penetration happens.

The class that corresponds to this function is shown in figure 15

```

158 class CoulombForce:
159     def __init__(self, world, actor_list, constant, target_condition=None,
160                 drawer=None, tracer=None):
161         self.is_alive = True
162         self.world = world
163         self.actor_list = actor_list
164         self.drawer = drawer
165         self.constant = constant
166         self.tracer = tracer
167
168         if target_condition is None:
169             self.target_condition = is_charged_particle
170         else:
171             self.target_condition = target_condition
172
173     def update(self):
174         self.generate_force()
175
176     def draw(self, screen):
177         if self.drawer is not None:
178             self.drawer(screen)
179
180     def trace(self, screen):
181         if self.tracer is not None:
182             self.tracer(screen)
183
184     def generate_force(self):
185         plist = [a for a in self.actor_list if self.target_condition(a)]
186         n = len(plist)
187         for i in range(n):
188             for j in range(i+1, n):
189                 p1, p2 = plist[i], plist[j]
190                 fe = coulomb_force(self.constant, p1, p2)
191                 if fe is None:
192                     continue
193                 p2.receive_force(fe)
194                 p1.receive_force(-fe)

```

Figure 15: *Coulomb* Force Class

This class also has the same structure as the previous classes. It does not need any legend thus the *drawer* method (line 176) is written in a similar way as the *trace* method. As we want the *Coulomb force* to exists between all generated particles, we do the iteration two times: (a) over all the particles, (b) from the current iterated particle plus one until the end of the list (as shown in line 187-188). It has the same idea as the *generate\_force* method in the *CollisionResolver* class.

### 3.3.4 Collision Force

It has the same code as the `compute_impact_force_between_points` function as shown in figure 16.

```
143 def compute_impact_force_between_points(p1, p2, dt, feynman_radius, constant):
144     ... if (p1.pos - p2.pos).magnitude() > p1.radius + p2.radius + feynman_radius:
145     ...     return None
146     ... if p1.pos == p2.pos:
147     ...     return None
148     ... normal = (p2.pos - p1.pos).normalize()
149     ... v1 = p1.vel.dot(normal)
150     ... v2 = p2.vel.dot(normal)
151     ... if v1 < v2:
152     ...     return None
153     ... e = p1.restitution * p2.restitution
154     ... m1, m2 = p1.mass, p2.mass
155     ... f1 = constant * normal * (-(e + 1) * v1 + (e + 1) * v2) / (1/m1 + 1/m2) / dt
156     ... return f1
```

Figure 16: Collision Force Function

However, as I have mentioned before, I tweak it a little so that the particles will collide at a certain distance. That certain distance is declared as an input variable called `feynman_radius`. Moreover, there is another additional argument called `constant` which is used to amplify the impact force.

The reason why I use collision force instead of putting the `feynman_radius` in the *Coulomb force* denominator (so the effective distance will be the distance between particles subtracted by both particles' radius and `feynman_radius`) is because if I took the latter approach, the particles will move in high speed due to the infinite force when it reaches the specified distance. I have no idea of how does the strong nuclear force governs the particles' interaction, but I think it is better to just use the collision force as it seems more natural.

The class that corresponds to this function is shown in figure 17

```

196 class CollisionResolver:
197     def __init__(self, world, actor_list, feynman_radius, constant,
198                 target_condition=None, drawer=None, tracer=None):
199         self.is_alive = True
200         self.world = world
201         self.drawer = drawer
202         self.tracer = tracer
203         self.feynman_radius = feynman_radius
204         self.constant = constant
205
206         self.actor_list = actor_list
207         if target_condition is None:
208             self.target_condition = is_charged_particle
209         else:
210             self.target_condition = target_condition
211
212     def update(self):
213         self.generate_force()
214
215     def draw(self, screen):
216         if self.drawer is not None:
217             self.drawer(screen)
218
219     def trace(self, screen):
220         if self.tracer is not None:
221             self.tracer(screen)
222
223     def generate_force(self):
224         plist = [a for a in self.actor_list if self.target_condition(a)]
225         n = len(plist)
226         for i in range(n):
227             for j in range(i + 1, n):
228                 p1, p2 = plist[i], plist[j]
229                 f1 = compute_impact_force_between_points(p1, p2, self.world.dt,
230                                                         self.feynman_radius,
231                                                         self.constant)
232                 if f1 is None:
233                     continue
234                 p1.receive_force(f1)
235                 p2.receive_force(-f1)

```

Figure 17: Collision Force Class

It has the same code as the original except that it accepts additional argumen such as `feynman_radius` and `constant` as it will be used on the `generate_force` method.

