

# MATH96012 Project 1

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## Part 2

For each simulation, we establish some variables:

N: number of particles

L: length of side of square domain

s0: speed of particles,  $s0 = 0.2$

r0: particles within distance r0 of particle i influence direction of motion of particle i,  $r0 = 1$

A: amplitude of noise

Nt: number of time steps

Under each figure I will note the specific variable values that generated the figure in question.

### 0.1 Findings

I began my analysis of how  $\alpha$  is affected by changes in A by using small variable values given in the caption of fig21. As described in the project assignment, we can clearly see that there is an initial transient where  $\alpha$  sharply increases for  $A \leq 0.6$ . For A between 0.6 and 0.8, we see that  $\alpha$  continuously fluctuates between 0.0 and 0.7.

For fig22, we keep all variables the same except for N, which we double to 32.  $\alpha$  behaves in a very similar manner to fig21, however for  $A = 0.7, 0.8$ ,  $\alpha$  fluctuates between 0.0 and 0.5.

For fig23, we focus in more detail on A between 0.64 and 0.80 to try to identify  $A^*$ , where  $\alpha$  varies most frequently as A is varied. The graph here is clearly quite compact and  $\alpha$  fluctuates considerably for all values of A considered. To attempt to determine an estimate for  $A^*$ , we set p1.py to output the variance of  $\alpha$  for each value of A. On inspection of these results, we estimate  $\alpha \approx 0.66$ .

For part 2.2, we look at how  $\alpha$  depends on  $1 - A/A^*$  for A less than  $(A^* - 0.025)$ .

$A^* \approx 0.66$ , so we set  $A$  to vary between 0.2 and 0.4, increasing in increments of 0.04. We can see that  $\alpha$ , after an initial transient where it rises rapidly, is relatively stable, for  $A = 0.32, 0.36, 0.40$ , whilst  $\alpha$  has the largest variance when  $A = 0.24$ .

## Figures

The alignment parameter,  $\alpha$ , vs time, where the number of particles = 16

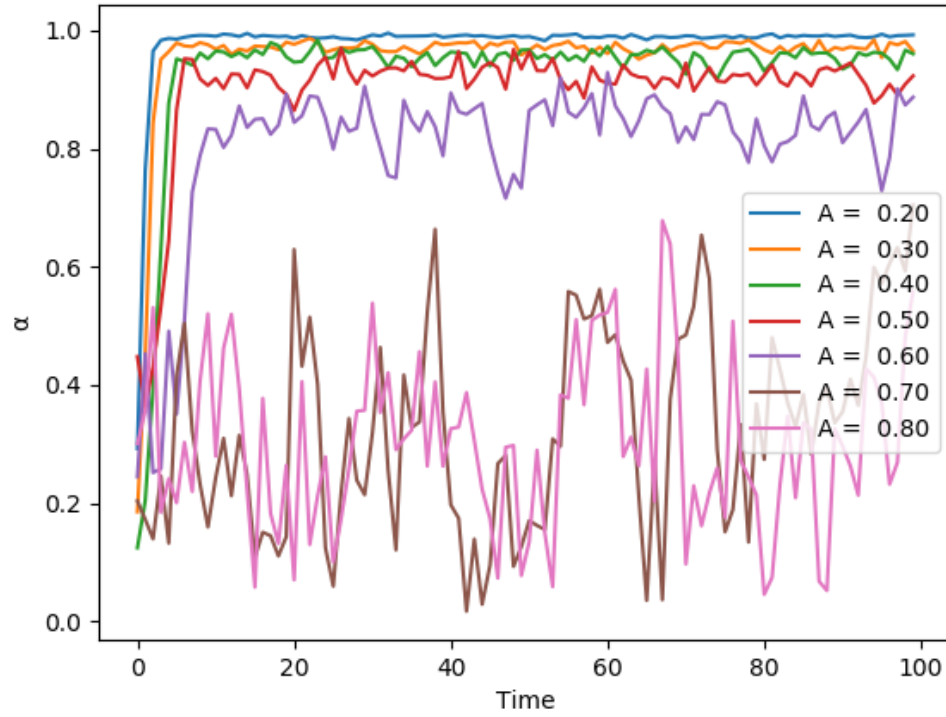


Figure 1:  $Nt=100, N=16, L=4, A$  in range(0.2,0.8)

