Section 1 - Electron Modelling

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% modelling the motion of these electrons was both interesting and
% difficult. these electrons start with a constant equal velocity, and
% never changes throughout the simulation. For this reason, the
 temperature
% of the system never changes. the only way a particle can change
direction
% in this simulation is to bounce off the bottom or top wall. The
% reflection from the top only reverses the angle, so the particle
exhibits
% periodic motion in a general direction based on its initial angle.
% I spent a great deal of time debugging the plotting. I found that
the
% particles would leave an ugly, unintended horizontal trail behind
% when they passed through the right and left walls. Once that was
fixed,
% the rest of the program came together quickly. This program could
% definitely make use of speed improvements, especially when the
 simulation
% lasts for lots of time steps.
% The thermal velocity is 1.3224e+5 m/s.
% the mean free path is 4.85e-8 m.
%constants
clear
C.q_0 = 1.60217653e-19;
C.m_0 = 9.10938215e-31;
C.kb = 1.3806504e-23;
C.T = 300;
frameWidth = 200e-9;
frameHeight = 100e-9;
Vth = sqrt(C.kb * C.T / (0.26*C.m_0));
iteration = 1;
Tstop = 1e-11;
t = 0;
dt = 1e-14;
%initialization of vectors
nAtoms = 1000;
Xnext = zeros(1,nAtoms);
Ynext = zeros(1,nAtoms);
direction = 2*pi*rand(1, nAtoms);
VX = Vth * cos(direction);
VY = Vth * sin(direction);
X = frameWidth * rand(1, nAtoms);
Y = frameHeight * rand(1, nAtoms);
Temperature = zeros(1, 100);
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%electrons placed randomly, with uniform velocity and random
 directions
while t < Tstop
    %for each cycle in time, move electrons in accordance with their
    %velocities
    Xnext = X + VX*dt;
    Ynext = Y + VY*dt;
    %X boundary conditions set
    right = Xnext>frameWidth;
    left = Xnext<0;</pre>
    Xnext(right) = Xnext(right)-frameWidth;
    Xnext(left) = Xnext(left) + frameWidth;
    %Y boundary conditions set
    top = Ynext > frameHeight;
    bottom = Ynext < 0;
    VY(top \mid bottom) = VY(top \mid bottom) * -1;
    %calculation for temperature
    V = sqrt(VX.*VX+VY.*VY);
    Temperature(iteration) = 0.26*C.m_0*mean(V.^2)/C.kb;
    figure(1)
    xlim([0 frameWidth])
    ylim([0 frameHeight])
    hold on
    %plotting, but avoid plotting the full horizontal jump
    if abs(Xnext(1) - X(1)) < 2*abs(VX(1))*dt
        figure(1)
        plot([Xnext(1) X(1)], [Ynext(1) Y(1)], 'blue')
    end
    if abs(Xnext(2) - X(2)) < 2*abs(VX(2))*dt
        figure(1)
        plot([Xnext(2) X(2)], [Ynext(2) Y(2)], 'red')
    end
    if abs(Xnext(3) - X(3)) < 2*abs(VX(3))*dt
        figure(1)
        plot([Xnext(3) X(3)], [Ynext(3) Y(3)], 'green')
    end
    %updating positions, and advancing time a step forward so the
 while
    %loop works
    X = Xnext;
    Y = Ynext;
    t = t+dt;
    iteration = iteration + 1;
    pause(0.0001);
end
%plotting temperature, should be constant
figure(2)
dummy = linspace(0,iteration, length(Temperature));
plot(dummy, Temperature)
title('Temperature of System Over Time')
xlabel('time')
ylabel('Temperature (K)')
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