### 3.4 *main.py*

The code contained in this file has the same implementation as the code in *interactive\_main.py* from lecture 7 which has two main class: `ActorFactory` and `AppMain` class.

### 3.4.1 ActorFactory Class

This is the class where all the variables that won't be changed throughout simulation are declared. Values like mass, radius, font size, color, *Coulomb* constant, and others are declared. Then each method will accordingly return an object of type of class that exists in the *electro\_magnetic.py* file with some of the initiation arguments are filled with the declared variables. The class is shown in figure 18 and 19.

```
5 class ActorFactory:
6     def __init__(self, world, actor_list):
7         self.world = world
8         self.actor_list = actor_list
9
10    def create_charged_particle(self, pos, x0, y0, charge_sign=True, fixed=False):
11        x, y = pos
12        vel = ((x0 - x)/10, (y0 - y)/10, 0)
13        mass = 10
14        radius = 10
15        tracer_radius = 3
16        restitution = 0.95
17        charge_value = 0.3
18        tracer_interval = 5
19        charge_sign_color = (29, 53, 87)
20        font_size = 30
21        font_file = None
22
23        if not fixed:
24            ChargedParticleClass = emf.ChargedParticle
25            if charge_sign:
26                color = (211, 59, 82)
27            else:
28                color = (29, 115, 139)
29            else:
30                ChargedParticleClass = emf.FixedChargedParticle
31                color = (255, 255, 255)
32
33        return ChargedParticleClass(pos, vel, self.world, radius, mass, charge_value,
34                                    charge_sign, restitution,
35                                    emf.CircleDrawer(color, charge_sign_color, font_size,
36                                                        font_file, width=0),
37                                    emf.Tracer(color, tracer_radius, tracer_interval,
38                                                width=0))
39
```

Figure 18: ActorFactory Class (1)

In the `create_charged_particle` method, I add a condition to specify the color that will be assigned to the created particle. If it is not a fixed particle, it will have red color for positive charge and elm color for negative charge. If it is a fixed particle, then it will display white color (line 23-31). Moreover, the velocity is calculated by taking the difference between the initial position and the final position, which later will be specified when mouse button is down and up respectively.

```

40     def generate_coulomb_force(self):
41         coulomb_constant = 500000
42         return emf.CoulombForce(self.world, self.actor_list, coulomb_constant)
43
44     def generate_magnetic_force(self):
45         initial_magnetic_field = Vector3d((0,0,0))
46         color = (9, 31, 38)
47         font_size = 30
48         font_file = None
49         pos = (self.world.size[0] - 225, 0)
50         return emf.MagneticForce(self.world, self.actor_list, initial_magnetic_field,
51                                 drawer=emf.ValueBoard(color, font_size, font_file,
52                                                         pos, antialias=True))
53
54     def generate_electric_field_force(self):
55         initial_electric_field = Vector3d((0,0,0))
56         color = (9, 31, 38)
57         font_size = 30
58         font_file = None
59         pos = (self.world.size[0] - 225, 60)
60         return emf.ElectricFieldForce(self.world, self.actor_list,
61                                       initial_electric_field, drawer=emf.ValueBoard(
62                                           color, font_size, font_file, pos,
63                                           antialias=True))
64
65     def create_collision_resolver(self):
66         feynman_radius = 15
67         weak_force_limit = 5
68         return emf.CollisionResolver(self.world, self.actor_list,
69                                     feynman_radius, weak_force_limit)

```

Figure 19: ActorFactory Class (2)

