## N-Particle Pairwise Interaction

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We can define the coordinates with two indices, the first index for the particle and the second for the component xyz

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In[9]:= xuu[red@i, j]
Out[9]= x<sup>i j</sup>
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In this case we could define the following metric  $\eta_{ij}$  to calculate the square distance between two different particles  $\{\mu, \nu\}$ 

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In[10] := (xuu[red@\mu, i] - xuu[red@v, i]) (xuu[red@\mu, j] - xuu[red@v, j]) \eta dd[i, j] \\ % // EinsteinSum[] // FullSimplify \\ Out[10] = (x^{\mu i} - x^{\nu i}) (x^{\mu j} - x^{\nu j}) \eta_{ij} \\ Out[11] = (x^{\mu 1} - x^{\nu 1})^{2} + (x^{\mu 2} - x^{\nu 2})^{2} + (x^{\mu 3} - x^{\nu 3})^{2}
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Defining the metric to be constant

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In[12]:= PartialD[_][ηdd[_, _], _] = 0
Out[12]= 0
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so the distance between two particles would be

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In[13] := \text{ DistanceRule} = \text{ruu}[\text{red@}\mu, \, \text{red@}\nu] \rightarrow \\ \text{ Sqrt}[(\text{xuu}[\text{red@}\mu, \, \text{i}] - \text{xuu}[\text{red@}\nu, \, \text{i}]) \, (\text{xuu}[\text{red@}\mu, \, \text{j}] - \text{xuu}[\text{red@}\nu, \, \text{j}]) \, \eta \text{dd}[\text{i}, \, \text{j}]] \\ Out[13] = \mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}^{\mu \, \text{i}} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu \, \text{i}}) \, (\mathbf{x}^{\mu \, \text{j}} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu \, \text{j}}) \, \eta_{\text{i} \, \text{j}}}
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but now the two subindices of  $r^{\mu\nu}$  are understood as particle indices. The coordinate partial derivative of the distance between two particles is

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In[14]:= \begin{array}{ll} PartialD[\{x, \delta, v, \Gamma\}][\\ & xuu[red@\sigma, k] , xuu[red@v, m] \\ \\ ]\\ Out[14]= & \frac{\partial x^{\sigma k}}{\partial x^{v m}} \end{array}
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Defining a personalized function to simplify this expression in terms of Kronecker deltas

The partial derivative of the distance between particles is calculated as

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In[18] := \text{PartialD}[\{\mathbf{x}, \delta, \eta, \Gamma\}][
\text{ruu}[\text{red}@\mu, \text{red}@\nu], \text{ xuu}[\text{red}@\sigma, k]
]
\% \text{ /. DistanceRule // Simplify // PartialDToKronecker}
\text{PartialDDistanceRule = } (\text{PartialD}[\{\mathbf{x}, \delta, \eta, \Gamma\}][\text{ruu}[\text{red}@\mu_-, \text{red}@\nu_-], \text{ xuu}[\text{red}@\sigma_-, k_-]] \rightarrow \\ \text{Simplify}[\text{Numerator}[\%] \text{ // Expand // MetricSimplify}[\eta] \text{ // KroneckerAbsorb}[\delta]] \text{ /} \\ \text{ruu}[\text{red}@\mu, \text{red}@\nu] \text{ / 2})
\text{Out}[18] = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{\sigma k}}
\text{Out}[19] = \frac{((\mathbf{x}^{\mu j} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu j}) (\delta^{i}_{k} \delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{i}_{k} \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma}) + (\mathbf{x}^{\mu i} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu i}) (\delta^{j}_{k} \delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{j}_{k} \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma})) \eta_{ij}}{2 \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}^{\mu i} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu i}) (\mathbf{x}^{\mu j} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu j}) \eta_{ij}}}
\text{Out}[20] = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{\mu-\nu}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{\sigma k}} \rightarrow \frac{(\mathbf{x}^{\mu}_{k} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu}_{k}) (\delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma})}{\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}}
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But our expression is not strictly in tensor notation so we must redefine the rule as follows

$$In[21] := \text{ PartialDDistanceRule} = \text{PartialD}[\{\mathbf{x}, \delta, \eta, \Gamma\}][\text{ruu}[\mu_{-}, \nu_{-}], \text{ xuu}[\sigma_{-}, k_{-}]] \rightarrow \\ (\delta \text{ud}[\mu, \sigma] - \delta \text{ud}[\nu, \sigma]) (\text{xuu}[\mu, k] - \text{xuu}[\nu, k]) / \text{ruu}[\mu, \nu]$$

$$Out[21] = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{\mu_{-}\nu_{-}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{\sigma_{-}k_{-}}} \rightarrow \frac{(\mathbf{x}^{\mu_{k}} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu_{k}}) (\delta^{\mu}{}_{\sigma} - \delta^{\nu}{}_{\sigma})}{\mathbf{r}^{\mu_{\nu}}}$$

