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**Leniax**

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Leniax is a [Lenia](#) simulation library powered by JAX. It can efficiently simulate and render Lenia worlds and can also be used to search for creatures, initial conditions, kernels and growth functions. It is also fully differentiable!

For a quick introduction and short example snippets, see our [README](#).



## OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Background: JAX

JAX is NumPy + autodiff + GPU/TPU

It allows for fast scientific computing and machine learning with the normal NumPy API (+ additional APIs for special accelerator ops when needed).

### 1.2 Leniax

Leniax is a high-performance CA simulator library supporting variations like: - Lenia - Multi-neighbourhood CA - Neural CA - Hopefully even more variations in the future

Leniax comes with everything you need to simulate, evolve and differentiate Cellular Automata. It includes:

- **Evolution API** (`leniax.qd`): You can run thousands of simulations in parallel and compute statistics to apply heuristics.
- **Differentiability**: Thanks to JAX, all the core components are differentiable making it easy to compute the gradients of any part of your CA.
- **Educational examples** See our examples.

### 1.3 CPU/GPU/TPU support

All of our examples can run on CPU, GPU or TPU.

Following is an example of TPU and GPU scripts to look for interesting initialization conditions:

- [Initialization search - GPU](#)
- [Initialization search - TPU](#)



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## INSTALLATION

### 2.1 From source

To install a version from source, clone the repo

```
git clone https://github.com/morgangiraud/leniax
cd leniax
```

Install Leniax library with conda (make sure you have it before typing the following command): `make install`

Then activate the environment: `conda activate leniax`

Finally, install the lib itself: `pip install .`

### 2.2 Verification

You can make sure that everything is working fine by running the following command: `make ci`



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## THE LENIAX PHILOSOPHY

(Taken from the very good philosophy of Flax, in no particular order)

- Library code should be easy to read and understand.
- Prefer duplicating code over a bad abstraction.
- Generally, prefer duplicating code over adding options to functions.
- Unit test-driven design: If it's hard to test your code, consider changing the design.
- People start projects by copying an existing implementation – make base implementations excellent.
- If we expose an abstraction to our developers, we own the mental overhead.
- Developer-facing functional programming abstractions confuse some users, expose them where the benefit is high.
- “Read the manual” is not an appropriate response to developer confusion. The framework should guide developers towards good solutions, e.g. through assertions and error messages.
- An unhelpful error message is a bug.
- “Debugging is twice as hard as writing the code in the first place. Therefore, if you write the code as cleverly as possible, you are, by definition, not smart enough to debug it.” -Brian Kernighan



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## **HOW TO CONTRIBUTE**

Everyone can contribute to [Leniax](#), and we value everyone's contributions.

We also appreciate if you spread the word, for instance by starring our [Github repo](#), or referencing Leniax in blog posts of projects that used it.



## LENIAX.CORE PACKAGE

Leniax core simulation functions

```
leniax.core.update(rng_key, state, K, gf_params, kernels_weight_per_channel, dt, get_potential_fn,  
get_field_fn, get_state_fn)
```

Update the cells state

Jitted function with static argnums. Use functools.partial to set the different function. Avoid changing non-static argument shape for performance.

### Parameters

- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) – JAX PRNG key.
- **state** (*Array*) – cells state [*N*, *nb\_channels*, *world\_dims...*]
- **K** (*Array*) – Kernel [K\_o=*nb\_channels* \* *max\_k\_per\_channel*, K\_i=1, *kernel\_dims...*]
- **gf\_params** (*Array*) – Growth function parameters [*nb\_kernels*, *params\_shape...*]
- **kernels\_weight\_per\_channel** (*Array*) – Kernels weight used in the averaging function [*nb\_channels*, *nb\_kernels*]
- **dt** (*Array*) – Update rate [*N*]
- **get\_potential\_fn** (*Callable*) – (**jit static arg**) Function used to compute the potential
- **get\_field\_fn** (*Callable*) – (**jit static arg**) Function used to compute the field
- **get\_state\_fn** (*Callable[[PRNGKeyArray, Array, Array, Array], Array]*) – (**jit static arg**) Function used to compute the new cell state

### Returns

A tuple of arrays representing a jax PRNG key and the updated state, the used potential and used field.

### Return type

*Tuple[Array, Array, Array]*

```
leniax.core.get_potential_fft(state, K, tc_indices=None, channel_first=True)
```

Compute the potential using FFT

The first dimension of cells and K is the vmap dimension

### Parameters

- **state** (*Array*) – cells state [*N*, *nb\_channels*, *world\_dims...*]
- **K** (*Array*) – Kernels [1, *nb\_channels*, *max\_k\_per\_channel*, *world\_dims...*]

- **tc\_indices** (*Optional[Tuple]*) – Optional 1-dim array channels indices to keep
- **channel\_first** (*bool*) – see [https://jax.readthedocs.io/en/latest/\\_autosummary/jax.lax.conv\\_general\\_dilated.html](https://jax.readthedocs.io/en/latest/_autosummary/jax.lax.conv_general_dilated.html)

**Returns**

An array containing the potential

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.core.get_potential(state, K, padding, tc_indices=None, channel_first=True)`

Compute the potential using lax.conv\_general\_dilated

The first dimension of cells and K is the vmap dimension

**Parameters**

- **state** (*Array*) – cells state [N, nb\_channels, world\_dims...]
- **K** (*Array*) – Kernels [K\_o=nb\_channels \* max\_k\_per\_channel, K\_i=1, kernel\_dims...]
- **padding** (*Tuple*) – array with padding informations, [nb\_world\_dims, 2]
- **tc\_indices** (*Optional[Tuple]*) – Optional 1-dim array channels indices to keep
- **channel\_first** (*bool*) – see [https://jax.readthedocs.io/en/latest/\\_autosummary/jax.lax.conv\\_general\\_dilated.html](https://jax.readthedocs.io/en/latest/_autosummary/jax.lax.conv_general_dilated.html)

**Returns**

An array containing the potential

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.core.get_field(potential, gf_params, kernels_weight_per_channel, growth_fn_t, weighted_fn)`

Compute the field

Jitted function with static argnums. Use functools.partial to set the different function. Avoid changing non-static argument shape for performance.

**Parameters**

- **potential** (*Array*) – [N, nb\_kernels, world\_dims...]
- **gf\_params** (*Array*) – [nb\_kernels, nb\_gf\_params]
- **kernels\_weight\_per\_channel** (*Array*) – Kernels weight used in the averaging function [nb\_channels, nb\_kernels]
- **growth\_fn\_t** (*Tuple[Callable, ...]*) – (**jit static arg**) Tuple of growth functions. length: nb\_kernels
- **weighted\_fn** (*Callable*) – (**jit static arg**) Function used to merge fields linked to the same channel

**Returns**

An array containing the field

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.core.weighted_sum(fields, weights)`

Compute the weighted sum of sub fields

**Parameters**

- **fields** (*Array*) – Raw sub fields [N, nb\_kernels, world\_dims...]
- **weights** (*Array*) – Weights used to compute the sum [nb\_channels, nb\_kernels] 0. values are used to indicate that a given channels does not receive inputs from this kernel

**Returns**

The unnormalized field

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.core.weighted_mean(fields, weights)`

Compute the weighted mean of sub fields

**Parameters**

- **fields** (*Array*) – Raw sub fields [N, nb\_kernels, world\_dims...]
- **weights** (*Array*) – Weights used to compute the sum [nb\_channels, nb\_kernels] 0. values are used to indicate that a given channels does not receive inputs from this kernel

**Returns**

The normalized field

**Return type**

*Array*



## LENIA.X.RUNNER PACKAGE

```
leniax.runner.run(rng_key, cells, K, gf_params, kernels_weight_per_channel, T, max_run_iter, R, update_fn,  
compute_stats_fn, stat_trunc=False)
```

Simulate a single configuration

It uses a python `for` loop under the hood.

### Parameters

- `rng_key` (`PRNGKeyArray`) – JAX PRNG key.
- `cells` (`Array`) – Initial cells state [`N_init=1, nb_channels, world_dims...`]
- `K` (`Array`) – Stacked Kernels (shape depends on convolution implementation)
- `gf_params` (`Array`) – Growth function parameters [`nb_kernels, params_shape...`]
- `kernels_weight_per_channel` (`Array`) – Kernels weight used in the average function [`nb_channels, nb_kernels`]
- `dt` – Update rate [1]
- `max_run_iter` (`int`) – Maximum number of simulation iterations
- `R` (`float`) – Main kernel Resolution
- `update_fn` (`Callable`) – Function used to compute the new cell state
- `compute_stats_fn` (`Callable`) – Function used to compute the statistics
- `stat_trunc` (`bool`) – Set to True to truncate run based on its statistics
- `T` (`Array`) –

### Returns

A 5-tuple of arrays representing a jax PRNG key, the updated cells state, the used potential and used field and statistics

### Return type

`Tuple[Array, Array, Array, Dict[str, Array]]`

```
leniax.runner.run_scan(rng_key, cells0, K, gf_params, kernels_weight_per_channel, T, max_run_iter, R,  
update_fn, compute_stats_fn)
```

Simulate a single configuration

This function is jitted, it uses `jax.lax.scan` function under the hood. It can be used to simulate a single configuration with multiple initialization.

### Parameters

- `rng_key` (`PRNGKeyArray`) – JAX PRNG key.

- **cells0** (Array) – Initial cells state [N\_init, nb\_channels, world\_dims...]
- **K** (Array) – Stacked Kernels [kernel\_shape...]
- **gf\_params** (Array) – Growth function parameters [nb\_kernels, params\_shape...]
- **kernels\_weight\_per\_channel** (Array) – Kernels weight used in the average function [nb\_channels, nb\_kernels]
- **dt** – Update rate [1]
- **max\_run\_iter** (int) – Maximum number of simulation iterations
- **R** (float) – Main kernel Resolution
- **update\_fn** (Callable) – Function used to compute the new cell state
- **compute\_stats\_fn** (Callable) – Function used to compute the statistics
- **T** (Array) –

**Returns**

A 4-tuple of arrays representing the updated cells state, the used potential and used field and simulations statistics

**Return type**

*Tuple[Array, Array, Array, Dict[str, Array]]*

```
leniax.runner.run_scan_mem_optimized(rng_key, cells0, K, gf_params, kernels_weight_per_channel, T,  
max_run_iter, R, update_fn, compute_stats_fn)
```

Vectorized version of run\_scan\_mem\_optimized. Takes similar arguments as run\_scan\_mem\_optimized but with additional array axes over which run\_scan\_mem\_optimized is mapped.