### 3.4.2 AppMain Class

This class is the class where particles and forces will be generated, updated, and displayed. Most of the contents are the same as AppMain class in *interactive\_main.py*, but some new methods and refinements were added to make the simulation more interactive. This class is shown in figure 20, 21, and 22

```

78 class AppMain:
79     def __init__(self):
80         pygame.init()
81         width, height = 1200, 800
82         self.screen = pygame.display.set_mode((width, height))
83         self.actor_list = []
84         self.world = emf.World((width, height), dt=1.0)
85         self.factory = ActorFactory(self.world, self.actor_list)
86         self.magnetic_force = self.factory.generate_magnetic_force()
87         self.electric_field_force = self.factory.generate_electric_field_force()
88         self.text_display = self.factory.text_display()
89
90         self.actor_list.append(self.factory.create_collision_resolver())
91         self.actor_list.append(self.factory.generate_coulomb_force())
92
93     def add_particle(self, pos, x0, y0, button):
94         if pygame.key.get_pressed()[pygame.K_SPACE]:
95             fixed = True
96         else:
97             fixed = False
98
99         if button == 1:
100             charge_sign = True
101         elif button == 3:
102             charge_sign = False
103         else:
104             return
105
106         p = self.factory.create_charged_particle(pos, x0, y0, charge_sign, fixed)
107         self.actor_list.append(p)
108
109     def changing_magfield_value(self, button):
110         if button == pygame.K_EQUALS:
111             self.magnetic_force.magnetic_field += Vector3d((0,0,1))
112         elif button == pygame.K_MINUS:
113             self.magnetic_force.magnetic_field -= Vector3d((0,0,1))
114         else:
115             return

```

Figure 20: AppMain Class (1)

The `__init__` method is pretty obvious: it creates the actor list and assign each variable to its corresponding object via `ActorFactory` class. It also appends the object of type `CollisionResolver` and object of type `CoulombForce` to the actor list. On the other hand there are some conditions similar to `create_charged_particle` in the `add_particle` method, but it specifies the sign instead of color. In addition, there is also a condition to increase or decrease the magnetic field vector inside the `changing_magfield_value` method.

```

117     ...def changing_elfield_value(self, button):
118     ...     if button == pygame.K_UP:
119     ...         self.electric_field_force.electric_field += Vector3d((0,2,0))
120     ...     elif button == pygame.K_DOWN:
121     ...         self.electric_field_force.electric_field -= Vector3d((0,2,0))
122     ...     elif button == pygame.K_RIGHT:
123     ...         self.electric_field_force.electric_field += Vector3d((2,0,0))
124     ...     elif button == pygame.K_LEFT:
125     ...         self.electric_field_force.electric_field -= Vector3d((2,0,0))
126     ...     else:
127     ...         return
128     ...
129     ~def reset(self, button):
130     ...     if button == pygame.K_r:
131     ...         self.actor_list[:] = []
132     ...         self.actor_list.append(self.factory.create_collision_resolver())
133     ...         self.actor_list.append(self.factory.generate_coulomb_force())
134     ...         self.magnetic_force.magnetic_field = Vector3d((0,0,0))
135     ...         self.electric_field_force.electric_field = Vector3d((0,0,0))
136     ...
137     ~def update(self):
138     ...     self.magnetic_force.update()
139     ...     self.electric_field_force.update()
140     ...     for a in self.actor_list:
141     ...         a.update()
142     ...     self.actor_list[:] = [a for a in self.actor_list if a.is_alive]
143     ...
144     ~def draw(self):
145     ...     self.screen.fill(pygame.Color(208, 224, 239))
146     ...     self.electric_field_force.draw(self.screen)
147     ...     self.magnetic_force.draw(self.screen)
148     ...     self.text_display(self.screen, 'Press [r] to reset', '')
149     ...     for a in self.actor_list:
150     ...         a.trace(self.screen)
151     ...         a.draw(self.screen)
152     ...     pygame.display.update()

```

Figure 21: AppMain Class (2)

The `changing_elfield_value` method behaves exactly the same as `changing_magfield_value` method, it changes the electric field vector when particular keys are being pressed. For the `reset` method, it will empty the actor list then add again the `CollisionResolver` and `CoulombForce` classes. It will also set the magnetic and electric field equal to zero. The `update` and `draw` method function the same as the original code: it updates the force value and display the particles as well as the legends respectively.



```

154     def run(self):
155         clock = pygame.time.Clock()
156
157         while True:
158             frames_per_second = 60
159             clock.tick(frames_per_second)
160
161             should_quit = False
162             for event in pygame.event.get():
163                 if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
164                     should_quit = True
165                 elif event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN:
166                     self.changing_magfield_value(event.key)
167                     self.changing_elfield_value(event.key)
168                     self.reset(event.key)
169                 elif event.key == pygame.K_ESCAPE:
170                     should_quit = True
171                 elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
172                     x0, y0 = event.pos
173                 elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONUP:
174                     self.add_particle(event.pos, x0, y0, event.button)
175
176             if should_quit:
177                 break
178
179             self.update()
180             self.draw()
181
182         pygame.quit()
183
184     if __name__ == "__main__":
185         AppMain().run()

