

# Gradient term for the 4th-order symplectic integrator

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For the 4th-order forward symplectic integrator, we need to evaluate the gradient term,

$$\mathbf{G}_i = \frac{1}{m_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{F}_j \cdot \mathbf{F}_j \right] = \frac{2}{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^N \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{F}_j \cdot \mathbf{F}_j \right]. \quad (1)$$

Here,  $\mathbf{F}_i$  is force on particle  $i$  and  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}$  contribution from particle  $j$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{F}_i = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \mathbf{F}_{ij} = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{G m_i m_j}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|^3} (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i). \quad (2)$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{F}_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \left[ \sum_{k \neq j}^N \mathbf{F}_{jk} \right] = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{F}_{ik} & (i = j) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{F}_{ji} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{F}_{ij} & (i \neq j) \end{cases}. \quad (3)$$

The summation remains only in the diagonal term and disappears elsewhere.

$$\mathbf{G}_i = \frac{2}{m_i} \sum_{j \neq i}^N \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{F}_{ij} \right] \cdot (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j) \quad (4)$$

For the  $N$ -body system, gradient of mutual force in  $3 \times 3$  matrix is given in,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \frac{(\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|^3} = \frac{-I}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|^3} + \frac{3(\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i) \otimes (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|^5}, \quad (5)$$

where  $I$  is a unit matrix.

Finally we have

$$\mathbf{G}_i = 2G \sum_{j \neq i}^N m_j \left[ \frac{(\mathbf{F}_j - \mathbf{F}_i)}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|^3} - \frac{3(\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i) \cdot (\mathbf{F}_j - \mathbf{F}_i)}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|^5} (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i) \right]. \quad (6)$$

One can just replace the velocity by the force in the jerk formula to compute it. Note that  $\mathbf{G}_i h^2$  has a dimension of force (aceleration times mass).