Original documentation:

Simulate multiple configurations

This function is jitted, it uses jax.lax.scan function under the hood. It can be used to simulate multiple configurations with multiple initialization.

**Args:**

`rng_key`: JAX PRNG key. `cells0`: Initial cells state [N\_sols, N\_init, nb\_channels, world\_dims...] `K`: Stacked Kernels [N\_sols, kernel\_shape...] `gf_params`: Growth function parameters [N\_sols, nb\_kernels, params\_shape...] `kernels_weight_per_channel`: Kernels weight used in the average function [N\_sols, nb\_channels, nb\_kernels] `T`: Update rate [N\_sols] `max_run_iter`: Maximum number of simulation iterations `R`: Main kernel Resolution `update_fn`: Function used to compute the new cell state `compute_stats_fn`: Function used to compute the statistics

**Returns:**

A 3-tuple representing a jax PRNG key, the simulations statistics and final cells states

**Parameters**

- **rng\_key** (PRNGKeyArray) –
- **cells0** (Array) –
- **K** (Array) –
- **gf\_params** (Array) –
- **kernels\_weight\_per\_channel** (Array) –
- **T** (Array) –

- **max\_run\_iter** (*int*) –
- **R** (*float*) –
- **update\_fn** (*Callable*) –
- **compute\_stats\_fn** (*Callable*) –

**Return type***Tuple[Dict[str, Array], Array]*

```
leniax.runner.run_scan_mem_optimized_pmap(rng_key, cells0, K, gf_params, kernels_weight_per_channel,
T, max_run_iter, R, update_fn, compute_stats_fn)
```

Vectorized version of run\_scan\_mem\_optimized\_pmap. Takes similar arguments as run\_scan\_mem\_optimized\_pmap but with additional array axes over which run\_scan\_mem\_optimized\_pmap is mapped.

Original documentation:

Simulate multiple configurations on multiple devices

This function is jitted, it uses jax.lax.scan function under the hood. It can be used to simulate multiple configurations with multiple initialization on multiple devices.

**Args:**

*rng\_key*: JAX PRNG key. *cells0*: Initial cells state [*N\_device*, *N\_sols*, *N\_init*, *nb\_channels*, *world\_dims...*] *K*: Stacked Kernels [*N\_device*, *N\_sols*, *kernel\_shape...*] *gf\_params*: Growth function parameters [*N\_device*, *N\_sols*, *nb\_kernels*, *params\_shape...*] *kernels\_weight\_per\_channel*: Kernels weight used in the average function [*N\_device*, *N\_sols*, *nb\_channels*, *nb\_kernels*] *T*: Update rate [*N\_device*, *N\_sols*] *max\_run\_iter*: Maximum number of simulation iterations *R*: Main kernel Resolution *update\_fn*: Function used to compute the new cell state *compute\_stats\_fn*: Function used to compute the statistics

**Returns:**

A 3-tuple representing a jax PRNG key, the simulations statistics and final cells states

**Parameters**

- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) –
- **cells0** (*Array*) –
- **K** (*Array*) –
- **gf\_params** (*Array*) –
- **kernels\_weight\_per\_channel** (*Array*) –
- **T** (*Array*) –
- **max\_run\_iter** (*int*) –
- **R** (*float*) –
- **update\_fn** (*Callable*) –
- **compute\_stats\_fn** (*Callable*) –

**Return type***Tuple[Dict[str, Array], Array]*



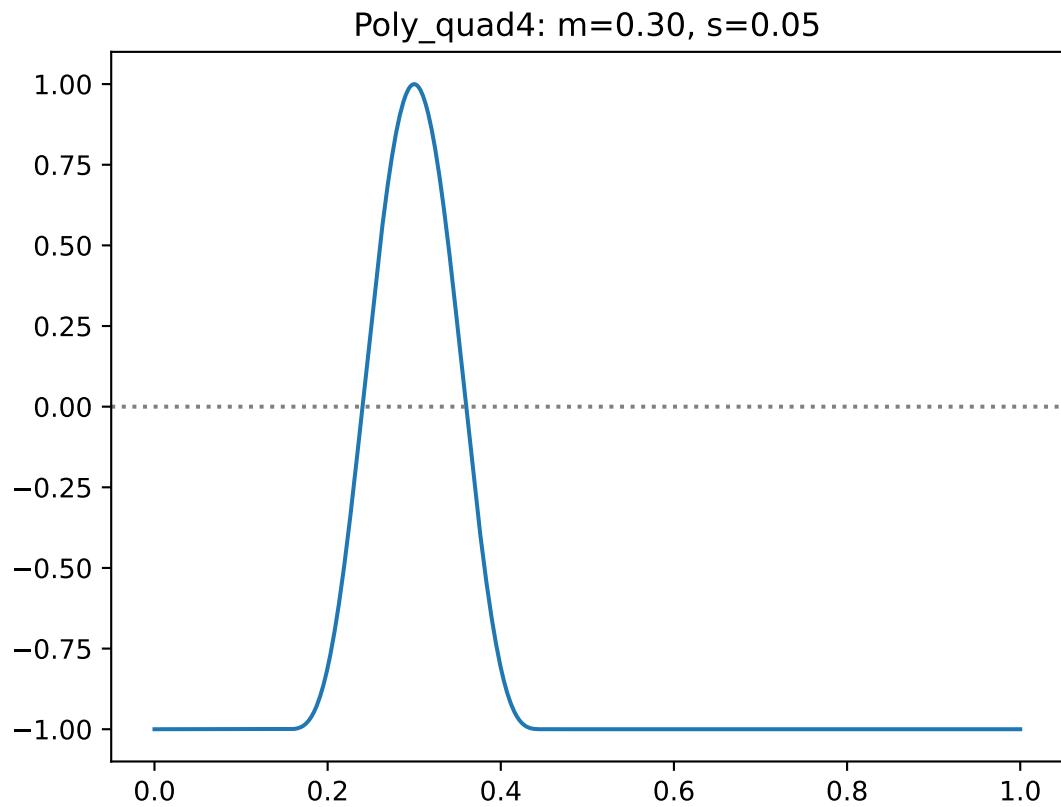
## LENIAX.GROWTH\_FUNCTIONS PACKAGE

Leniax growth functions

`leniax.growth_functions.poly_quad4(params, X)`

Quadratic polynomial growth function

$$y = 2 * \max \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{X - m}{3s} \right)^2, 0 \right]^4 - 1$$



Parameters

- **params** (Array) – parameters of the growth function
- **X** (Array) – potential

**Returns**

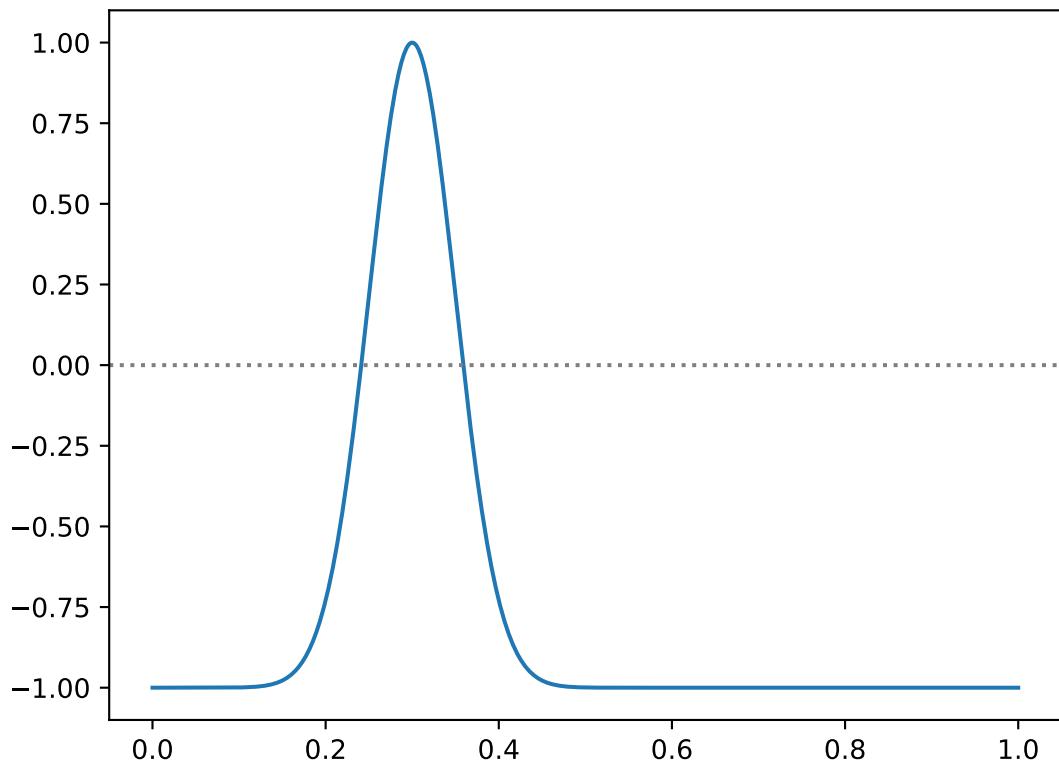
A field

`leniax.growth_functions.gaussian(params, X)`

Gaussian growth function

$$y = 2 * e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{X-m}{s})^2} - 1$$

Gaussian: m=0.30, s=0.05

**Parameters**

- **params** (Array) – parameters of the growth function
- **X** (Array) – potential

