Nemesis and the Sun

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1 AMUSE tutorial on modules and channels

AMUSE is composed of domain-specific modules (i.e. the physics modules), which are often written in some native compiled language, and data-handling. The latter tends to be confusing for novel users. Data representation in AMUSE is often replicated. So there can be a parameter *mass* to indicate a property of a star in a stellar-evolution code, in a gravitational dynamics code and in your user script. These three parameters *mass* can mean the same, or they can have a different meaning. This makes running amuse somewhat confusing at times. Here we show how to formally separate these data streams.

But first we will enter the realm of modules.

```
[2]: #Load in the amuse units module, the particle module and
# some generator for producing some conditions.
from amuse.units import units, constants
from amuse.lab import Particles
from amuse.ext import orbital_elements as oe
```

We now want to generate the Solar system, as it was observed on April 5th 2063 using the JPL emphemeris. Let's start with the inner most planet, Mercury, in the Sun's barycenter, which gives the following output:

\$\$SOE 2474649.500000000 = A.D. 2063-Apr-05 00:00:00.0000 TDB X =-2.689701945882702E-01 Y = 1.947622508089924E-01 Z = 4.148911797144442E-02 VX=-2.230751806031045E-02 VY=-2.157655548570704 E-02 VZ= 2.791759037949523E-04 LT= 1.932846451835678E-03 RG= 3.346619889187973E-01 RR= 5.406475142917982E-03

We can use these to start an AMUSE particle set, as follows

```
planets[0].velocity = (-2.230751806031045E-02,
-2.157655548570704E-02,
2.791759037949523E-04) | units.au/units.yr
```

And continue doing this for the other 7 planets. Then add the Sun and we have the Solar system's particle set. It would be easier if there is a handy routine with the same effect, in particular because we will frequently be using the Solar system as some sort of template for a rather typical planetary system, or for specifically sutdying this planetary system. We therefore have a handy routine that allows us to initialize the Solar system.

```
[4]: from amuse.ext.solarsystem import new_solar_system sun_and_planets = new_solar_system()
#sun_and_planets = sun_and_planets[0].as_set()
print(sun_and_planets)
```

	key	mass	name	radius	VX
vy	VZ	X	У	Z	
	-	MSun	none	RSun	km / s
km / s	km / s	AU	AU	AU	
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540660266		1.000e+00	SUN	1.000e+00	
		-8.354e-03			
	628454615		MERCURY		
-4.214e+01	-4.388e+00	-3.923e-01	-1.749e-01	2.101e-02	2
10869949256	678001700	2.448e-06	VENUS	1.403e-02	-1.704e+01
3.049e+01	1.401e+00	6.251e-01	3.518e-01	-3.157e-02	
12839585885	692452664	3.040e-06	EARTHMOO	1.482e-02	2.844e+01
6.966e+00	1.301e-04	2.337e-01	-9.855e-01	2.100e-04	
12421232956	176548152	3.227e-07	MARS	7.853e-03	-2.299e+01
5.985e+00	6.908e-01	2.435e-01	1.528e+00	2.599e-02	
12924982590	041042363	9.548e-04	JUPITER	1.619e-01	2.872e+00
1.331e+01	-1.194e-01	4.833e+00	-1.158e+00	-1.034e-01	
7638703879	047496155	2.859e-04	SATURN	1.342e-01	-4.794e+00
8.639e+00	4.001e-02	8.335e+00	4.127e+00	-4.033e-01	
17612581796	386442541	4.366e-05	URANUS	5.834e-02	5.131e+00
4.103e+00	-5.124e-02	1.289e+01	-1.511e+01	-2.231e-01	
14258115	921289155	5.151e-05	NEPTUNE	5.572e-02	4.640e+00
2.804e+00	-1.647e-01	1.537e+01	-2.592e+01	1.795e-01	
6925198039	779819672	7.396e-09	PLUTO	3.413e-03	5.144e+00
-2.956e+00	-1.172e+00	-1.152e+01	-2.708e+01	6.229e+00)

We adopted the module ext.new_solar_system to generate a ready-made solar system. You can also make a solar system that includes it's moons. For this you will have to use the routine 'new_lunar_system', which is a module from the 'amuse.ic.solar_system_moons' package.

