

Problem1. Develop an adaptive Runge-Kutta algorithm based on the standard fourth-order accurate RK4 algorithm. To estimate the local error, calculate $f(x_0 + h)$ using RK4 with stepsize h and with two RK4 steps using stepsize $h/2$. The difference between these two will be your estimate of the local error. Test your code by solving

$$\begin{aligned} y''(x) &= -y, & 0 \leq x \leq 10 \\ y(0) &= 0, \\ y'(0) &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Measure the L^∞ -norm of the error. Note that your code should automatically choose the stepsize h based on the user-specified tolerance. Try to set the tolerance to just above the roundoff limit.

Solution. Our starting point for solving an ODE of the form $y'(x) = f(x, y)$ is the standard fourth-order Runge-Kutta method, with some grid-spacing \hat{h} :

$$\hat{y}_{i+1} = \hat{y}_i + \frac{\hat{h}}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4), \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_i, \hat{y}_i) \\ k_2 &= f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}\hat{h}, \hat{y}_i + \frac{1}{2}\hat{h}k_1\right) \\ k_3 &= f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}\hat{h}, \hat{y}_i + \frac{1}{2}\hat{h}k_2\right) \\ k_4 &= f\left(x_i + \hat{h}, \hat{y}_i + \hat{h}k_3\right). \end{aligned}$$

For the purpose of estimating the local error, we shall simultaneously run the RK4 algorithm with a different stepsize $\tilde{h} = \hat{h}/2$. Thus a step of Eq. (2) will be run in parallel with two steps of

$$\tilde{y}_{i+1} = \tilde{y}_i + \frac{\tilde{h}}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4). \quad (3)$$

At each step we check whether $\delta \equiv \|\tilde{y} - \hat{y}\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$, where ϵ is some user-defined tolerance. Then, the step size h is changed according the following condition:

$$h_{\text{new}} = \begin{cases} S h \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta}\right)^{1/5} & \text{if } \delta \leq \epsilon, \\ S h \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta}\right)^{1/4} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Here S is a safety factor (typically, $0.5 \leq S \leq 0.9$) which is introduced to prevent h from increasing/decreasing drastically.

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 def rk4_step(x_i, y_i, rhs_func, h, **kwargs):
4     k1 = rhs_func(x_i, y_i, **kwargs)
5     k2 = rhs_func(x_i + h/2.0, y_i + h/2.0 * k1, **kwargs)
6     k3 = rhs_func(x_i + h/2.0, y_i + h/2.0 * k2, **kwargs)
7     k4 = rhs_func(x_i + h, y_i + h * k3, **kwargs)
8
9     return x_i + h, y_i + h/6.0 * (k1 + 2.0*k2 + 2.0*k3 + k4)
10
11
12 def solution_on_grid(x0          = 0.0,
13                     xf          = 1.0,
14                     y0          = None,
15                     rhs_func     = None,
```

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16         h0          = 0.1,
17         safety_factor = 0.8,
18         tol          = 1e-10):
19
20     grid = []
21     yvals = []
22
23     grid.append(x0)
24     yvals.append(y0)
25
26     h      = h0
27     x_hat  = x0
28     y_hat  = y0
29     x_tilde = x0
30     y_tilde = y0
31
32     it      = 0
33     it_max  = 1000
34     h_min   = 1e-14
35
36
37     while x_hat <= xf:
38
39         x_old = x_tilde
40         y_old = y_tilde
41
42         x_hat, y_hat = rk4_step(x_hat, y_hat, rhs_func, h)
43         x_tilde, y_tilde = rk4_step(x_tilde, y_tilde, rhs_func, h/2.0)
44         x_tilde, y_tilde = rk4_step(x_tilde, y_tilde, rhs_func, h/2.0) #run twice
45
46         assert np.abs(x_tilde - x_hat) < 1e-10
47         delta = np.max(np.abs(y_tilde - y_hat))
48
49         if h <= h_min:
50             print(f'h = {h} has reached a value that is too low. Breaking the loop now...')
51             break
52
53         if delta <= tol:
54             h      = safety_factor * h * (tol/delta) ** 0.20
55             y_hat = y_tilde
56             it     = 0 # reset condition
57
58             grid.append(x_tilde)
59             yvals.append(y_tilde)
60
61         else:
62             h      = safety_factor * h * (tol/delta) ** 0.25
63             x_tilde = x_old
64             y_tilde = y_old
65             x_hat  = x_old
66             y_hat  = y_old
67
68             it+=1
69             if it==it_max:
70                 print(f'Tolerance never reached..Breaking the code after {it_max} iterations...')
71                 break
72
73     grid = np.array(grid)
74     yvals = np.array(yvals)
75
76     return grid, yvals