**Returns**

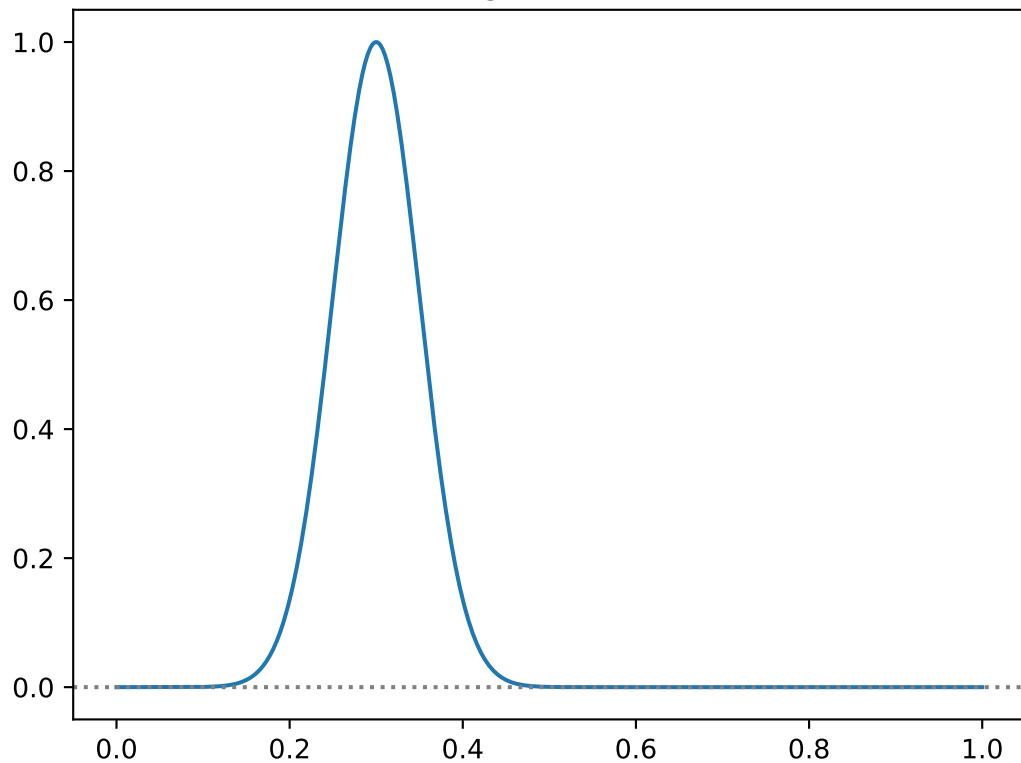
A field

`leniax.growth_functions.gaussian_target(params, X)`

Gaussian growth function for asymptotic Lenia

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{X-m}{s})^2}$$

Gaussian target:  $m=0.30$ ,  $s=0.05$



**Parameters**

- **params** (Array) – parameters of the growth function
- **X** (Array) – potential

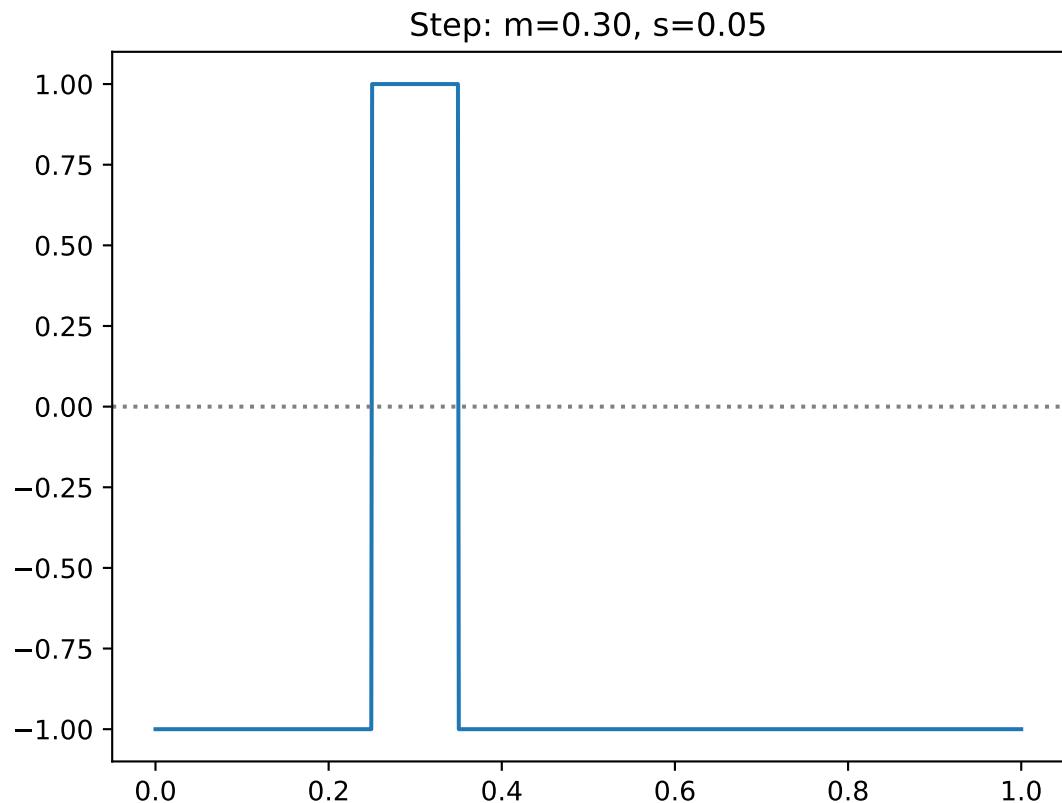
**Returns**

A field

```
leniax.growth_functions.step(params, X)
```

Step growth function

$$y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |X - m| \leq s \\ -1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Parameters**

- **params** (Array) – parameters of the growth function
- **X** (Array) – potential

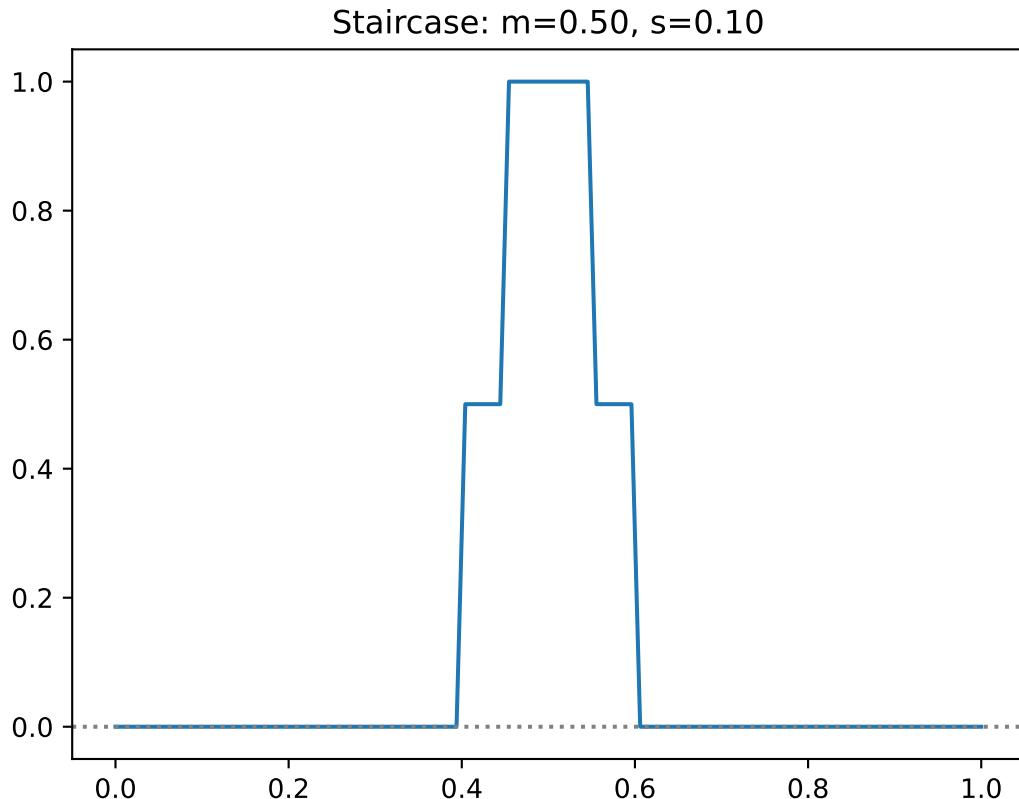
**Returns**

A field

`leniax.growth_functions.staircase(params, X)`

Staircase function

$$y = \begin{cases} 0.5, & \text{if } X \geq m - s \text{ and } X < m - \frac{s}{2} \\ 1, & \text{if } X \geq m - \frac{s}{2} \text{ and } X \leq m + \frac{s}{2} \\ 0.5, & \text{if } X > m + \frac{s}{2} \text{ and } X \leq m + s \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



