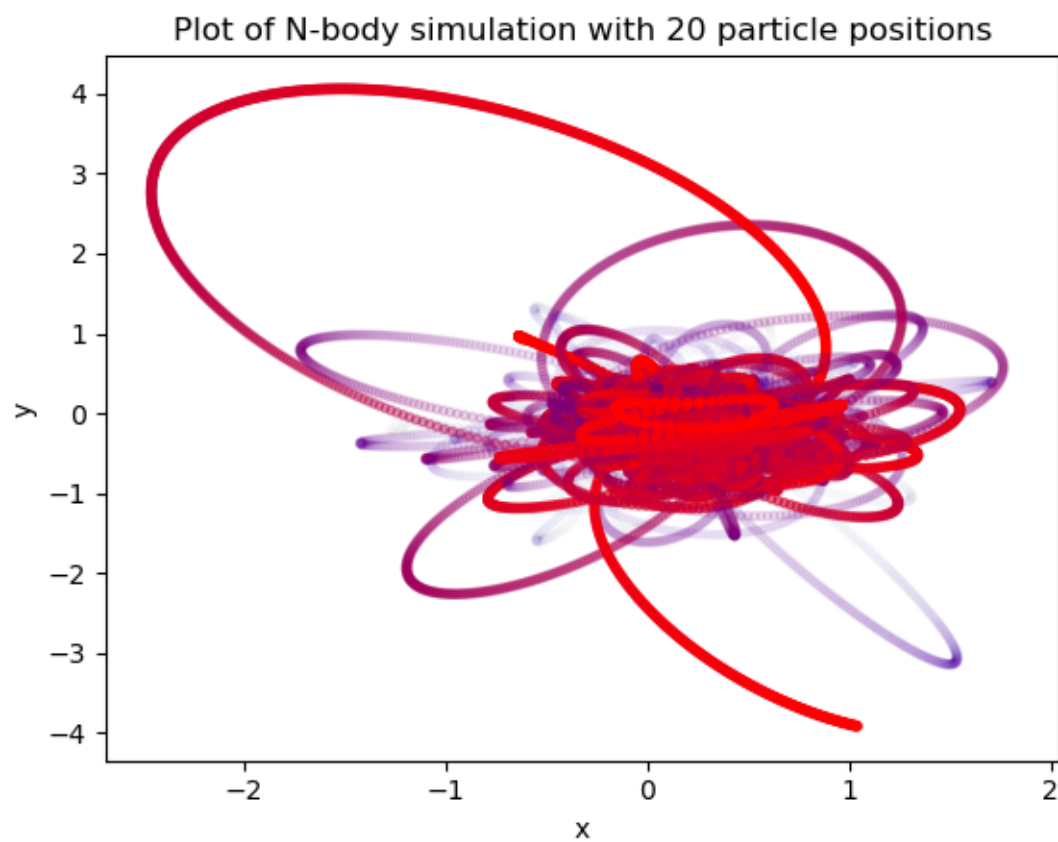


Homework 3

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For all orbit plots, color changes from blue to red as time advances.

1. (See code)
2. N-body simulation orbit plots (both orbit plots were produced with running the N-body simulation with all particles with 0-velocity; plots below show the trail of the orbit as well as the particles' position (at the red front of the trail)):
N-body simulation parameters:
Number of particles: 20
Initial velocities of particles: 0
Time step: 0.01
Number of time steps: 2000
Masses of particles: 1
Force softening: 0.1



As shown below, the velocities of the particles change rapidly throughout the entire duration of the N-body simulation, making it very difficult to identify specific particles' velocity trails.