```

Now, the closed-form general solution to Eq. (1) is given by

$$y(x) = c_0 \cos x + c_1 \sin x, \quad c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (5)$$

Given the stated initial conditions, we find $c_0 = 0$, $c_1 = 1$, so that the solution to our particular problem is

$$y(x) = \sin x. \quad (6)$$

However, for the purpose of solving the system using the Runge-Kutta method, we do the usual trick of writing down the given second-order system as a pair of first-order equations, using an auxiliary function φ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} y' \\ \varphi' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi \\ -y \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 from IPython.display import display, Latex
3
4 def rhs(x, y_array, **kwargs):
5     # y_array = (y, y')
6     return np.array((y_array[1], - y_array[0]))
7
8
9 def exact_sol(x, y_initial):
10     c0 = y_initial[0]
11     c1 = y_initial[1]
12     y = c0 * np.cos(x) + c1 * np.sin(x) # = y
13     y_prime = -c0 * np.sin(x) + c1 * np.cos(x) # = y'
14
15     return y, y_prime
16
17
18 # initial conditions (y_init[0] = y(0) = 0, y_init[1] = y'(0) = 1)
19 y_init = np.array((0.0,1.0))
20
21
22 grid, yvals = solution_on_grid(x0 = 0.0,
23                               xf = 10.0,
24                               y0 = y_init,
25                               rhs_func = rhs,
26                               h0 = 0.1,
27                               safety_factor = 0.8,
28                               tol = 1e-13)
29
30
31 y_exact = exact_sol(grid, y_init)
32 error = yvals[:,0] - y_exact[0]
33 l_inf_error = np.linalg.norm(yvals[:,0] - y_exact[0], ord=np.inf)
34
35 display(Latex(f'The  $L_{\infty}$ -norm error is {l_inf_error}.'))
36
37 plt.plot(grid, error, 'yx-', linewidth=1, label=r'$y - \tilde{y}$')
38 plt.legend(fancybox=True, framealpha=1, borderpad=1, shadow=True, loc='upper left')
39 plt.xlabel(r'$x$', fontsize=12);
40 plt.ylabel('Error', fontsize=12);
41
42 # save plot
43 plt.savefig('./Figures/y_versus_ytilde.pdf', bbox_inches='tight')
44 plt.close()

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The output yields the following plot:

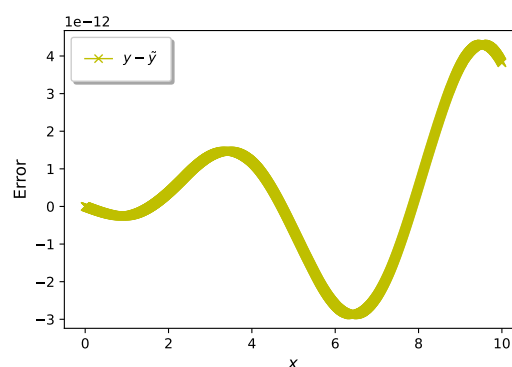


Figure 1: Error of $y - \tilde{y}$, where y is the exact solution and \tilde{y} is the numerical solution found with our RK4 routine.

The L_{∞} -norm of the error is $4.316755286559726 \times 10^{-12}$.



