

This repository contains codes for doing N-Body simulation using particle-pair and particle mesh methods.

# 3D Nbody Simulation

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This is simple N body simulation without any implemantation of cosmological models.

## Instructions

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To run the code, you need to have installed:

- Python 3.8
- Numpy
- Numba
- Matplotlib

Run with:

```
$ python -m nbody3d.nbody
```

## Working

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The code is a simple implementation of particle - pair method, where force is computed for each pair and then summed over for each such pair. After that using the Leapfrog integration we calculate the position and velocity, and iterate over again.

**There are three main functions required for doing the simualtion.**

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acceleration(pos, mass, G, softening)
```

This function calculates acceleration from the particle-pair method.

Suppose that the position of a particle of interest  $j$  be  $\vec{x}_j$  and then there are  $N$  such particles.

Then we calculate the relative vector between each such pair i.e  $\vec{r}_{ji} = \vec{x}_j - \vec{x}_i$  where  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . Then using Newton's Law of gravitation we calculate acceleration for each such pair and thus the net acceleration becomes

$$\mathbf{a}_j = G \sum_{i \neq j} m_i \frac{\vec{r}_{ji}}{|\vec{r}_{ji}|^3}$$

we use the softening parameter so that the relative distance never becomes zero.

This function returns a  $N \times 3$  matrix containing the acceleration vector i.e  $[a_x, a_y, a_z]$  of each particle.

`energy(pos, vel, mass, G)`

This function calculates the energy of the total system.

The `vel` parameter here is a  $N \times 3$  matrix that contains the velocity vector of each particle,  $[v_x, v_y, v_z]$  so for the particle  $i$  its easy to calculate the magnitude as  $v_i =$

$$\sqrt{v_{i,x}^2 + v_{i,y}^2 + v_{i,z}^2} \text{ Thus we can calculate the kinetic energy of each particle as } \frac{mv_j^2}{2}.$$

Then we calculate Gravitational Potential Energy between each pair, for that we need the relative distance between each particle which we do the same way as before. Then the gravitational potential energy for particle  $i$  and  $j$  will be  $-G \frac{m_i m_j}{r_{ij}}$ .

We sum the kinetic energy for each particle and potential energy for each such pair. Thus the total energy is:

$$E_{tot} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_i v_i^2}{2} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq N} G \frac{m_i m_j}{r_{ij}}$$

For a good simulation, the total, energy should be near 0 throughout the simulation and should remain more or less constant.

`main(N, tEnd, dt, softening=0.1, energyplot=False, plotRealTime=True)`

This function is the main function which runs the simulation. The parameters are self-explanatory and are described in the `nbody.py` also.

Don't keep the Number of particles too High, as this code is vectorized, so it have a drawback of large memory requirement.

This function initializes the initial grid and perturbation. If you don't want the perturbations, then you can distribute the particles randomly as well, by un-commenting this line :

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pos = np.random.randn(N, 3)
```

Note that the grid form is a cube, so make sure that the  $N$  you chose is a cube of some integer.

## Credits

This code implementation is based on the code implemented by [Phillip Mocaz](#)

# 2D Nbody Simulation

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This simulation will incorporate Friedmann's Equation and will be a more realistic simulation

## Maths required

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Deriving all the thing in great detail won't be possible, however I'll try to write reasonable explanations for all the steps. For detailed text one should refer to Barbara Ryden's book "Introduction to Cosmology" [@Ryden2017] and Andrew Liddle's book "Introduction to Modern Cosmology" [@liddle2015introduction]

Since we are considering the universe to be dominated by the darkmatter, the dynamics is governed by the hydrodynamic equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t(r) + \nabla_r(\rho\vec{u}) &= 0 \\ \partial_t\vec{u} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla_r)\vec{u} &= -\nabla_r\phi \\ \nabla_r^2\Phi &= 4\pi G\rho\end{aligned}$$

Now, the comoving coordinate is defined by:

$$\vec{r} = a(t)\vec{x}$$

where  $\vec{r}$  is the real distance and  $\vec{x}$  is the co-moving coordinate, and  $a(t)$  is called the scale factor of the universe. So on moving from real to comoving coordinates, and considering a density perturbation

$$\delta + 1 = \frac{\rho}{\rho_b}$$

the above equations will change. The equation that we are interested in is the modified poisson's equation.

$$\nabla\phi = 4\pi G a^2 (\rho - \rho_b) = 4\pi G a^2 (\delta \rho_b)$$

where

$$\Phi = \underbrace{\frac{2}{3}\pi G \rho_b a^2 x^2}_{\text{background potential of homogenous universe}} + \underbrace{\phi}_{\text{peculiar potential}}$$

Now the First Friedmann's Equation is

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_b a^2 - k$$

So for the flat universe ( $k = 0$ ) we can write the poisson equation as:

$$\Delta\phi = 4\pi G a^2 (\delta \rho_b) = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m \mathcal{H}^2 \delta$$

Where  $\Omega_i$  is a dimensionless quantity defined by  $\Omega_i = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{i,critical}}$

## Simulation

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The code is structured in the following manner:

- **Cosmology** : This is for getting the Hubble's Constant and other parameters such as  $a$ ,  $\dot{a}$ , and  $\Omega_i$ 's
- **Mass deposition** : Particle mesh codes need density as a function of the mesh rather than the particle mass.
- **Interpolation** : We need to interpolate back grid quantities onto the particle coordinates.
- **Integrator** : The evolution is described by a Hamiltonian System of equations. We will use leap-

frog integrator which is a generic solver for such system.

- **Poisson Solver** : For solving the Poisson equation governing the evolution of density.
- **Initialization** : The initial perturbation is given by *Zeldovich Approximation*
- **Main** : For stitching everything together.