#### Parameters

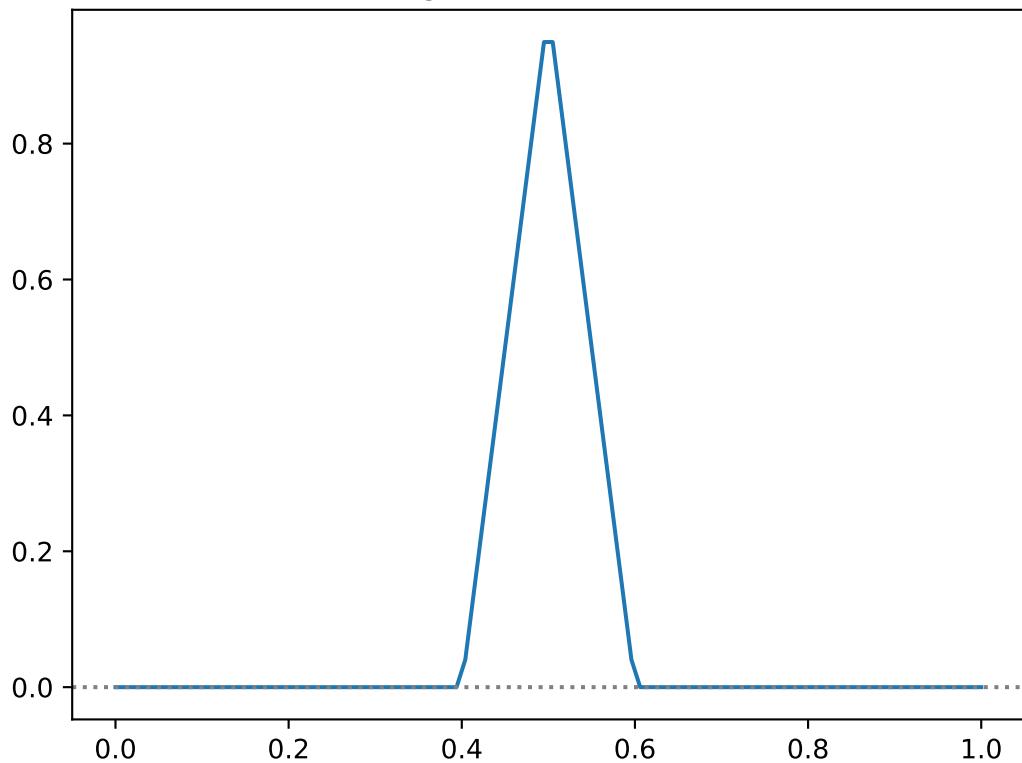
- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

`leniax.growth_functions.triangle(params, X)`

Gauss function

$$y = \begin{cases} \frac{X-(m-s)}{m-(m-s)}, & \text{if } X \geq m - s \text{ and } X < m \\ \frac{X-(m+s)}{m-(m+s)}, & \text{if } X \geq m \text{ and } X \leq m + s \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Parameters

Triangle:  $m=0.50$ ,  $s=0.10$ 

- **params** (*Array*) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (*Array*) – Raw kernel



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## LENIAK.KERNELS PACKAGE

```
class leniax.kernels.KernelMapping(nb_channels, nb_kernels)
```

Explicit mapping of the computation graph

**Parameters**

- **nb\_channels** (*int*) –
- **nb\_kernels** (*int*) –

**cin\_kernels**

list of kernel indexes grouped by channel of shape [nb\_channels, max\_nb\_kernels]

**Type**

List[List[int]]

**cin\_k\_params**

list of kernel parameters grouped by channel of shape [nb\_channels, max\_nb\_kernels]

**Type**

List[List]

**cin\_kfs**

list of kernel functions grouped by channel of shape [nb\_channels, max\_nb\_kernels]

**Type**

List[List[str]]

**cin\_gfs**

list of growth function slugs grouped by channel of shape [nb\_channels, max\_nb\_kernels]

**Type**

List[List[str]]

**gf\_params**

list of growth function slug grouped by channel of shape [nb\_channels, max\_nb\_kernels]

**kernel\_weight\_per\_channel**

list of weights grouped by channel of shape [nb\_channels, nb\_kernels]

**Type**

List[List[float]]

```
leniax.kernels.raw(R, k_params, kf_slug, kf_params)
```

Returns k\_params as an array

**Parameters**

- **R** – World radius (**not used**)

- **k\_params** (*List*) – Kernel parameters
- **kf\_slug** (*str*) – Kernel function slug
- **kf\_params** (*Array*) – Kernel function params

**Returns**

A kernel of shape k\_params

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.kernels.circle_2d(R, k_params, kf_slug, kf_params)`

Build a circle kernel

**Parameters**

- **R** – World radius
- **k\_params** (*List*) – Kernel parameters
- **kf\_slug** (*str*) – Kernel function slug
- **kf\_params** (*Array*) – Kernel function params

**Returns**

A kernel of shape [1, world\_dims...]

**Return type**

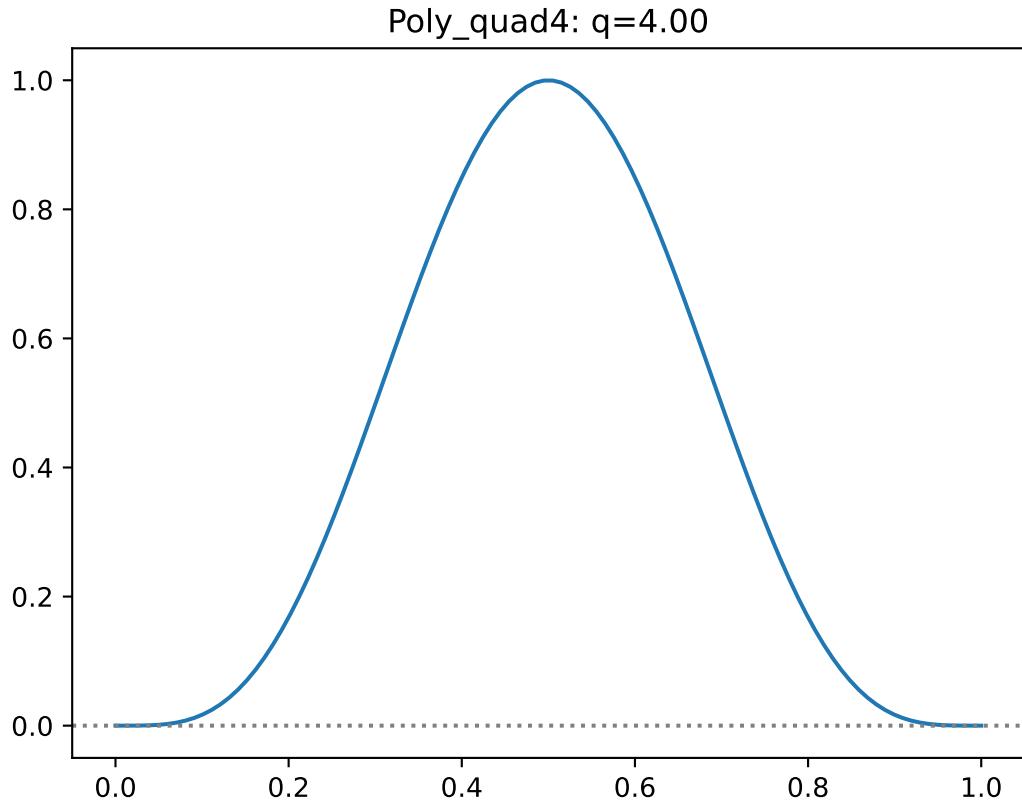
*Array*

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`leniax.kernel_functions.poly_quad(params, X)`

Quadratic polynomial

$$y = (q * X * (1 - X))^q$$



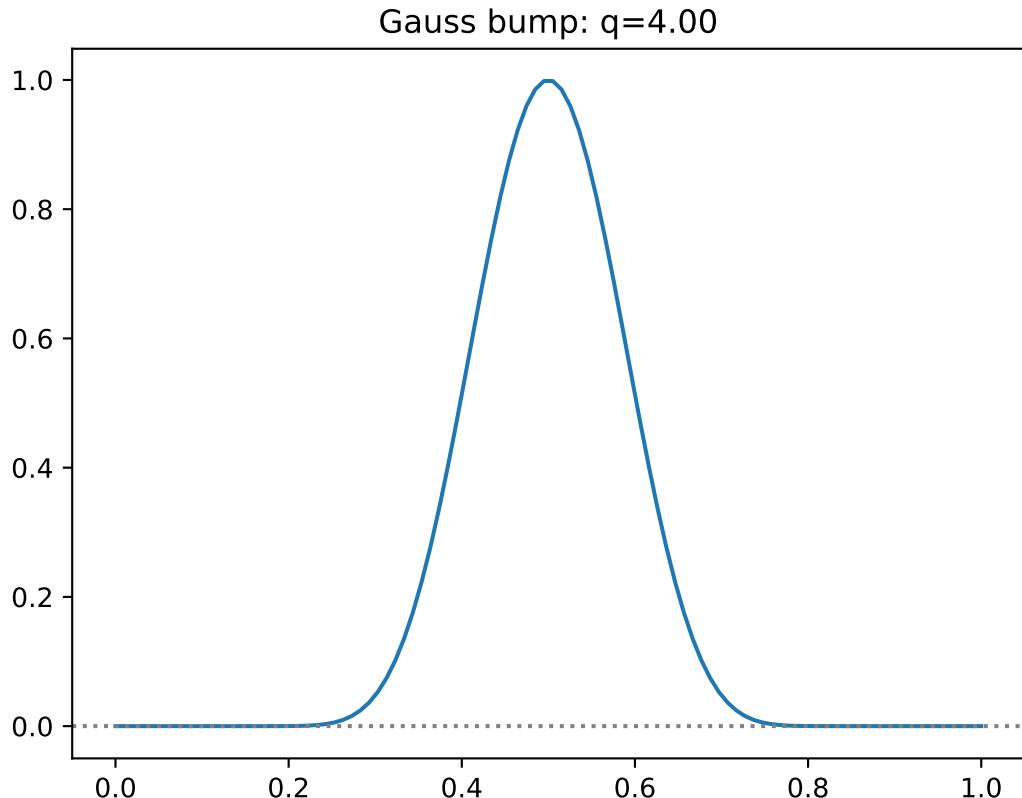
### Parameters

- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

```
leniax.kernel_functions.gauss_bump(params, X)
```

