Non-physical dynamics

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- Why might you want 4 dimensional simulations ?
 - more dimensions
- Completely artificial dynamics
- First, some words about normal MD

Force fields in general



Why do we need energy ? force fields ?

Applications

- calculating structures
 - distributions of structures
- interactions
- stability
- reaction rates (needs transition states)

Methods

- simulations
 - time
 - molecular dynamics
 - no time
 - Monte Carlo

What do we like in force fields ?

Rules

- no time / path dependence
 - ... if I reach the same coordinates get same energy
 - energy conservation

Useful

- derivatives
 - (not essential) force $\vec{F} = -\frac{\partial U(\vec{r})}{\partial \vec{r}}$

Dogma

• we care about low energy conformations / configurations

Protein MD/molecular mechanics example

- classic literature application
- example force field

$$U(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bonds} k_b (b - b_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bond angles} k_{angles} (\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \sum_{dihedrals} k_{\phi} (1 + \cos(n\phi - \delta)) + \sum_{i < j} (ar^{-12} + br^{-6}) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{Dr}$$

• friendly version...



More on applications

Distributions

- move atoms
 - molecular dynamics (MD), monte carlo
 - explore allowed configurations
- Low energy configurations
- cool system
- Binding?
- what is energy difference between states ?

Kinetics ?

• not likely – assumes pathway

...Back to low energy configurations



Low energy configurations proteins ?

Protein chemists / calculators

- 100s cpu years ...
- take protein
- simulate
- wait (months)
- look at configurations

Can one do something more imaginative ?

- methodology nice
 - uses gradients
 - suitable for annealing (cooling)
- entertaining applications

Imaginary degrees of freedom

How many degrees of freedom do you have ?

• atoms 3n / 3n - 6?

How many would you like ?

• more

Reasons

- 4d dynamics
- distance geometry
- energy embedding
- thermostats
- orbitals
- charges

More dimensions are useful

- Simple world
- 2D chemistry
- optimisation of geometry
- we work with two dimensional coordinates Mission
- optimise geometry





More than 3 D

- 6 atoms / 2 molecules
- measured
 - BD=1
 - CE=1
 - BE=4
- solution ?





• path ?



• not a problem in 3D

Adding a third dimension



• Is this only an issue in toy systems ?

Why 4D?

- Large scale problem
 - protein fold rearrangement



- how nasty ?
- another major problem

Chirality



- who makes mess of chirality ?
- simulators ? No
- distance geometry
- left and right pictures are indistinguishable in DG
- worse DG structures have a mix of correct /incorrect chirality
- real algorithms...

DG and 4D

- Distance matrix -> metric matrix -> 3D coordinates
- Take mirror image
- calculate overall chirality error of left and right
- pick best overall
- refine

OR (Hare approach ?)

- Distance matrix -> metric matrix -> 4D coordinates
- turn on 3D chirality term
- penalty function
 - 3D chirality, 4D penalty
- dynamics
 - squash to 3D

Distances and dimensions

- molecular dynamics in 4D*
 - pure refinement trick / barrier crossing
 - demonstrated on small peptides
- general problem
 - distance information

•
$$d_{ij}=11$$
 $d_{ik}=13$ $d_{jk}=25$

- sneak into higher dimensions
- what if I have lots of atoms..?



energy embedding

- 3 dimensions is good for 4 points
 - 4 D for 5 points
- N-1 dimensions are good for N points
- high dimensions
 - easy to place atoms
 - can accommodate distances +
 - can minimise functions like $E = k (r r_0)^2$
- method

embed N points in $N_d = N-1$ dimensions
while $(N_d > 3)$ {
 $N_d := N_d -1$ (how ?)
 optimise (local optimiser)
 }

Reducing dimensions

- General idea
- find the dimension where system is smallest
- get rid of it
- Example
- find moments of inertia + rotations + projections
- Other ways
- cunning methods to do local rotations /maintain chemistry*
- 4 to 3 D
 - rotation + abfall bin
 - penalty function
 - first order coupling (3 to 4 to 3)

Why we do not like 4D (and more)

Problems

- 100 to 99 easy, 4 to 3 no fun
- a 4D configuration may not be so close to correct answer
- the projection/compression may distort 3D structure
- do *N* D optima correspond to 3D ones ?
- path dependence of dimensional reduction
- memory (N^2)

Peculiarities

Properties and Peculiarities

Comparison with annealing ?

- annealing gives you a continuous variable (good)
- annealing takes forever / non-deterministic (bad)

Quirks

- distance terms are easy in *N*D
- trig terms are not
 - dihedrals / torsions
- speed / neighbours / memory ...

Neighbour counting ND

- 1D 2 neighbours
 2D 4 neighbours
- 3 D 6 neighbours
- *N*D?
- more in 4D...

Free energy



- $\Delta \Delta G$ is path independent
- bonds, atoms, charges in any order

$$G = -kT \ln\left(\frac{1}{h^{3N}N!}\int e^{-H(\mathbf{p}^{N},\mathbf{r}^{N})/kT}d\mathbf{p}^{N}d\mathbf{r}^{N}\right)$$

sampling

More entertaining paths

We have a sampling problem ?