Now you can plot the positions of the sun and planets in the orbital plane.

In 1984

Whitemire and Jackson and Davies et al 1984(preprint) argued that the Solar system was orbited by a hypothetical star called nemesis, named after the goddess of Rhamnous who punished those who did not honor the Olympians.

This companion to the Sun would have an orbital separation of about 95,000 au, and due to its interaction with the Oort cloud would initiate periodic comet shouwers in the inner Solar system; punishing life on Earth for being atheistic?

Let's adopt the Solar system as we have just initialized and add Nemesis as an 0.2MSun main-sequence star in a 95,000 au orbit with an eccentricity of 0.7.

Let's construct tha binary system of the Sun (without planets) and Nemesis.

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key
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                                       name
                                                     VΧ
                                                                 vу
VΖ
            х
                         у
                    1.98892e+30 * kg
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6522804020832650623
                                              0.000e+00
                                                         -1.151e-08
                      1.001e+00
                                  Companion
-0.000e+00
            -4.745e+03
                        -0.000e+00
                                    -0.000e+00
12429777838030029187
                      2.000e-01
                                    Nemesis
                                                          5.764e-08
                                              0.000e+00
0.000e+00
            2.376e+04
                        0.000e+00
                                    0.000e+00
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```

Now, the sun in this binary-particle set and the sun in the Solar system particle-set do not have the same position.

```
[6]: sun = sun_and_planets[sun_and_planets.name=="SUN"]
    print(sun.position.in_(units.au))
    print(sun_and_nemesis[sun_and_nemesis.mass>0.9|units.MSun].position.in_(units.au))
```

```
[[-0.00835408821766, 0.0019229394648, 0.000214547107396]] au [[-4744.69448798, -0.0, -0.0]] au
```

And, equally they will have different velocity.

However, we would like to adot these binary parameters for the Sun-Nemesis binary system. For this, we first move the entire Solar system to the Sun barycenter, move it to Nemesis' companion and add Nemesis.

```
[7]: sun_and_planets.position -= sun.position
    sun_and_planets.velocity -= sun.velocity
    companion = sun_and_nemesis[sun_and_nemesis.name=="Companion"]
    nemesis = sun_and_nemesis[sun_and_nemesis.name=="Nemesis"]
    sun_and_planets.position += companion.position
    sun_and_planets.velocity += companion.velocity
    sun_and_planets.add_particle(sun_and_nemesis[1])
    print(sun_and_planets)
```

	key	mass	name	radius	vx
vy	٧z	x	У	z	
	_	MSun	none	RSun	km / s
km / s	km / s	AU	AU	AU	
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540660266	701983520	1.000e+00	SUN	1.000e+00	0.000e+00
-4.198e-02	0.000e+00	-4.745e+03	0.000e+00	0.000e+00	
158483097946	628454615	1.660e-07	MERCURY	5.654e-03	1.032e+01
-4.217e+01	-4.389e+00	-4.745e+03	-1.769e-01	2.080e-02	
108699492566	678001700	2.448e-06	VENUS	1.403e-02	-1.704e+01
3.046e+01	1.400e+00	-4.744e+03	3.499e-01	-3.179e-02	
128395858856	692452664	3.040e-06	EARTHMOO	1.482e-02	2.845e+01
6.939e+00	1.967e-05	-4.744e+03	-9.875e-01	-4.543e-06	
12421232956	176548152	3.227e-07	MARS	7.853e-03	-2.298e+01
5.959e+00	6.907e-01	-4.744e+03	1.526e+00	2.578e-02	
129249825900	041042363	9.548e-04	JUPITER	1.619e-01	2.874e+00
1.329e+01	-1.196e-01	-4.740e+03	-1.160e+00	-1.036e-01	
7638703879047496155		2.859e-04	SATURN	1.342e-01	-4.792e+00
8.613e+00	3.990e-02	-4.736e+03	4.125e+00	-4.035e-01	
17612581796	386442541	4.366e-05	URANUS	5.834e-02	5.133e+00
4.076e+00	-5.135e-02	-4.732e+03	-1.511e+01	-2.233e-01	
142581159	921289155	5.151e-05	NEPTUNE	5.572e-02	4.641e+00
2.777e+00	-1.648e-01	-4.729e+03	-2.592e+01	1.793e-01	
69251980397	779819672	7.396e-09	PLUTO	3.413e-03	5.146e+00
-2.982e+00	-1.172e+00	-4.756e+03	-2.708e+01	6.229e+00	
124297778380	030029187	2.000e-01	Nemesis	0.000e+00	0.000e+00
2.102e-01	0.000e+00	2.376e+04	0.000e+00	0.000e+00	
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You have created a hypothetical planetary system with the Sun, 8 planets and 1 dwarf planet (mimiking the Solar system), and a secondary star (Nemesis) in a wide and elliptic orbit.