Gaussian bump function

$$y = e^{q * [q - \frac{1}{X * (1 - X)}]}$$



#### Parameters

- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

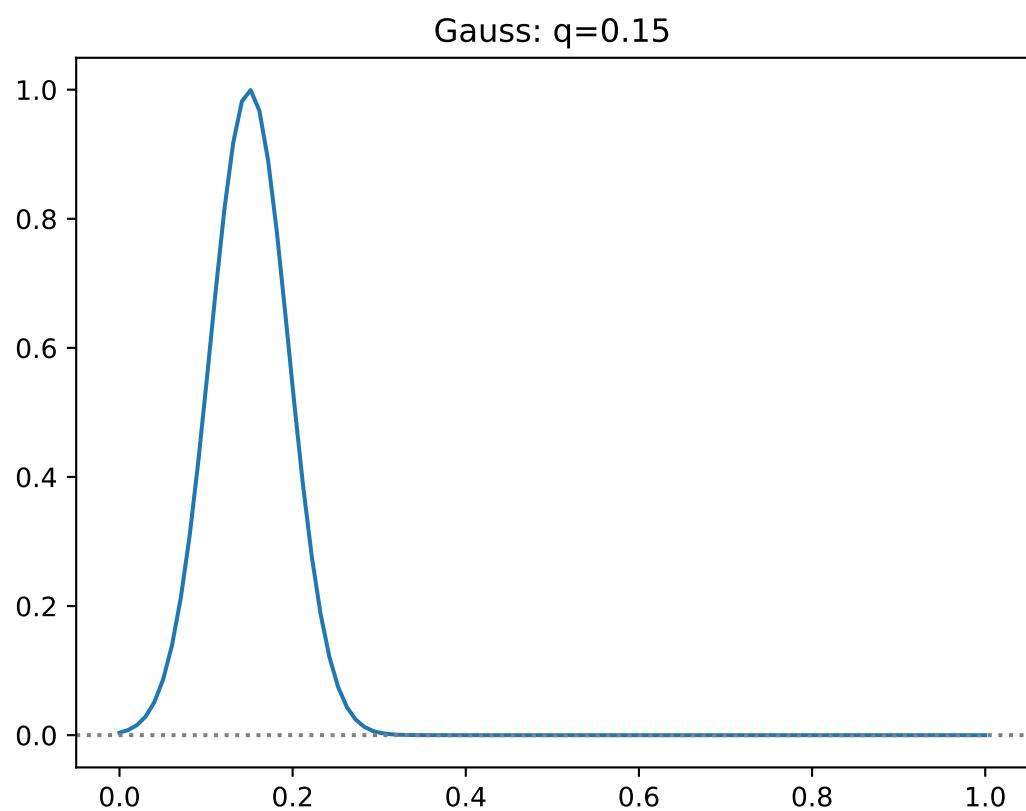
```
leniax.kernel_functions.gauss(params, X)
```

