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DOCUMENTATION AND USER GUIDE

**Molecular Dynamics Program for Argon**

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# 1 The program

This project contains a program for running molecular dynamics (MD) simulations for Argon. The program reads atomic coordinates and masses from an input file and performs a MD simulation using the Verlet algorithm and the Lennard-Jones potential. The trajectory in XYZ format, as well as an extended trajectory file including velocities, the accelerations and energies for each step are generated as output. The user can specify whether a velocity-rescale thermostat should be used.

## 2 Installation

### 2.1 Prerequisites

Ensure you have the following installed on your system.

```
gcc
make
```

### 2.2 Installation

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/pauline-schtt/tccm-homeworks/tree/master/project3
cd project3
```

2. Compile the program using `make`:

```
make
```

3. Then, run the program:

```
./MD <path_to_the_input_file>
```

Installation instructions can also be found in the `INSTALL.md` file.

## 3 Usage

To run the molecular dynamics simulation, provide the full path to the input file containing the atomic coordinates and masses as an argument to the program. An example input file can be found in `data/inp.txt`.

**Example:**

```
./MD data/inp.txt
```

The number of steps in the simulation and the time step can be adjusted from the command line using the options `-n` and `-t`.

**Example:**

```
./MD data/inp.txt -n 2000 -t 0.1
```

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If the velocity-rescale thermostat should be activated, specify `-v` when running the program followed by the desired temperature.

**Example:**

```
./MD data/inp.txt -v 10
```

## 4 Input format

Atomic coordinates are provided in nm in the following format:

```
<number of atoms>
<x_1>  <y_1>  <z_1>  <mass_1>
<x_2>  <y_2>  <z_2>  <mass_2>
...
<x_n>  <y_n>  <z_n>  <mass_n>
```

**Example:**

```
3
0.0  0.0  0.0  39.948
0.0  0.0  0.5  39.948
0.1  0.2  -0.5  39.948
```

An example input file can be found in the `data` folder.

## 5 Output format

The program produces the following output files:

- **trajectory.xyz**: atomic coordinates for each step of the simulation in XYZ format, kinetic, potential and total energy are provided on the comment line
- **trajectory\_velocities.xyz**: similar to trajectory.xyz, but additionally contains the velocities for each atom
- **energies**: kinetic, potential and total energy for each step of the simulation
- **accelerations**: acceleration in x, y and z direction for each atom for each step of the simulation

The trajectory in XYZ format can be opened and visualized, e.g. with the VMD or JMOL software.

Example output files can be found in the `tests` folder.

## 6 Command line options and default values

The program uses the following default values:

- number of steps: 1000
- time step: 0.2

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- mass of Argon: 39.948 g/mol
  - $\epsilon$ : 0.661 j/mol
  - $\sigma$ : 0.3345 nm

The number of steps in the MD simulation can be adjusted by specifying `-n <number of steps>` when running the program.

Similarly, the option `-t <time step>` can be used to adjust the value of the time step in the simulation.

## 6.1 Thermostat

If the thermostat is deactivated (default), velocities are initialized to zero and the conservation of the total energy is checked at each step. The user is warned if the total energy varies by more than 10 % in one of the steps.

The thermostat can be activated by using the `-v` option when running the program followed by a temperature. This will lead to initialization of the velocities equal to the mean thermal velocity and with a random direction. After each velocity update, the actual temperature  $T$  is calculated from the kinetic energy  $K$  and the number of atoms  $N$  using Eq. (1), where  $R$  is the ideal gas constant.

$$T = \frac{2 \cdot N \cdot R}{K} \quad (1)$$

Then, all velocities are scaled by a factor  $\lambda$  as calculated in Eq. (2).

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_{\text{desired}}}} \quad (2)$$

## 7 Tests

The program was tested on MacOS Sequoia 15.2 and Ubuntu 24.04. You can find an example input file in the `data` folder, while the corresponding output files can be found in the `test` folder. As no random velocity initialization is performed, you should obtain qualitatively similar results when running the program with the test input.

## 8 Cleaning up

To clean up the compiled files, run:

