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# **PyBaMM Documentation**

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Python Battery Mathematical Modelling (**PyBaMM**) solves continuum models for batteries, using both numerical methods and asymptotic analysis.

PyBaMM is hosted on [GitHub](#). This page provides the *API*, or *developer documentation* for `pybamm`.

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## 1.1 Expression Tree

### 1.1.1 Symbol

**class** pybamm.**Symbol** (*name*, *children=None*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*)

Base node class for the expression tree

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – name for the node
- **children** (iterable *Symbol*, optional) – children to attach to this node, default to an empty list
- **domain** (*iterable of str, or str*) – list of domains over which the node is valid (empty list indicates the symbol is valid over all domains)
- **auxiliary\_domains** (*dict of str*) – dictionary of auxiliary domains over which the node is valid (empty dictionary indicates no auxiliary domains). Keys can be “secondary” or “tertiary”. The symbol is broadcast over its auxiliary domains. For example, a symbol might have domain “negative particle”, secondary domain “separator” and tertiary domain “current collector” (*domain=“negative particle”, auxiliary\_domains={“secondary”: “separator”, “tertiary”: “current collector”}*).

**\_\_abs\_\_** ()  
return an *AbsoluteValue* object

**\_\_add\_\_** (*other*)  
return an *Addition* object

**\_\_ge\_\_** (*other*)  
return a *EqualHeaviside* object

**\_\_getitem\_\_** (*key*)  
return a *Index* object

**`__gt__`** (*other*)  
return a *NotEqualHeaviside* object

**`__init__`** (*name*, *children*=None, *domain*=None, *auxiliary\_domains*=None)  
Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**`__le__`** (*other*)  
return a *EqualHeaviside* object

**`__lt__`** (*other*)  
return a *NotEqualHeaviside* object

**`__matmul__`** (*other*)  
return a *MatrixMultiplication* object

**`__mul__`** (*other*)  
return a *Multiplication* object

**`__neg__`** ()  
return a *Negate* object

**`__pow__`** (*other*)  
return a *Power* object

**`__radd__`** (*other*)  
return an *Addition* object

**`__repr__`** ()  
returns the string `__class__(id, name, children, domain)`

**`__rmatmul__`** (*other*)  
return a *MatrixMultiplication* object

**`__rmul__`** (*other*)  
return a *Multiplication* object

**`__rpow__`** (*other*)  
return a *Power* object

**`__rsub__`** (*other*)  
return a *Subtraction* object

**`__rtruediv__`** (*other*)  
return a *Division* object

**`__str__`** ()  
return a string representation of the node and its children

**`__sub__`** (*other*)  
return a *Subtraction* object

**`__truediv__`** (*other*)  
return a *Division* object

**`children`**  
returns the cached children of this node.  
  
Note: it is assumed that children of a node are not modified after initial creation

**`clear_domains`** ()  
Clear domains, bypassing checks

**`copy_domains`** (*symbol*)  
Copy the domains from a given symbol, bypassing checks



**diff** (*variable*)

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a variable. For any symbol that can be differentiated, return *I* if differentiating with respect to yourself, *self.\_diff(variable)* if *variable* is in the expression tree of the symbol, and zero otherwise.

**Parameters** **variable** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

**domain**

list of applicable domains

**Returns**

**Return type** iterable of str

**evaluate** (*t=None, y=None, y\_dot=None, inputs=None, known\_evals=None*)

Evaluate expression tree (wrapper to allow using dict of known values). If the dict 'known\_evals' is provided, the dict is searched for self.id; if self.id is in the keys, return that value; otherwise, evaluate using `_base_evaluate()` and add that value to known\_evals

**Parameters**

- **t** (*float or numeric type, optional*) – time at which to evaluate (default None)
- **y** (*numpy.array, optional*) – array with state values to evaluate when solving (default None)
- **y\_dot** (*numpy.array, optional*) – array with time derivatives of state values to evaluate when solving (default None)
- **inputs** (*dict, optional*) – dictionary of inputs to use when solving (default None)
- **known\_evals** (*dict, optional*) – dictionary containing known values (default None)

**Returns**

- *number or array* – the node evaluated at (t,y)
- **known\_evals (if known\_evals input is not None)** (*dict*) – the dictionary of known values

**evaluate\_for\_shape** ()

Evaluate expression tree to find its shape. For symbols that cannot be evaluated directly (e.g. *Variable* or *Parameter*), a vector of the appropriate shape is returned instead, using the symbol's domain. See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()`

**evaluate\_ignoring\_errors** (*t=0*)

Evaluates the expression. If a node exists in the tree that cannot be evaluated as a scalar or vector (e.g. Time, Parameter, Variable, StateVector), then None is returned. If there is an InputParameter in the tree then a 1 is returned. Otherwise the result of the evaluation is given.

**See also:**

`evaluate()` evaluate the expression

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

Returns True if a symbol evaluates on an edge, i.e. symbol contains a gradient operator, but not a divergence operator, and is not an IndefiniteIntegral.

**evaluates\_to\_number** ()

Returns True if evaluating the expression returns a number. Returns False otherwise, including if `NotImplementedError` or `TypeError` is raised. !Not to be confused with `isinstance(self, pybamm.Scalar)`!

See also:

`evaluate()` evaluate the expression

`get_children_auxiliary_domains(children)`

Combine auxiliary domains from children, at all levels

`has_symbol_of_classes(symbol_classes)`

Returns True if equation has a term of the class(es) *symbol\_class*.

**Parameters** `symbol_classes` (*pybamm class or iterable of classes*) – The classes to test the symbol against

`is_constant()`

returns true if evaluating the expression is not dependent on *t* or *y* or *u*

See also:

`evaluate()` evaluate the expression

`jac(variable, known_jacs=None, clear_domain=True)`

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a (slice of) a State Vector. See [pybamm.Jacobian](#).

`name`

name of the node

`new_copy()`

Make a new copy of a symbol, to avoid Tree corruption errors while bypassing `copy.deepcopy()`, which is slow.

`orphans`

Returning new copies of the children, with parents removed to avoid corrupting the expression tree internal data

`pre_order()`

returns an iterable that steps through the tree in pre-order fashion

## Examples

```
>>> import pybamm
>>> a = pybamm.Symbol('a')
>>> b = pybamm.Symbol('b')
>>> for node in (a*b).pre_order():
...     print(node.name)
*
a
b
```

`relabel_tree(symbol, counter)`

Finds all children of a symbol and assigns them a new id so that they can be visualised properly using the graphviz output

`render()`

print out a visual representation of the tree (this node and its children)

`secondary_domain`

Helper function to get the secondary domain of a symbol

**set\_id()**

Set the immutable “identity” of a variable (e.g. for identifying `y_slices`).

This is identical to what we’d put in a `__hash__` function. However, implementing `__hash__` requires also implementing `__eq__`, which would then mess with loop-checking in the `anytree` module.

Hashing can be slow, so we set the id when we create the node, and hence only need to hash once.

**shape**

Shape of an object, found by evaluating it with appropriate `t` and `y`.

**shape\_for\_testing**

Shape of an object for cases where it cannot be evaluated directly. If a symbol cannot be evaluated directly (e.g. it is a *Variable* or *Parameter*), it is instead given an arbitrary domain-dependent shape.

**simplify** (*simplified\_symbols=None*)

Simplify the expression tree. See [pybamm.Simplification](#).

**size**

Size of an object, found by evaluating it with appropriate `t` and `y`

**size\_for\_testing**

Size of an object, based on shape for testing

**test\_shape()**

Check that the discretised self has a `pybamm shape`, i.e. can be evaluated

**Raises** `pybamm.ShapeError` – If the shape of the object cannot be found

**to\_casadi** (*t=None, y=None, y\_dot=None, inputs=None, casadi\_symbols=None*)

Convert the expression tree to a CasADi expression tree. See [pybamm.CasadiConverter](#).

**visualise** (*filename*)

Produces a .png file of the tree (this node and its children) with the name `filename`

**Parameters** `filename` (*str*) – filename to output, must end in “.png”

## 1.1.2 Parameter

**class** `pybamm.Parameter` (*name, domain=[]*)

A node in the expression tree representing a parameter

This node will be replaced by a [Scalar](#) node by `:class:Parameter`

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str, optional*) – list of domains the parameter is valid over, defaults to empty list

**new\_copy()**

See [pybamm.Symbol.new\\_copy\(\)](#).

**class** `pybamm.FunctionParameter` (*name, inputs, diff\_variable=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a function parameter

This node will be replaced by a [pybamm.Function](#) node if a callable function is passed to the parameter values, and otherwise (in some rarer cases, such as constant current) a [pybamm.Scalar](#) node.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node

- **inputs** (*dict*) – A dictionary with string keys and *pybamm.Symbol* values representing the function inputs. The string keys should provide a reasonable description of what the input to the function is (e.g. “Electrolyte concentration [mol.m-3]”)
- **diff\_variable** (*pybamm.Symbol*, optional) – if *diff\_variable* is specified, the *FunctionParameter* node will be replaced by a *pybamm.Function* and then differentiated with respect to *diff\_variable*. Default is *None*.

**diff** (*variable*)

See *pybamm.Symbol.diff()*.

**get\_children\_domains** (*children\_list*)

Obtains the unique domain of the children. If the children have different domains then raise an error

**new\_copy** ()

See *pybamm.Symbol.new\_copy()*.

**set\_id** ()

See *pybamm.Symbol.set\_id()*

### 1.1.3 Variable

**class** *pybamm.Variable* (*name*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a dependent variable

This node will be discretised by *Discretisation* and converted to a *pybamm.StateVector* node.

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str*) – list of domains that this variable is valid over
- **auxiliary\_domains** (*dict*) – dictionary of auxiliary domains ({‘secondary’: ..., ‘tertiary’: ...}). For example, for the single particle model, the particle concentration would be a *Variable* with domain ‘negative particle’ and secondary auxiliary domain ‘current collector’. For the DFN, the particle concentration would be a *Variable* with domain ‘negative particle’, secondary domain ‘negative electrode’ and tertiary domain ‘current collector’
- **\*Extends** –

**diff** (*variable*)

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a variable. For any symbol that can be differentiated, return *I* if differentiating with respect to yourself, *self.diff(variable)* if *variable* is in the expression tree of the symbol, and zero otherwise.

**Parameters** **variable** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

**class** *pybamm.VariableDot* (*name*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing the time derivative of a dependent variable

This node will be discretised by *Discretisation* and converted to a *pybamm.StateVectorDot* node.

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str*) – list of domains that this variable is valid over
- **auxiliary\_domains** (*dict*) – dictionary of auxiliary domains ({‘secondary’: ..., ‘tertiary’: ...}). For example, for the single particle model, the particle concentration would

be a Variable with domain ‘negative particle’ and secondary auxiliary domain ‘current collector’. For the DFN, the particle concentration would be a Variable with domain ‘negative particle’, secondary domain ‘negative electrode’ and tertiary domain ‘current collector’

- **\*Extends** –

**diff** (*variable*)

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a variable. For any symbol that can be differentiated, return *I* if differentiating with respect to yourself, *self.\_diff(variable)* if *variable* is in the expression tree of the symbol, and zero otherwise.

**Parameters** *variable* (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

**get\_variable** ()

return a *Variable* corresponding to this VariableDot

Note: *Variable.\_jac* adds a dash to the name of the corresponding *VariableDot*, so we remove this here

**class** *pybamm.ExternalVariable* (*name, size, domain=None, auxiliary\_domains=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing an external variable variable

This node will be discretised by *Discretisation* and converted to a *Vector* node.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str*) – list of domains that this variable is valid over
- **auxiliary\_domains** (*dict*) – dictionary of auxiliary domains ({‘secondary’: ..., ‘tertiary’: ...}). For example, for the single particle model, the particle concentration would be a Variable with domain ‘negative particle’ and secondary auxiliary domain ‘current collector’. For the DFN, the particle concentration would be a Variable with domain ‘negative particle’, secondary domain ‘negative electrode’ and tertiary domain ‘current collector’
- **\*Extends** –

**diff** (*variable*)

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a variable. For any symbol that can be differentiated, return *I* if differentiating with respect to yourself, *self.\_diff(variable)* if *variable* is in the expression tree of the symbol, and zero otherwise.

**Parameters** *variable* (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

**size**

Size of an object, found by evaluating it with appropriate *t* and *y*

### 1.1.4 Independent Variable

**class** *pybamm.IndependentVariable* (*name, domain=None, auxiliary\_domains=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing an independent variable

Used for expressing functions depending on a spatial variable or time

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str*) – list of domains that this variable is valid over
- **\*Extends** –

**class** `pybamm.Time`

A node in the expression tree representing time

*Extends:* `Symbol`

**new\_copy()**

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

**class** `pybamm.SpatialVariable` (*name*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*, *coord\_sys=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a spatial variable

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node (e.g. “x”, “y”, “z”, “r”, “x\_n”, “x\_s”, “x\_p”, “r\_n”, “r\_p”)
- **domain** (*iterable of str*) – list of domains that this variable is valid over (e.g. “cartesian”, “spherical polar”)
- **\*Extends** –

**new\_copy()**

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

`pybamm.t` = **the independent variable time**

A node in the expression tree representing time

*Extends:* `Symbol`

### 1.1.5 Scalar

**class** `pybamm.Scalar` (*value*, *name=None*, *domain=[]*)

A node in the expression tree representing a scalar value

*Extends:* `Symbol`

**Parameters**

- **value** (*numeric*) – the value returned by the node when evaluated
- **name** (*str, optional*) – the name of the node. Defaulted to `str(value)` if not provided
- **domain** (*iterable of str, optional*) – list of domains the parameter is valid over, defaults to empty list

**new\_copy()**

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

**set\_id()**

See `pybamm.Symbol.set_id()`.

**value**

the value returned by the node when evaluated

### 1.1.6 Matrix

**class** `pybamm.Matrix` (*entries*, *name=None*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*, *entries\_string=None*)

node in the expression tree that holds a matrix type (e.g. `numpy.array`)

**Extends:** `Array`

### 1.1.7 Vector

**class** `pybamm.Vector` (*entries*, *name=None*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*, *entries\_string=None*)  
 node in the expression tree that holds a vector type (e.g. `numpy.array`)

**Extends:** `Array`

### 1.1.8 State Vector

**class** `pybamm.StateVector` (*\*y\_slices*, *name=None*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*, *evaluation\_array=None*)  
 node in the expression tree that holds a slice to read from an external vector type

#### Parameters

- **y\_slice** (*slice*) – the slice of an external y to read
- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – the name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str*, *optional*) – list of domains the parameter is valid over, defaults to empty list
- **auxiliary\_domains** (*dict of str*, *optional*) – dictionary of auxiliary domains
- **evaluation\_array** (*list*, *optional*) – List of boolean arrays representing slices. Default is `None`, in which case the `evaluation_array` is computed from `y_slices`.
- **\*Extends** –

**diff** (*variable*)

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a variable. For any symbol that can be differentiated, return `1` if differentiating with respect to yourself, `self._diff(variable)` if *variable* is in the expression tree of the symbol, and zero otherwise.

**Parameters** **variable** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

**class** `pybamm.StateVectorDot` (*\*y\_slices*, *name=None*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*, *evaluation\_array=None*)

node in the expression tree that holds a slice to read from the ydot

#### Parameters

- **y\_slice** (*slice*) – the slice of an external ydot to read
- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – the name of the node
- **domain** (*iterable of str*, *optional*) – list of domains the parameter is valid over, defaults to empty list
- **auxiliary\_domains** (*dict of str*, *optional*) – dictionary of auxiliary domains
- **evaluation\_array** (*list*, *optional*) – List of boolean arrays representing slices. Default is `None`, in which case the `evaluation_array` is computed from `y_slices`.
- **\*Extends** –

**diff** (*variable*)

Differentiate a symbol with respect to a variable. For any symbol that can be differentiated, return `1`

if differentiating with respect to yourself, `self._diff(variable)` if `variable` is in the expression tree of the symbol, and zero otherwise.

**Parameters** `variable` (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

### 1.1.9 Binary Operators

**class** `pybamm.BinaryOperator` (`name`, `left`, `right`)

A node in the expression tree representing a binary operator (e.g. +, \*)

Derived classes will specify the particular operator

**Extends:** `Symbol`

**Parameters**

- **name** (`str`) – name of the node
- **left** (`Symbol` or `Number`) – lhs child node (converted to `Scalar` if `Number`)
- **right** (`Symbol` or `Number`) – rhs child node (converted to `Scalar` if `Number`)

**evaluate** (`t=None`, `y=None`, `y_dot=None`, `inputs=None`, `known_evals=None`)

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()`.