Gauss function

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{X-q}{0.3*q} \right)^2}$$

#### Parameters

- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

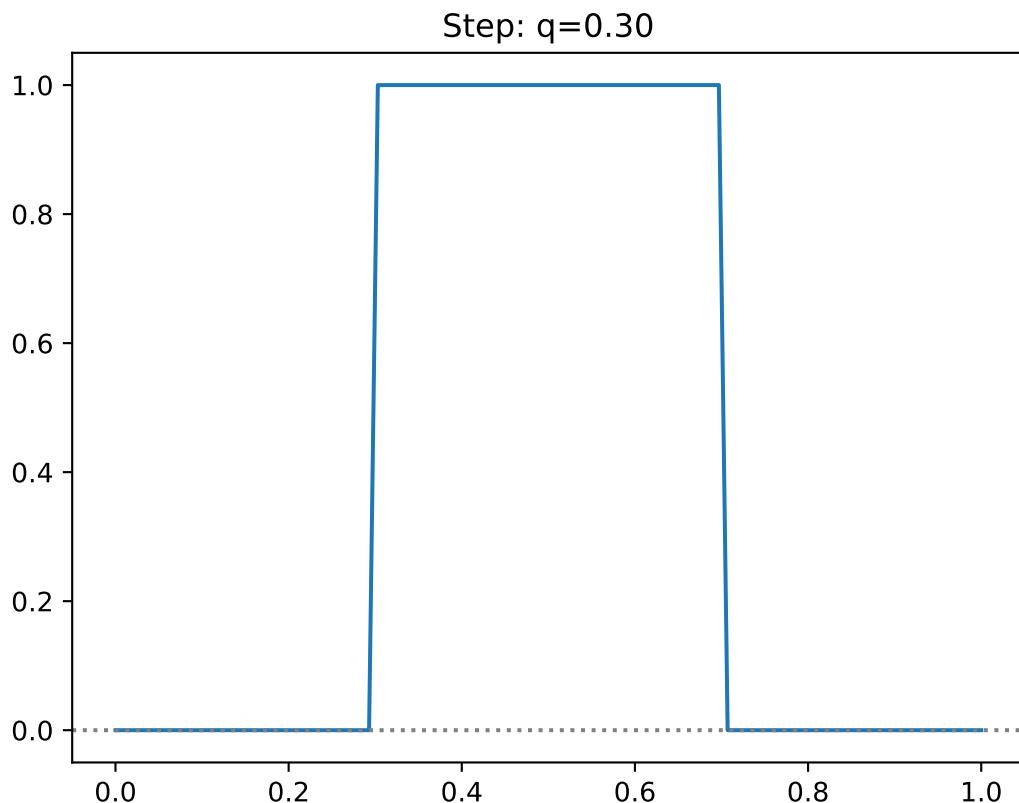


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```
leniax.kernel_functions.step(params, X)
```

Step function

$$y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X \geq q \text{ and } X \leq 1 - q \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



#### Parameters

- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

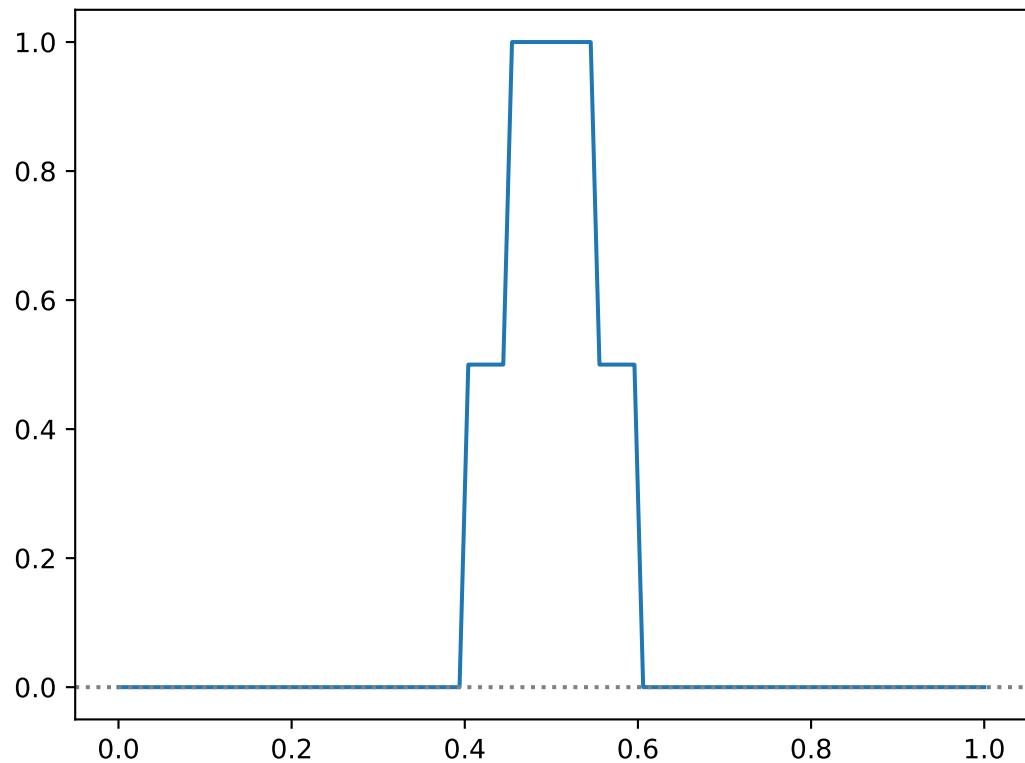
```
leniax.kernel_functions.staircase(params, X)
```

Staircase function

$$y = \begin{cases} 0.5, & \text{if } X \geq m - s \text{ and } X < m - \frac{s}{2} \\ 1, & \text{if } X \geq m - \frac{s}{2} \text{ and } X \leq m + \frac{s}{2} \\ 0.5, & \text{if } X > m + \frac{s}{2} \text{ and } X \leq m + s \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Parameters

- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters

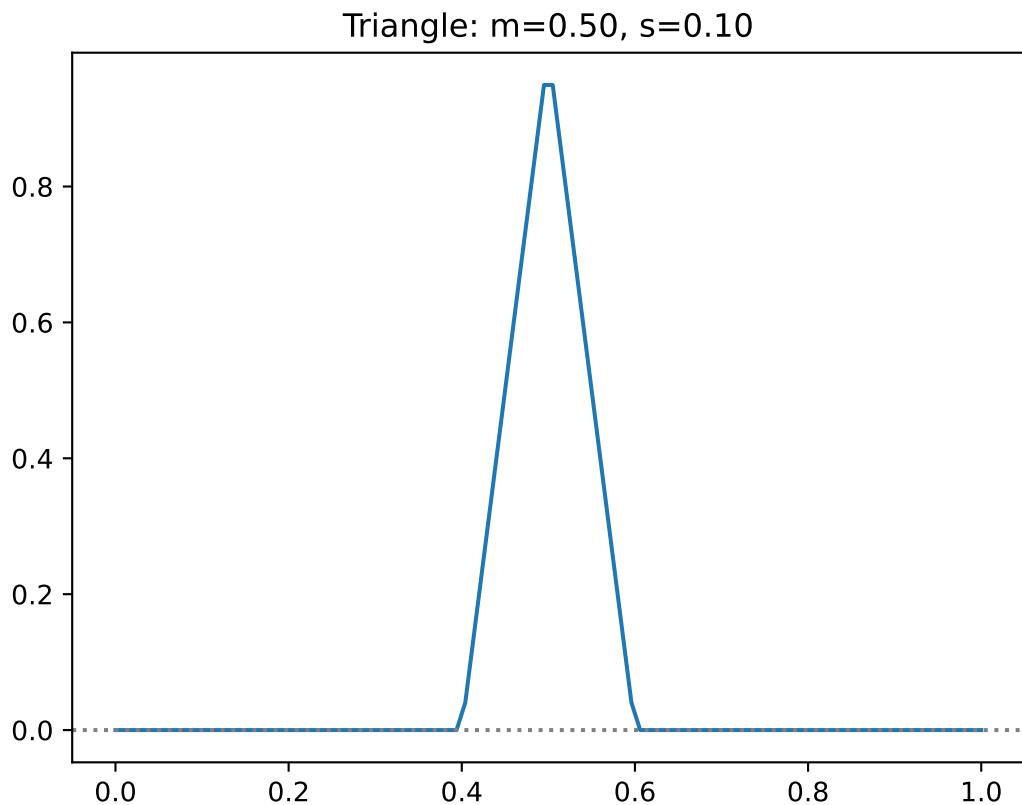
Staircase:  $m=0.50$ ,  $s=0.10$ 

- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

leniax.kernel\_functions.**triangle**(*params*, *X*)

Gauss function

$$y = \begin{cases} \frac{X-(m-s)}{m-(m-s)}, & \text{if } X \geq m-s \text{ and } X < m \\ \frac{X-(m+s)}{m-(m+s)}, & \text{if } X \geq m \text{ and } X \leq m+s \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



### Parameters

- **params** (Array) – Kernel function parameters
- **X** (Array) – Raw kernel

## LENIAx.STATISTICS PACKAGE

`leniax.statistics.build_compute_stats_fn(world_params, render_params)`

Construct the compute\_statistics function

**Parameters**

- **world\_params** (*Dict*) – World parameters dictionnary.
- **render\_params** (*Dict*) – Render parameters dictionnary.

**Returns**

The compute statistics function

**Return type**

*Callable*

`leniax.statistics.check_heuristics(stats)`

Check heuristics on statistic data

**Parameters**

**stats** (*Dict[str, Array]*) – Simulation statistics dictionary

**Returns**

An array of boolean value indicating if the heuristics are valid for each timesteps

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.statistics.init_counters(N)`

Initialize different counters used in heuristics decisions

**Parameters**

**N** (*int*) – Number of simulated timesteps

**Returns**

Adictionnary of counters

**Return type**

*Dict[str, Array]*

`leniax.statistics.min_channel_mass_heuristic(epsilon, channel_mass)`

Check if a total mass per channel is below the threshold

**Parameters**

- **epsilon** (*float*) – A very small value to avoid division by zero
- **channel\_mass** (*Array*) – Total mass per channel of shape [N, C]

**Returns**

A boolean array of shape [N]

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.statistics.max_channel_mass_heuristic(init_channel_mass, channel_mass)`

Check if a total mass per channel is above the threshold

**Parameters**

- **init\_channel\_mass** (*Array*) – Initial mass per channel of shape [N, C]
- **channel\_mass** (*Array*) – Total mass per channel of shape [N, C]

**Returns**

A boolean array of shape [N]

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.statistics.min_mass_heuristic(epsilon, mass)`

Check if the total mass of the system is below the threshold

**Parameters**

- **epsilon** (*float*) – A very small value to avoid division by zero
- **mass** (*Array*) – Total mass of shape [N]

**Returns**

A boolean array of shape [N]

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.statistics.max_mass_heuristic(init_mass, mass)`

Check if a total mass per channel is above the threshold

**Parameters**

- **init\_mass** (*Array*) – Initial mass per channel of shape [N]
- **mass** (*Array*) – Total mass per channel of shape [N]

**Returns**

A boolean array of shape [N]

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.statistics.monotonic_heuristic(sign, previous_sign, monotone_counter)`

Check if the mass variation is being monotonic for too many timesteps

**Parameters**

- **sign** (*Array*) – Current sign of mass variation of shape [N]
- **previous\_sign** (*Array*) – Previous sign of mass variation of shape [N]
- **monotone\_counter** (*Array*) – Counter used to count number of timesteps with monotonic variations of shape [N]

**Returns**

A tuple representing a boolean array of shape [N] and the counter

**Return type**

*Tuple[Array, Array]*

`leniax.statistics.mass_volume_heuristic(mass_volume, mass_volume_counter)`

Check if the mass volume is above the threshold for too many timesteps

**Parameters**

- **mass\_volume** (*Array*) – Mass volume of shape [N]
- **mass\_volume\_counter** (*Array*) – Counter of shape [N] used to count number of timesteps with a volume above the threshold

**Returns**

A tuple representing a boolean array of shape [N] and the counter

**Return type**

*Tuple[Array, Array]*

`leniax.statistics.stats_list_to_dict(all_stats)`

Change a list of dictionary in a dictionary of array

**Parameters**

**all\_stats** (*List[Dict]*) – List of 1-timestep statistics dictionary

**Returns**

A dictionary of N-timestep array.

**Return type**

*Dict[str, Array]*



## LENIAx.HELPERS PACKAGE

### Leniax helper functions

Those functions are provided to ease the use of this library. See them as template gluing core functions together to achieve common usages.

`leniax.helpers.init(config, use_init_cells=True, fft=True)`

Construct the initial state and metadata to run a simulation.

#### Parameters

- **config** (`Dict`) – Leniax configuration
- **use\_init\_cells** (`bool`) – Set to True to use the `init_cells` configuration property.
- **fft** (`bool`) – Set to True to use FFT optimization

#### Returns

A 3-tuple representing the initial state, Kernel and mapping data

#### Return type

`Tuple[Array, Array, KernelMapping]`

`leniax.helpers.create_init_cells(world_size, nb_channels, other_cells=[], offsets=[])`

Construct the initial state

#### Parameters

- **world\_size** (`List[int]`) – World size
- **nb\_channels** (`int`) – Number of world channels
- **other\_cells** (`Union[Array, List[Array]]`) – Other initial states to merge
- **offsets** (`List[List[int]]`) – Offsets used to merge other initial states

#### Returns

The initial state

#### Return type

`Array`

`leniax.helpers.init_and_run(rng_key, config, use_init_cells=True, with_jit=True, fft=True, stat_trunc=False)`

Initialize and simulate a Lenia configuration

To simulate a configuration with multiple initializations you must set: - `with_jit=True` so the function use the scan implementaton. - `stat_trunc=False` multiple initializations means different simulation length measured by the statistics.

#### Parameters

- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) – JAX PRNG key.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Lenia configuration
- **use\_init\_cells** (*bool*) – Set to True to use the `init_cells` configuration property.
- **with\_jit** (*bool*) – Set to True to use the jitted scan implementation
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization
- **stat\_trunc** (*bool*) – Set to True to truncate run based on its statistics

**Returns**

A tuple of [*nb\_iter*, *nb\_init*, *nb\_channels*, *world\_dims...*] shaped cells, fields, potentials and statistics of the simulation.

**Return type**

*Tuple[Array, Array, Array, Dict]*

```
leniax.helpers.search_for_mutation(rng_key, config, nb_scale_for_stability=1, use_init_cells=True,  
                                    fft=True, mutation_rate=1e-05)
```

Search for a stable mutation

**Parameters**

- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) – JAX PRNG key.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Lenia configuration.
- **use\_init\_cells** (*bool*) – Set to True to use the `init_cells` configuration property.
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization.
- **nb\_scale\_for\_stability** (*int*) – Number of time the configuration will be scaled and tested.
- **mutation\_rate** (*float*) – Mutation rate.

**Returns**

A 2-tuple of a dictionnary with the best run data and the number of runs made to find it

**Return type**

*Tuple[Dict, int]*

```
leniax.helpers.search_for_init(rng_key, config, fft=True)
```

Search for a stable initial state

**Parameters**

- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) – JAX PRNG key.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Lenia configuration.
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization.

**Returns**

A 2-tuple of a dictionnary with the best run data and the number of runs made to find it

**Return type**

*Tuple[Dict, int]*

```
leniax.helpers.build_update_fn(kernel_shape, mapping, get_state_fn_slug='v1', average_weight=True,  
                               fft=True)
```

Construct an Leniax update function

An update function allows one to update a simulation state.

**Parameters**

- **kernel\_shape** (*Tuple[int, ...]*) – Kernel shape.
- **mapping** ([KernelMapping](#)) – Mapping data.
- **get\_state\_fn\_slug** (*str*) – Which version of Lenia should be run
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization
- **average\_weight** (*bool*) –

**Returns**

A Leniax update function

**Return type**

*Callable*

`leniax.helpers.build_get_potential_fn(kernel_shape, true_channels=None, fft=True, channel_first=True)`

Construct an Leniax potential function

A potential function allows one to compute the potential from a Lenia state.

**Parameters**

- **kernel\_shape** (*Tuple[int, ...]*) – Kernel shape.
- **true\_channels** (*Optional[List[bool]]*) – Boolean array indicating the true potential channels
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization
- **channel\_first** (*bool*) –

**Returns**

A Leniax potential function

**Return type**

*Callable*

`leniax.helpers.build_get_field_fn(cin_gfs, average=True)`

Construct an Leniax field function

A field function allows one to compute the field from a Lenia potential.

**Parameters**

- **cin\_gfs** (*List[List[str]]*) – List of growth functions per channel.
- **average** (*bool*) – Set to True to average instead of summing input channels

**Returns**

A Leniax field function

**Return type**

*Callable*

`leniax.helpers.dump_assets(save_dir, config, all_cells, stats_dict, colormaps=[], transparent_bg=False)`

Dump a set of interesting assets.

**Those assets include:**

- Simulation statistics (plots and data)
- Kernels and growth functions plots
- Last frame

- Video and Gif of the simulation

#### Parameters

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration.
- **all\_cells** (*Array*) – Simulation data of shape [nb\_iter, C, world\_dims...].
- **stats\_dict** (*Dict*) – Leniax statistics dictionnary.
- **colormaps** (*List*) – A List of matplotlib compatible colormap.
- **transparent\_bg** (*bool*) – Set to True to make the background transparent.

`leniax.helpers.dump_last_frame(save_dir, all_cells, center_and_crop=True, colormap=None)`

Dump the last frame of the simulation

The dumped last frame is called **last\_frame.png**.

#### Parameters

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **all\_cells** (*Array*) – Simulation data of shape [nb\_iter, C, world\_dims...].
- **center\_and\_crop** (*bool*) – Set to True to center the stable pattern and crop the margin.
- **colormap** – A matplotlib compatible colormap.

`leniax.helpers.dump_frame(save_dir, filename, cells, center_and_crop=True, colormap=None)`

Dump a Lenia state as a image

#### Parameters

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **filename** (*str*) – File name.
- **cells** (*Array*) – A Lenia state of shape [C, world\_dims...].
- **center\_and\_crop** (*bool*) – Set to True to center the stable pattern and crop the margin.
- **colormap** – A matplotlib compatible colormap.

`leniax.helpers.dump_viz_data(save_dir, config, stats_dict)`

Dump vizualization data as JSON

#### Parameters

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration.
- **stats\_dict** (*Dict*) – Leniax statistics dictionnary.

`leniax.helpers.plot_kernels(save_dir, config)`

Plots kernels and growth functions

#### Parameters

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration.

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## LENIAX.UTILS PACKAGE

`leniax.utils.get_container(omegaConf, main_path)`

Retrieve the populated container from an omegaConf

This functions is used to: - Populate missing mandatory value in Leniax configuration - Handle versioning update if necessary