Problem 2. Express the equations of motion for three gravitating point masses in Newtonian gravity in first order form. Implement your system of equations within the adaptive RK4 integrator you developed in Problem 1. Finally, using your code, solve the problem of three masses initially at rest and arranged on the vertices of a right triangle whose sides have length 3ℓ , 4ℓ , and 5ℓ . Choose the masses to be proportional to the side opposite the given vertex. Confirm that you can rescale the space and time coordinates so that the masses are 3, 4, and 5, the lengths to be 3, 4, and 5, and the gravitational constant to be $G = 1$, and solve this problem numerically. Plot the trajectories of the three masses on a single plot. In addition, measure the total energy, linear, and angular momentum and determine how well these are conserved as a function of the tolerance.

Solution. The equations of motion for three gravitating point masses m_i with positions $\vec{r}_i = (x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ in Newtonian gravity are given by

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_i = -Gm_j \frac{\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j}{\|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j\|^3} - Gm_k \frac{\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_k}{\|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_k\|^3}, \quad (8)$$

where $i, j, k = 0, 1, 2$ and $i \neq j \neq k$, G is Newton's gravitational constant (we shall set $G = 1$ in the code), and $\|\cdot\|$ is the Euclidean norm. For instance, for \vec{r}_0 we have

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_0 \\ \ddot{y}_0 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{Gm_1}{\|\vec{r}_0 - \vec{r}_1\|^3} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 - x_1 \\ y_0 - y_1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{Gm_2}{\|\vec{r}_0 - \vec{r}_2\|^3} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 - x_2 \\ y_0 - y_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

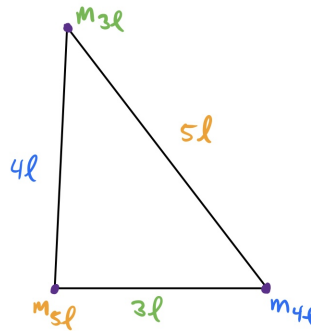
and similarly for \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2 . This is a system of six second-order differential equations, which we then rewrite as a system of first-order equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\vec{r}}_i \\ \dot{\vec{\phi}}_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\phi}_i \\ \vec{\Theta}_{ijk} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

where we set

$$\vec{\Theta}_{ijk} \equiv -Gm_j \frac{\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j}{\|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j\|^3} - Gm_k \frac{\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_k}{\|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_k\|^3}, \quad (10)$$

and ϕ is some auxiliary function.



We choose the masses to be proportional to the side opposite the given vertex, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_{3\ell} &= \alpha_{3\ell} 3\ell \\ m_{4\ell} &= \alpha_{4\ell} 4\ell \\ m_{5\ell} &= \alpha_{5\ell} 5\ell, \end{aligned}$$

for some α coefficients that depend on the length ℓ (we can just set them all to 1 for all intent and purposes). To tidy up the notation, we shall set

$$\begin{aligned} m_0 &\equiv m_{5\ell}, & m_1 &\equiv m_{4\ell}, & m_2 &\equiv m_{3\ell} \\ \alpha_0 &\equiv \alpha_{5\ell}, & \alpha_1 &\equiv \alpha_{4\ell}, & \alpha_2 &\equiv \alpha_{3\ell} \end{aligned}$$

and, WLOG, we choose to position the point mass m_0 initially at the origin of \mathbb{R}^2 , so that initially we have the locations