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**format** (`left`, `right`)

Format children left and right into compatible form

**get\_children\_domains** (`ldomain`, `rdomain`)

Combine domains from children in appropriate way

**new\_copy** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

**class** `pybamm.Power` (`left`, `right`)

A node in the expression tree representing a \*\* power operator

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**class** `pybamm.Addition` (`left`, `right`)

A node in the expression tree representing an addition operator

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**class** `pybamm.Subtraction` (`left`, `right`)

A node in the expression tree representing a subtraction operator

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**class** `pybamm.Multiplication` (`left`, `right`)

A node in the expression tree representing a multiplication operator (Hadamard product). Overloads cases where the “\*” operator would usually return a matrix multiplication (e.g. `scipy.sparse.coo.coo_matrix`)

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**class** `pybamm.MatrixMultiplication` (`left`, `right`)

A node in the expression tree representing a matrix multiplication operator

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`



**diff** (*variable*)  
See `pybamm.Symbol.diff()`.

**class** `pybamm.Division` (*left, right*)  
A node in the expression tree representing a division operator

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**class** `pybamm.Inner` (*left, right*)  
A node in the expression tree which represents the inner (or dot) product. This operator should be used to take the inner product of two mathematical vectors (as opposed to the computational vectors arrived at post-discretisation) of the form  $v = v_x e_x + v_y e_y + v_z e_z$  where  $v_x, v_y, v_z$  are scalars and  $e_x, e_y, e_z$  are x-y-z-directional unit vectors. For  $v$  and  $w$  mathematical vectors, inner product returns  $v_x * w_x + v_y * w_y + v_z * w_z$ . In addition, for some spatial discretisations mathematical vector quantities (such as  $i = \text{grad}(\phi)$ ) are evaluated on a different part of the grid to mathematical scalars (e.g. for finite volume mathematical scalars are evaluated on the nodes but mathematical vectors are evaluated on cell edges). Therefore, inner also transfers the inner product of the vector onto the scalar part of the grid if required by a particular discretisation.

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()  
See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** `pybamm.Heaviside` (*name, left, right*)  
A node in the expression tree representing a heaviside step function.

Adding this operation to the rhs or algebraic equations in a model can often cause a discontinuity in the solution. For the specific cases listed below, this will be automatically handled by the solver. In the general case, you can explicitly tell the solver of discontinuities by adding a `Event` object with `EventType` DISCONTINUITY to the model's list of events.

In the case where the Heaviside function is of the form  $\text{pybamm.t} < x$ ,  $\text{pybamm.t} \leq x$ ,  $x < \text{pybamm.t}$ , or  $x \leq \text{pybamm.t}$ , where  $x$  is any constant equation, this DISCONTINUITY event will automatically be added by the solver.

**Extends:** `BinaryOperator`

**diff** (*variable*)  
See `pybamm.Symbol.diff()`.

**class** `pybamm.EqualHeaviside` (*left, right*)  
A heaviside function with equality (return 1 when left = right)

**class** `pybamm.NotEqualHeaviside` (*left, right*)  
A heaviside function without equality (return 0 when left = right)

**class** `pybamm.Minimum` (*left, right*)  
Returns the smaller of two objects

**class** `pybamm.Maximum` (*left, right*)  
Returns the smaller of two objects

`pybamm.minimum` (*left, right*)  
Returns the smaller of two objects. Not to be confused with `pybamm.min()`, which returns min function of child.

`pybamm.maximum` (*left, right*)  
Returns the larger of two objects. Not to be confused with `pybamm.max()`, which returns max function of child.

`pybamm.source` (*left, right, boundary=False*)  
A convenience function for creating (part of) an expression tree representing a source term. This is necessary for

spatial methods where the mass matrix is not the identity (e.g. finite element formulation with piecewise linear basis functions). The left child is the symbol representing the source term and the right child is the symbol of the equation variable (currently, the finite element formulation in PyBaMM assumes all functions are constructed using the same basis, and the matrix here is constructed accounting for the boundary conditions of the right child). The method returns the matrix-vector product of the mass matrix (adjusted to account for any Dirichlet boundary conditions imposed on the right symbol) and the discretised left symbol.

#### Parameters

- **left** (*Symbol*) – The left child node, which represents the expression for the source term.
- **right** (*Symbol*) – The right child node. This is the symbol whose boundary conditions are accounted for in the construction of the mass matrix.
- **boundary** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, then the mass matrix should be assembled over the boundary, corresponding to a source term which only acts on the boundary of the domain. If False (default), the matrix is assembled over the entire domain, corresponding to a source term in the bulk.

### 1.1.10 Unary Operators

**class** `pybamm.UnaryOperator` (*name*, *child*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a unary operator (e.g. ‘-’, grad, div)

Derived classes will specify the particular operator

**Extends:** *Symbol*

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **child** (*Symbol*) – child node

**evaluate** (*t=None*, *y=None*, *y\_dot=None*, *inputs=None*, *known\_evals=None*)

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()`.

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**new\_copy** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

**class** `pybamm.Negate` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing a - negation operator

**Extends:** *UnaryOperator*

**class** `pybamm.AbsoluteValue` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing an *abs* operator

**Extends:** *UnaryOperator*

**diff** (*variable*)

See `pybamm.Symbol.diff()`.

**class** `pybamm.Sign` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing a *sign* operator

**Extends:** *UnaryOperator*

**diff** (*variable*)

See `pybamm.Symbol.diff()`.

**class** `pybamm.Index` (*child*, *index*, *name=None*, *check\_size=True*)

A node in the expression tree, which stores the index that should be extracted from its child after the child has been evaluated.

#### Parameters

- **child** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol of which to take the index
- **index** (*int* or *slice*) – The index (if int) or indices (if slice) to extract from the symbol
- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – The name of the symbol
- **check\_size** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to check if the slice size exceeds the child size. Default is True. This should always be True when creating a new symbol so that the appropriate check is performed, but should be False for creating a new copy to avoid unnecessarily repeating the check.

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**set\_id** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.set_id()`

**class** `pybamm.SpatialOperator` (*name*, *child*, *domain=None*, *auxiliary\_domains=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a unary spatial operator (e.g. grad, div)

Derived classes will specify the particular operator

This type of node will be replaced by the *Discretisation* class with a *Matrix*

**Extends:** *UnaryOperator*

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **child** (*Symbol*) – child node

**diff** (*variable*)

See `pybamm.Symbol.diff()`.

**class** `pybamm.Gradient` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing a grad operator

**Extends:** *SpatialOperator*

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** `pybamm.Divergence` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing a div operator

**Extends:** *SpatialOperator*

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** `pybamm.Laplacian` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing a laplacian operator. This is currently only implemented in the weak form for finite element formulations.

**Extends:** *SpatialOperator*

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** `pybamm.GradientSquared` (*child*)

A node in the expression tree representing a the inner product of the grad operator with itself. In particular, this is useful in the finite element formulation where we only require the (sclar valued) square of the gradient, and not the gradient itself. **Extends:** *SpatialOperator*

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** `pybamm.Mass` (*child*)

Returns the mass matrix for a given symbol, accounting for Dirchlet boundary conditions where necessary (e.g. in the finite element formulation) **Extends:** *SpatialOperator*

**class** `pybamm.Integral` (*child, integration\_variable*)

A node in the expression tree representing an integral operator

$$I = \int_a^b f(u) du,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the left-hand and right-hand boundaries of the domain respectively, and  $u \in \text{domain}$ . Can be integration with respect to time or space.

#### Parameters

- **function** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be integrated (will become `self.children[0]`)
- **integration\_variable** (*pybamm.IndependentVariable*) – The variable over which to integrate
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**set\_id** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.set_id()`

**class** `pybamm.IndefiniteIntegral` (*child, integration\_variable*)

A node in the expression tree representing an indefinite integral operator

$$I = \int_{x_{extmin}}^x f(u) du$$

where  $u \in \text{domain}$  which can represent either a spatial or temporal variable.

#### Parameters

- **function** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be integrated (will become `self.children[0]`)
- **integration\_variable** (*pybamm.IndependentVariable*) – The variable over which to integrate
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *Integral*) –

**class** `pybamm.DefiniteIntegralVector` (*child, vector\_type='row'*)

A node in the expression tree representing an integral of the basis used for discretisation

$$I = \int_a^b \psi(x) dx,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are the left-hand and right-hand boundaries of the domain respectively and  $\psi$  is the basis function.

#### Parameters

- **variable** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable whose basis will be integrated over the entire domain
- **vector\_type** (*str*, *optional*) – Whether to return a row or column vector (default is row)
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**set\_id()**

See *pybamm.Symbol.set\_id()*

**class** *pybamm.BoundaryIntegral* (*child*, *region='entire'*)

A node in the expression tree representing an integral operator over the boundary of a domain

$$I = \int_{\partial a} f(u) du,$$

where  $\partial a$  is the boundary of the domain, and  $u \in$  domain boundary.

#### Parameters

- **function** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be integrated (will become `self.children[0]`)
- **region** (*str*, *optional*) – The region of the boundary over which to integrate. If region is *entire* (default) the integration is carried out over the entire boundary. If region is *negative tab* or *positive tab* then the integration is only carried out over the appropriate part of the boundary corresponding to the tab.
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**evaluates\_on\_edges()**

See *pybamm.Symbol.evaluates\_on\_edges()*.

**set\_id()**

See *pybamm.Symbol.set\_id()*

**class** *pybamm.DeltaFunction* (*child*, *side*, *domain*)

Delta function. Currently can only be implemented at the edge of a domain

#### Parameters

- **child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable that sets the strength of the delta function
- **side** (*str*) – Which side of the domain to implement the delta function on
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**evaluates\_on\_edges()**

See *pybamm.Symbol.evaluates\_on\_edges()*.

**set\_id()**

See *pybamm.Symbol.set\_id()*

**class** *pybamm.BoundaryOperator* (*name*, *child*, *side*)

A node in the expression tree which gets the boundary value of a variable.

#### Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – The name of the symbol
- **child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The variable whose boundary value to take
- **side** (*str*) – Which side to take the boundary value on (“left” or “right”)
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

`set_id()`

See `pybamm.Symbol.set_id()`

**class** `pybamm.BoundaryValue` (*child*, *side*)

A node in the expression tree which gets the boundary value of a variable.

**Parameters**

- **child** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The variable whose boundary value to take
- **side** (*str*) – Which side to take the boundary value on (“left” or “right”)
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *BoundaryOperator*) –

**class** `pybamm.BoundaryGradient` (*child*, *side*)

A node in the expression tree which gets the boundary flux of a variable.

**Parameters**

- **child** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The variable whose boundary flux to take
- **side** (*str*) – Which side to take the boundary flux on (“left” or “right”)
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *BoundaryOperator*) –

`pybamm.grad` (*expression*)

convenience function for creating a *Gradient*

**Parameters** **expression** (*Symbol*) – the gradient will be performed on this sub-expression

**Returns** the gradient of *expression*

**Return type** *Gradient*

`pybamm.div` (*expression*)

convenience function for creating a *Divergence*

**Parameters** **expression** (*Symbol*) – the divergence will be performed on this sub-expression

**Returns** the divergence of *expression*

**Return type** *Divergence*

`pybamm.laplacian` (*expression*)

convenience function for creating a *Laplacian*

**Parameters** **expression** (*Symbol*) – the laplacian will be performed on this sub-expression

**Returns** the laplacian of *expression*

**Return type** *Laplacian*

`pybamm.grad_squared` (*expression*)

convenience function for creating a *Gradient\_Squared*

**Parameters** **expression** (*Symbol*) – the inner product of the gradient with itself will be performed on this sub-expression

**Returns** inner product of the gradient of *expression* with itself

**Return type** *Gradient\_Squared*

`pybamm.surf` (*symbol*)

convenience function for creating a right *BoundaryValue*, usually in the spherical geometry

**Parameters** **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – the surface value of this symbol will be returned

**Returns** the surface value of *symbol*

**Return type** *pybamm.BoundaryValue*

`pybamm.x_average(symbol)`

convenience function for creating an average in the x-direction

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be averaged

**Returns** the new averaged symbol

**Return type** *Symbol*

`pybamm.r_average(symbol)`

convenience function for creating an average in the r-direction

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be averaged

**Returns** the new averaged symbol

**Return type** *Symbol*

`pybamm.z_average(symbol)`

convenience function for creating an average in the z-direction

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be averaged

**Returns** the new averaged symbol

**Return type** *Symbol*

`pybamm.yz_average(symbol)`

convenience function for creating an average in the y-z-direction

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The function to be averaged

**Returns** the new averaged symbol

**Return type** *Symbol*

`pybamm.boundary_value(symbol, side)`

convenience function for creating a *pybamm.BoundaryValue*

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol whose boundary value to take
- **side** (*str*) – Which side to take the boundary value on (“left” or “right”)

**Returns** the new integrated expression tree

**Return type** *BoundaryValue*

`pybamm.sign(symbol)`

Returns a *Sign* object.

### 1.1.11 Concatenations

**class** `pybamm.Concatenation(*children, name=None, check_domain=True, concat_fun=None)`

A node in the expression tree representing a concatenation of symbols

**Extends:** *pybamm.Symbol*

**Parameters** **children** (iterable of *pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbols to concatenate

**evaluate** (*t=None, y=None, y\_dot=None, inputs=None, known\_evals=None*)

See *pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()*.

`new_copy()`

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

**class** `pybamm.NumpyConcatenation(*children)`

A node in the expression tree representing a concatenation of equations, when we *don't* care about domains. The class `pybamm.DomainConcatenation`, which *is* careful about domains and uses broadcasting where appropriate, should be used whenever possible instead.

Upon evaluation, equations are concatenated using numpy concatenation.

**Extends:** `Concatenation`

**Parameters** `children` (iterable of `pybamm.Symbol`) – The equations to concatenate

**class** `pybamm.DomainConcatenation(children, full_mesh, copy_this=None)`

A node in the expression tree representing a concatenation of symbols, being careful about domains.

It is assumed that each child has a domain, and the final concatenated vector will respect the sizes and ordering of domains established in mesh keys

**Extends:** `pybamm.Concatenation`

**Parameters**

- **children** (iterable of `pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbols to concatenate
- **full\_mesh** (`pybamm.BaseMesh`) – The underlying mesh for discretisation, used to obtain the number of mesh points in each domain.
- **copy\_this** (`pybamm.DomainConcatenation` (optional)) – if provided, this class is initialised by copying everything except the children from `copy_this`. `mesh` is not used in this case

**class** `pybamm.SparseStack(*children)`

A node in the expression tree representing a concatenation of sparse matrices. As with `NumpyConcatenation`, we *don't* care about domains. The class `pybamm.DomainConcatenation`, which *is* careful about domains and uses broadcasting where appropriate, should be used whenever possible instead.

**Extends:** `Concatenation`

**Parameters** `children` (iterable of `Concatenation`) – The equations to concatenate

## 1.1.12 Broadcasting Operators

**class** `pybamm.Broadcast(child, broadcast_domain, broadcast_auxiliary_domains=None, broadcast_type='full to nodes', name=None)`

A node in the expression tree representing a broadcasting operator. Broadcasts a child to a specified domain. After discretisation, this will evaluate to an array of the right shape for the specified domain.

For an example of broadcasts in action, see [this example notebook](#)

**Parameters**

- **child** (`Symbol`) – child node
- **broadcast\_domain** (iterable of `str`) – Primary domain for broadcast. This will become the domain of the symbol
- **broadcast\_auxiliary\_domains** (dict of `str`) – Auxiliary domains for broadcast.
- **broadcast\_type** (`str`, optional) – Whether to broadcast to the full domain (primary and secondary) or only in the primary direction. Default is “full”.



- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**class** pybamm.**FullBroadcast** (*child, broadcast\_domain, auxiliary\_domains, name=None*)

A class for full broadcasts

**check\_and\_set\_domains** (*child, broadcast\_type, broadcast\_domain, broadcast\_auxiliary\_domains*)  
See `Broadcast.check_and_set_domains()`

**class** pybamm.**PrimaryBroadcast** (*child, broadcast\_domain, name=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a primary broadcasting operator. Broadcasts in a *primary* dimension only. That is, makes explicit copies of the symbol in the domain specified by *broadcast\_domain*. This should be used for broadcasting from a “larger” scale to a “smaller” scale, for example broadcasting temperature  $T(x)$  from the electrode to the particles, or broadcasting current collector current  $i(y, z)$  from the current collector to the electrodes.