```
# Use with Hydra as follow
@hydra.main(config_path=config_path, config_name=config_name)
def run(omegaConf: DictConfig) -> None:
    config = leniax_utils.get_container(omegaConf, config_path)
```

**Parameters**

- **omegaConf** (*DictConfig*) – Hydra's Omega configuration
- **main\_path** (*str*) – Absolute path of the configuration directory

**Returns**

A populated python dictionary

**Return type**

*Dict*

`leniax.utils.update_config_v1_v2(config)`

Update a configuration from version 1 to version 2

**Parameters**

**config** (*Dict*) – A v1 configuration

**Returns**

A v2 configuration

**Return type**

*Dict*

`leniax.utils.get_param(dic, key_string)`

Retrieve a parameter in a dictionnary using a string

**Parameters**

- **dic** (*Dict*) – Dictionary
- **key\_string** (*str*) – String representing the parameter path in the dicitonnary

**Returns**

The parameter

**Return type***Any*`leniax.utils.set_param(dic, key_string, value)`

Set a parameter in a dictionary using a string

**Parameters**

- **dic** (*Dict*) – Dictionary
- **key\_string** (*str*) – String representing the parameter path in the dicitonary
- **value** (*Any*) – Value to be set

`leniax.utils.st2fracs2float(st)`

Convert a string of fraction into an list of floats

String example: `st = '1,2/3,6.7'`

**Parameters***st* (*str*) – String of fractions.**Returns***An list of float***Return type***List[float]*`leniax.utils.merge_cells(cells, other_cells, offset=None)`

Merge cells together using addition

**Parameters**

- **cells** (*Array*) – Base cells
- **other\_cells** (*Array*) – Cells to be merged into the base cells
- **offset** (*Optional[List[int]]*) – Offsets in each dimensions

**Returns***Resulting cells***Return type***Array*`leniax.utils.center_world(cells, field, potential, shift_idx, axes)`

Vectorized version of center\_world. Takes similar arguments as center\_world but with additional array axes over which center\_world is mapped.

Original documentation:

Rool cells, field and potential

**Args:**

cells: Lenia state of shape [bs, other\_axes...] field: Lenia field [bs, other\_axes...] potential: Lenia potential [bs, other\_axes...] shift\_idx: Amount to roll of shape [bs, nb\_axes]` axes: Axes to roll

**Returns:**

Updated cells, field and potential

**Parameters**

- **cells** (*Array*) –

- **field** (Array) –
- **potential** (Array) –
- **shift\_idx** (Array) –
- **axes** (Tuple[int, ...]) –

**Return type***Tuple[Array, Array, Array]***leniax.utils.crop\_zero(kernels)**

Crop zero values out for 3 and 4 dimensions array

**Parameters****kernels** (Array) – A 3 or 4 dimension kernels**Returns**

The cropped kernels

**Return type***Array***leniax.utils.auto\_center(cells)**

Automatically center cells on its total mass centroid

**Parameters****cells** (Array) – Lenia state**Returns**

The mass centered Lenia state

**Return type***Array***leniax.utils.center\_and\_crop(cells)**

Automatically center cells on its total mass centroid and crop zeros values

**Parameters****cells** (Array) – Lenia state**Returns**

The mass centered cropped Lenia state

**Return type***Array***leniax.utils.get\_image(cells\_buffer, pixel\_size, colormap)**

Convert a numpy array into a PIL image

**Parameters**

- **cells\_buffer** (ndarray) – A Lenia state of shape [C, world\_dims...]
- **pixel\_size** (int) – Size of each state pixels in the image
- **colormap** – A matplotlib compatible colormap

**Returns**

A PIL image

**Return type**

&lt;module ‘PIL.Image’ from ‘/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user\_builds/leniax/envs/latest/lib/python3.7/site-packages/PIL/Image.py’&gt;

`leniax.utils.plot_stats(save_dir, stats_dict)`

Plot Leniax statistics

**Parameters**

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **stats\_dict** (*Dict*) – Statistics dictionary

`leniax.utils.generate_beta_faces(nb_betas, denominator)`

**Generate a grid of all the valid beta values given a maximum number of beta values.**

This function makes sense only if we normalize our kernels.

**Parameters**

- **nb\_betas** (*int*) – Maximum number of betas values
- **denominator** (*int*) – Denominator to construct the betas grid

**Returns**

The list of possible list of beta values

**Return type**

*List[List[List[float]]]*

`leniax.utils.check_dir(dir)`

Ensure a directory exist and is not a file

**Parameters**

**dir** (*str*) – Checked directory

`leniax.utils.save_config(save_dir, config)`

Save a configuration file

**Parameters**

- **save\_dir** (*str*) – directory used to save assets.
- **config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration

`leniax.utils.print_config(config)`

Pretty print a Leniax configuration

**Parameters**

**config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration

`leniax.utils.load_img(fullpath, resize)`

Load an image as a np.array

**Parameters**

- **fullpath** (*str*) – Absolute image path
- **resize** (*Tuple[int, int]*) – Resize factors for the image dimensions

**Returns**

The image as a np.array

**Return type**

*Array*

`leniax.utils.set_log_level(config)`

Set the python logging root level

**Parameters**

**config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration

`leniax.utils.seed_everything(seed)`

Seed all the dependencies used by Leniax

**Parameters**

**seed** (*int*) – A seed integer

**Returns**

A JAX PRNG key

**Return type**

*PRNGKeyArray*

`leniax.utils.get_needed_memory(config, nb_sols=1)`

Compute an approximate of the needed memory by different kind of simulations

**Parameters**

- **config** (*Dict*) – Leniax configuration
- **nb\_sols** (*int*) – How many solutions will be simulated at the same time

**Returns**

A dictionary with different memory requirements



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## LENIAX.LOADER PACKAGE

`leniax.loader.make_array_compressible(cells)`

Round values so the array can be encoded using a subset of utf-8 characters

**Parameters**

`cells` (`Array`) – Cells state.

**Returns**

The rounded cells state

**Return type**

`Array`

`leniax.loader.compress_array(cells)`

Compress a cells state into a base64 utf-8 string.

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**Note:** The cells state in float32 is first encoded as int32.

That state is then flattened and converted into raw bytes of length 4 in little endian.

Finally we prepend the total number of bytes of the state and append the shape as bytes.

Finally, we compress the array using the gzip algorithm and the resulting bytes are encoded as base64 in the utf-8 encoding.

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**Parameters**

`cells` (`Array`) – Cells state

**Returns**

Cells state encoded as a string.

**Return type**

`str`

`leniax.loader.decompress_array(string_cells, nb_dims=0)`

Best effort helpers which tries all existing decompress function built so far

**Parameters**

- `string_cells` (`str`) – A string encoded cells state.
- `nb_dims` (`int`) – the number of dimensions in the cells state.

**Returns**

The decoded cells state array.

**Return type***Array*`leniax.loader.decompress_array_gzip(string_cells)`

Decompress string encoded cells state using the gzip algorithm

**Parameters**`string_cells (str)` – A base64 string encoded cells state.**Returns**

The decoded cells state array.

**Return type***Array*`leniax.loader.decompress_array_base64(string_cells)`

Decompress string encoded cells state using only the base64 algorithm

**Parameters**`string_cells (str)` – A base64 string encoded cells state.**Returns**

The decoded cells state array.

**Return type***Array*`leniax.loader.ch2val(c)`

Map characters to integers

**Parameters**`c (str)` – A character.**Returns**

An integer.

**Return type**`int``leniax.loader.val2ch(v)`

Map integers to characters

**Parameters**`v (int)` – An integer**Returns**

A character.

**Return type**`str``leniax.loader.load_raw_cells(config, use_init_cells=True)`

Load and decompress cells state contained in a Leniax configuration.

**Parameters**

- `config (Dict)` – Leniax configuration
- `use_init_cells (bool)` – Set to True to use the `init_cells` configuration property.

**Returns**

A Leniax cells state.

**Return type**

*Array*



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## LENIAQ.QD PACKAGE

`leniax.qd.build_eval_lenia_config_mem_optimized_fn(qd_config, fitness_coef=1.0, fft=True)`

Construct the evaluation function for the mem\_optimized runner function

### Parameters

- **qd\_config** (*Dict*) – QD configuration
- **fitness\_coef** (*float*) – Multiply all returned fitness by this coefficient before ranking (mainly used to negate raw fitness values)
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization

### Returns

The evaluation function.

### Return type

*Callable*

`leniax.qd.get_dynamic_args(qd_config, leniax_sols, fft=True)`

Prepare dynamic arguments to be used in parrallel simulations

### Parameters

- **qd\_config** (*Dict*) – Leniax QD configuration
- **leniax\_sols** (*List[LeniaIndividual]*) – Candidate Leniax solutions
- **fft** (*bool*) – Set to True to use FFT optimization

### Returns

A 2-tuple representing a JAX PRNG key and a 5-tuple of the batch of simulation parameters of shape [N\_sols, N\_init, nb\_channels, world\_dims...]

### Return type

*Tuple[PRNGKeyArray, Tuple[Array, Array, Array, Array, Array]]*

`leniax.qd.update_individuals(inds, stats, fitness_coef=1.0)`

Update Lenia individuals

**Warning:** In the statistics dictionary, the N statistic is of shape [N\_sols, N\_init].

### Parameters

- **inds** (*List[LeniaIndividual]*) – Evaluated Lenia individuals
- **stats** (*Dict[str, Array]*) – Dict[str, [N\_sols, nb\_iter, N\_init]]

- **fitness\_coef** – Multiply all returned fitness by this coefficient before ranking (mainly used to negate raw fitness values)

**Returns**

Lupdate Lenia individuals

**Return type**

*List[LeniaIndividual]*

`leniax.qd.run_qd_search(rng_key, qd_config, optimizer, fitness_domain, eval_fn, log_freq=1, n_workers=-1)`

Run a Quality-diveristy search

**Warning:**

- `n_workers == -1` means that your evaluation functions handles parallelism
- `n_workers == 0` means that you want to use a simple python loop function
- `n_workers > 0` means that you want to use python spawn mechanism

**Parameters**

- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) – jax PRNGKey
- **qd\_config** (*Dict*) – QD configuration
- **optimizer** (*Optimizer*) – pyribs Optimizer
- **fitness\_domain** (*Tuple[int, int]*) – a 2-tuple of ints representing the fitness bounds
- **eval\_fn** (*Callable*) – The evaluation function
- **log\_freq** (*int*) – Logging frequency
- **n\_workers** (*int*) – Number of workers used to eval a set of candidate solutions

**Returns**

Qd metrics

**Return type**

*Dict[str, Dict[str, list]]*

`leniax.qd.load_qd_grid_and_config(grid_fullpath)`

Helper function to load the QD grid and configuration

**Parameters**

**grid\_fullpath** (*str*) – The absolute path the pickled grid.

**Returns**

A 2-tuple representing the QD grid and configuration.

**Return type**

*Tuple[ArchiveBase, Dict]*

`leniax.qd.render_best(grid, fitness_threshold)`

Helper function to render configurations above the threshold

**Parameters**

- **grid** (*ArchiveBase*) – QD grid.
- **fitness\_threshold** (*float*) – Threshold definie what is among the best fitness values

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```
leniax.qd.render_found_lenia(enum_lenia)
```