$$\vec{r}_0^{(0)} = (x_0, y_0) = (0, 0), \quad \vec{r}_1^{(0)} = (x_1, y_1) = (3\ell, 0), \quad \vec{r}_2^{(0)} = (x_2, y_2) = (0, 4\ell). \quad (11)$$

```

1 # set the desired length, alpha, and mass
2 ell = 1.0
3 alpha = np.array((1.0, 2.0, 3.0))
4 mass = np.array((alpha[0]*5.0*ell, alpha[1]*4.0*ell, alpha[2]*3.0*ell))
5
6
7 def dist(r_i, r_j):
8     return np.sqrt( (r_i[0] - r_j[0])**2 + (r_i[1] - r_j[1])**2 )
9
10
11 def newton_rhs(x, r_array, G=1.0, m = mass):
12     '''
13     Refer to Eq. (10)
14     r_array = (r0,r1,r2,\dot{r0},\dot{r1},\dot{r2})
15     alpha proportionality constants could be anything..
16     '''
17
18     theta_0 = np.zeros(2)    #\ddot{r}_0
19     theta_1 = np.zeros(2)    #\ddot{r}_1
20     theta_2 = np.zeros(2)    #\ddot{r}_2
21
22     for i in range(0,2):
23         theta_0[i] = - G * m[1] * (r_array[0,i] - r_array[1,i]) /
24             (dist(r_array[0], r_array[1])**3) \
25             - G * m[2] * (r_array[0,i] - r_array[2,i]) /
26             (dist(r_array[0], r_array[2])**3)
27
28         theta_1[i] = - G * m[0] * (r_array[1,i] - r_array[0,i]) /
29             (dist(r_array[1], r_array[0])**3) \
30             - G * m[2] * (r_array[1,i] - r_array[2,i]) /
31             (dist(r_array[1], r_array[2])**3)
32
33         theta_2[i] = - G * m[0] * (r_array[2,i] - r_array[0,i]) /
34             (dist(r_array[2], r_array[0])**3) \
35             - G * m[1] * (r_array[2,i] - r_array[1,i]) /
36             (dist(r_array[2], r_array[1])**3)
37
38     theta = np.array((theta_0, theta_1, theta_2))
39     rhs = np.array((r_array[3:], theta)) # Eq. (9)
40     rhs = rhs.reshape(6,2) # reshaping to make the array compatible with RK4 routine
41
42     return rhs
43
44 # initial conditions
45 r_init = ((0.0,0.0), (3.0*ell,0.0), (0.0,4.0*ell), (0.0,0.0), (0.0,0.0), (0.0,0.0))
46 r_init = np.array(r_init)

```

Time to plot the trajectories. Note that this time x_0 and x_f actually refer to time parameters, just as y_0 actually refers to the initial separations and velocities of the particles as described above.

```

1 newton_time, newton_vals = solution_on_grid(x0          = 0.0,          #t_start
2                                           xf           = 100.0,        #t_final
3                                           y0          = r_init,
4                                           rhs_func     = newton_rhs,
5                                           h0          = 0.1,
6                                           safety_factor = 0.8,
7                                           tol          = 1e-5)
8
9
10 # Grab positions (x,y) of all three particles
11 particle_m0_x_position = newton_vals[:,0][:,0]
12 particle_m0_y_position = newton_vals[:,0][:,1]
13
14 particle_m1_x_position = newton_vals[:,1][:,0]
15 particle_m1_y_position = newton_vals[:,1][:,1]
16
17 particle_m2_x_position = newton_vals[:,2][:,0]
18 particle_m2_y_position = newton_vals[:,2][:,1]
19
20
21 # Plot trajectories
22 fig = plt.figure(figsize = (10, 7))
23 ax = plt.axes(projection = "3d")
24
25 ax.plot(particle_m0_x_position, particle_m0_y_position, newton_time,
26         marker = 'o', color = "blue", label=r'particle $m_0$')

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27 ax.plot(particle_m1_x_position, particle_m1_y_position, newton_time,
28         marker = 'x', color = "red", label=r'particle $m_1$')
29 ax.plot(particle_m2_x_position, particle_m2_y_position, newton_time,
30         marker = '^', color = "green", label=r'particle $m_2$')
31
32 plt.legend(fancybox=True, framealpha=1, borderpad=1, shadow=True, loc='upper left')
33
34 ax.set_xlim(-20,20)
35 ax.set_ylim(-20,20)
36
37 ax.set_xlabel(r'$x$', fontweight = 'bold')
38 ax.set_ylabel(r'$y$', fontweight = 'bold')
39 ax.set_zlabel(r'$t$', fontweight = 'bold')
40
41 plt.title("Newtonian motion of three particles", fontweight = 'bold')
42 # save plot
43 plt.savefig('./Figures/newtonian_motion.pdf', bbox_inches='tight')
44 plt.close()

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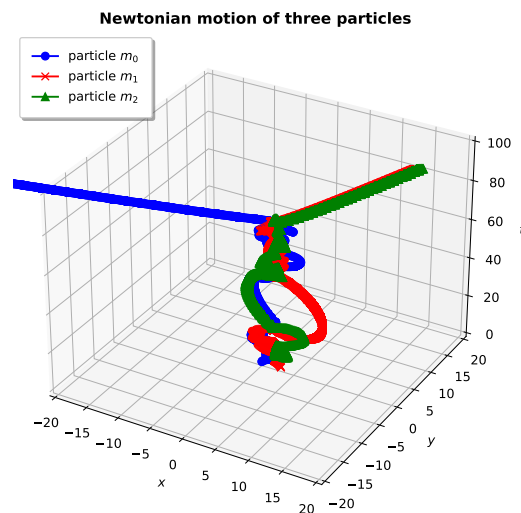


Figure 2: Trajectories of the three particles from $t_0 = 0$ to $t_{\text{final}} = 100$. Tolerance for this plot was set to $\epsilon = 10^{-5}$

The following code captures a full movie of the evolution. An .mp4 file is included in the attachments.