#### Parameters

- **child** (*Symbol*) – child node
- **broadcast\_domain** (*iterable of str*) – Primary domain for broadcast. This will become the domain of the symbol
- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**check\_and\_set\_domains** (*child, broadcast\_type, broadcast\_domain, broadcast\_auxiliary\_domains*)  
See `Broadcast.check_and_set_domains()`

**class** pybamm.**SecondaryBroadcast** (*child, broadcast\_domain, name=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing a primary broadcasting operator. Broadcasts in a *secondary* dimension only. That is, makes explicit copies of the symbol in the domain specified by *broadcast\_domain*. This should be used for broadcasting from a “smaller” scale to a “larger” scale, for example broadcasting SPM particle concentrations  $c_s(r)$  from the particles to the electrodes. Note that this wouldn’t be used to broadcast particle concentrations in the DFN, since these already depend on both  $x$  and  $r$ .

#### Parameters

- **child** (*Symbol*) – child node
- **broadcast\_domain** (*iterable of str*) – Primary domain for broadcast. This will become the domain of the symbol
- **name** (*str*) – name of the node
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *SpatialOperator*) –

**check\_and\_set\_domains** (*child, broadcast\_type, broadcast\_domain, broadcast\_auxiliary\_domains*)  
See `Broadcast.check_and_set_domains()`

**class** pybamm.**FullBroadcastToEdges** (*child, broadcast\_domain, auxiliary\_domains, name=None*)

A full broadcast onto the edges of a domain (edges of primary dimension, nodes of other dimensions)

**evaluates\_on\_edges** ()  
See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** pybamm.**PrimaryBroadcastToEdges** (*child, broadcast\_domain, name=None*)

A primary broadcast onto the edges of the domain

**evaluates\_on\_edges()**

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

**class** `pybamm.SecondaryBroadcastToEdges` (*child, broadcast\_domain, name=None*)

A secondary broadcast onto the edges of a domain

**evaluates\_on\_edges()**

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluates_on_edges()`.

`pybamm.ones_like(*symbols)`

Create a symbol with the same shape as the input symbol and with constant value '1', using *FullBroadcast*.

**Parameters** `symbols` (*Symbol*) – Symbols whose shape to copy

### 1.1.13 Functions

**class** `pybamm.Function` (*function, \*children, name=None, derivative='autograd', differentiated\_function=None*)

A node in the expression tree representing an arbitrary function

**Parameters**

- **function** (*method*) – A function can have 0 or many inputs. If no inputs are given, `self.evaluate()` simply returns `func()`. Otherwise, `self.evaluate(t, y, u)` returns `func(child0.evaluate(t, y, u), child1.evaluate(t, y, u), etc)`.
- **children** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The children nodes to apply the function to
- **derivative** (*str, optional*) – Which derivative to use when differentiating (“autograd” or “derivative”). Default is “autograd”.
- **differentiated\_function** (*method, optional*) – The function which was differentiated to obtain this one. Default is `None`.
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.Symbol*) –

**diff** (*variable*)

See `pybamm.Symbol.diff()`.

**evaluate** (*t=None, y=None, y\_dot=None, inputs=None, known\_evals=None*)

See `pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()`.

**get\_children\_domains** (*children\_list*)

Obtains the unique domain of the children. If the children have different domains then raise an error

**new\_copy** ()

See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

**class** `pybamm.SpecificFunction` (*function, child*)

Parent class for the specific functions, which implement their own *diff* operators directly.

**Parameters**

- **function** (*method*) – Function to be applied to child
- **child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The child to apply the function to

**class** `pybamm.Cos` (*child*)

Cosine function

`pybamm.cos` (*child*)

Returns cosine function of child.

**class** `pybamm.Cosh (child)`  
 Hyperbolic cosine function

`pybamm.cosh (child)`  
 Returns hyperbolic cosine function of child.

**class** `pybamm.Exponential (child)`  
 Exponential function

`pybamm.exp (child)`  
 Returns exponential function of child.

**class** `pybamm.Log (child)`  
 Logarithmic function

`pybamm.log (child, base='e')`  
 Returns logarithmic function of child (any base, default 'e').

`pybamm.max (child)`  
 Returns max function of child. Not to be confused with `pybamm.maximum()`, which returns the larger of two objects.

`pybamm.min (child)`  
 Returns min function of child. Not to be confused with `pybamm.minimum()`, which returns the smaller of two objects.

**class** `pybamm.Sin (child)`  
 Sine function

`pybamm.sin (child)`  
 Returns sine function of child.

**class** `pybamm.Sinh (child)`  
 Hyperbolic sine function

`pybamm.sinh (child)`  
 Returns hyperbolic sine function of child.

### 1.1.14 Input Parameter

**class** `pybamm.InputParameter (name)`  
 A node in the expression tree representing an input parameter

This node's value can be set at the point of solving, allowing parameter estimation and control

**Parameters** `name (str)` – name of the node

`new_copy ()`  
 See `pybamm.Symbol.new_copy()`.

### 1.1.15 Interpolant

**class** `pybamm.Interpolant (data, child, name=None, interpolator='cubic spline', extrapolate=True)`  
 Interpolate data in 1D.

**Parameters**

- **data** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Numpy array of data to use for interpolation. Must have exactly two columns (x and y data)
- **child** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – Node to use when evaluating the interpolant

- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – Name of the interpolant. Default is None, in which case the name “interpolating function” is given.
- **interpolator** (*str*, *optional*) – Which interpolator to use (“pchip” or “cubic spline”). Note that whichever interpolator is used must be differentiable (for `Interpolator._diff`). Default is “cubic spline”. Note that “pchip” may give slow results.
- **extrapolate** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to extrapolate for points that are outside of the parametrisation range, or return NaN (following default behaviour from `scipy`). Default is True.
- **\*\*Extends\*\*** (*pybamm.Function*) –

### 1.1.16 Operations on expression trees

Classes and functions that operate on the expression tree

#### Simplify

**class** `pybamm.Simplification` (*simplified\_symbols=None*)

**simplify** (*symbol*)

This function recurses down the tree, applying any simplifications defined in classes derived from `pybamm.Symbol`. E.g. any expression multiplied by a `pybamm.Scalar(0)` will be simplified to a `pybamm.Scalar(0)`. If a symbol has already been simplified, the stored value is returned.

##### Parameters

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) –
- **symbol to simplify** (*The*) –

##### Returns

- *pybamm.Symbol*
- *Simplified symbol*

`pybamm.simplify_if_constant` (*symbol*, *keep\_domains=False*)

Utility function to simplify an expression tree if it evaluates to a constant scalar, vector or matrix

`pybamm.simplify_addition_subtraction` (*myclass*, *left*, *right*)

if children are associative (addition, subtraction, etc) then try to find groups of constant children (that produce a value) and simplify them to a single term

The purpose of this function is to simplify expressions like  $(1 + (1 + p))$ , which should be simplified to  $(2 + p)$ . The former expression consists of an Addition, with a left child of Scalar type, and a right child of another Addition containing a Scalar and a Parameter. For this case, this function will first flatten the expression to a list of the bottom level children (i.e. `[Scalar(1), Scalar(2), Parameter(p)]`), and their operators (i.e. `[None, Addition, Addition]`), and then combine all the constant children (i.e. `Scalar(1)` and `Scalar(1)`) to a single child (i.e. `Scalar(2)`)

Note that this function will flatten the expression tree until a symbol is found that is not either an Addition or a Subtraction, so this function would simplify  $(3 - (2 + a*b*c))$  to  $(1 + a*b*c)$

This function is useful if different children expressions contain non-constant terms that prevent them from being simplified, so for example  $(1 + a) + (b - 2) - (6 + c)$  will be simplified to  $(-7 + a + b - c)$

**Parameters**

- **myclass** (*class*) – the binary operator class (pybamm.Addition or pybamm.Subtraction) operating on children left and right
- **left** (*derived from pybamm.Symbol*) – the left child of the binary operator
- **right** (*derived from pybamm.Symbol*) – the right child of the binary operator

pybamm.**simplify\_multiplication\_division** (*myclass, left, right*)

if children are associative (multiply, division, etc) then try to find groups of constant children (that produce a value) and simplify them

The purpose of this function is to simplify expressions of the type  $(1 * c / 2)$ , which should simplify to  $(0.5 * c)$ . The former expression consists of a Division, with a left child of a Multiplication containing a Scalar and a Parameter, and a right child consisting of a Scalar. For this case, this function will first flatten the expression to a list of the bottom level children on the numerator (i.e. [Scalar(1), Parameter(c)]) and their operators (i.e. [None, Multiplication]), as well as those children on the denominator (i.e. [Scalar(2)]). After this, all the constant children on the numerator and denominator (i.e. Scalar(1) and Scalar(2)) will be combined appropriately, in this case to Scalar(0.5), and combined with the nonconstant children (i.e. Parameter(c))

Note that this function will flatten the expression tree until a symbol is found that is not either an Multiplication, Division or MatrixMultiplication, so this function would simplify  $3*(1 + d)*2$  to  $(6 * (1 + d))$

As well as Multiplication and Division, this function can handle MatrixMultiplication. If any MatrixMultiplications are found on the numerator/denominator, no reordering of children is done to find groups of constant children. In this case only neighbouring constant children on the numerator are simplified

**Parameters**

- **myclass** (*class*) – the binary operator class (pybamm.Addition or pybamm.Subtraction) operating on children left and right
- **left** (*derived from pybamm.Symbol*) – the left child of the binary operator
- **right** (*derived from pybamm.Symbol*) – the right child of the binary operator

**EvaluatorPython**

**class** pybamm.**EvaluatorPython** (*symbol*)

Converts a pybamm expression tree into pure python code that will calculate the result of calling *evaluate(t, y)* on the given expression tree.

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol to convert to python code

**evaluate** (*t=None, y=None, y\_dot=None, inputs=None, known\_evals=None*)

Acts as a drop-in replacement for *pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()*

**Jacobian**

**class** pybamm.**Jacobian** (*known\_jacs=None, clear\_domain=True*)

Helper class to calculate the jacobian of an expression.

**Parameters**

- **known\_jacs** (dict {variable ids -> *pybamm.Symbol*}) – cached jacobians
- **clear\_domain** (*bool*) – whether or not the jacobian clears the domain (default True)

**jac** (*symbol, variable*)

This function recurses down the tree, computing the Jacobian using the Jacobians defined in classes derived from `pybamm.Symbol`. E.g. the Jacobian of a `'pybamm.Multiplication'` is computed via the product rule. If the Jacobian of a symbol has already been calculated, the stored value is returned. Note: The Jacobian is the derivative of a symbol with respect to a (slice of) a State Vector.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol to calculate the Jacobian of
- **variable** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The variable with respect to which to differentiate

**Returns** Symbol representing the Jacobian

**Return type** `pybamm.Symbol`

## Convert to CasADi

**class** `pybamm.CasadiConverter` (*casadi\_symbols=None*)

**convert** (*symbol, t, y, y\_dot, inputs*)

This function recurses down the tree, converting the PyBaMM expression tree to a CasADi expression tree

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol to convert
- **t** (`casadi.MX`) – A casadi symbol representing time
- **y** (`casadi.MX`) – A casadi symbol representing state vectors
- **y\_dot** (`casadi.MX`) – A casadi symbol representing time derivatives of state vectors
- **inputs** (*dict*) – A dictionary of casadi symbols representing parameters

**Returns** The converted symbol

**Return type** `casadi.MX`

## 1.2 Models

Below is an overview of all the battery models included in PyBaMM. Each of the pre-built models contains a reference to the paper in which it is derived.

The models can be customised using the *options* dictionary defined in the `pybamm.BaseBatteryModel` (which also provides information on which options and models are compatible) Visit our [examples page](#) to see how these models can be solved, and compared, using PyBaMM.

### 1.2.1 Base Models

#### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.BaseModel` (*name='Unnamed model'*)

Base model class for other models to extend.

**name**

A string giving the name of the model

**Type** `str`

**options**

A dictionary of options to be passed to the model

**Type** `dict`

**rhs**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the rhs

**Type** `dict`

**algebraic**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the algebraic equations. The algebraic expressions are assumed to equate to zero. Note that all the variables in the model must exist in the keys of *rhs* or *algebraic*.

**Type** `dict`

**initial\_conditions**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the initial conditions for the state variables *y*. The initial conditions for algebraic variables are provided as initial guesses to a root finding algorithm that calculates consistent initial conditions.

**Type** `dict`

**boundary\_conditions**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the boundary conditions

**Type** `dict`

**variables**

A dictionary that maps strings to expressions that represent the useful variables

**Type** `dict`

**events**

A list of events. Each event can either cause the solver to terminate (e.g. concentration goes negative), or be used to inform the solver of the existence of a discontinuity (e.g. discontinuity in the input current)

**Type** list of `pybamm.Event`

**concatenated\_rhs**

After discretisation, contains the expressions representing the rhs equations concatenated into a single expression

**Type** `pybamm.Concatenation`

**concatenated\_algebraic**

After discretisation, contains the expressions representing the algebraic equations concatenated into a single expression

**Type** `pybamm.Concatenation`

**concatenated\_initial\_conditions**

After discretisation, contains the vector of initial conditions

**Type** `numpy.array`

**mass\_matrix**

After discretisation, contains the mass matrix for the model. This is computed automatically

**Type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**mass\_matrix\_inv**

After discretisation, contains the inverse mass matrix for the differential (rhs) part of model. This is computed automatically

Type `pybamm.Matrix`

**jacobian**

Contains the Jacobian for the model. If `model.use_jacobian` is True, the Jacobian is computed automatically during solver set up

Type `pybamm.Concatenation`

**jacobian\_rhs**

Contains the Jacobian for the part of the model which contains time derivatives. If `model.use_jacobian` is True, the Jacobian is computed automatically during solver set up

Type `pybamm.Concatenation`

**jacobian\_algebraic**

Contains the Jacobian for the algebraic part of the model. This may be used by the solver when calculating consistent initial conditions. If `model.use_jacobian` is True, the Jacobian is computed automatically during solver set up

Type `pybamm.Concatenation`

**use\_jacobian**

Whether to use the Jacobian when solving the model (default is True)

Type `bool`

**use\_simplify**

Whether to simplify the expression trees representing the rhs and algebraic equations, Jacobian (if using) and events, before solving the model (default is True)

Type `bool`

**convert\_to\_format**

Whether to convert the expression trees representing the rhs and algebraic equations, Jacobian (if using) and events into a different format:

- None: keep PyBaMM expression tree structure.
- “python”: convert into pure python code that will calculate the result of calling `evaluate(t, y)` on the given expression treeself.
- “casadi”: convert into CasADi expression tree, which then uses CasADi’s algorithm to calculate the Jacobian.

Default is “casadi”.

Type `str`

**check\_algebraic\_equations** (*post\_discretisation*)

Check that the algebraic equations are well-posed. Before discretisation, each algebraic equation key must appear in the equation After discretisation, there must be at least one `StateVector` in each algebraic equation

**check\_default\_variables\_dictionaries** ()

Check that the right variables are provided.

**check\_ics\_bcs** ()

Check that the initial and boundary conditions are well-posed.

**check\_well\_determined** (*post\_discretisation*)

Check that the model is not under- or over-determined.



**check\_well\_posedness** (*post\_discretisation=False*)

Check that the model is well-posed by executing the following tests: - Model is not over- or underdetermined, by comparing keys and equations in rhs and algebraic. Overdetermined if more equations than variables, underdetermined if more variables than equations. - There is an initial condition in self.initial\_conditions for each variable/equation pair in self.rhs - There are appropriate boundary conditions in self.boundary\_conditions for each variable/equation pair in self.rhs and self.algebraic

**Parameters** **post\_discretisation** (*boolean*) – A flag indicating tests to be skipped after discretisation

**default\_solver**

Return default solver based on whether model is ODE model or DAE model

**info** (*symbol\_name*)

Provides helpful summary information for a symbol.

**Parameters** **parameter\_name** (*str*) –

**new\_copy** (*options=None*)

Create an empty copy with identical options, or new options if specified

**timescale**

Timescale of model, to be used for non-dimensionalising time when solving

**update** (*\*submodels*)

Update model to add new physics from submodels

**Parameters** **submodel** (iterable of *pybamm.BaseModel*) – The submodels from which to create new model

## Base Battery Model

**class** **pybamm.BaseBatteryModel** (*options=None, name='Unnamed battery model'*)

Base model class with some default settings and required variables

**options**

A dictionary of options to be passed to the model. The options that can be set are listed below. Note that not all of the options are compatible with each other and with all of the models implemented in PyBaMM.