The higher order derivatives are calculated recursively

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In[22] := \mbox{ HigherOrderPartialDDistanceRule = (PartialD[\{x, \delta, \eta, \Gamma\}][ruu[\mu_-, \nu_-], dd_-] $$ $$ Fold[$$ PartialDToKronecker[PartialD[\{x, \delta, \eta, \Gamma\}][\#1, \#2]/. PartialDDistanceRule] \&, ruu[\mu, \nu], dd $$]);
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The potential energy is the sum over all the possible particles of

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In[23]:= U[ruu[red@μ, red@ν]]
Out[23]= U[r<sup>μν</sup>]
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It is not convenient to put this expression inside a sum expressions so we follow the convention that there is an implicit sum in the indices  $\{\mu, \nu\}$  for all the interactions. The expressions involved cannot be cast into a strict tensor format with balanced indices so we are forced to use Table and Sum instead of the tensor functions.

The gradient in the particle  $\sigma$ (fixed value) and component k is calculated after the sum over all pairs  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ 

The fully expanded gradient on the first particle  $\sigma \to 1$  after a sum over all the interactions is

The Laplacian on the particle  $\sigma \rightarrow 1$  is then

$$In[27] := \text{PartialD}[\{\mathbf{x}, \delta, \eta, \Gamma\}][$$

$$\text{U}[\text{ruu}[\text{red}@\mu, \text{red}@\nu]], \{\text{xuu}[\text{red}@\sigma, k], \text{xuu}[\text{red}@\sigma, k]\}]$$

$$\text{LAPLACIAN} = (\% /. \text{PartialDDistanceRule}) /. \text{HigherOrderPartialDDistanceRule}$$

$$Out[27] = \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{\sigma k} \partial \mathbf{x}^{\sigma k}} \text{U}'[\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}] + \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{\sigma k}}\right)^2 \text{U}''[\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$Out[28] = \left(-\frac{(\mathbf{x}^{\mu k} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu k})^2 (\delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma})^2}{(\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu})^3} + \frac{(\delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma}) (\delta^{k}_{k} \delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{k}_{k} \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma})}{\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}}\right) \text{U}'[\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}] + \frac{(\mathbf{x}^{\mu k} - \mathbf{x}^{\nu k})^2 (\delta^{\mu}_{\sigma} - \delta^{\nu}_{\sigma})^2 \text{U}''[\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu}]}{(\mathbf{r}^{\mu\nu})^2}$$

where we assume an implicit sum over all the interactions and k as well

## **Test**

Expanding the Laplacian in the first particle  $\{\sigma \to 1\}$  with inverse square potential

Now using brute force to test the result. The pairwise potential is

In[31]:= 
$$V[i_, i_] = 0$$
;  
 $V[i_, j_] = 1 / Sqrt[(x[i] - x[j])^2 + (y[i] - y[j])^2 + (z[i] - z[j])^2]$ ;

And the total potential

$$In[33] := VTot = FullSimplify/@Simplify@Sum[V[i, j], {i, 1, 3}, {j, 1, 3}]/2$$

$$Out[33] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x[1] - x[2])^2 + (y[1] - y[2])^2 + (z[1] - z[2])^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x[1] - x[3])^2 + (y[1] - y[3])^2 + (z[1] - z[3])^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x[2] - x[3])^2 + (y[2] - y[3])^2 + (z[2] - z[3])^2}}$$

The Laplacian after simplifications is

which is the same of the expanded tensor expression we found expanding the tensor-like expression

Out[36]= 
$$-\frac{3}{(\mathbf{r}^{12})^3} - \frac{3}{(\mathbf{r}^{13})^3} + \frac{3((\mathbf{x}^{11} - \mathbf{x}^{21})^2 + (\mathbf{x}^{12} - \mathbf{x}^{22})^2 + (\mathbf{x}^{13} - \mathbf{x}^{23})^2)}{(\mathbf{r}^{12})^5} + \frac{3((\mathbf{x}^{11} - \mathbf{x}^{31})^2 + (\mathbf{x}^{12} - \mathbf{x}^{32})^2 + (\mathbf{x}^{13} - \mathbf{x}^{33})^2)}{(\mathbf{r}^{13})^5}$$