```
make clean
```

## 9 Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues during the installation, ensure that your versions of the prerequisites meet the required versions mentioned above. In case you're still facing issues, feel free to reach out to any of the contributors or opening an issue on GitHub.

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## 10 License

The code is licensed under the GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE.

## 11 Acknowledgments

This project is based on data and instructions provided by Abdallah Ammar, Yann Damour, Peter Reinhardt and Anthony Scemama, available at <https://github.com/scemama/tccm-homeworks>.

## Appendix

Detailed documentation on the file contents, functions and variables in the code are provided in the documentation as generated using Doxygen (<https://www.doxygen.nl/>) in the appendix.

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# Chapter 1

## File Index

### 1.1 File List

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## Chapter 2

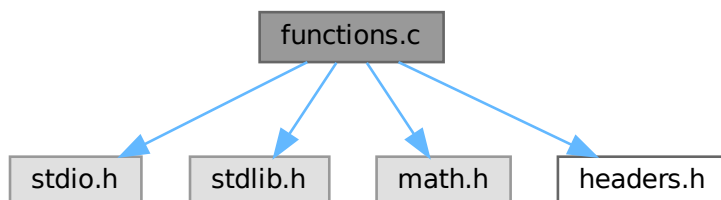
# File Documentation

### 2.1 functions.c File Reference

Contains the functions associated with the molecular dynamics simulation.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "headers.h"
```

Include dependency graph for functions.c:



#### Functions

- double \*\* [allocate\\_2d\\_array](#) (int rows, int cols)  
*Allocates a 2D array of doubles.*
- void [free\\_2d\\_array](#) (double \*\*array, int rows)  
*Frees a 2D array from memory.*
- int [read\\_natoms](#) (const char \*filename)  
*Reads the number of atoms from an input file.*
- void [read\\_coords\\_and\\_masses](#) (const char \*filename, double \*\*coords, double \*masses, int n\_atoms)  
*Reads atomic coordinates and masses from an input file.*
- int [validate\\_atoms](#) (double \*masses, double \*epsilon, double \*sigma, int n\_atoms)  
*Validates that all atoms in the system are argon.*

- FILE \* [open\\_output](#) (const char \*filename)  
*Opens a file for writing output.*
- void [print\\_output](#) (FILE \*trajectory\_file, FILE \*energy\_file, FILE \*extended\_file, FILE \*acceleration\_file, int n\_atoms, int step, double kinetic\_energy, double potential\_energy, double total\_energy, double \*\*coords, double \*\*velocities, double \*\*accelerations)  
*Prints simulation output.*
- void [initialize\\_velocities](#) (double \*\*velocities, double \*masses, double temperature, int n\_atoms)  
*Initialize random velocities.*
- void [calculate\\_distances](#) (double \*\*coords, double \*\*distances, int n\_atoms)  
*Calculates distances between all pairs of atoms.*
- static double [lennard\\_jones\\_potential](#) (double r, double epsilon, double sigma)  
*Calculates the Lennard-Jones potential between two atoms.*
- double [calculate\\_potential\\_energy](#) (double \*\*distances, int n\_atoms, double epsilon, double sigma)  
*Calculates total potential energy of the system.*
- double [calculate\\_kinetic\\_energy](#) (double \*\*velocities, double \*masses, int n\_atoms)  
*Calculates total kinetic energy of the system.*
- double [calculate\\_total\\_energy](#) (double kinetic\_energy, double potential\_energy)  
*Calculates total energy of the system.*
- void [check\\_energy](#) (double previous\_energy, double total\_energy, int step)  
*Checks energy conservation between simulation steps.*
- void [thermostat](#) (double kinetic\_energy, double temperature, double \*\*velocities, int n\_atoms)  
*Velocity-rescaling thermostat.*
- static double [calculate\\_U](#) (double r, double epsilon, double sigma)  
*Helper function for acceleration calculation.*
- void [calculate\\_accelerations](#) (double \*\*coords, double \*masses, int n\_atoms, double epsilon, double sigma, double \*\*distances, double \*\*accelerations)  
*Calculates acceleration vectors for all atoms.*
- void [update\\_positions](#) (double \*\*coords, double \*\*velocities, double \*\*accelerations, double dt, int n\_atoms)  
*Updates atomic positions using Verlet algorithm.*
- void [update\\_velocities](#) (double \*\*velocities, double \*\*accelerations, double dt, int n\_atoms)  
*Updates atomic velocities using Verlet algorithm.*

## 2.1.1 Detailed Description

Contains the functions associated with the molecular dynamics simulation.

## 2.1.2 Function Documentation

### 2.1.2.1 [allocate\\_2d\\_array\(\)](#)

```
double ** allocate_2d_array (
    int rows,
    int cols )
```

Allocates a 2D array of doubles.