- **“dimensionality”** [int, optional] Sets the dimension of the current collector problem. Can be 0 (default), 1 or 2.
- **“surface form”** [bool or str, optional] Whether to use the surface formulation of the problem. Can be False (default), “differential” or “algebraic”. Must be ‘False’ for lithium-ion models.
- **“convection”** [bool or str, optional] Whether to include the effects of convection in the model. Can be False (default), “differential” or “algebraic”. Must be ‘False’ for lithium-ion models.
- **“side reactions”** [list, optional] Contains a list of any side reactions to include. Default is []. If this list is not empty (i.e. side reactions are included in the model), then “surface form” cannot be ‘False’.
- **“interfacial surface area”** [str, optional] Sets the model for the interfacial surface area. Can be “constant” (default) or “varying”. Not currently implemented in any of the models.
- **“current collector”** [str, optional] Sets the current collector model to use. Can be “uniform” (default), “potential pair” or “potential pair quite conductive”.
- **“particle”** [str, optional] Sets the submodel to use to describe behaviour within the particle. Can be “Fickian diffusion” (default) or “fast diffusion”.

- **“thermal”** [str, optional] Sets the thermal model to use. Can be “isothermal” (default), “x-full”, “x-lumped”, “xyz-lumped” or “lumped”.
- **“thermal current collector”** [bool, optional] Whether to include thermal effects in the current collector in one-dimensional models (default is False). Note that this option only takes effect if “dimensionality” is 0. If “dimensionality” is 1 or 2 current collector effects are always included. Must be ‘False’ for lead-acid models.
- **“external submodels”** [list] A list of the submodels that you would like to supply an external variable for instead of solving in PyBaMM. The entries of the lists are strings that correspond to the submodel names in the keys of *self.submodels*.

Type `dict`

Extends: `pybamm.BaseModel`

**process\_parameters\_and\_discretise** (*symbol, parameter\_values, disc*)

Process parameters and discretise a symbol using supplied parameter values and discretisation. Note: care should be taken if using spatial operators on dimensional symbols. Operators in pybamm are written in non-dimensional form, so may need to be scaled by the appropriate length scale. It is recommended to use this method on non-dimensional symbols.

#### Parameters

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – Symbol to be processed
- **parameter\_values** (`pybamm.ParameterValues`) – The parameter values to use during processing
- **disc** (`pybamm.Discretisation`) – The discretisation to use

Returns Processed symbol

Return type `pybamm.Symbol`

**set\_external\_circuit\_submodel** ()

Define how the external circuit defines the boundary conditions for the model, e.g. (not necessarily constant-) current, voltage, etc

**set\_soc\_variables** ()

Set variables relating to the state of charge. This function is overridden by the base battery models

## Event

**class** `pybamm.Event` (*name, expression, event\_type=<EventType.TERMINATION: 0>*)

Defines an event for use within a pybamm model

**name**

A string giving the name of the event

Type `str`

**event\_type**

An enum defining the type of event

Type `pybamm.EventType`

**expression**

An expression that defines when the event occurs

Type `pybamm.Symbol`

**evaluate** (*t=None, y=None, y\_dot=None, inputs=None, known\_evals=None*)

Acts as a drop-in replacement for `pybamm.Symbol.evaluate()`

**class** `pybamm.EventType`

Defines the type of event, see `pybamm.Event`

TERMINATION indicates an event that will terminate the solver, the expression should return 0 when the event is triggered

DISCONTINUITY indicates an expected discontinuity in the solution, the expression should return the time that the discontinuity occurs. The solver will integrate up to the discontinuity and then restart just after the discontinuity.

## 1.2.2 Lithium-ion Models

### Base Lithium-ion Model

**class** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BaseModel` (*options=None, name='Unnamed lithium-ion model'*)

Overwrites default parameters from Base Model with default parameters for lithium-ion models

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseBatteryModel`

### Single Particle Model (SPM)

**class** `pybamm.lithium_ion.SPM` (*options=None, name='Single Particle Model', build=True*)

Single Particle Model (SPM) of a lithium-ion battery, from<sup>1</sup>.

#### Parameters

- **options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

### References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BaseModel`

**class** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BasicSPM` (*name='Single Particle Model'*)

Single Particle Model (SPM) model of a lithium-ion battery, from<sup>2</sup>.

This class differs from the `pybamm.lithium_ion.SPM` model class in that it shows the whole model in a single class. This comes at the cost of flexibility in combining different physical effects, and in general the main SPM class should be used instead.

**Parameters** **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.

### References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BaseModel`

<sup>1</sup> SG Marquis, V Sulzer, R Timms, CP Please and SJ Chapman. “An asymptotic derivation of a single particle model with electrolyte”. Journal of The Electrochemical Society, 166(15):A3693–A3706, 2019

<sup>2</sup> SG Marquis, V Sulzer, R Timms, CP Please and SJ Chapman. “An asymptotic derivation of a single particle model with electrolyte”. In: arXiv preprint arXiv:1905.12553 (2019).

## Single Particle Model with Electrolyte (SPMe)

```
class pybamm.lithium_ion.SPM(options=None, name='Single Particle Model with electrolyte',  
                               build=True)
```

Single Particle Model with Electrolyte (SPMe) of a lithium-ion battery, from<sup>1</sup>.

### Parameters

- **options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

### References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BaseModel`

## Doyle-Fuller-Newman (DFN)

```
class pybamm.lithium_ion.DFN(options=None, name='Doyle-Fuller-Newman model', build=True)
```

Doyle-Fuller-Newman (DFN) model of a lithium-ion battery, from<sup>1</sup>.

### Parameters

- **options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

### References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BaseModel`

```
class pybamm.lithium_ion.BasicDFN(name='Doyle-Fuller-Newman model')
```

Doyle-Fuller-Newman (DFN) model of a lithium-ion battery, from<sup>2</sup>.

This class differs from the `pybamm.lithium_ion.DFN` model class in that it shows the whole model in a single class. This comes at the cost of flexibility in comparing different physical effects, and in general the main DFN class should be used instead.

**Parameters** **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.

### References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lithium_ion.BaseModel`

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<sup>1</sup> SG Marquis, V Sulzer, R Timms, CP Please and SJ Chapman. “An asymptotic derivation of a single particle model with electrolyte”. Journal of The Electrochemical Society, 166(15):A3693–A3706, 2019

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## 1.2.3 Lead Acid Models

### Base Model

**class** pybamm.lead\_acid.**BaseModel** (*options=None, name='Unnamed lead-acid model'*)

Overwrites default parameters from Base Model with default parameters for lead-acid models

**Extends:** *pybamm.BaseBatteryModel*

**default\_solver**

Return default solver based on whether model is ODE model or DAE model. There are bugs with KLU on the lead-acid models.

**set\_soc\_variables()**

Set variables relating to the state of charge.

### Leading-Order Quasi-Static Model

**class** pybamm.lead\_acid.**LOQS** (*options=None, name='LOQS model', build=True*)

Leading-Order Quasi-Static model for lead-acid, from<sup>1</sup>.

**Parameters**

- **options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

### References

**Extends:** *pybamm.lead\_acid.BaseModel*

**set\_external\_circuit\_submodel()**

Define how the external circuit defines the boundary conditions for the model, e.g. (not necessarily constant-) current, voltage, etc

### Higher-Order Models

**class** pybamm.lead\_acid.**BaseHigherOrderModel** (*options=None, name='Composite model', build=True*)

Base model for higher-order models for lead-acid, from<sup>1</sup>. Uses leading-order model from *pybamm.lead\_acid.LOQS*

**Parameters**

- **options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.

<sup>1</sup> V Sulzer, SJ Chapman, CP Please, DA Howey, and CW Monroe. Faster lead-acid battery simulations from porous-electrode theory: Part II. Asymptotic analysis. Journal of The Electrochemical Society 166.12 (2019), A2372–A2382.

<sup>1</sup> V Sulzer, SJ Chapman, CP Please, DA Howey, and CW Monroe. Faster lead-acid battery simulations from porous-electrode theory: Part II. Asymptotic analysis. Journal of The Electrochemical Society 166.12 (2019), A2372–A2382.

- **build** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

## References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lead_acid.BaseModel`

**set\_full\_convection\_submodel** ()

Update convection submodel, now that we have the spatially heterogeneous interfacial current densities

**set\_full\_interface\_submodel** ()

Set full interface submodel, to get spatially heterogeneous interfacial current densities

**set\_full\_porosity\_submodel** ()

Update porosity submodel, now that we have the spatially heterogeneous interfacial current densities

**class** `pybamm.lead_acid.FOQS` (*options=None*, *name='FOQS model'*, *build=True*)

First-order quasi-static model for lead-acid, from<sup>1</sup>. Uses leading-order model from `pybamm.lead_acid.LOQS`

### Parameters

- **options** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* `pybamm.lead_acid.BaseHigherOrderModel`) –

**set\_full\_porosity\_submodel** ()

Update porosity submodel, now that we have the spatially heterogeneous interfacial current densities

**class** `pybamm.lead_acid.Composite` (*options=None*, *name='Composite model'*, *build=True*)

Composite model for lead-acid, from<sup>1</sup>. Uses leading-order model from `pybamm.lead_acid.LOQS`

**Extends:** `pybamm.lead_acid.BaseHigherOrderModel`

**set\_full\_porosity\_submodel** ()

Update porosity submodel, now that we have the spatially heterogeneous interfacial current densities

**class** `pybamm.lead_acid.CompositeExtended` (*options=None*, *name='Extended composite model'*, *build=True*)

Extended composite model for lead-acid, from<sup>2</sup>. Uses leading-order model from `pybamm.lead_acid.LOQS`

### Parameters

- **options** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str*, *optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

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<sup>2</sup> V Sulzer. Mathematical modelling of lead-acid batteries. PhD thesis, University of Oxford, 2019.

## References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lead_acid.BaseHigherOrderModel`

**set\_full\_porosity\_submodel()**

Update porosity submodel, now that we have the spatially heterogeneous interfacial current densities

## Full Model

**class** `pybamm.lead_acid.Full` (*options=None, name='Full model', build=True*)

Porous electrode model for lead-acid, from<sup>1</sup>, based on the Full model.

### Parameters

- **options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to be passed to the model.
- **name** (*str, optional*) – The name of the model.
- **build** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to build the model on instantiation. Default is True. Setting this option to False allows users to change any number of the submodels before building the complete model (submodels cannot be changed after the model is built).

## References

**Extends:** `pybamm.lead_acid.BaseModel`

## 1.2.4 Submodels

### Base Submodel

**class** `pybamm.BaseSubModel` (*param, domain=None, reactions=None, name='Unnamed submodel', external=False*)

The base class for all submodels. All submodels inherit from this class and must only provide public methods which overwrite those in this base class. Any methods added to a submodel that do not overwrite those in this base class are made private with the prefix '\_', providing a consistent public interface for all submodels.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The model parameter symbols

**param**

The model parameter symbols

**Type** *parameter class*

**rhs**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the rhs

**Type** *dict*

**algebraic**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the algebraic equations. The algebraic expressions are assumed to equate to zero. Note that all the variables in the model must exist in the keys of *rhs* or *algebraic*.

**Type** *dict*

<sup>1</sup> V Sulzer, SJ Chapman, CP Please, DA Howey, and CW Monroe. Faster lead-acid battery simulations from porous-electrode theory: Part II. Asymptotic analysis. Journal of The Electrochemical Society 166.12 (2019), A2372–A2382.

**initial\_conditions**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the initial conditions for the state variables  $y$ . The initial conditions for algebraic variables are provided as initial guesses to a root finding algorithm that calculates consistent initial conditions.

Type `dict`

**boundary\_conditions**

A dictionary that maps expressions (variables) to expressions that represent the boundary conditions

Type `dict`

**variables**

A dictionary that maps strings to expressions that represent the useful variables

Type `dict`

**events**

A list of events. Each event can either cause the solver to terminate (e.g. concentration goes negative), or be used to inform the solver of the existence of a discontinuity (e.g. discontinuity in the input current)

Type `list`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

Returns The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

Return type `dict`

**get\_external\_variables** ()

A public method that returns the variables in a submodel which are supplied by an external source.

Returns A list of the external variables in the model.

Return type `list`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

Returns The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

Return type `dict`

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.algebraic`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.



**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_events** (*variables*)

A method to set events related to the state of submodel variable. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.events`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Current Collector

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.BaseModel` (*param*)

Base class for current collector submodels

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseSubModel`

## Composite Potential Pair models

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.BaseCompositePotentialPair` (*param*)

Composite potential pair model for the current collectors. This is identical to the `BasePotentialPair` model, except the name of the fundamental variables are changed to avoid clashes with leading order.

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.current_collector.BasePotentialPair`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.CompositePotentialPair2plus1D` (*param*)

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.CompositePotentialPair1plus1D` (*param*)

## Effective Current collector Resistance models

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.EffectiveResistance2D`

A model which calculates the effective Ohmic resistance of the current collectors in the limit of large electrical conductivity. Note: This submodel should be solved before a one-dimensional model to calculate and return the effective current collector resistance.

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseModel`

**default\_solver**

Return default solver based on whether model is ODE model or DAE model

**get\_processed\_potentials** (*solution, param\_values, V\_av, I\_av*)

Calculates the potentials in the current collector given the average voltage and current. Note: This takes in the *processed* V\_av and I\_av from a 1D simulation representing the average cell behaviour and returns a dictionary of processed potentials.

## Uniform

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.Uniform` (*param*)

A submodel for uniform potential in the current collectors which is valid in the limit of fast conductivity in the current collectors.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.current_collector.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## Potential Pair models

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.BasePotentialPair` (*param*)

A submodel for Ohm’s law plus conservation of current in the current collectors.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.current_collector.BaseModel`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.algebraic`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.PotentialPair2plus1D` (*param*)

Base class for a 2+1D potential pair model

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.PotentialPair1plus1D` (*param*)

Base class for a 1+1D potential pair model.

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Quite Conductive Potential Pair models

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.BaseQuiteConductivePotentialPair` (*param*)

A submodel for Ohm’s law plus conservation of current in the current collectors, in the limit of quite conductive electrodes.

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.current_collector.BaseModel`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.algebraic`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.QuiteConductivePotentialPair1plus1D` (*param*)

**class** `pybamm.current_collector.QuiteConductivePotentialPair2plus1D` (*param*)

## Convection

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.convection.BaseModel` (*param*)

Base class for convection submodels.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseSubModel`

### No Convection

**class** `pybamm.convection.NoConvection` (*param*)

A submodel for case where there is no convection.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.convection.BaseModel`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

### Leading-Order Model

**class** `pybamm.convection.LeadinOrder` (*param*)

A submodel for the leading-order approximation of pressure-driven convection

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.convection.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

## Composite Model

**class** `pybamm.convection.Composite` (*param*)

Class for composite pressure-driven convection

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **\*Extends** –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

## Full Model

**class** `pybamm.convection.Full` (*param*)

Submodel for the full model of pressure-driven convection

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.convection.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.algebraic`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Electrode

### Electrode Base Model

```
class pybamm.electrode.BaseElectrode (param, domain, reactions=None,
                                     set_positive_potential=True)
```

Base class for electrode submodels.

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – Either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’
- **set\_positive\_potential** (*bool, optional*) – If True the battery model sets the positive potential based on the current. If False, the potential is specified by the user. Default is True.
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.BaseSubModel*) –

## Ohmic

### Base Model

```
class pybamm.electrode.ohm.BaseModel (param, domain, reactions=None,
                                     set_positive_potential=True)
```

A base class for electrode submodels that employ Ohm’s law.

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – Either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’

**Extends:** `pybamm.electrode.BaseElectrode`

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of

`self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Leading Order Model

**class** `pybamm.electrode.ohm.LeadinOrder` (*param, domain, set\_positive\_potential=True*)

An electrode submodel that employs Ohm’s law the leading-order approximation to governing equations.

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – Either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’
- **set\_positive\_potential** (*bool, optional*) – If True the battery model sets the positive potential based on the current. If False, the potential is specified by the user. Default is True.
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* `pybamm.electrode.ohm.BaseModel`) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

Returns variables which are derived from the fundamental variables in the model.

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Composite Model

**class** `pybamm.electrode.ohm.Composite` (*param, domain*)

An explicit composite leading and first order solution to solid phase current conservation with ohm’s law. Note that the returned current density is only the leading order approximation.

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – Either ‘Negative electrode’ or ‘Positive electrode’
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* `pybamm.BaseOhm`) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of

self.boundary\_conditions. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Full Model

**class** `pybamm.electrode.ohm.Full` (*param, domain, reactions*)

Full model of electrode employing Ohm’s law.

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – Either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’

**Extends:** `pybamm.electrode.ohm.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of self.algebraic. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of self.boundary\_conditions. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of self.initial\_conditions. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.



## Surface Form

**class** `pybamm.electrode.ohm.SurfaceForm` (*param*, *domain*)

A submodel for the electrode with Ohm's law in the surface potential formulation.