Render one Lenia

#### Parameters

- **enum\_lenia** (*Tuple[int, LeniaIndividual]*) – A 2-tuple representing and index and a Lenia individual.

```
leniax.qd.save_ccdf(archive,fullpath)
```

Saves a CCDF showing the distribution of the archive's objective values.

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**Note:** CCDF = Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function

The CCDF plotted here is not normalized to the range  $(0, 1)$ .

This may help when comparing CCDF's among archives with different amounts of coverage (i.e. when one archive has more cells filled).

#### Parameters

- **archive** (*ArchiveBase*) – Archive containing the experiment results.
- **fullpath** (*str*) – Absolute path to an image file.

```
leniax.qd.save_metrics(metrics, save_dir)
```

Plot and save QD metrics.

#### Parameters

- **metrics** (*Dict[str, Dict[str, list]]*) – Dictionary of metrics.
- **save\_dir** (*str*) – Absolute path of the saving directory.

```
leniax.qd.save_heatmap(archive,fitness_domain,fullpath)
```

Save QD heatmap

#### Parameters

- **archive** (*ArchiveBase*) – Archive containing the experiment results.
- **fitness\_domain** (*Tuple*) – Bounds of fitness values.
- **fullpath** (*str*) – Absolute path of the file.

```
leniax.qd.save_parallel_axes_plot(archive,fitness_domain,fullpath)
```

Save parallel axes plot.

#### Parameters

- **archive** (*ArchiveBase*) – Archive containing the experiment results.
- **fitness\_domain** (*Tuple*) – Bounds of fitness values.
- **fullpath** (*str*) – Absolute path of the file.

```
leniax.qd.save_emitter_samples(archive,fitness_domain,sols,fits,bcs,fullpath,title)
```

Save emitter sampling points.

#### Parameters

- **archive** (*ArchiveBase*) – Archive containing the experiment results.
- **fitness\_domain** (*Tuple*) – Bounds of fitness values.

- **sols** (*List*) – Solutions parameters.
- **fits** (*List*) – Fitness measurements.
- **bcs** (*List*) – Behaviours measurements.
- **fullpath** (*str*) – Absolute path of the file.
- **title** (*str*) – Title of the image.

`leniax.qd.save_all(current_iter, optimizer, fitness_domain, sols, fits, bcs)`

Helper function to all kind of vizualisation for a QD iteration.

#### Parameters

- **current\_iter** (*int*) – Current QD iteration.
- **optimizer** – Pyribs compatible optimizer.
- **fitness\_domain** (*Tuple*) – Bounds of fitness values.
- **sols** (*List*) – Solutions parameters.
- **fits** (*List*) – Fitness measurements.
- **bcs** (*List*) – Behaviours measurements.

## LENIAx.LENIA PACKAGE

```
class leniax.lenia.LeniaIndividual(config, rng_key, params=[])
```

A Lenia individual used by QD algorithms

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**Note:** The philosophy of the lib is to have parameters sampled from the same domain And then scaled by custom functions before being used in the evaluation function To sum up:

- All parameters are generated in the sampling\_domain
  - the dimension parameter is the number of parameter
  - **in the eval function:**
    1. You scale those parameters
    2. You create the configuration from those parameters
    3. You evaluate the configuration
    4. you set fitness and features
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### Parameters

- **config** (*Dict*) –
- **rng\_key** (*PRNGKeyArray*) –
- **params** (*List*) –

### fitness

QD fitness value

#### Type

float

### features

List of QD behaviour values

#### Type

List[float]

### qd\_config

QD configuration

#### Type

Dict

**rng\_key**

JAX PRNG key

**Type**

jax.\_src.prng.PRNGKeyArray

**params**

A list of parameters to be updated by QD

**Type**

List

**leniax.lenia.get\_update\_config(*genotype, raw\_values*)**

Update the QD configuration using raw\_values

**Parameters**

- **genotype** (*Dict*) – A dictionary of genotype value to be updated
- **raw\_values** (*List*) – Raw values for the update

**Returns**

A dictionary mapping keys with updated values

**Return type***Dict***leniax.lenia.linear\_scale(*raw\_value, domain*)**

Scale linearly raw\_value in domain

**Parameters**

- **raw\_value** (*float*) – a value in [0, 1]
- **domain** (*Tuple[float, float]*) – Domain bounding the final value

**Returns**

The scaled value

**Return type**

float

**leniax.lenia.log\_scale(*raw\_value, domain*)**

Scale logarithmically raw\_value in domain

**Parameters**

- **raw\_value** (*float*) – a value in [0, 1]
- **domain** (*Tuple[float, float]*) – Domain bounding the final value

**Returns**

The scaled value

**Return type**

float

## LENIAX.VIDEO PACKAGE

`leniax.video.render_video(save_dir, all_cells, render_params, colormaps, prefix="", transparent_bg=False)`

Render a Leniax video

```
ffmpeg
  -format='rawvideo',
  -pix_fmt='rgba',
  -s=f"{width}x{height}",
  -framerate=30,
  -i pipe:
  -c:v libx264
  -profile:v high
  -preset slow
  -movflags faststart
  -pix_fmt yuv420p
  out.mp4
```

### Parameters

- `save_dir (str)` – directory used to save assets.
- `all_cells (Array)` – Simulation data of shape [nb\_iter, C, H, W].
- `render_params (Dict)` – Rendering configuration.
- `colormaps (Union[List, Any])` – A List of matplotlib compatible colormaps
- `prefix (str)` – Video name prefix
- `transparent_bg (bool)` – Set to True to make the background transparent.

`leniax.video.render_gif(video_fullpath)`

Render a video as a GIF

```
ffmpeg
  -i $video_fullpath
  -vf "fps=30,scale=width:-1:flags=lanczos,split[s0][s1];[s0]palettegen[p];
  ↪[s1][p]paletteuse"
  -loop 0
  \$video_fullpath.gif
```

### Parameters

`video_fullpath` – Fullpath of a video.

```
leniax.video.render_qd_search(output_fullpath, framerate=10)
```

Render a video from QD vizualisation

```
ffmpeg
-framerate $framerate -i '%4d-emitter_0.png'
-framerate $framerate -i '%4d-emitter_1.png'
-framerate $framerate -i '%4d-emitter_2.png'
-framerate $framerate -i '%4d-emitter_3.png'
-framerate $framerate -i '%4d-archive_ccdf.png'
-framerate $framerate -i '%4d-archive_heatmap.png'
-filter_complex "[0:v][1:v]hstack[h1];
[2:v][3:v]hstack[h2];
[4:v][5:v]hstack[h3];
[h1][h2]vstack[v1];
[v1][h3]vstack[o]"
-map "[o]"
\$output_fullpath.mp4
```

#### Parameters

- **output\_fullpath** – Fullpath of the video file.
- **framerate** – Frame rate of the video.

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## LENIAX.COLORMAPS PACKAGE

Leniax colormaps

**class** leniax.colormaps.PerceptualGradientColormap(*name*, *hex\_bg\_color*, *hex\_colors*)

Perceptual gradient colormap

### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) –
- **hex\_bg\_color** (*str*) –
- **hex\_colors** (*List[str]*) –

#### **name**

Colormap name

#### Type

*str*

#### **hex\_bg\_color**

Background color (in hexadecimal)

#### Type

*str*

#### **hex\_colors**

List of colors used to create the perceptual gradient

#### Type

*List[str]*

#### **cmap**

Matplotlib ListedColormap

#### Type

*matplotlib.colors.ListedColormap*



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