ChargeFW2 - tutorial

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1 ChargeFW2 Python bindings

This tutorial shows how to use the Python bindings to the ChargeFW2 application, the computation core of Atomic Charge Calculator II (https://acc2.ncbr.muni.cz/).

1.1 Installation

The ChargeFW2 is a C++ application which must be compiled and installed first. See the README: https://github.com/krab1k/ChargeFW2

To use the Python module, it might be necessary to point Python interpreter to the correct library's location. This can be done by setting a PYTHONPATH environment variable. Assuming we installed ChargeFW2 into the directory /opt/chargefw2, we set:

```
export PYTHONPATH=/opt/chargefw2/lib
```

Now we are ready to run Python and use the ChargeFW2 module.

1.2 Usage

First, we import the Python module:

```
[1]: import chargefw2_python
```

1.2.1 Loading the molecules

Then we load the molecules. Supported formats are: SDF, PDB, mmCIF and Mol2.

```
[2]: molecules = chargefw2_python.Molecules('molecules.sdf')
```

Let's see how many molecules we have loaded:

```
[3]: len(molecules)
```

[3]: 47

1.2.2 Available methods and parameters

ChargeFW2 provides implementation of multiple charge calculation methods. The full list can be obtained by:

```
chargefw2_python.get_available_methods()
[4]: ['eem',
      'abeem',
      'sfkeem',
      'qeq',
      'smpqeq',
      'eqeq',
      'eqeqc',
      'delre',
      'peoe',
      'mpeoe',
      'gdac',
      'sqe',
      'sqeq0',
      'sqeqp',
      'mgc',
      'kcm',
      'denr',
      'tsef',
      'charge2',
      'veem',
      'formal']
```

All methods are described in the documentation: https://acc2.ncbr.muni.cz/static/assets/methods.pdf Some methods require parameters to be set for calculation. To see the list of parameters available for a given method, use:

```
[5]: chargefw2_python.get_available_parameters('gdac')
```

[5]: ['GDAC_00_original']

However, not all methods and parameters can be used for every set of molecules. Applicable combinations can be listed by using the get_suitable_methods function. The empty parameter list [] denotes that the method does not use parameters:

```
[6]: chargefw2_python.get_suitable_methods(molecules)
```

```
'EEM_10_Cheminf_hf_npa'],
'eqeq': [],
'formal': [],
'mgc': [],
'qeq': ['QEq_00_original'],
'sqe': ['SQE_10_Schindler2021_CCD_gen'],
'sqeq0': ['SQEq0_10_Schindler2021_CCD_gen'],
'sqeqp': ['SQEqp_10_Schindler2021_CCD_gen'],
'tsef': ['TSEF_00_from_QEq'],
'veem': []}
```

1.2.3 Calculating charges

Now, we are ready to calculate the charges. To do this, we use the calculate_charges function. It requires set of molecules and a method name with optional parameters name:

```
[7]: help(chargefw2_python.calculate_charges)
```

Help on built-in function calculate_charges in module chargefw2_python:

```
calculate_charges(...) method of builtins.PyCapsule instance
    calculate_charges(molecules: chargefw2_python.Molecules, method_name: str,
parameters_name: Optional[str] = None) -> Dict[str, List[float]]
```

Calculate partial atomic charges for a given molecules and method

First, we use EEM with a particular parameter set:

```
[8]: charges_eem = chargefw2_python.calculate_charges(molecules, 'eem', u \( \to 'EEM_00_NEEMP_ccd2016_npa')
```

Second, we can try another method, e.g., SQE+qp:

The type of the results is a dictionary, the keys are the names of the molecules taken from the input file, the values are the list of charges (doubles):

```
[10]: next(iter(charges_sqeqp))
[10]: 'NSC_100000'
[11]: charges_sqeqp['NSC_100000']
```

```
[11]: [-0.4013101729679656,
-0.49561754801827274,
-0.5320169779840944,
-0.19271326471408062,
```

```
-0.1817703053559501,
-0.17908407030152673,
-0.1860744560889507,
-0.20711936087690033,
-0.028827174054946197,
-0.22546219919455632,
-0.15770951799946326,
0.16633318542675285,
-0.08248127574078125,
-0.18100334661131906,
-0.16626188101220596,
0.39553675066291183,
0.5663927957687999,
-0.17843021301267617,
0.20252704483948406,
0.2036824880561163,
0.20211436774927077,
0.20923268026389175,
0.20102006067141362,
0.21035760217244373,
0.20756160194174492,
0.20826824565813132,
0.21465115897924564,
0.21343042546931648,
0.1947733562741633]
```

1.2.4 (Optional) Plotting the charges

Finally, we can create a simple correlation plot to visually compare the calculated charges:

[13]: <matplotlib.collections.PathCollection at 0x7fa7d7947f70>