• use a better sampling method

problem ?

• change density of a LJ fluid





4D paths not quite so simple

- obscure coupling of 3 and 4D energy components
- separate 4D temperature / energy / dynamics
- some energy terms difficult
 - anytime you cannot remove cross products
 - torsions, ring planarity, chirality
- work done on system $3D \rightarrow 4D \rightarrow 3D$
 - use a harmonic penalty function
 - can be calculated analytically
- justification ?
 - more homogenous sampling of phase space
- more fictitious degrees of freedom

fictitious degrees of freedom / particles

Problem class

- serious physical model (atoms, bonds, ...) +
- interacting component, we do not want details
- Car-Parinello method
- we think about heavy atoms
- they know where their electrons are
- model electrons in some arbitrary manner
- electrons adapt to motion of nuclei
- attach fictitious masses to orbitals let them do MD in their own space

more classical application...

Classic water models

What does an MD simulator think of water?

- one radius for L-J
- 3 charges
- one mass point
- fixed geometry
- occasionally reparameterised



Water model properties

Good parts

- radial distribution function
- energies
- maintaining protein / solute structure

more difficult

- dielectric constant
- diffusion, translation, rotation

why?

• permanently polarised



How to fix

- Water molecules talk to each other + solutes
- charges move
- Quantum mechanical approach ?
- how many orbitals to treat ?
- which phenomena to treat (correlation / exchange / ...)
- who cares ? we want macroscopic properties
- Special dipole term ?
- what level ?
- r⁻³ interactions
- usually expensive matrix inversions
- Aim
- some way to model the effect of charges feeling each other
- Rick.. Berne water model

Rick, Stuart and Berne, J. Chem. Phys, 101, 6141-6156 (1994), Dynamical fluctuating force fields...

Fluctuating charges

Electrons are a gas

- not a wave or anything fancy
- this gas moves faster than atoms

How to code this ?

model

- charges interact with each other
- charges interact with their home atom

$$U(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{r}) = X_A Q_A + \frac{1}{2} J_{AA}^0 Q_A^2 \qquad \text{charge on atom} \\ + \sum_{iA < jB} J_{AB}^0 (r_{iAjB}) Q_{iA}^2 Q_{jB}^2 \qquad \text{Coulomb} \\ + V(r_{iAjB}) \qquad \text{miscellany}$$

• does this help us ?

Fictitious dynamics

Normal MD
$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$
 $\vec{F} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}}$ $a = m^{-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}}$
swap notation $\ddot{x} = m^{-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$
for normal systems we use $U(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bonds} k_b (b - b_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{bonds} k_{angles} (\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \sum_{dihedrals} k_{\phi} (1 + \cos(n\phi - \delta)) + \sum_{i < j} (ar^{-12} + br^{-6}) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{Dr}$

The trick – we have $U(\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{r}) = \dots$

$$\ddot{Q} = m^{-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q}$$

the meaning

Using this acceleration

$$\ddot{Q} = m^{-1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q}$$

- use numerical integration
- partial charges run around like particles
- Fictitious charge dynamics
- temperature
- temperature bath
- extra constraints possible
 - overall charge conservation
- coupling ?
 - as atoms move they talk through r_{iAiB} terms
 - no real thermal coupling
- how real ?

How real are the dynamics ?

Mass

- arbitrary
- too small too hard to integrate
- too big responds slowly

Implementation

- keep charges cool
- near lowest energy
- they simply follow movement of heavy particles More tricks
- can apply hard restraints
 - overall neutrality

What else can one do?

Car-Parrinello

- use DFT methods to optimise orbitals
- fictitious masses / dynamics

Small approximation (compared to matrix methods)

• system is not absolutely optimised

Useful property

- $U(\mathbf{r})$ or $U(\mathbf{q})$..
- no time conserve energy

Last example

Some examples

- 4D weakly coupled to 3D
- thermal coupling depends on frequencies of motions
- 4D dynamics coupling via some scalar energy terms
- fluctuating charges

Deliberately couple a system to something non-existent?

- add (some) fictitious degrees of freedom which interact
- they can add or remove energy
 - regulate energy

Why we need heat baths

Simulations make /consume energy

- errors, rounding
 - NOT wanted
- Artificially control energy
- annealing
- gradients

Problems are usually artificial

• solutions (heat baths) artificial

A thermostat

- invent a degree of freedom (like a particle in a 1D space)
- interacts according to temperature of real system
- normal Newtonian dynamics $m\bar{a} = \bar{F}$
- different notation $\dot{p}_i = \vec{F}$
- heat bath ? $\dot{p}_i = \vec{F} \varsigma \dot{p}_i$

• coupling
$$\zeta = M_{fake}^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{p_i^2}{m} - k$$

- as in other schemes, M_{fake} determines coupling
 - maintains ensemble, need not interfere with dynamics (much)

Hoover, W, Phys Rev A, 31, 1695-1697, Canonical dynamics...

The end

- most boring packages work in 3D
- most statistical mechanics generalises readily to *N*D
- extra degrees of freedom
 - searching methods
 - models to optimise parts of a system
 - act as a reservoir for real system

- next week
 - history and mistakes in protein structure prediction