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – Either 'Negative' or 'Positive'

**Extends:** `pybamm.electrode.ohm.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## Electrolyte

### Base Electrolyte Conductivity Submodel

**class** `pybamm.electrolyte.BaseElectrolyteConductivity` (*param*, *domain=None*, *reactions=None*)

Base class for conservation of charge in the electrolyte.

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*, *optional*) – The domain in which the model holds
- **reactions** (*dict*, *optional*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.BaseSubModel*) –

### Base Electrolyte Diffusion Submodel

**class** `pybamm.electrolyte.BaseElectrolyteDiffusion` (*param*, *reactions=None*)

Base class for conservation of mass in the electrolyte.

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*, *optional*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.BaseSubModel*) –

**set\_events** (*variables*)

A method to set events related to the state of submodel variable. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.events`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used a implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Stefan-Maxwell

### Conductivity

#### Base Model

```
class pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.BaseModel (param,          do-  
                                                             main=None, re-  
                                                             actions=None)
```

Base class for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations.

##### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str, optional*) – The domain in which the model holds
- **reactions** (*dict, optional*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (**\*\*** *pybamm.electrolyte.BaseElectrolyteConductivity*) –

##### **set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in *pybamm.BaseSubModel*.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Leading Order Model

```
class pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.LeadingOrder (param, do-  
                                                             main=None,  
                                                             reac-  
                                                             tions=None)
```

Leading-order model for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Leading refers to leading-order in the asymptotic reduction)

##### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str, optional*) – The domain in which the model holds
- **reactions** (*dict, optional*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (**\*\*** *pybamm.BaseStefanMaxwellConductivity*) –

##### **get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

Parameters **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## Composite Model

**class** pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.conductivity.**Composite**(*param*, *do-main=None*)

Class for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Composite refers to a composite leading and first-order expression from the asymptotic reduction)

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str, optional*) – The domain in which the model holds
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.conductivity.BaseHigerOrder) –

**unpack** (*variables*)

Unpack variables and return average values

## Full Model

**class** pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.conductivity.**Full**(*param, reactions*)

Full model for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Full refers to unreduced by asymptotic methods)

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* pybamm.BaseStefanMaxwellConductivity) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_external\_variables** ()

A public method that returns the variables in a submodel which are supplied by an external source.

**Returns** A list of the external variables in the model.

**Return type** *list*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.algebraic`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_events** (*variables*)

A method to set events related to the state of submodel variable. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.events`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Surface Form

### Full Model

```
class pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.surface_potential_form.FullDifferentiationForm:
```

Full model for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations and where capacitance is present. (Full refers to unreduced by asymptotic methods)

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.surface_potential_form.BaseFull`

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

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```
class pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.surface_potential_form.FullAlgebraic(/
```

Full model for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Full refers to unreduced by asymptotic methods)

**Parameters** **param** – The parameters to use for this submodel

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of self.algebraic. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in [pybamm.BaseSubModel](#).

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Leading Order Model

```
class pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.surface_potential_form.LeadingOrderDi
```

Leading-order model for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations employing the surface potential difference formulation and where capacitance is present.

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** BaseLeadingOrderSurfaceForm

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of self.rhs. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in [pybamm.BaseSubModel](#).

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

```
class pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.conductivity.surface_potential_form.LeadingOrderAl
```

Leading-order model for conservation of charge in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations employing the surface potential difference formulation.

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** BaseLeadingOrderSurfaceForm

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of self.algebraic. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in [pybamm.BaseSubModel](#).

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Diffusion

### Base Model

**class** pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.**BaseModel** (*param*, *reactions=None*)  
Base class for conservation of mass in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations.

#### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict, optional*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.electrolyte.BaseElectrolyteDiffusion*) –

#### **set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in *pybamm.BaseSubModel*.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

### Constant Concentration

**class** pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.**ConstantConcentration** (*param*)  
Class for constant concentration of electrolyte

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** *pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.BaseModel*

#### **get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

#### **set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in *pybamm.BaseSubModel*.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

### Composite Model

**class** pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.**Composite** (*param*, *reactions*, *extended=False*)  
Class for conservation of mass in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Composite refers to composite model by asymptotic methods)

#### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **extended** (*bool*) – Whether to include feedback from the first-order terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.Full*) –

#### **get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

#### **set\_rhs** (*variables*)

Composite reaction-diffusion with source terms from leading order

## Full Model

### **class** `pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.diffusion.Full` (*param, reactions*)

Class for conservation of mass in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Full refers to unreduced by asymptotic methods)

#### **Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.BaseModel*) –

#### **get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

#### **get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Leading Order Model

**class** `pybamm.electrolyte.stefan_maxwell.diffusion.LleadingOrder` (*param*, *reac-*  
*tions*)

Class for conservation of mass in the electrolyte employing the Stefan-Maxwell constitutive equations. (Leading refers to leading order of asymptotic reduction)

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.electrolyte.stefan\_maxwell.diffusion.BaseModel*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.



**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of self.rhs. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## External circuit

Models to enforce different boundary conditions (as imposed by an imaginary external circuit) such as constant current, constant voltage, constant power, or any other relationship between the current and voltage. “Current control” enforces these directly through boundary conditions, while “Function control” submodels add an algebraic equation (for the current) and hence can be used to set any variable to be constant.

### Current control external circuit

**class** `pybamm.external_circuit.CurrentControl` (*param*)

External circuit with current control.

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

### Function control external circuit

**class** `pybamm.external_circuit.FunctionControl` (*param*, *external\_circuit\_function*)

External circuit with an arbitrary function.

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_algebraic** (*variables*)

A method to set the differential equations which do not contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of self.algebraic. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of

self.initial\_conditions. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**class** `pybamm.external_circuit.VoltageFunctionControl` (*param*)  
External circuit with voltage control, implemented as an extra algebraic equation.

**class** `pybamm.external_circuit.PowerFunctionControl` (*param*)  
External circuit with power control.

## Interface

### Interface Base Model

**class** `pybamm.interface.BaseInterface` (*param, domain, reaction*)  
Base class for interfacial currents

#### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.BaseSubModel*) –

### Interface Kinetics

#### Base Kinetics

**class** `pybamm.interface.BaseKinetics` (*param, domain, reaction*)  
Base submodel for kinetics

#### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.interface.BaseInterface*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## Butler-Volmer

**class** pybamm.interface.**ButlerVolmer** (*param, domain, reaction*)

Base submodel which implements the forward Butler-Volmer equation:

$$j = 2 * j_0(c) * \sinh((ne/(2 * (1 + \Theta T)) * \eta_r(c))$$

### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* pybamm.interface.kinetics.BaseKinetics) –

## No Reaction

**class** pybamm.interface.**NoReaction** (*param, domain, reaction*)

Base submodel for when no reaction occurs

### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* pybamm.interface.kinetics.BaseKinetics) –

## Tafel

**class** pybamm.interface.**ForwardTafel** (*param, domain, reaction*)

Base submodel which implements the forward Tafel equation:

$$j = j_0(c) * \exp((ne/(2 * (1 + \Theta T)) * \eta_r(c))$$

### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* pybamm.interface.kinetics.BaseKinetics) –

**class** pybamm.interface.**BackwardTafel** (*param, domain*)

Base submodel which implements the backward Tafel equation:

$$j = -j_0(c) * \exp(-\eta_r(c))$$

### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.

**Extends:** pybamm.interface.kinetics.BaseKinetics

## Inverse Interface Kinetics

### Inverse Butler-Volmer

**class** pybamm.interface.inverse\_kinetics.InverseButlerVolmer(*param, domain, reaction*)

A base submodel that implements the inverted form of the Butler-Volmer relation to solve for the reaction overpotential.

#### Parameters

- **param** – Model parameters
- **domain** (*iter of str, optional*) – The domain(s) in which to compute the interfacial current. Default is None, in which case `j.domain` is used.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.interface.kinetics.ButlerVolmer*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## First-order Kinetics

### Base Inverse First-order Kinetics

**class** pybamm.interface.InverseFirstOrderKinetics(*param, domain, leading\_order\_models*)

Base inverse first-order kinetics. This class needs to consider *all* of the leading-order submodels simultaneously in order to find the first-order correction to the potentials

#### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **leading\_order\_models** (*pybamm.interface.kinetics.BaseKinetics*) – The leading-order models with respect to which this is first-order
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.interface.BaseInterface*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

Return type `dict`

## First-order Kinetics

**class** `pybamm.interface.FirstOrderKinetics` (*param, domain, leading\_order\_model*)  
First-order kinetics

### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **leading\_order\_model** (`pybamm.interface.kinetics.BaseKinetics`) – The leading-order model with respect to which this is first-order
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* `pybamm.interface.BaseInterface`) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

Return type `dict`

## Diffusion-limited

**class** `pybamm.interface.DiffusionLimited` (*param, domain, reaction, order*)  
Leading-order submodel for diffusion-limited kinetics

### Parameters

- **param** – model parameters
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain to implement the model, either: ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’.
- **reaction** (*str*) – The name of the reaction being implemented
- **order** (*str*) – The order of the model (“leading” or “full”)
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* `pybamm.interface.BaseInterface`) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

Return type `dict`

## Oxygen Diffusion

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.oxygen_diffusion.BaseModel` (*param, reactions=None*)  
Base class for conservation of mass of oxygen.

#### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict, optional*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.BaseSubModel*) –

### Composite Model

**class** `pybamm.oxygen_diffusion.Composite` (*param, reactions, extended=False*)  
Class for conservation of mass of oxygen. (Composite refers to composite expansion in asymptotic methods) In this model, extremely fast oxygen kinetics in the negative electrode imposes zero oxygen concentration there, and so the oxygen variable only lives in the separator and positive electrode. The boundary condition at the negative electrode/ separator interface is homogeneous Dirichlet.

#### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **extended** (*bool*) – Whether to include feedback from the first-order terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.oxygen\_diffusion.Full*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

Composite reaction-diffusion with source terms from leading order

### First-Order Model

**class** `pybamm.oxygen_diffusion.FirstOrder` (*param, reactions*)  
Class for conservation of mass of oxygen. (First-order refers to first-order expansion in asymptotic methods) In this model, extremely fast oxygen kinetics in the negative electrode imposes zero oxygen concentration there, and so the oxygen variable only lives in the separator and positive electrode. The boundary condition at the negative electrode/ separator interface is homogeneous Dirichlet.

#### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.oxygen\_diffusion.BaseModel*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## Full Model

**class** *pybamm.oxygen\_diffusion.Full* (*param, reactions*)

Class for conservation of mass of oxygen. (Full refers to unreduced by asymptotic methods) In this model, extremely fast oxygen kinetics in the negative electrode imposes zero oxygen concentration there, and so the oxygen variable only lives in the separator and positive electrode. The boundary condition at the negative electrode/ separator interface is homogeneous Dirichlet.

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (\*\* *pybamm.oxygen\_diffusion.BaseModel*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of *self.boundary\_conditions*. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in *pybamm.BaseSubModel*.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Leading Order Model

**class** `pybamm.oxygen_diffusion.LeadingOrder` (*param, reactions*)

Class for conservation of mass of oxygen. (Leading refers to leading order of asymptotic reduction)

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **reactions** (*dict*) – Dictionary of reaction terms
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.oxygen\_diffusion.BaseModel*) –

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.



**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## No Oxygen

**class** `pybamm.oxygen_diffusion.NoOxygen` (*param*)

Class for when there is no oxygen

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.oxygen_diffusion.BaseModel`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## Particle

### Particle Base Model

**class** `pybamm.particle.BaseParticle` (*param, domain*)

Base class for molar conservation in particles.

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain of the model either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseSubModel`

**set\_events** (*variables*)

A method to set events related to the state of submodel variable. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.events`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used a implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

### Fickian Single Particle

**class** `pybamm.particle.FickianSingleParticle` (*param, domain*)

Base class for molar conservation in a single x-averaged particle which employs Fick’s law.

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain of the model either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’

**Extends:** `pybamm.particle.BaseParticle`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

For single particle models, initial conditions can't depend on  $x$  so we arbitrarily set the initial values of the single particles to be given by the values at  $x=0$  in the negative electrode and  $x=1$  in the positive electrode. Typically, supplied initial conditions are uniform  $x$ .

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Fickian Many Particles

**class** `pybamm.particle.FickianManyParticles` (*param*, *domain*)

Base class for molar conservation in many particles which employs Fick's law.

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain of the model either 'Negative' or 'Positive'

**Extends:** `pybamm.particle.BaseParticle`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Fast Single Particle

**class** `pybamm.particle.FastSingleParticle` (*param*, *domain*)

Base class for molar conservation in a single x-averaged particle with uniform concentration in *r* (i.e. infinitely fast diffusion within particles).

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain of the model either ‘Negative’ or ‘Positive’

**Extends:** `pybamm.particle.BaseParticle`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

For single particle models, initial conditions can't depend on  $x$  so we arbitrarily evaluate them at  $x=0$  in the negative electrode and  $x=1$  in the positive electrode (they will usually be constant)

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Fast Many Particles

**class** `pybamm.particle.FastManyParticles` (*param, domain*)

Base class for molar conservation in many particles with uniform concentration in  $r$  (i.e. infinitely fast diffusion within particles).

**Parameters**

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **domain** (*str*) – The domain of the model either 'Negative' or 'Positive'

**Extends:** `pybamm.particle.BaseParticle`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Porosity

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.porosity.BaseModel` (*param*)

Base class for porosity

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseSubModel`

**set\_events** (*variables*)

A method to set events related to the state of submodel variable. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.events`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Constant Porosity

**class** `pybamm.porosity.Constant` (*param*)

Submodel for constant porosity

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.porosity.BaseModel`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

## Leading-Order Model

**class** `pybamm.porosity.LeadingOrder` (*param*)

Leading-order model for reaction-driven porosity changes

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.porosity.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Full Model

**class** `pybamm.porosity.Full` (*param*)

Full model for reaction-driven porosity changes

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.porosity.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## Thermal

### Isothermal

#### Isothermal Model

**class** `pybamm.thermal.isothermal.Isothermal` (*param*)

Class for isothermal submodel.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseThermal`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## X-full

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_full.BaseModel` (*param*)

Base class for full x-direction thermal submodels.

**Parameters** *param* (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** *variables* (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables()**

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_initial\_conditions(variables)**

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.

## No current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_full.NoCurrentCollector` (`param`)

Class for full x-direction thermal submodel without current collectors

**Parameters** `param` (`parameter class`) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.x_full.BaseModel`

**set\_boundary\_conditions(variables)**

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs(variables)**

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.

## X-lumped

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_lumped.BaseModel` (`param`)

Base class for x-lumped thermal submodel

**Parameters** `param` (`parameter class`) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables(variables)**

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.



**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**get\_fundamental\_variables()**

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_initial\_conditions(variables)**

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.

## No current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_lumped.NoCurrentCollector` (`param`)

Class for x-lumped thermal submodel without current collectors. Note: since there are no current collectors in this model, the electrochemical model must be 1D (x-direction only).

**Parameters** `param` (`parameter class`) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseModel`

**set\_rhs(variables)**

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.

## 0D current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_lumped.CurrentCollector0D` (`param`)

Class for x-lumped thermal model with 0D current collectors

**set\_rhs(variables)**

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (`dict`) – The variables in the whole model.

## 1D current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_lumped.CurrentCollector1D` (`param`)

Class for x-lumped thermal model with 1D current collectors

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## 2D current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.x_lumped.CurrentCollector2D` (*param*)

Class for x-lumped thermal submodel with 2D current collectors

**set\_boundary\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the boundary conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of ‘pass’ is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## XYZ-lumped

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.thermal.xyz_lumped.BaseModel` (*param*)

Base class for xyz-lumped thermal submodel

**Parameters** `param` (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in ‘get\_fundamental\_variables’ instead of this method.

**Parameters** `variables` (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

**get\_fundamental\_variables** ()

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which can be created independent of other submodels. For example, the electrolyte concentration variables can be created independent of

whether any other variables have been defined in the model. As a rule, if a variable can be created without variables from other submodels, then it should be placed in this method.

**Returns** The variables created by the submodel which are independent of variables in other submodels.

**Return type** `dict`

**set\_initial\_conditions** (*variables*)

A method to set the initial conditions for the submodel. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.initial_conditions`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**set\_rhs** (*variables*)

A method to set the right hand side of the differential equations which contain a time derivative. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.rhs`. Unless overwritten by a submodel, the default behaviour of 'pass' is used as implemented in `pybamm.BaseSubModel`.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

## 1D current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.xyz_lumped.CurrentCollector1D` (*param*)

Class for xyz-lumped thermal submodel with 1D current collectors

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseModel`

## 2D current collector

**class** `pybamm.thermal.xyz_lumped.CurrentCollector2D` (*param*)

Class for xyz-lumped thermal submodel with 2D current collectors

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.thermal.BaseModel`

## Base Thermal

**class** `pybamm.thermal.BaseThermal` (*param*)

Base class for thermal effects

**Parameters** **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseSubModel`

## Tortuosity

### Base Model

**class** `pybamm.tortuosity.BaseModel` (*param, phase*)

Base class for tortuosity

### Parameters

- **param** (*parameter class*) – The parameters to use for this submodel
- **phase** (*str*) – The material for the model ('electrolyte' or 'electrode').
- **\*\*Extends** (*\*\* pybamm.BaseSubModel*) –

## Bruggeman Model

**class** `pybamm.tortuosity.Bruggeman` (*param, phase, set\_leading\_order=False*)  
Submodel for Bruggeman tortuosity

**Extends:** `pybamm.tortuosity.BaseModel`

**get\_coupled\_variables** (*variables*)

A public method that creates and returns the variables in a submodel which require variables in other submodels to be set first. For example, the exchange current density requires the concentration in the electrolyte to be created before it can be created. If a variable can be created independent of other submodels then it should be created in 'get\_fundamental\_variables' instead of this method.

**Parameters** **variables** (*dict*) – The variables in the whole model.

**Returns** The variables created in this submodel which depend on variables in other submodels.

**Return type** *dict*

## 1.3 Parameters

### 1.3.1 Base Parameter Values

**class** `pybamm.ParameterValues` (*values=None, chemistry=None*)  
The parameter values for a simulation.

Note that this class does not inherit directly from the python dictionary class as this causes issues with saving and loading simulations.

### Parameters

- **values** (*dict or string*) – Explicit set of parameters, or reference to a file of parameters. If string, gets passed to `read_parameters_csv` to read a file.
- **chemistry** (*dict*) – Dict of strings for default chemistries. Must be of the form: {"base chemistry": base\_chemistry, "cell": cell\_properties\_authorYear, "anode": anode\_chemistry\_authorYear, "separator": separator\_chemistry\_authorYear, "cathode": cathode\_chemistry\_authorYear, "electrolyte": electrolyte\_chemistry\_authorYear, "experiment": experimental\_conditions\_authorYear}. Then the anode chemistry is loaded from the file `inputs/parameters/base_chemistry/anodes/anode_chemistry_authorYear`, etc. Parameters in "cell" should include geometry and current collector properties. Parameters in "experiment" should include parameters relating to experimental conditions, such as initial conditions and currents.

### Examples

