

1 The Wang-Landau algorithm (density of states)

We determine thermodynamic quantities from the partition function by obtaining the density of states from a simulation.

```
1 from numba import njit, jit_module

1 import numpy as np
2 import copy # for parallel systems
3 import os, struct # for using `urandom`
```

Utility functions.

```
1 @njit(cache=True, inline='always')
2 def bisect_right(a, x, lo=0, hi=None):
3     if lo < 0:
4         raise ValueError('lo must be non-negative')
5     if hi is None:
6         hi = len(a)
7     while lo < hi:
8         mid = (lo + hi) // 2
9         if x < a[mid]:
10             hi = mid
11         else:
12             lo = mid + 1
13     return lo
14
15 @njit(cache=True)
16 def binindex(a, x):
17     return bisect_right(a, x, hi=len(a) - 1) - 1

1 @njit(cache=True)
2 def flat(H, ε = 0.2):
3     """Determines if a histogram is approximately flat to within ε of the mean height."""
4     return not np.any(H < (1 - ε) * np.mean(H)) and np.all(H ≠ 0)
```

1.1 Algorithm

A Wang-Landau algorithm, with quantities as logarithms and with monte-carlo steps proportional to $f^{-1/2}$ (a “Zhou-Bhat schedule”).

We use energy bins encoded by numbers E_i for $i \in [0, N]$, so that there are N bins. The energies E covered by bin i satisfy $E_i \leq E < E_{i+1}$. For the bounded discrete systems that we are considering, we must choose E_N to be an arbitrary number above the maximum energy.

```

1 @njit
2 def wanglandau(system,
3     Es,          # The energy bins
4     M = 1_00_000, # Monte carlo step scale
5     ε = 1e-10,    # f tolerance
6     logf0 = 1,    # Initial log f
7     flatness = 0.1, # Desired histogram flatness
8     logging = False # Log progress of f-steps
9 ):
10     if M ≤ 0 or ε ≤ 1e-16 or not (0 < logf0 ≤ 1) or not (0 ≤ flatness < 1):
11         raise ValueError('Invalid Wang-Landau parameter.')
12
13     # Initial values
14     # Es = system.Es # Testing
15     E0 = Es[0]
16     Ef = Es[-1]
17     N = len(Es) - 1
18     logf = 2 * logf0
19     logftol = np.log(1 + ε)
20     S = np.zeros(N) # Set all initial g's to 1
21     H = np.zeros(N, dtype=np.int32)
22     i = binindex(Es, system.E)
23     converged = True
24
25     if logging:
26         mciters = 0
27         fiter = 0
28         fitters = int(np.ceil(np.log2(logf0) - np.log2(logftol)))
29         print("Wang-Landau START")
30
31     while logftol < logf:
32         H[:] = 0
33         logf /= 2
34         iters = 0
35         niters = int((M + 1) * np.exp(-logf / 2))
36         if logging:
37             fiter += 1
38         while not flat(H, flatness) and iters < niters:
39             system.propose()
40             Ev = system.Ev
41             j = binindex(Es, Ev)
42             if E0 ≤ Ev < Ef and (
43                 S[j] < S[i] or np.random.rand() < np.exp(S[i] - S[j])):
44                 system.accept()
45                 i = j

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46         H[i] += 1
47         S[i] += logf
48         iters += 1
49     mciters += iters
50     if niters ≤ iters:
51         converged = False
52     if logging:
53         print("f: ", fiter, " / ", fiters, "\t(", iters, " / ", niters, ")")
54
55     if logging:
56         print("Done: ", mciters, " total MC iterations.")
57     return Es, S, H

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1.1.1 Parallel construction of the density of states