#### Parameters

<i>rows</i>	Number of rows in the array
<i>cols</i>	Number of columns in the array

### Returns

Pointer to the allocated 2D array

### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if memory allocation fails
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#### 2.1.2.2 calculate\_accelerations()

```
void calculate_accelerations (
    double ** coords,
    double * masses,
    int n_atoms,
    double epsilon,
    double sigma,
    double ** distances,
    double ** accelerations )
```

Calculates acceleration vectors for all atoms.

#### Parameters

<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>masses</i>	Array of atomic masses
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms
<i>epsilon</i>	Epsilon parameter for LJ potential
<i>sigma</i>	Sigma parameter for LJ potential
<i>distances</i>	2D array of pairwise distances
<i>accelerations</i>	Array to store calculated accelerations

#### 2.1.2.3 calculate\_distances()

```
void calculate_distances (
    double ** coords,
    double ** distances,
    int n_atoms )
```

Calculates distances between all pairs of atoms.

#### Parameters

<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>distances</i>	2D array to store pairwise distances
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

#### 2.1.2.4 calculate\_kinetic\_energy()

```
double calculate_kinetic_energy (
    double ** velocities,
    double * masses,
    int n_atoms )
```

Calculates total kinetic energy of the system.

##### Parameters

<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>masses</i>	Array of atomic masses
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

##### Returns

Total kinetic energy of the system

#### 2.1.2.5 calculate\_potential\_energy()

```
double calculate_potential_energy (
    double ** distances,
    int n_atoms,
    double epsilon,
    double sigma )
```

Calculates total potential energy of the system.

##### Parameters

<i>distances</i>	2D array of pairwise distances
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms
<i>epsilon</i>	Epsilon parameter for LJ potential
<i>sigma</i>	Sigma parameter for LJ potential

##### Returns

Total potential energy of the system

#### 2.1.2.6 calculate\_total\_energy()

```
double calculate_total_energy (
    double kinetic_energy,
    double potential_energy )
```

Calculates total energy of the system.

## Parameters

<i>kinetic_energy</i>	Current kinetic energy
<i>potential_energy</i>	Current potential energy

## Returns

Total energy of the system

**2.1.2.7 calculate\_U()**

```
static double calculate_U (  
    double r,  
    double epsilon,  
    double sigma ) [static]
```

Helper function for acceleration calculation.

## Parameters

<i>r</i>	Distance between atoms
<i>epsilon</i>	Epsilon parameter for LJ potential
<i>sigma</i>	Sigma parameter for LJ potential

## Returns

U value

**2.1.2.8 check\_energy()**

```
void check_energy (  
    double previous_energy,  
    double total_energy,  
    int step )
```

Checks energy conservation between simulation steps.

## Parameters

<i>previous_energy</i>	Energy from previous step
<i>total_energy</i>	Current total energy
<i>step</i>	Current simulation step

## Warning

Prints warning if energy varies by more than 10%



### 2.1.2.9 free\_2d\_array()

```
void free_2d_array (
    double ** array,
    int rows )
```

Frees a 2D array from memory.

#### Parameters

<i>array</i>	Pointer to the 2D array to be freed
<i>rows</i>	Number of rows in the array

### 2.1.2.10 initialize\_velocities()

```
void initialize_velocities (
    double ** velocities,
    double * masses,
    double temperature,
    int n_atoms )
```

Initialize random velocities.

#### Parameters

<i>velocities</i>	Array of velocities
<i>masses</i>	Array of masses
<i>temperature</i>	Temperature
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

### 2.1.2.11 lennard\_jones\_potential()

```
static double lennard_jones_potential (
    double r,
    double epsilon,
    double sigma ) [static]
```

Calculates the Lennard-Jones potential between two atoms.

#### Parameters

<i>r</i>	Distance between atoms
<i>epsilon</i>	Epsilon parameter for LJ potential
<i>sigma</i>	Sigma parameter for LJ potential

#### Returns

Value of the Lennard-Jones potential

### 2.1.2.12 open\_output()

```
FILE * open_output (
    const char * filename )
```

Opens a file for writing output.