```

>>> import pybamm
>>> values = {"some parameter": 1, "another parameter": 2}
>>> param = pybamm.ParameterValues(values)
>>> param["some parameter"]
1
>>> file = "input/parameters/lithium-ion/cells/kokam_Marquis2019/parameters.csv"
>>> values_path = pybamm.get_parameters_filepath(file)
>>> param = pybamm.ParameterValues(values=values_path)
>>> param["Negative current collector thickness [m]"]
2.5e-05
>>> param = pybamm.ParameterValues(chemistry=pybamm.parameter_sets.Marquis2019)
>>> param["Reference temperature [K]"]
298.15

```

**evaluate** (*symbol*)

Process and evaluate a symbol.

**Parameters** *symbol* (*pybamm.Symbol*) – Symbol or Expression tree to evaluate

**Returns** The evaluated symbol

**Return type** number of array

**items** ()

Get the items of the dictionary

**keys** ()

Get the keys of the dictionary

**process\_boundary\_conditions** (*model*)

Process boundary conditions for a model Boundary conditions are dictionaries {"left": left bc, "right": right bc} in general, but may be imposed on the tabs (or *not* on the tab) for a small number of variables, e.g. {"negative tab": neg. tab bc, "positive tab": pos. tab bc "no tab": no tab bc}.

**process\_geometry** (*geometry*)

Assign parameter values to a geometry (inplace).

**Parameters** *geometry* (*pybamm.Geometry*) – Geometry specs to assign parameter values to

**process\_model** (*unprocessed\_model*, *inplace=True*)

Assign parameter values to a model. Currently inplace, could be changed to return a new model.

**Parameters**

- **unprocessed\_model** (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – Model to assign parameter values for
- **inplace** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, replace the parameters in the model in place. Otherwise, return a new model with parameter values set. Default is True.

**Raises** *pybamm.ModelError* – If an empty model is passed (*model.rhs* = {} and *model.algebraic* = {} and *model.variables* = {})

**process\_symbol** (*symbol*)

Walk through the symbol and replace any Parameter with a Value. If a symbol has already been processed, the stored value is returned.

**Parameters** *symbol* (*pybamm.Symbol*) – Symbol or Expression tree to set parameters for

**Returns** *symbol* – Symbol with Parameter instances replaced by Value

**Return type** *pybamm.Symbol*

**read\_parameters\_csv** (*filename*)

Reads parameters from csv file into dict.

**Parameters** **filename** (*str*) – The name of the csv file containing the parameters.

**Returns** {name: value} pairs for the parameters.

**Return type** dict

**search** (*key*, *print\_values=True*)

Search dictionary for keys containing ‘key’.

See `pybamm.FuzzyDict.search()`.

**update** (*values*, *check\_conflict=False*, *check\_already\_exists=True*, *path=""*)

Update parameter dictionary, while also performing some basic checks.

**Parameters**

- **values** (*dict*) – Dictionary of parameter values to update parameter dictionary with
- **check\_conflict** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to check that a parameter in *values* has not already been defined in the parameter class when updating it, and if so that its value does not change. This is set to True during initialisation, when parameters are combined from different sources, and is False by default otherwise
- **check\_already\_exists** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to check that a parameter in *values* already exists when trying to update it. This is to avoid cases where an intended change in the parameters is ignored due a typo in the parameter name, and is True by default but can be manually overridden.
- **path** (*string*, *optional*) – Path from which to load functions

**update\_from\_chemistry** (*chemistry*)

Load standard set of components from a ‘chemistry’ dictionary

**values** ()

Get the values of the dictionary

## 1.3.2 Geometric Parameters

Standard geometric parameters

## 1.3.3 Electrical Parameters

## 1.3.4 Thermal Parameters

## 1.3.5 Standard Lithium-ion Parameters

Standard parameters for lithium-ion battery models

## 1.3.6 Standard Lead-Acid Parameters

Standard Parameters for lead-acid battery models

### 1.3.7 Print parameters

`pybamm.print_parameters(parameters, parameter_values, output_file=None)`

Return dictionary of evaluated parameters, and optionally print these evaluated parameters to an output file. For dimensionless parameters that depend on the C-rate, the value is given as a function of the C-rate (either  $x \cdot \text{Crate}$  or  $x / \text{Crate}$  depending on the dependence)

#### Parameters

- **parameters** (class or dict containing `pybamm.Parameter` objects) – Class or dictionary containing all the parameters to be evaluated
- **parameter\_values** (`pybamm.ParameterValues`) – The class of parameter values
- **output\_file** (*string, optional*) – The file to print parameters to. If None, the parameters are not printed, and this function simply acts as a test that all the parameters can be evaluated, and returns the dictionary of evaluated parameters.

**Returns** `evaluated_parameters` – The evaluated parameters, for further processing if needed

**Return type** `defaultdict`

#### Notes

A C-rate of 1 C is the current required to fully discharge the battery in 1 hour, 2 C is current to discharge the battery in 0.5 hours, etc

`pybamm.print_evaluated_parameters(evaluated_parameters, output_file)`

Print a dictionary of evaluated parameters to an output file

#### Parameters

- **evaluated\_parameters** (`defaultdict`) – The evaluated parameters, for further processing if needed
- **output\_file** (*string, optional*) – The file to print parameters to. If None, the parameters are not printed, and this function simply acts as a test that all the parameters can be evaluated

### 1.3.8 Parameters Sets

Parameter sets from papers. The ‘citation’ entry provides a reference to the appropriate paper in the file “pybamm/CITATIONS.txt”. To see which parameter sets have been used in your simulation, add the line “pybamm.print\_citations()” to your script.

## 1.4 Geometry

### 1.4.1 Geometry

**class** `pybamm.Geometry(*geometries, custom_geometry={})`

A geometry class to store the details features of the cell geometry.

Geometry extends the class dictionary and uses the key words: “negative electrode”, “positive electrode”, etc to indicate the subdomain. Within each subdomain, there are “primary”, “secondary” or “tabs” dimensions. “primary” dimensions correspond to dimensions on which spatial operators will be applied (e.g. the gradient

and divergence). In contrast, spatial operators do not act along “secondary” dimensions. This allows for multiple independent particles to be included into a model.

The values assigned to each domain are dictionaries containing the spatial variables in that domain, along with expression trees giving their min and maximum extents. For example, the following dictionary structure would represent a Geometry with a single domain “negative electrode”, defined using the variable  $x_n$  which has a range from 0 to the pre-defined parameter  $l_n$ .