1.1 Assignments and questions:

1.1.1 Assignment 1:

To check the orbit of Nemesis around the Sun you can calculate the orbital elements from the Cartesian coordinates of the Sun and Nemesis. Perform this operation and check the orbital elements of the nemesis-Sun binary.

1.1.2 Question 1:

When performing this assignment, we found that the orbit between the Sun and Nemesis is slightly off from what we put in. The semi-major axis is about 95,606 au with an eccentricity of about 0.702.

Explain why the orbit is not what you anticipated it to be, and what can you do to mitigate this?

1.1.3 Assignment 2:

Add 100 zero-mass Oort cloud object in circular orbits around the Sun with semi-major axes equally spaced between 10000au and 50000 au. Integrate those orbits for 10 full orbits of the Sun-Nemesis binary. Make a scatter plot of eccentricity as function of the semi-major axis for the initial and final Oort-cloud objects. Explain the figure.

Be aware that 10 Nemesis periods is ~160 Myr, and running the system for that time will take a lot of time (about an hour). Start with shorter times and build up towards longer times when you know your code runs. You can also try different codes, and leaving out some planets. Is Mercury really that important? But leaving it out may let the code take greater timesteps.

1.1.4 Question 3:

Do you think that Nemesis could be the cause of periodic cometary visitors?

1.1.5 Assignment 1

The eccentricity is: 0.701900938082
The semi major axis is: 95605.8023685 AU

1.1.6 Question 1

The orbit is slightly off, because there are other planets in play. They slightly distort the orbit of the nemesis! We can fix this by taking the total mass of the system!

1.1.7 Assignment 2

```
[10]: import numpy as np
      from amuse.units import nbody system
      from amuse.community.ph4.interface import ph4
      begin = 10000
      end = 50000
      range_au = np.linspace(begin, end, 100)
      for i in range(100):
          _, object = oe.generate_binaries(
              1 | units.MSun,
              0 | units.MEarth,
              range_au[i] | units.AU,
              0)
          object.position += sun.position
          object.velocity += sun.velocity
          object.name = "Object{}".format(i)
          sun_and_planets.add_particle(object)
          sun and planets.move to center()
```

```
[11]: def sim(sim_time):
          converter=nbody_system.nbody_to_si(sun_and_planets.mass.sum(), 100000 | u
       ⇒units.AU)
          bodies = sun_and_planets
          #bodies.scale_to_standard(converter)
          # WHY DON'T WE USE IT THIS TIME????????
          gravity = ph4(converter)
          gravity.particles.add_particles(bodies)
          channel = gravity.particles.new_channel_to(bodies)
          times = np.arange(0, sim_time.number, 0.1) | units.Myr
          for time in times:
              gravity.evolve_model(time)
              channel.copy() # Copy from gravity.particles to bodies
              if not time.value_in(units.Myr)%0.1:
                  print("cluster at Time=", time.in_(units.Myr))
          gravity.stop()
          end_eccentricity = []
          end_semi_major_axis = []
          for j in range(100):
              elements = oe.get_orbital_elements_from_arrays(
```

```
[]: sim_time = 0.2 | units.Myr end_eccentricity, end_semi_major_axis = sim(sim_time)

#My code takes way too long to run, also tried Hermite but it didn't speed up
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cluster at Time= 0.0 Myr

```
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 1, layout='constrained', sharey=True)#, sharey='row', sharex="col")

axs.scatter(range_au, np.zeros(100), label="Initial")

axs.scatter(end_semi_major_axis, end_eccentricity, label="End")

axs.set_xlabel("Semi major axis (AU)")

axs.set_ylabel("Eccentricity")

axs.legend()

axs.set_ylim(-1,10)

plt.show()
```