#### Parameters

<i>filename</i>	Name of the output file
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#### Returns

Pointer to the opened file

#### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if file cannot be opened
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### 2.1.2.13 print\_output()

```
void print_output (
    FILE * trajectory_file,
    FILE * energy_file,
    FILE * extended_file,
    FILE * acceleration_file,
    int n_atoms,
    int step,
    double kinetic_energy,
    double potential_energy,
    double total_energy,
    double ** coords,
    double ** velocities,
    double ** accelerations )
```

Prints simulation output.

#### Parameters

<i>trajectory_file</i>	File pointer for trajectory output
<i>energy_file</i>	File pointer for energy output
<i>extended_file</i>	File pointer for extended information
<i>acceleration_file</i>	File pointer for acceleration data
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms
<i>step</i>	Current simulation step
<i>kinetic_energy</i>	Current kinetic energy
<i>potential_energy</i>	Current potential energy
<i>total_energy</i>	Current total energy
<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>accelerations</i>	Array of atomic accelerations

### 2.1.2.14 read\_coords\_and\_masses()

```
void read_coords_and_masses (
    const char * filename,
    double ** coords,
    double * masses,
    int n_atoms )
```

Reads atomic coordinates and masses from an input file.

#### Parameters

<i>filename</i>	Name of the input file
<i>coords</i>	2D array to store coordinates
<i>masses</i>	Array to store atomic masses
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

#### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if file cannot be opened
--------------	--------------------------------------

### 2.1.2.15 read\_natoms()

```
int read_natoms (
    const char * filename )
```

Reads the number of atoms from an input file.

#### Parameters

<i>filename</i>	Name of the input file
-----------------	------------------------

#### Returns

Number of atoms

#### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if file cannot be opened
--------------	--------------------------------------

### 2.1.2.16 thermostat()

```
void thermostat (
    double kinetic_energy,
    double temperature,
    double ** velocities,
    int n_atoms )
```

Velocity-rescaling thermostat.

## Parameters

<i>kinetic_energy</i>	Kinetic energy
<i>temperature</i>	Desired temperature
<i>velocities</i>	Velocities
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.1.2.17 update\_positions()**

```
void update_positions (
    double ** coords,
    double ** velocities,
    double ** accelerations,
    double dt,
    int n_atoms )
```

Updates atomic positions using Verlet algorithm.

## Parameters

<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>accelerations</i>	Array of atomic accelerations
<i>dt</i>	Time step
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.1.2.18 update\_velocities()**

```
void update_velocities (
    double ** velocities,
    double ** accelerations,
    double dt,
    int n_atoms )
```

Updates atomic velocities using Verlet algorithm.

## Parameters

<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>accelerations</i>	Array of atomic accelerations
<i>dt</i>	Time step
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.1.2.19 validate\_atoms()**

```
int validate_atoms (
    double * masses,
```

```
double * epsilon,  
double * sigma,  
int n_atoms )
```

Validates that all atoms in the system are argon.

#### Parameters

<i>masses</i>	Array of atomic masses
<i>epsilon</i>	Pointer to store the epsilon parameter
<i>sigma</i>	Pointer to store the sigma parameter
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

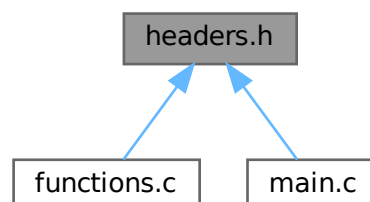
#### Returns

1 if all atoms are valid, 0 otherwise

## 2.2 headers.h File Reference

Contains the function headers.

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



#### Macros

- #define [CONSTANTS\\_H](#)
- #define [ARGON\\_MASS](#) 39.948
- #define [ARGON\\_EPSILON](#) 0.0661
- #define [ARGON\\_SIGMA](#) 0.3345
- #define [PI](#) 3.14159265358979323846
- #define [R](#) 8.31446261815324