```

Figure 22: AppMain Class (3)

Lastly, the `run` method will run the program as the original code did.

## 4 Remark and Possible Improvisation

This section contains the defects and further improvisations that can be made on this program.

1. Several predetermined values like mass, charge, electric field, and others can be set following a number inputted by the user. By specifying these variables' values, the user can learn how might one value influence the overall motion. The values that I set in the previous figures were estimated by trial and error, then the numbers combination that represents the big picture of the particles' behavior (by matching it with pictures from books and internet) was chosen.

2. Under the influence of constant magnetic field, charged particles should move in a circle trajectory with constant radius. However, in this simulation, that does not occur. The radius tends to get bigger and the velocity also becomes higher. One plausible reason for this phenomena is because we make the equation of motion of the particle follows discrete-time basis rather than continuous. Even though the time interval is very small, it affects the *Lorentz force* as this force changes only the direction of the velocity, not the value (which I think is pretty sensitive in discrete basis).
3. The most annoying part of this simulation is when particles with different charge interact. It is most likely that they will move toward each other, resulting in collision at `feynman_radius`. There are some cases where the impact force is not large enough to overcome the *Coulomb* force, resulting the particles to collide, penetrating the `feynman_radius` (or even penetrating toward each other). Moreover, there are also cases where the particle will be launched in a direction parallel to its initial velocity direction where it is supposed to be bounced and move in the opposite direction. This might occur as the *Coulomb* force will be set to infinity once the particles touch each other. This 'infinity' does not specify direction, resulting the mentioned problem. I think the most simple yet difficult approach to solve this issue is by adding some correction terms to the *Coulomb* force, so that the potential will fall (attracting force) and then rise significantly (turns to repulsive force) once the distance between particles reach a certain value. It is simple because once we know the equation, we only have to tweak the corresponding function. But it is hard as I don't have enough knowledge in this field.
4. About the dragging and clicking to set the initial velocity, if user clicks the left mouse button and drag it, then user also clicks the right mouse button, and then drag it again, the initial velocity of positive charge (produced by left click) will be set relative to the position where the right click was pressed, not relative to the position where the left click was pressed. This happens as the initial relative position  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  are set whenever the mouse is clicked (only button 1 and 3 are taken into account). Thus, when user clicks the right mouse button it will initiate new relative position. Furthermore, it is better to give some sort of dashed line that indicates the distance travelled by the cursor relative to its initial clicked position. I have tried to add this feature with several approaches but it was not displayed. I think I made some mistakes on the position or function declaration of the extra code.
5. Once the aforementioned problems are fixed, I think it is better to update the program so that it will visualize particles' movement in 3 dimension. In 3 dimension, the magnetic field vector is not constrained to only z-direction. Many more possibilities can occur in 3 dimension.
6. It is also possible to create a maze-like game where user has to send a particle to a predetermined point in which several fixed particles have been positioned to disturb the motion of the moving particle. User has to choose the suitable particle and set its initial velocity by clicking and dragging the mouse. In my opinion, it will be a decent game to simulates one's idea about charged particles' movement inside electromagnetic field.

## 5 Closing

This simulation was developed using the concepts taught in the class. I experienced the benefits and drawbacks of using object-oriented program (OOP) approach. It was difficult to fully understand the concept the first time I read about this, but thanks to the final project, I can comprehend the big picture of this concept.

The journey of Computer Seminar I was fun and full of challenges. I learned a lot of new syntax and functions in python, and I was able to grasp it even better thanks to the given exercises. This course has helped me a lot on understanding and implementing python language and I believe it will aid me even more in the future as I'm thinking on becoming a data scientist. Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to all TAs and Professors for all the supports that had been given to me and other IMAC-U students. Thank you!