```

1 from matplotlib import animation
2 from IPython.display import HTML
3 from celluloid import Camera
4 import time
5 %matplotlib inline
6
7 '''
8     Set start/stop time for the evolution.
9     Running the full evolution is quite expensive!
10 '''
11 t_min = 0
12 t_max = -1
13
14 # Load trajectory data
15 traj_X0 = particle_m0_x_position[t_min:t_max]
16 traj_Y0 = particle_m0_y_position[t_min:t_max]
17
18 traj_X1 = particle_m1_x_position[t_min:t_max]
19 traj_Y1 = particle_m1_y_position[t_min:t_max]
20
21 traj_X2 = particle_m2_x_position[t_min:t_max]
22 traj_Y2 = particle_m2_y_position[t_min:t_max]
23
24 traj_T = newton_time[t_min:t_max]
25
26
27 # Animate the trajectories
28 fig = plt.figure(figsize = (10, 7))
29 ax = plt.axes(projection = "3d")
30

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31 # Initiate camera
32 camera = Camera(fig)
33
34 tic = time.time()
35
36 # Create individual frames
37 for j in range(1, len(traj_T)+1):
38
39     # Trajectories of the three particles
40     x0 = traj_X0[0:j]
41     y0 = traj_Y0[0:j]
42
43     x1 = traj_X1[0:j]
44     y1 = traj_Y1[0:j]
45
46     x2 = traj_X2[0:j]
47     y2 = traj_Y2[0:j]
48
49     t = traj_T[0:j]
50
51     # show locations
52     ax.plot(x0[-1], y0[-1], t[-1], marker = 'o', color = "blue", label=r'particle $m_0$')
53     ax.plot(x1[-1], y1[-1], t[-1], marker = 'x', color = "red", label=r'particle $m_1$')
54     ax.plot(x2[-1], y2[-1], t[-1], marker = '^', color = "green", label=r'particle $m_2$')
55
56     # show trajectories
57     ax.plot(x0, y0, t, color='b', lw=2, linestyle='--')
58     ax.plot(x1, y1, t, color='r', lw=2, linestyle='--')
59     ax.plot(x2, y2, t, color='g', lw=2, linestyle='--')
60
61     ax.set_xlabel(r'$x$', fontweight = 'bold')
62     ax.set_ylabel(r'$y$', fontweight = 'bold')
63     ax.set_zlabel(r'$t$', fontweight = 'bold')
64
65     # output the legend+title just once, at the beginning
66     if j == 1:
67         plt.legend(fancybox=True, framealpha=1, borderpad=1, shadow=True, loc='upper left')
68         plt.title("Newtonian motion of three particles", fontweight = 'bold')
69
70     # Capture frame
71     camera.snap()
72
73 # Create and save animation
74 anim = camera.animate(interval = 50, repeat = True, repeat_delay = 500)
75 anim.save('three_body_evolution.mp4')
76
77 toc = time.time()
78
79 print(f'It took {(toc-tic)/60.0} minutes to run this evolution.')
80
81 # Inline display
82 HTML(anim.to_html5_video())

```

To conclude this exercise, we are going to calculate the total linear- and angular momenta (\vec{P}_{total} and \vec{S}_{total} , respectively), as well as the total energy \vec{E}_{total} of the system. These quantities are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{P}_{\text{total}} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \\
 &= m_0 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_0 \\ \dot{y}_0 \end{bmatrix} + m_1 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{y}_1 \end{bmatrix} + m_2 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{S}_{\text{total}} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 m_i \vec{r}_i \times \dot{\vec{r}}_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^2 m_i \sum_{j,k} \epsilon^{2jk} (\vec{r}_i)_j (\dot{\vec{r}}_i)_k \\
 &= m_0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x_0 \dot{y}_0 - y_0 \dot{x}_0 \end{bmatrix} + m_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x_1 \dot{y}_1 - y_1 \dot{x}_1 \end{bmatrix} + m_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ x_2 \dot{y}_2 - y_2 \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$\vec{E}_{\text{total}} = \sum_{i=0}^2 \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_i - \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{G m_k m_j}{\|r_k - r_j\|}. \quad (14)$$

We have already extracted the positions of the particles at the end of our run in the codes above; we now do the same for the velocities:

```
1 # Grab velocities (\dot{x}, \dot{y}) of all three particles
2 particle_m0_x_speed = newton_vals[:,3][:,0]
3 particle_m0_y_speed = newton_vals[:,3][:,1]
4
5 particle_m1_x_speed = newton_vals[:,4][:,0]
6 particle_m1_y_speed = newton_vals[:,4][:,1]
7
8 particle_m2_x_speed = newton_vals[:,5][:,0]
9 particle_m2_y_speed = newton_vals[:,5][:,1]
```

We now use the last elements of the above data to calculate the quantities on Eqs (12)-(14):

```
1 # Collect data from end of evolution
2 x0 = particle_m0_x_position[-1]
3 y0 = particle_m0_y_position[-1]
4 x0_dot = particle_m0_x_speed[-1]
5 y0_dot = particle_m0_y_speed[-1]
6
7 x1 = particle_m1_x_position[-1]
8 y1 = particle_m1_y_position[-1]
9 x1_dot = particle_m1_x_speed[-1]
10 y1_dot = particle_m1_y_speed[-1]
11
12 x2 = particle_m2_x_position[-1]
13 y2 = particle_m2_y_position[-1]
14 x2_dot = particle_m2_x_speed[-1]
15 y2_dot = particle_m2_y_speed[-1]
16
17
18 ''' -----
19     Solve Eq. (12)
20     -----
21 '''
22 Px = mass[0] * x0_dot + mass[1] * x1_dot + mass[2] * x2_dot
23 Py = mass[0] * y0_dot + mass[1] * y1_dot + mass[2] * y2_dot
24 P_total = np.array((Px,Py))
25
26 P_total_start = 0.0 # trivial, from the initial conditions
27
28
29
30 ''' -----
31     Solve Eq. (13)
32     -----
33 '''
34 Sx = 0.0
35 Sy = 0.0
36 Sz = mass[0] * (x0*y0_dot - y0*x0_dot) + \
37     mass[1] * (x1*y1_dot - y1*x1_dot) + \
38     mass[2] * (x2*y2_dot - y2*x2_dot)
39
40 S_total = np.array((Sx,Sy,Sz))
41
42 S_total_start = 0.0 # trivial, from the initial conditions
43
44
45 ''' -----
46     Solve Eq. (14)
47     -----
48 '''
49 G = 1.0
50
51 r0 = np.array((x0,y0))
52 r1 = np.array((x1,y1))
53 r2 = np.array((x2,y2))
54
55 r0_dot = np.array((x0_dot,y0_dot))
56 r1_dot = np.array((x1_dot,y1_dot))
57 r2_dot = np.array((x2_dot,y2_dot))
58
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59
60 # Collect data from beginning of evolution
61 x0_start = particle_m0_x_position[0]
62 y0_start = particle_m0_y_position[0]
63
64 x1_start = particle_m1_x_position[0]
65 y1_start = particle_m1_y_position[0]
66
67 x2_start = particle_m2_x_position[0]
68 y2_start = particle_m2_y_position[0]
69
70 r0_start = np.array((x0_start, y0_start))
71 r1_start = np.array((x1_start, y1_start))
72 r2_start = np.array((x2_start, y2_start))
73
74
75 E_total = 0.5 * (mass[0] * np.dot(r0_dot, r0_dot) + \
76                 mass[1] * np.dot(r1_dot, r1_dot) + \
77                 mass[2] * np.dot(r2_dot, r2_dot) ) \
78             - G * mass[0] * mass[1] / dist(r0, r1) \
79             - G * mass[0] * mass[2] / dist(r0, r2) \
80             - G * mass[1] * mass[2] / dist(r1, r2)
81
82
83 E_total_start = - G * mass[0] * mass[1] / dist(r0_start, r1_start) \
84                 - G * mass[0] * mass[2] / dist(r0_start, r2_start) \
85                 - G * mass[1] * mass[2] / dist(r1_start, r2_start)
86
87
88
89 ''' -----
90         Print results
91     ----- '''
92
93
94 P_diff = np.max(np.abs(P_total - P_total_start))
95 print(f'The change in linear momentum is {P_diff}.')
96
97 S_diff = np.max(np.abs(S_total - S_total_start))
98 print(f'The change in angular momentum is {S_diff}.')
99
100 E_diff = np.abs(E_total - E_total_start)
101 print(f'The change in energy is {E_diff}.')