## Functions

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- void [initialize\\_velocities](#) (double \*\*velocities, double \*masses, double temperature, int n\_atoms)  
*Initialize random velocities.*
- void [calculate\\_distances](#) (double \*\*coords, double \*\*distances, int n\_atoms)  
*Calculates distances between all pairs of atoms.*
- double [calculate\\_potential\\_energy](#) (double \*\*distances, int n\_atoms, double epsilon, double sigma)  
*Calculates total potential energy of the system.*
- double [calculate\\_kinetic\\_energy](#) (double \*\*velocities, double \*masses, int n\_atoms)  
*Calculates total kinetic energy of the system.*
- double [calculate\\_total\\_energy](#) (double kinetic\_energy, double potential\_energy)  
*Calculates total energy of the system.*
- void [thermostat](#) (double kinetic\_energy, double temperature, double \*\*velocities, int n\_atoms)  
*Velocity-rescaling thermostat.*
- void [check\\_energy](#) (double previous\_energy, double total\_energy, int step)  
*Checks energy conservation between simulation steps.*
- void [calculate\\_accelerations](#) (double \*\*coords, double \*masses, int n\_atoms, double epsilon, double sigma, double \*\*distances, double \*\*accelerations)  
*Calculates acceleration vectors for all atoms.*
- void [update\\_positions](#) (double \*\*coords, double \*\*velocities, double \*\*accelerations, double dt, int n\_atoms)  
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*Prints simulation output.*

### 2.2.1 Detailed Description

Contains the function headers.

### 2.2.2 Macro Definition Documentation

#### 2.2.2.1 ARGON\_EPSILON

```
#define ARGON_EPSILON 0.0661
```

### 2.2.2.2 ARGON\_MASS

```
#define ARGON_MASS 39.948
```

### 2.2.2.3 ARGON\_SIGMA

```
#define ARGON_SIGMA 0.3345
```

### 2.2.2.4 CONSTANTS\_H

```
#define CONSTANTS_H
```

### 2.2.2.5 PI

```
#define PI 3.14159265358979323846
```

### 2.2.2.6 R

```
#define R 8.31446261815324
```

## 2.2.3 Function Documentation

### 2.2.3.1 allocate\_2d\_array()

```
double ** allocate_2d_array (
    int rows,
    int cols )
```

Allocates a 2D array of doubles.

#### Parameters

<i>rows</i>	Number of rows in the array
<i>cols</i>	Number of columns in the array

#### Returns

Pointer to the allocated 2D array

#### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if memory allocation fails
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### 2.2.3.2 calculate\_accelerations()

```
void calculate_accelerations (
    double ** coords,
    double * masses,
    int n_atoms,
    double epsilon,
    double sigma,
    double ** distances,
    double ** accelerations )
```

Calculates acceleration vectors for all atoms.

#### Parameters

<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>masses</i>	Array of atomic masses
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms
<i>epsilon</i>	Epsilon parameter for LJ potential
<i>sigma</i>	Sigma parameter for LJ potential
<i>distances</i>	2D array of pairwise distances
<i>accelerations</i>	Array to store calculated accelerations

### 2.2.3.3 calculate\_distances()

```
void calculate_distances (
    double ** coords,
    double ** distances,
    int n_atoms )
```

Calculates distances between all pairs of atoms.

#### Parameters

<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>distances</i>	2D array to store pairwise distances
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

### 2.2.3.4 calculate\_kinetic\_energy()

```
double calculate_kinetic_energy (
    double ** velocities,
    double * masses,
    int n_atoms )
```

Calculates total kinetic energy of the system.

#### Parameters

<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>masses</i>	Array of atomic masses
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**Returns**

Total kinetic energy of the system

**2.2.3.5 calculate\_potential\_energy()**

```
double calculate_potential_energy (
    double ** distances,
    int n_atoms,
    double epsilon,
    double sigma )
```

Calculates total potential energy of the system.

**Parameters**

<i>distances</i>	2D array of pairwise distances
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms
<i>epsilon</i>	Epsilon parameter for LJ potential
<i>sigma</i>	Sigma parameter for LJ potential

**Returns**

Total potential energy of the system

**2.2.3.6 calculate\_total\_energy()**

```
double calculate_total_energy (
    double kinetic_energy,
    double potential_energy )
```

Calculates total energy of the system.

**Parameters**

<i>kinetic_energy</i>	Current kinetic energy
<i>potential_energy</i>	Current potential energy

**Returns**

Total energy of the system

**2.2.3.7 check\_energy()**

```
void check_energy (
    double previous_energy,
    double total_energy,
    int step )
```

Checks energy conservation between simulation steps.

**Parameters**

<i>previous_energy</i>	Energy from previous step
<i>total_energy</i>	Current total energy
<i>step</i>	Current simulation step

**Warning**

Prints warning if energy varies by more than 10%

**2.2.3.8 free\_2d\_array()**

```
void free_2d_array (
    double ** array,
    int rows )
```

Frees a 2D array from memory.