```

1 @njit
2 def find_bin_systems(system, Es, Ebins, N = 1_000_000, method = 'wl'):
3     """
4     Find systems with energies in the bins given by `Es` by stepping `sys`.
5
6     Args:
7         system: The initial system to search from. This is usually a ground state.
8         Es: The energies of the system.
9         Ebins: The energy bins to find systems for.
10        N: The maximum number of steps to try.
11        method: The string name of the search method to try.
12            'wl': Wang-Landau steps where we prefer energies we have not visited
13            'increasing': Only accept increases in energy. This only works for
14                steps that are not trapped by local maxima of energy.
15
16    Returns:
17        A list of independent systems with energies in Ebins.
18
19    Raises:
20        ValueError: The method argument was invalid.
21        RuntimeError: Bin systems could not be found after N steps.
22    """
23    if method == 'wl':
24        S = np.zeros(len(Es), dtype=np.int32)
25        systems = [None] * (len(Ebins) - 1)
26        n = 0
27        l = len(Ebins) - 1
28        systems = [system] * 1
29        empty = np.repeat(True, 1)
30        i = binindex(Es, system.E)

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31 while np.any(empty) and n < N:
32     for s in range(1):
33         if empty[s] and Ebins[s] ≤ system.E < Ebins[s + 1]:
34             systems[s] = system.copy()
35             empty[s] = False
36
37     system.propose()
38     j = binindex(Es, system.Ev)
39     if method == 'w1':
40         if S[j] < S[i]:
41             i = j
42             system.accept()
43             S[i] += 1
44         elif method == 'increasing':
45             if system.E < system.Ev:
46                 system.accept()
47         else:
48             raise ValueError('Invalid method argument for finding bin systems.')
49     n += 1
50
51 if N ≤ n:
52     raise RuntimeError('Could not find bin systems (hit step limit).')
53 return systems

```

We can choose overlapping bins for the parallel processes to negate boundary effects.

```

1 def extend_bin(bins, i, k = 0.05):
2     if len(bins) ≤ 2: # There is only one bin
3         return bins
4     k = max(0, min(1, k))
5     return (bins[i] - (k*(bins[i] - bins[i-1]) if 0 < i else 0),
6             bins[i+1] + (k*(bins[i+2] - bins[i+1]) if i < len(bins) - 2 else 0))

```

Now we can construct our parallel systems.

```

1 def parallel_systems(system, Es, bins = 8, overlap = 0.1, steps = 1_000_000):
2     Ebins = np.linspace(Es[0], Es[-1], bins + 1)
3     systems = find_bin_systems(system, Es, Ebins, steps)
4     states = [s.state() for s in systems]
5     binEs = [(lambda E0, Ef: Es[(E0 ≤ Es) & (Es ≤ Ef)])(*extend_bin(Ebins, i, overlap))
6              for i in range(len(Ebins) - 1)]
7     return zip(states, binEs)

```

We also need a way to reset the random number generator seed in a way that is time-independent and different for each process.

```

1 def urandom_reseed():
2     """Reseeds numpy's RNG from `urandom` and returns the seed"""
3     seed = struct.unpack('I', os.urandom(4))[0]
4     np.random.seed(seed)
5     return seed

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Once we have parallel results, we stitch the pieces of $\ln g(E)$ together.

```

1 def stitch_results(wlresults):
2     E0, S0, _ = wlresults[0]
3     E, S = E0, S0
4     for i in range(1, len(wlresults)):
5         Ev, Sv, _ = wlresults[i]
6         # Assumes overlap is at end regions
7         _, i0s, ivs = np.intersect1d(E0[:-1], Ev[:-1], return_indices=True)
8         # Simplest: join middles of overlap regions
9         l = len(i0s)
10        m = l // 2
11        Sv -= Sv[ivs[m]] - S0[i0s[m]]
12        # Simplest: average the overlaps to produce the final value
13        E = np.hstack((E, Ev[l+1:]))
14        S[-1:] = (Sv[ivs] + S0[i0s]) / 2
15        S = np.hstack((S, Sv[1:]))
16        E0, S0 = Ev, Sv
17    return E, S

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