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The output shows

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1 The change in linear momentum is 3.6376457401843254e-13.
2 The change in angular momentum is 5.570849376113074e-05.
3 The change in energy is 0.03385164606898172.

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We run the code for a few different tolerance values and plot the corresponding conservation violation:

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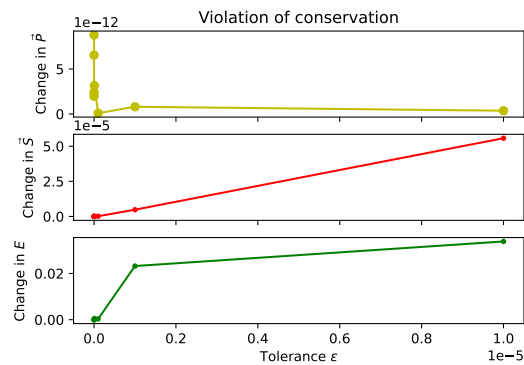
1 tol_array = np.array((1e-5, 1e-6, 1e-7, 1e-8, 1e-9, 1e-10, 1e-11, 1e-12))
2 P_diff_array = np.array((3.6376457401843254e-13, 8.029132914089132e-13,
3                          9.059419880941277e-14, 3.154809746774845e-12,
4                          2.411626454090765e-12, 1.9682033780554775e-12,
5                          6.538991570437247e-12, 8.778755500316038e-12))
6 S_diff_array = np.array((5.570849376113074e-05, 4.783419512932596e-06,
7                          1.5867068370312154e-07, 8.644178706163075e-08,
8                          2.8119586659158813e-09, 4.4076386984670535e-10,
9                          1.0754774848464876e-10, 1.972466634470038e-11))
10 E_diff_array = np.array((0.03385164606898172, 0.023219854908944626,
11                          0.0003271348054596501, 0.0005056144784560956,
12                          9.011379709988887e-06, 6.269771901656895e-07,
13                          6.140238326679537e-07, 6.719219882711513e-07))
14
15 # Create three subplots sharing x axis
16 fig, (ax1, ax2, ax3) = plt.subplots(3, sharey=False, sharex=True)
17
18 ax1.plot(tol_array, P_diff_array, 'yo-')
19 ax1.set(title='Violation of conservation', ylabel=r'Change in $\vec{P}$')
20
21 ax2.plot(tol_array, S_diff_array, 'r.-')
22 ax2.set(ylabel=r'Change in $\vec{S}$')
23
24 ax3.plot(tol_array, E_diff_array, 'g.-')
25

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26 ax3.set(xlabel=r'Tolerance  $\epsilon$ ', ylabel=r'Change in  $E$ ')
27
28 # save plot
29 plt.savefig('./Figures/violation_tol', bbox_inches='tight')
30 plt.close()

```



From the plots we can see that all three quantities are indeed conserved. However, we notice that for the linear momentum the conservation is violated more as we decrease the tolerance, which is the opposite behavior of the other two quantities (and of what we expect). That being said, the violation is still quite small. ♠