**Parameters**

<i>array</i>	Pointer to the 2D array to be freed
<i>rows</i>	Number of rows in the array

**2.2.3.9 initialize\_velocities()**

```
void initialize_velocities (
    double ** velocities,
    double * masses,
    double temperature,
    int n_atoms )
```

Initialize random velocities.

**Parameters**

<i>velocities</i>	Array of velocities
<i>masses</i>	Array of masses
<i>temperature</i>	Temperature
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.2.3.10 open\_output()**

```
FILE * open_output (
    const char * filename )
```

Opens a file for writing output.

## Parameters

<i>filename</i>	Name of the output file
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## Returns

Pointer to the opened file

## Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if file cannot be opened
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### 2.2.3.11 print\_output()

```
void print_output (
    FILE * trajectory_file,
    FILE * energy_file,
    FILE * extended_file,
    FILE * acceleration_file,
    int n_atoms,
    int step,
    double kinetic_energy,
    double potential_energy,
    double total_energy,
    double ** coords,
    double ** velocities,
    double ** accelerations )
```

Prints simulation output.

## Parameters

<i>trajectory_file</i>	File pointer for trajectory output
<i>energy_file</i>	File pointer for energy output
<i>extended_file</i>	File pointer for extended information
<i>acceleration_file</i>	File pointer for acceleration data
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms
<i>step</i>	Current simulation step
<i>kinetic_energy</i>	Current kinetic energy
<i>potential_energy</i>	Current potential energy
<i>total_energy</i>	Current total energy
<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>accelerations</i>	Array of atomic accelerations

### 2.2.3.12 read\_coords\_and\_masses()

```
void read_coords_and_masses (
    const char * filename,
```

```
double ** coords,
double * masses,
int n_atoms )
```

Reads atomic coordinates and masses from an input file.

#### Parameters

<i>filename</i>	Name of the input file
<i>coords</i>	2D array to store coordinates
<i>masses</i>	Array to store atomic masses
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

#### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if file cannot be opened
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### 2.2.3.13 read\_natoms()

```
int read_natoms (
    const char * filename )
```

Reads the number of atoms from an input file.

#### Parameters

<i>filename</i>	Name of the input file
-----------------	------------------------

#### Returns

Number of atoms

#### Exceptions

<i>Exits</i>	with code 1 if file cannot be opened
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### 2.2.3.14 thermostat()

```
void thermostat (
    double kinetic_energy,
    double temperature,
    double ** velocities,
    int n_atoms )
```

Velocity-rescaling thermostat.

## Parameters

<i>kinetic_energy</i>	Kinetic energy
<i>temperature</i>	Desired temperature
<i>velocities</i>	Velocities
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.2.3.15 update\_positions()**

```
void update_positions (
    double ** coords,
    double ** velocities,
    double ** accelerations,
    double dt,
    int n_atoms )
```

Updates atomic positions using Verlet algorithm.

## Parameters

<i>coords</i>	Array of atomic coordinates
<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>accelerations</i>	Array of atomic accelerations
<i>dt</i>	Time step
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.2.3.16 update\_velocities()**

```
void update_velocities (
    double ** velocities,
    double ** accelerations,
    double dt,
    int n_atoms )
```

Updates atomic velocities using Verlet algorithm.

## Parameters

<i>velocities</i>	Array of atomic velocities
<i>accelerations</i>	Array of atomic accelerations
<i>dt</i>	Time step
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

**2.2.3.17 validate\_atoms()**

```
int validate_atoms (
    double * masses,
```

```
double * epsilon,
double * sigma,
int n_atoms )
```

Validates that all atoms in the system are argon.

#### Parameters

<i>masses</i>	Array of atomic masses
<i>epsilon</i>	Pointer to store the epsilon parameter
<i>sigma</i>	Pointer to store the sigma parameter
<i>n_atoms</i>	Number of atoms