```
{
  "negative electrode": {
    "primary": {x_n: {"min": pybamm.Scalar(0), "max": l_n}}
  }
}
```

A user can create a new Geometry by combining one or more of the pre-defined geometries defined with the names given below.

- “1D macro”: macroscopic 1D cell geometry (i.e. electrodes)
- “3D macro”: macroscopic 3D cell geometry
- “1+1D macro”: 1D macroscopic cell geometry with a 1D current collector
- “1+2D macro”: 1D macroscopic cell geometry with a 2D current collector
- “1D micro”: 1D microscopic cell geometry (i.e. particles)
- “1+1D micro”: This is the geometry used in the standard DFN or P2D model
- “(1+0)+1D micro”: **0D macroscopic cell geometry with 1D current collector**, along with the microscopic 1D particle geometry.
- “(2+0)+1D micro”: **0D macroscopic cell geometry with 1D current collector**, along with the microscopic 1D particle geometry.
- “(1+1)+1D micro”: **1D macroscopic cell geometry, with 1D current collector model**, along with the microscopic 1D particle geometry.
- “(2+1)+1D micro”: **1D macroscopic cell geometry, with 2D current collector model**, along with the microscopic 1D particle geometry.
- “2D current collector”: macroscopic 2D current collector geometry

Extends: `dict`

#### Parameters

- **geometries** (one or more strings or Geometry objects. A string will be assumed to be) – one of the predefined Geometries given above
- **custom\_geometry** (dict containing any extra user defined geometry) –

**add\_domain** (name, geometry)

Add a new domain to the geometry

#### Parameters

- **name** (string giving the name of the domain) –
- **geometry** (dict of variables in the domain, along with the minimum and maximum) – extents (e.g. {"primary": {x\_n: {"min": pybamm.Scalar(0), "max": l\_n}}})



**class** `pybamm.Geometry1DMacro` (*custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of the macroscopic 1D cell geometry.

**Extends:** `Geometry`

**Parameters** `custom_geometry` (*dict containing any extra user defined geometry*) –

**class** `pybamm.Geometry3DMacro` (*custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of the macroscopic 3D cell geometry.

**Extends:** `Geometry1DMacro`

**Parameters** `custom_geometry` (*dict containing any extra user defined geometry*) –

**class** `pybamm.Geometry1DMicro` (*custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of the microscopic 1D particle geometry.

**Extends:** `Geometry`

**Parameters** `custom_geometry` (*dict containing any extra user defined geometry*) –

**class** `pybamm.Geometry1p1DMicro` (*custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of the 1+1D cell geometry. This is the geometry used in the standard DFN or P2D model.

**Extends:** `Geometry`

**Parameters** `custom_geometry` (*dict containing any extra user defined geometry*) –

**class** `pybamm.Geometryxp1DMacro` (*cc\_dimension=1, custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of x+1D macroscopic cell geometry, where x is the dimension of the current collector model.

**Extends:** `Geometry1DMacro`

**Parameters**

- **cc\_dimension** (*int, optional*) – the dimension of the current collector model
- **custom\_geometry** (*dict, optional*) – dictionary containing any extra user defined geometry

**class** `pybamm.Geometryxp0p1DMicro` (*cc\_dimension=1, custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of x+0D macroscopic cell geometry, where x is the dimension of the current collector model, along with the microscopic 1D particle geometry.

**Extends:** `Geometry1DMicro`

**Parameters**

- **cc\_dimension** (*int, optional*) – the dimension of the current collector model
- **custom\_geometry** (*dict, optional*) – dictionary containing any extra user defined geometry

**class** `pybamm.Geometryxp1p1DMicro` (*cc\_dimension=1, custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of x+1D macroscopic cell geometry, where x is the dimension of the current collector model, along with the microscopic 1D particle geometry.

**Extends:** `Geometry1DMicro`

**Parameters**

- **cc\_dimension**(*int*, *optional*) – the dimension of the current collector model
- **custom\_geometry**(*dict*, *optional*) – dictionary containing any extra user defined geometry

**class** pybamm.**Geometry2DCurrentCollector**(*custom\_geometry={}*)

A geometry class to store the details features of the macroscopic 2D current collector geometry.

**Extends:** *Geometry*

**Parameters** **custom\_geometry** (*dict containing any extra user defined geometry*) –

## 1.5 Meshes

### 1.5.1 Meshes

**class** pybamm.**Mesh**(*geometry, submesh\_types, var\_pts*)

Mesh contains a list of submeshes on each subdomain.

**Extends:** dict

**Parameters**

- **geometry** – contains the geometry of the problem.
- **submesh\_types** (*dict*) – contains the types of submeshes to use (e.g. `Uniform1DSubMesh`)
- **submesh\_pts** (*dict*) – contains the number of points on each subdomain

**add\_ghost\_meshes**()

Create meshes for potential ghost nodes on either side of each submesh, using `self.submeshclass`. This will be useful for calculating the gradient with Dirichlet BCs.

**combine\_submeshes**(*\*submeshnames*)

Combine submeshes into a new submesh, using `self.submeshclass`. Raises `pybamm.DomainError` if submeshes to be combined do not match up (edges are not aligned).

**Parameters** **submeshnames** (*list of str*) – The names of the submeshes to be combined

**Returns** **submesh** – A new submesh with the class defined by `self.submeshclass`

**Return type** `self.submeshclass`

**class** pybamm.**SubMesh**

Base submesh class. Contains the position of the nodes, the number of mesh points, and (optionally) information about the tab locations.

**class** pybamm.**MeshGenerator**(*submesh\_type, submesh\_params=None*)

Base class for mesh generator objects that are used to generate submeshes.

**Parameters**

- **submesh\_type** (*pybamm.SubMesh*) – The type of submesh to use (e.g. `Uniform1DSubMesh`).
- **submesh\_params** (*dict, optional*) – Contains any parameters required by the submesh.

### 1.5.2 0D Sub Mesh

**class** `pybamm.SubMesh0D` (*position*, *npts=None*, *tabs=None*)  
 0D submesh class. Contains the position of the node.

#### Parameters

- **position** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the position of the 0D submesh (a single point) in space
- **npts** (*dict*, *optional*) – Number of points to be used. Included for compatibility with other meshes, but ignored by this mesh class
- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs. Included for compatibility with other meshes, but ignored by this mesh class
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: `pybamm.SubMesh`) –

### 1.5.3 1D Sub Meshes

**class** `pybamm.SubMesh1D` (*edges*, *coord\_sys*, *tabs=None*)  
 1D submesh class. Contains the position of the nodes, the number of mesh points, and (optionally) information about the tab locations.

#### Parameters

- **edges** (*array\_like*) – An array containing the points corresponding to the edges of the submesh
- **coord\_sys** (*string*) – The coordinate system of the submesh
- **tabs** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: `pybamm.SubMesh`) –

**class** `pybamm.Uniform1DSubMesh` (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs=None*)  
 A class to generate a uniform submesh on a 1D domain

#### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of the spatial variables
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable. Note: the number of nodes (located at the cell centres) is *npts*, and the number of edges is *npts*+1.
- **tabs** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: `pybamm.SubMesh1D`) –

**class** `pybamm.Exponential1DSubMesh` (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs*, *side='symmetric'*, *stretch=None*)  
 A class to generate a submesh on a 1D domain in which the points are clustered close to one or both of boundaries using an exponential formula on the interval [a,b].

If side is “left”, the gridpoints are given by

+ a, for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is the number of nodes.

If side is “right”, the gridpoints are given by

+ a, for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ .

If side is “symmetric”, the first half of the interval is meshed using the gridpoints

+ a, for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ . The grid spacing is then reflected to construct the grid on the full interval  $[a, b]$ .

In the above, alpha is a stretching factor. As the number of gridpoints tends to infinity, the ratio of the largest and smallest grid cells tends to  $\exp(\alpha)$ .

#### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of the spatial variables
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable. Note: the number of nodes (located at the cell centres) is npts, and the number of edges is npts+1.
- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **side** (*str*, *optional*) – Whether the points are clustered near to the left or right boundary, or both boundaries. Can be “left”, “right” or “symmetric”. Default is “symmetric”
- **stretch** (*float*, *optional*) – The factor (alpha) which appears in the exponential. If side is “symmetric” then the default stretch is 1.15. If side is “left” or “right” then the default stretch is 2.3.
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: *pybamm.SubMesh1D*) –

**class** `pybamm.Chebyshev1DSubMesh` (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs=None*)

A class to generate a submesh on a 1D domain using Chebyshev nodes on the interval  $(a, b)$ , given by

$$x_k = \frac{1}{2}(a + b) + \frac{1}{2}(b - a) \cos\left(\frac{2k - 1}{2N}\pi\right),$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is the number of nodes. Note: this mesh then appends the boundary edges, so that the mesh edges are given by

$$a < x_1 < \dots < x_N < b.$$

#### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of the spatial variables
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable. Note: the number of nodes (located at the cell centres) is npts, and the number of edges is npts+1.
- **tabs** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: *pybamm.SubMesh1D*) –

**class** `pybamm.UserSupplied1DSubMesh` (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs*, *edges=None*)

A class to generate a submesh on a 1D domain from a user supplied array of edges.

#### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of the spatial variables
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable. Note: the number of nodes (located at the cell centres) is npts, and the number of edges is npts+1.

- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **edges** (*array\_like*) – The array of points which correspond to the edges of the mesh.
- **\*\*Extends** ("" : *pybamm.SubMesh1D*) –

## 1.5.4 2D Sub Meshes

**class** *pybamm.ScikitSubMesh2D* (*edges*, *coord\_sys*, *tabs*)

2D submesh class. Contains information about the 2D finite element mesh. Note: This class only allows for the use of piecewise-linear triangular finite elements.

### Parameters

- **edges** (*array\_like*) – An array containing the points corresponding to the edges of the submesh
- **coord\_sys** (*string*) – The coordinate system of the submesh
- **tabs** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **\*\*Extends** ("" : *pybamm.SubMesh*) –

**on\_boundary** (*y*, *z*, *tab*)

A method to get the degrees of freedom corresponding to the subdomains for the tabs.

**class** *pybamm.ScikitUniform2DSubMesh* (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs*)

Contains information about the 2D finite element mesh with uniform grid spacing (can be different spacing in *y* and *z*). Note: This class only allows for the use of piecewise-linear triangular finite elements.

### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of each spatial variable
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable
- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **\*\*Extends** ("" : *pybamm.ScikitSubMesh2D*) –

**class** *pybamm.ScikitExponential2DSubMesh* (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs*, *side*='top', *stretch*=2.3)

Contains information about the 2D finite element mesh generated by taking the tensor product of a uniformly spaced grid in the *y* direction, and a unequally spaced grid in the *z* direction in which the points are clustered close to the top boundary using an exponential formula on the interval [*a*,*b*]. The gridpoints in the *z* direction are given by

$+ a, \text{for } k = 1, \dots, N$ , where *N* is the number of nodes. Here  $\alpha$  is a stretching factor. As the number of gridpoints tends to infinity, the ratio of the largest and smallest grid cells tends to  $\exp(\alpha)$ .

Note: in the future this will be extended to allow points to be clustered near any of the boundaries.

### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of each spatial variable
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable
- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs

- **side** (*str*, *optional*) – Whether the points are clustered near to a particular boundary. At present, can only be “top”. Default is “top”.
- **stretch** (*float*, *optional*) – The factor (alpha) which appears in the exponential. Default is 2.3.
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: *pybamm.ScikitSubMesh2D*) –

**class** *pybamm.ScikitChebyshev2DSubMesh* (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs*)

Contains information about the 2D finite element mesh generated by taking the tensor product of two 1D meshes which use Chebyshev nodes on the interval (a, b), given by

$$x_k = \frac{1}{2}(a + b) + \frac{1}{2}(b - a) \cos\left(\frac{2k - 1}{2N} \pi\right),$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is the number of nodes. Note: this mesh then appends the boundary edgess, so that the 1D mesh edges are given by

$$a < x_1 < \dots < x_N < b.$$

Note: This class only allows for the use of piecewise-linear triangular finite elements.

#### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of each spatial variable
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable
- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: *pybamm.ScikitSubMesh2D*) –

**class** *pybamm.UserSupplied2DSubMesh* (*lims*, *npts*, *tabs*, *y\_edges=None*, *z\_edges=None*)

A class to generate a tensor product submesh on a 2D domain by using two user supplied vectors of edges: one for the y-direction and one for the z-direction. Note: this mesh should be created using *UserSupplied2DSubMeshGenerator*.

#### Parameters

- **lims** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the limits of the spatial variables
- **npts** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains the number of points to be used on each spatial variable. Note: the number of nodes (located at the cell centres) is *npts*, and the number of edges is *npts*+1.
- **tabs** (*dict*) – A dictionary that contains information about the size and location of the tabs
- **y\_edges** (*array\_like*) – The array of points which correspond to the edges in the y direction of the mesh.
- **z\_edges** (*array\_like*) – The array of points which correspond to the edges in the z direction of the mesh.
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: *pybamm.ScikitSubMesh2D*) –

## 1.6 Discretisation and spatial methods

### 1.6.1 Discretisation

**class** `pybamm.Discretisation` (*mesh=None, spatial\_methods=None*)

The discretisation class, with methods to process a model and replace Spatial Operators with Matrices and Variables with StateVectors

#### Parameters

- **mesh** (`pybamm.Mesh`) – contains all submeshes to be used on each domain
- **spatial\_methods** (*dict*) – a dictionary of the spatial methods to be used on each domain. The keys correspond to the model domains and the values to the spatial method.

**check\_initial\_conditions** (*model*)

Check initial conditions are a numpy array

**check\_initial\_conditions\_rhs** (*model*)

Check initial conditions and rhs have the same shape

**check\_model** (*model*)

Perform some basic checks to make sure the discretised model makes sense.

**check\_tab\_conditions** (*symbol, bcs*)

Check any boundary conditions applied on “negative tab”, “positive tab” and “no tab”. For 1D current collector meshes, these conditions are converted into boundary conditions on “left” (tab at  $z=0$ ) or “right” (tab at  $z=l_z$ ) depending on the tab location stored in the mesh. For 2D current collector meshes, the boundary conditions can be applied on the tabs directly.

#### Parameters

- **symbol** (`pybamm.expression_tree.symbol.Symbol`) – The symbol on which the boundary conditions are applied.
- **bcs** (*dict*) – The dictionary of boundary conditions (a dict of {side: equation}).

**Returns** The dictionary of boundary conditions, with the keys changed to “left” and “right” where necessary.

**Return type** *dict*

**check\_variables** (*model*)

Check variables in variable list against rhs Be lenient with size check if the variable in `model.variables` is broadcasted, or a concatenation (if broadcasted, variable is a multiplication with a vector of ones)

**create\_jacobian** (*model*)

Creates Jacobian of the discretised model. Note that the model is assumed to be of the form  $M \cdot y_{\text{dot}} = f(t, y)$ , where  $M$  is the (possibly singular) mass matrix. The Jacobian is  $df/dy$ .

Note: At present, calculation of the Jacobian is deferred until after simplification, since it is much faster to compute the Jacobian of the simplified model. However, in some use cases (e.g. running the same model multiple times but with different parameters) it may be more efficient to compute the Jacobian once, before simplification, so that parameters in the Jacobian can be updated (see PR #670).

**Parameters** **model** (`pybamm.BaseModel`) – Discretised model. Must have attributes `rhs`, `initial_conditions` and `boundary_conditions` (all dicts of {variable: equation})

**Returns** The expression trees corresponding to the Jacobian of the model

**Return type** `pybamm.Concatenation`

**create\_mass\_matrix** (*model*)

Creates mass matrix of the discretised model. Note that the model is assumed to be of the form  $M \cdot y_{\text{dot}} = f(t, y)$ , where  $M$  is the (possibly singular) mass matrix.

**Parameters** *model* (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – Discretised model. Must have attributes `rhs`, `initial_conditions` and `boundary_conditions` (all dicts of {variable: equation})

**Returns**

- *pybamm.Matrix* – The mass matrix
- *pybamm.Matrix* – The inverse of the ode part of the mass matrix (required by solvers which only accept the ODEs in explicit form)

**process\_boundary\_conditions** (*model*)

Discretise model `boundary_conditions`, also converting keys to ids

**Parameters** *model* (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – Model to discretise. Must have attributes `rhs`, `initial_conditions` and `boundary_conditions` (all dicts of {variable: equation})

**Returns** Dictionary of processed boundary conditions

**Return type** dict

**process\_dict** (*var\_eqn\_dict*)

Discretise a dictionary of {variable: equation}, broadcasting if necessary (can be `model.rhs`, `model.algebraic`, `model.initial_conditions` or `model.variables`).

**Parameters** *var\_eqn\_dict* (dict) – Equations ({variable: equation} dict) to discretise (can be `model.rhs`, `model.algebraic`, `model.initial_conditions` or `model.variables`)

**Returns** *new\_var\_eqn\_dict* – Discretised equations

**Return type** dict

**process\_initial\_conditions** (*model*)

Discretise model `initial_conditions`.

**Parameters** *model* (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – Model to discretise. Must have attributes `rhs`, `initial_conditions` and `boundary_conditions` (all dicts of {variable: equation})

**Returns** Tuple of `processed_initial_conditions` (dict of initial conditions) and `concatenated_initial_conditions` (numpy array of concatenated initial conditions)

**Return type** tuple

**process\_model** (*model*, *inplace=True*, *check\_model=True*)

Discretise a model. Currently inplace, could be changed to return a new model.

**Parameters**

- *model* (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – Model to discretise. Must have attributes `rhs`, `initial_conditions` and `boundary_conditions` (all dicts of {variable: equation})
- *inplace* (bool, optional) – If True, discretise the model in place. Otherwise, return a new discretised model. Default is True.
- *check\_model* (bool, optional) – If True, model checks are performed after discretisation. For large systems these checks can be slow, so can be skipped by setting this option to False. When developing, testing or debugging it is recommended to leave this option as True as it may help to identify any errors. Default is True.

**Returns** *model\_disc* – The discretised model. Note that if `inplace` is True, `model` will have also been discretised in place so `model == model_disc`. If `inplace` is False, `model != model_disc`



**Return type** `pybamm.BaseModel`

**Raises** `pybamm.ModelError` – If an empty model is passed (`model.rhs = {}` and `model.algebraic = {}` and `model.variables = {}`)

**process\_rhs\_and\_algebraic** (*model*)

Discretise model equations - differential ('rhs') and algebraic.

**Parameters** *model* (`pybamm.BaseModel`) – Model to discretise. Must have attributes `rhs`, `initial_conditions` and `boundary_conditions` (all dicts of {variable: equation})

**Returns** Tuple of `processed_rhs` (dict of processed differential equations), `processed_concatenated_rhs`, `processed_algebraic` (dict of processed algebraic equations) and `processed_concatenated_algebraic`

**Return type** `tuple`

**process\_symbol** (*symbol*)

Discretise operators in model equations. If a symbol has already been discretised, the stored value is returned.

**Parameters** *symbol* (`pybamm.expression_tree.symbol.Symbol`) – Symbol to discretise

**Returns** Discretised symbol

**Return type** `pybamm.expression_tree.symbol.Symbol`

**set\_external\_variables** (*model*)

Add external variables to the list of variables to account for, being careful about concatenations

**set\_internal\_boundary\_conditions** (*model*)

A method to set the internal boundary conditions for the submodel. These are required to properly calculate the gradient. Note: this method modifies the state of `self.boundary_conditions`.

**set\_variable\_slices** (*variables*)

Sets the slicing for variables.

**Parameters** *variables* (iterable of `pybamm.Variables`) – The variables for which to set slices

## 1.6.2 Spatial Method

**class** `pybamm.SpatialMethod` (*options=None*)

A general spatial methods class, with default (trivial) behaviour for some spatial operations. All spatial methods will follow the general form of `SpatialMethod` in that they contain a method for broadcasting variables onto a mesh, a gradient operator, and a divergence operator.

**Parameters** *mesh* – Contains all the submeshes for discretisation

**boundary\_integral** (*child, discretised\_child, region*)

Implements the boundary integral for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **child** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol to which is being integrated
- **discretised\_child** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The discretised symbol of the correct size
- **region** (`str`) – The region of the boundary over which to integrate. If region is `None` (default) the integration is carried out over the entire boundary. If region is *negative tab*

or *positive tab* then the integration is only carried out over the appropriate part of the boundary corresponding to the tab.

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised boundary integral on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**boundary\_value\_or\_flux** (*symbol, discretised\_child, bcs=None*)

Returns the boundary value or flux using the appropriate expression for the spatial method. To do this, we create a sparse vector 'bv\_vector' that extracts either the first (for side="left") or last (for side="right") point from 'discretised\_child'.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The boundary value or flux symbol
- **discretised\_child** (*pybamm.StateVector*) – The discretised variable from which to calculate the boundary value
- **bcs** (*dict (optional)*) – The boundary conditions. If these are supplied and "use bcs" is True in the options, then these will be used to improve the accuracy of the extrapolation.