The alignment parameter,  $\alpha$ , vs time, where the number of particles = 32

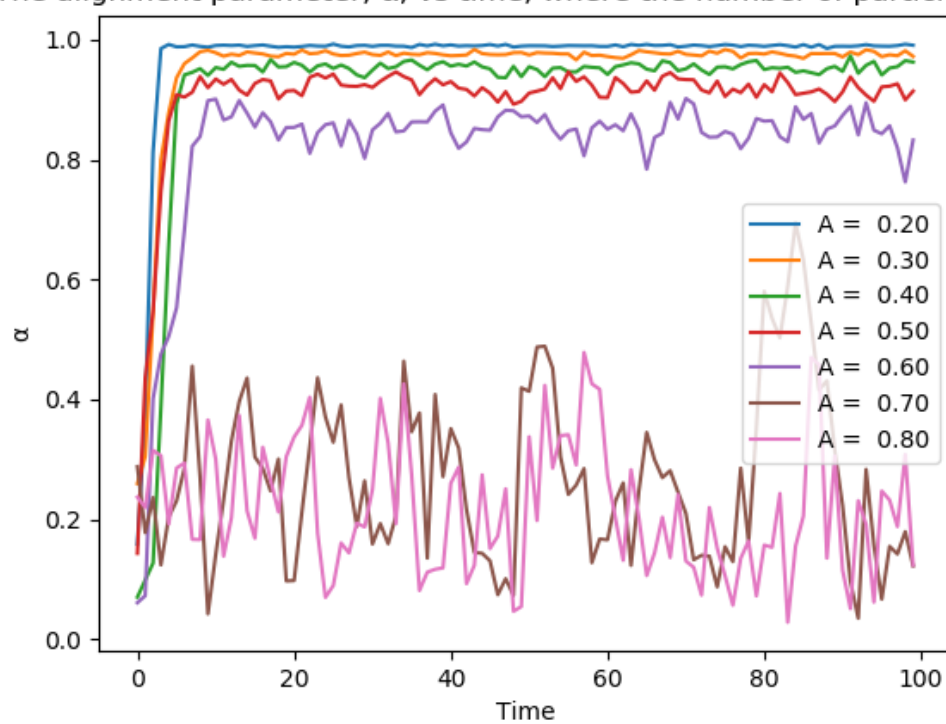


Figure 2:  $Nt=100, N=32, L=4, A$  in range(0.2,0.8)

The alignment parameter,  $\alpha$ , vs time, where the number of particles = 32

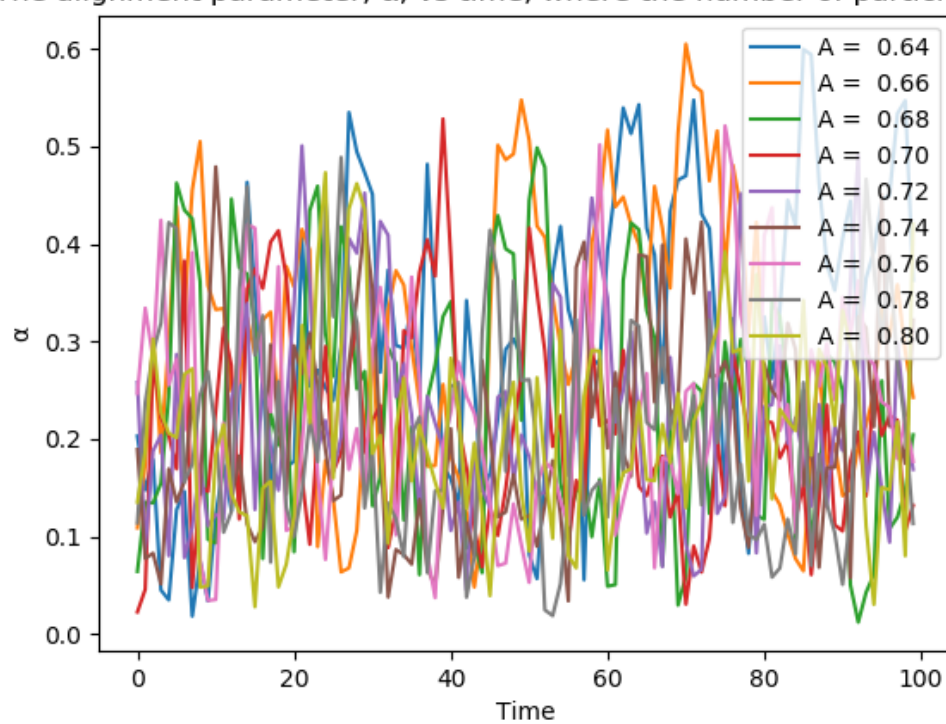


Figure 3:  $Nt=100, N=32, L=4, A$  in range(0.60,0.80)

The alignment parameter,  $\alpha$ , vs time, where the number of particles = 16

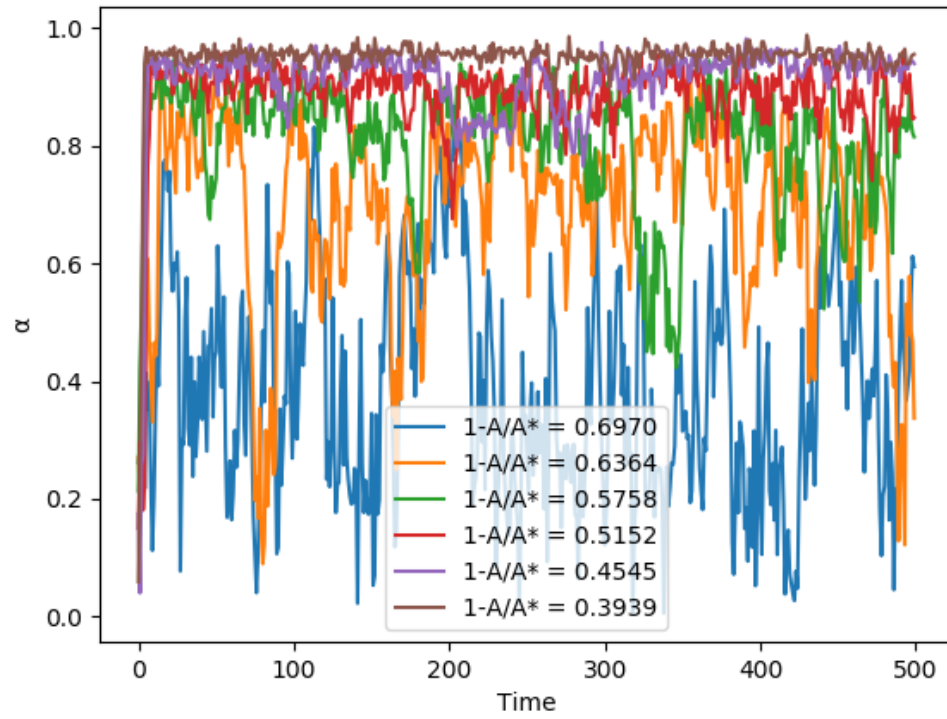


Figure 4:  $Nt=100$ ,  $N=16$ ,  $L = 4$ ,  $1 - A/A^*$  in range(0.3939,0.6970)