#### Returns

1 if all atoms are valid, 0 otherwise

## 2.3 headers.h

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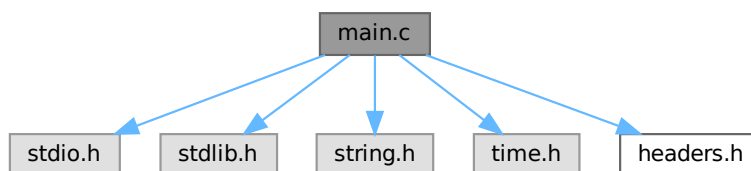
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00001
00006 #ifndef FUNCTIONS_H
00007 #define FUNCTIONS_H
00008
00009 double** allocate_2d_array(int rows, int cols);
00010 void free_2d_array(double** array, int rows);
00011 int read_natoms(const char* filename);
00012 void read_coords_and_masses(const char* filename, double** coords, double* masses, int n_atoms);
00013 int validate_atoms(double* masses, double* epsilon, double* sigma, int n_atoms);
00014 void initialize_velocities(double** velocities, double* masses, double temperature, int n_atoms);
00015 void calculate_distances(double** coords, double** distances, int n_atoms);
00016 double calculate_potential_energy(double** distances, int n_atoms, double epsilon, double sigma);
00017 double calculate_kinetic_energy(double** velocities, double* masses, int n_atoms);
00018 double calculate_total_energy(double kinetic_energy, double potential_energy);
00019 void thermostat(double kinetic_energy, double temperature, double** velocities, int n_atoms);
00020 void check_energy(double previous_energy, double total_energy, int step);
00021 void calculate_accelerations(double** coords, double* masses, int n_atoms, double epsilon, double
sigma, double** distances, double** accelerations);
00022 void update_positions(double** coords, double** velocities, double** accelerations, double dt, int
n_atoms);
00023 void update_velocities(double** velocities, double** accelerations, double dt, int n_atoms);
00024 FILE* open_output(const char* filename);
00025 void print_output(FILE* trajectory_file, FILE* energy_file, FILE* extended_file, FILE*
acceleration_file, int n_atoms, int step, double kinetic_energy, double potential_energy, double
total_energy, double** coords, double** velocities, double** accelerations);
00026 #endif
00027
00028 // Constants
00029 #ifndef CONSTANTS_H
00030 #define CONSTANTS_H
00031
00032 #define ARGON_MASS 39.948
00033 #define ARGON_EPSILON 0.0661 // j/mol
00034 #define ARGON_SIGMA 0.3345 // nm
00035 #define PI 3.14159265358979323846
00036 #define R 8.31446261815324 // Ideal gas constant in J/K/mol
00037
00038 #endif
```

## 2.4 main.c File Reference

Contains the main program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>
#include "headers.h"
Include dependency graph for main.c:
```



## Functions

- `int main (int argc, char *argv[ ])`  
*The main entry point of the program.*

### 2.4.1 Detailed Description

Contains the main program.

### 2.4.2 Function Documentation

#### 2.4.2.1 main()

```
int main (
    int argc,
    char * argv[ ] )
```

The main entry point of the program.

This program manages reading of the input, performing the MD simulation and generation of output.

#### Returns

int Returns 0 upon successful execution.



### 2.4.3 Variables

- `int n_steps`: Number of simulation steps.
  - `double dt`: Time step.
  - `double temperature`: Temperature.
  - `int thermo`: If set to 1, the thermostat is activated, if set to 0 it is deactivated.
  - `const char* filename`: Name of the input file.
  - `int n_atoms`: Number of atoms.
  - `double** coords`: 2D array of coordinates consisting of x, y, z for each atom.
  - `double** distances`: 2D array of distances for each pair of atoms.
  - `double* masses`: Array of masses of each atom.
  - `double epsilon`: Epsilon parameter for the Lennard-Jones potential in j/mol.
  - `double sigma`: Sigma parameter for the Lennard-Jones potential in nm.
  - `double** velocities`: 2D array of velocities consisting of vx, vy, vz for each atom.
  - `double** accelerations`: 2D array of accelerations consisting of ax, ay, az for each atom.
  - `const char* trajectory_name`: Name of the file where the trajectory output is written.
  - `FILE* trajectory_file`: File where the trajectory output is written.
  - `const char* energy_name`: Name of the file where the energies are written.
  - `FILE* energy_file`: File where the energies are written.
  - `const char* extended_name`: Name of the file where the extended trajectory with velocities is written.
  - `FILE* extended_file`: File where the extended trajectory with velocities is written.
  - `const char* acceleration_name`: Name of the file where the accelerations are written.
  - `FILE* acceleration_file`: File where the accelerations are written.
  - `double kinetic_energy`: Variable for storing the kinetic energy.
  - `double potential_energy`: Variable for storing the potential energy.
  - `double total_energy`: Variable for storing the total energy.
  - `double previous_energy`: Variable for storing the total energy of the previous step.
- Name of the input file

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