**Returns** The variable representing the surface value.

**Return type** *pybamm.MatrixMultiplication*

**broadcast** (*symbol, domain, auxiliary\_domains, broadcast\_type*)

Broadcast symbol to a specified domain.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol to be broadcasted
- **domain** (*iterable of strings*) – The domain to broadcast to
- **broadcast\_type** (*str*) – The type of broadcast: 'primary to node', 'primary to edges', 'secondary to nodes', 'secondary to edges', 'full to nodes' or 'full to edges'

**Returns** **broadcasted\_symbol** – The discretised symbol of the correct size for the spatial method

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Symbol*

**concatenation** (*disc\_children*)

Discrete concatenation object.

**Parameters** **disc\_children** (*list*) – List of discretised children

**Returns** Concatenation of the discretised children

**Return type** *pybamm.DomainConcatenation*

**delta\_function** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol*)

Implements the delta function on the appropriate side for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol to which is being integrated
- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size

**divergence** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Implements the divergence for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol that we will take the gradient of.
- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model (`{symbol.id: {"left": left bc, "right": right bc}}`)

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised divergence on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**gradient** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Implements the gradient for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol that we will take the gradient of.
- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model (`{symbol.id: {"left": left bc, "right": right bc}}`)

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised gradient on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**gradient\_squared** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Implements the inner product of the gradient with itself for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol that we will take the gradient of.
- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model (`{symbol.id: {"left": left bc, "right": right bc}}`)

**Returns** Contains the result of taking the inner product of the result of acting the discretised gradient on the child discretised\_symbol with itself

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**indefinite\_integral** (*child, discretised\_child*)

Implements the indefinite integral for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol to which is being integrated
- **discretised\_child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised indefinite integral on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**integral** (*child, discretised\_child*)

Implements the integral for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol to which is being integrated
- **discretised\_child** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised integral on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**internal\_neumann\_condition** (*left\_symbol\_disc, right\_symbol\_disc, left\_mesh, right\_mesh*)

A method to find the internal neumann conditions between two symbols on adjacent subdomains.

**Parameters**

- **left\_symbol\_disc** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol on the left subdomain
- **right\_symbol\_disc** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol on the right subdomain
- **left\_mesh** (*list*) – The mesh on the left subdomain
- **right\_mesh** (*list*) – The mesh on the right subdomain

**laplacian** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Implements the laplacian for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol that we will take the gradient of.
- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol of the correct size
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model ({symbol.id: {"left": left bc, "right": right bc}})

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised laplacian on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**mass\_matrix** (*symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Calculates the mass matrix for a spatial method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Variable*) – The variable corresponding to the equation for which we are calculating the mass matrix.
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model ({symbol.id: {"left": left bc, "right": right bc}})

**Returns** The (sparse) mass matrix for the spatial method.

**Return type** *pybamm.Matrix*

**process\_binary\_operators** (*bin\_op, left, right, disc\_left, disc\_right*)

Discretise binary operators in model equations. Default behaviour is to return a new binary operator with the discretised children.

**Parameters**

- **bin\_op** (*pybamm.BinaryOperator*) – Binary operator to discretise
- **left** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The left child of *bin\_op*

- **right** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The right child of *bin\_op*
- **disc\_left** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised left child of *bin\_op*
- **disc\_right** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised right child of *bin\_op*

**Returns** Discretised binary operator

**Return type** *pybamm.BinaryOperator*

**spatial\_variable** (*symbol*)

Convert a *pybamm.SpatialVariable* node to a linear algebra object that can be evaluated (here, a *pybamm.Vector* on either the nodes or the edges).

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.SpatialVariable*) – The spatial variable to be discretised.

**Returns** Contains the discretised spatial variable

**Return type** *pybamm.Vector*

### 1.6.3 Finite Volume

**class** *pybamm.FiniteVolume* (*options=None*)

A class which implements the steps specific to the finite volume method during discretisation.

For broadcast and mass\_matrix, we follow the default behaviour from SpatialMethod.

**Parameters**

- **mesh** (*pybamm.Mesh*) – Contains all the submeshes for discretisation
- **\*\*Extends** (": *pybamm.SpatialMethod*) –

**add\_ghost\_nodes** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, bcs*)

Add ghost nodes to a symbol.

For Dirichlet bcs, for a boundary condition “ $y = a$  at the left-hand boundary”, we concatenate a ghost node to the start of the vector  $y$  with value “ $2*a - y_1$ ” where  $y_1$  is the value of the first node. Similarly for the right-hand boundary condition.

For Neumann bcs no ghost nodes are added. Instead, the exact value provided by the boundary condition is used at the cell edge when calculating the gradient (see *pybamm.FiniteVolume.add\_neumann\_values()*).

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.SpatialVariable*) – The variable to be discretised
- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Vector*) – Contains the discretised variable
- **bcs** (dict of tuples (*pybamm.Scalar*, str)) – Dictionary (with keys “left” and “right”) of boundary conditions. Each boundary condition consists of a value and a flag indicating its type (e.g. “Dirichlet”)

**Returns** *Matrix @ discretised\_symbol + bcs\_vector*. When evaluated, this gives the discretised\_symbol, with appropriate ghost nodes concatenated at each end.

**Return type** *pybamm.Symbol*

**add\_neumann\_values** (*symbol, discretised\_gradient, bcs, domain*)

Add the known values of the gradient from Neumann boundary conditions to the discretised gradient.

Dirichlet bcs are implemented using ghost nodes, see *pybamm.FiniteVolume.add\_ghost\_nodes()*.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.SpatialVariable*) – The variable to be discretised
- **discretised\_gradient** (*pybamm.Vector*) – Contains the discretised gradient of symbol
- **bcs** (dict of tuples (*pybamm.Scalar*, str)) – Dictionary (with keys “left” and “right”) of boundary conditions. Each boundary condition consists of a value and a flag indicating its type (e.g. “Dirichlet”)
- **domain** (*list of strings*) – The domain of the gradient of the symbol (may include ghost nodes)

**Returns** *Matrix @ discretised\_gradient + bcs\_vector*. When evaluated, this gives the discretised\_gradient, with the values of the Neumann boundary conditions concatenated at each end (if given).

**Return type** *pybamm.Symbol*

**boundary\_value\_or\_flux** (*symbol, discretised\_child, bcs=None*)

Uses extrapolation to get the boundary value or flux of a variable in the Finite Volume Method.

See *pybamm.SpatialMethod.boundary\_value()*

**concatenation** (*disc\_children*)

Discrete concatenation, taking *edge\_to\_node* for children that evaluate on edges. See *pybamm.SpatialMethod.concatenation()*

**definite\_integral\_matrix** (*domain, vector\_type='row'*)

Matrix for finite-volume implementation of the definite integral in the primary dimension

$$I = \int_a^b f(s) ds$$

for where *a* and *b* are the left-hand and right-hand boundaries of the domain respectively

**Parameters** **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) of integration

**Returns**

- *pybamm.Matrix* – The finite volume integral matrix for the domain
- **vector\_type** (*str, optional*) – Whether to return a row or column vector in the primary dimension (default is row)

**delta\_function** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol*)

Delta function. Implemented as a vector whose only non-zero element is the first (if *symbol.side* = “left”) or last (if *symbol.side* = “right”), with appropriate value so that the integral of the delta function across the whole domain is the same as the integral of the discretised symbol across the whole domain.

See *pybamm.SpatialMethod.delta\_function()*

**divergence** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Matrix-vector multiplication to implement the divergence operator. See *pybamm.SpatialMethod.divergence()*

**divergence\_matrix** (*domain*)

Divergence matrix for finite volumes in the appropriate domain. Equivalent to  $\text{div}(\mathbf{N}) = (\mathbf{N}[1:] - \mathbf{N}[:-1])/\text{dx}$

**Parameters** **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) in which to compute the divergence matrix

**Returns** The (sparse) finite volume divergence matrix for the domain

**Return type** *pybamm.Matrix*

**edge\_to\_node** (*discretised\_symbol, method='arithmetic'*)

Convert a discretised symbol evaluated on the cell edges to a discretised symbol evaluated on the cell nodes. See `pybamm.FiniteVolume.shift()`

**gradient** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Matrix-vector multiplication to implement the gradient operator. See `pybamm.SpatialMethod.gradient()`

**gradient\_matrix** (*domain*)

Gradient matrix for finite volumes in the appropriate domain. Equivalent to  $\text{grad}(y) = (y[1:] - y[:-1])/dx$

**Parameters** **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) in which to compute the gradient matrix

**Returns** The (sparse) finite volume gradient matrix for the domain

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**indefinite\_integral** (*child, discretised\_child*)

Implementation of the indefinite integral operator.

**indefinite\_integral\_matrix\_edges** (*domain*)

Matrix for finite-volume implementation of the indefinite integral where the integrand is evaluated on mesh edges

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(u) du$$

The indefinite integral must satisfy the following conditions:

- $F(0) = 0$
- $f(x) = \frac{dF}{dx}$

or, in discrete form,

- $\text{BoundaryValue}(F, \text{"left"}) = 0$ , i.e.  $3 * F_0 - F_1 = 0$
- $f_{i+1/2} = (F_{i+1} - F_i)/dx_{i+1/2}$

Hence we must have

- $F_0 = du_{1/2} * f_{1/2}/2$
- $F_{i+1} = F_i + du * f_{i+1/2}$

Note that  $f_{-1/2}$  and  $f_{n+1/2}$  are included in the discrete integrand vector  $f$ , so we add a column of zeros at each end of the indefinite integral matrix to ignore these.

**Parameters** **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) of integration

**Returns** The finite volume integral matrix for the domain

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**indefinite\_integral\_matrix\_nodes** (*domain*)

Matrix for finite-volume implementation of the indefinite integral where the integrand is evaluated on mesh nodes. This is just a straightforward cumulative sum of the integrand

**Parameters** **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) of integration

**Returns** The finite volume integral matrix for the domain

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**integral** (*child, discretised\_child*)

Vector-vector dot product to implement the integral operator.

**internal\_neumann\_condition** (*left\_symbol\_disc*, *right\_symbol\_disc*, *left\_mesh*, *right\_mesh*)

A method to find the internal neumann conditions between two symbols on adjacent subdomains.

**Parameters**

- **left\_symbol\_disc** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol on the left subdomain
- **right\_symbol\_disc** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised symbol on the right subdomain
- **left\_mesh** (*list*) – The mesh on the left subdomain
- **right\_mesh** (*list*) – The mesh on the right subdomain

**laplacian** (*symbol*, *discretised\_symbol*, *boundary\_conditions*)

Laplacian operator, implemented as `div(grad(.))` See *pybamm.SpatialMethod.laplacian()*

**node\_to\_edge** (*discretised\_symbol*, *method*=*'arithmetic'*)

Convert a discretised symbol evaluated on the cell nodes to a discretised symbol evaluated on the cell edges. See *pybamm.FiniteVolume.shift()*

**preprocess\_external\_variables** (*var*)

For finite volumes, we need the boundary fluxes for discretising properly. Here, we extrapolate and then add them to the boundary conditions.

**Parameters** **var** (*pybamm.Variable* or *pybamm.Concatenation*) – The external variable that is to be processed

**Returns** **new\_bcs** – A dictionary containing the new boundary conditions

**Return type** *dict*

**process\_binary\_operators** (*bin\_op*, *left*, *right*, *disc\_left*, *disc\_right*)

Discretise binary operators in model equations. Performs appropriate averaging of diffusivities if one of the children is a gradient operator, so that discretised sizes match up. For this averaging we use the harmonic mean [1].

[1] Recktenwald, Gerald. “The control-volume finite-difference approximation to the diffusion equation.” (2012).

**Parameters**

- **bin\_op** (*pybamm.BinaryOperator*) – Binary operator to discretise
- **left** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The left child of *bin\_op*
- **right** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The right child of *bin\_op*
- **disc\_left** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised left child of *bin\_op*
- **disc\_right** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The discretised right child of *bin\_op*

**Returns** Discretised binary operator

**Return type** *pybamm.BinaryOperator*

**shift** (*discretised\_symbol*, *shift\_key*, *method*)

Convert a discretised symbol evaluated at edges/nodes, to a discretised symbol evaluated at nodes/edges. Can be the arithmetic mean or the harmonic mean.

Note: when computing fluxes at cell edges it is better to take the harmonic mean based on [1].

[1] Recktenwald, Gerald. “The control-volume finite-difference approximation to the diffusion equation.” (2012).



**Parameters**

- **discretised\_symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – Symbol to be averaged. When evaluated, this symbol returns either a scalar or an array of shape (n,) or (n+1,), where n is the number of points in the mesh for the symbol’s domain ( $n = \text{self.mesh}[\text{symbol.domain}].\text{npts}$ )
- **shift\_key** (*str*) – Whether to shift from nodes to edges (“node to edge”), or from edges to nodes (“edge to node”)
- **method** (*str*) – Whether to use the “arithmetic” or “harmonic” mean

**Returns** Averaged symbol. When evaluated, this returns either a scalar or an array of shape (n+1,) (if *shift\_key* = “node to edge”) or (n,) (if *shift\_key* = “edge to node”)

**Return type** *pybamm.Symbol*

**spatial\_variable** (*symbol*)

Creates a discretised spatial variable compatible with the FiniteVolume method.

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.SpatialVariable*) – The spatial variable to be discretised.

**Returns** Contains the discretised spatial variable

**Return type** *pybamm.Vector*

## 1.6.4 Scikit Finite Elements

**class** *pybamm.ScikitFiniteElement* (*options=None*)

A class which implements the steps specific to the finite element method during discretisation. The class uses scikit-fem to discretise the problem to obtain the mass and stiffness matrices. At present, this class is only used for solving the Poisson problem  $-\text{grad}^2 u = f$  in the y-z plane (i.e. not the through-cell direction).

For broadcast we follow the default behaviour from SpatialMethod.

**Parameters**

- **mesh** (*pybamm.Mesh*) – Contains all the submeshes for discretisation
- **\*\*Extends** (“”: *pybamm.SpatialMethod*) –

**assemble\_mass\_form** (*symbol, boundary\_conditions, region='interior'*)

Assembles the form of the finite element mass matrix over the domain interior or boundary.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Variable*) – The variable corresponding to the equation for which we are calculating the mass matrix.
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model ( $\{\text{symbol.id: \{“negative tab”: neg. tab bc, “positive tab”: pos. tab bc\}}\}$ )
- **region** (*str, optional*) – The domain over which to assemble the mass matrix form. Can be “interior” (default) or “boundary”.

**Returns** The (sparse) mass matrix for the spatial method.

**Return type** *pybamm.Matrix*

**bc\_apply** (*M, boundary, zero=False*)

Adjusts the assembled finite element matrices to account for boundary conditions.

**Parameters**

- **M** (*scipy.sparse.coo\_matrix*) – The assembled finite element matrix to adjust.

- **boundary** (`numpy.array`) – Array of the indices which correspond to the boundary.
- **zero** (`bool`, *optional*) – If True, the rows of M given by the indices in boundary are set to zero. If False, the diagonal element is set to one. default is False.

**boundary\_integral** (*child*, *discretised\_child*, *region*)

Implementation of the boundary integral operator. See `pybamm.SpatialMethod.boundary_integral()`

**boundary\_integral\_vector** (*domain*, *region*)

A node in the expression tree representing an integral operator over the boundary of a domain

$$I = \int_{\partial a} f(u) du,$$

where  $\partial a$  is the boundary of the domain, and  $u \in$  domain boundary.

#### Parameters

- **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) of the variable in the integrand
- **region** (*str*) – The region of the boundary over which to integrate. If region is *entire* the integration is carried out over the entire boundary. If region is *negative tab* or *positive tab* then the integration is only carried out over the appropriate part of the boundary corresponding to the tab.

**Returns** The finite element integral vector for the domain

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**boundary\_mass\_matrix** (*symbol*, *boundary\_conditions*)

Calculates the mass matrix for the finite element method assembled over the boundary.

#### Parameters

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Variable`) – The variable corresponding to the equation for which we are calculating the mass matrix.
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model (`{symbol.id: {"negative tab": neg. tab bc, "positive tab": pos. tab bc}}`)

**Returns** The (sparse) mass matrix for the spatial method.

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**boundary\_value\_or\_flux** (*symbol*, *discretised\_child*, *bcs=None*)

Returns the average value of the symbol over the negative tab (“negative tab”) or the positive tab (“positive tab”) in the Finite Element Method.

Overwrites the default `pybamm.SpatialMethod.boundary_value()`

**definite\_integral\_matrix** (*domain*, *vector\_type='row'*)

Matrix for finite-element implementation of the definite integral over the entire domain

$$I = \int_{\Omega} f(s) dx$$

for where  $\Omega$  is the domain.

#### Parameters

- **domain** (*list*) – The domain(s) of integration
- **vector\_type** (*str*, *optional*) – Whether to return a row or column vector (default is row)

**Returns** The finite element integral vector for the domain

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**divergence** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Matrix-vector multiplication to implement the divergence operator. See `pybamm.SpatialMethod.divergence()`

**gradient** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Matrix-vector multiplication to implement the gradient operator. The gradient  $w$  of the function  $u$  is approximated by the finite element method using the same function space as  $u$ , i.e. we solve  $w = \text{grad}(u)$ , which corresponds to the weak form  $w*v*dx = \text{grad}(u)*v*dx$ , where  $v$  is a suitable test function.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol that we will take the laplacian of.
- **discretised\_symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The discretised symbol of the correct size
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model (`{symbol.id: {"negative tab": neg. tab bc, "positive tab": pos. tab bc}}`)

**Returns** A concatenation that contains the result of acting the discretised gradient on the child discretised\_symbol. The first column corresponds to the y-component of the gradient and the second column corresponds to the z component of the gradient.

**Return type** class: `pybamm.Concatenation`

**gradient\_matrix** (*symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Gradient matrix for finite elements in the appropriate domain.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol for which we want to calculate the gradient matrix
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model (`{symbol.id: {"negative tab": neg. tab bc, "positive tab": pos. tab bc}}`)

**Returns** The (sparse) finite element gradient matrix for the domain

**Return type** `pybamm.Matrix`

**gradient\_squared** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Multiplication to implement the inner product of the gradient operator with itself. See `pybamm.SpatialMethod.gradient_squared()`

**indefinite\_integral** (*child, discretised\_child*)

Implementation of the indefinite integral operator. The input discretised child must be defined on the internal mesh edges. See `pybamm.SpatialMethod.indefinite_integral()`

**integral** (*child, discretised\_child*)

Vector-vector dot product to implement the integral operator. See `pybamm.SpatialMethod.integral()`

**laplacian** (*symbol, discretised\_symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Matrix-vector multiplication to implement the laplacian operator.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The symbol that we will take the laplacian of.
- **discretised\_symbol** (`pybamm.Symbol`) – The discretised symbol of the correct size

- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model ({symbol.id: {“negative tab”: neg. tab bc, “positive tab”: pos. tab bc}})

**Returns** Contains the result of acting the discretised gradient on the child discretised\_symbol

**Return type** class: *pybamm.Array*

**mass\_matrix** (*symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Calculates the mass matrix for the finite element method.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Variable*) – The variable corresponding to the equation for which we are calculating the mass matrix.
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model ({symbol.id: {“negative tab”: neg. tab bc, “positive tab”: pos. tab bc}})

**Returns** The (sparse) mass matrix for the spatial method.

**Return type** *pybamm.Matrix*

**spatial\_variable** (*symbol*)

Creates a discretised spatial variable compatible with the FiniteElement method.

**Parameters** **symbol** (*pybamm.SpatialVariable*) – The spatial variable to be discretised.

**Returns** Contains the discretised spatial variable

**Return type** *pybamm.Vector*

**stiffness\_matrix** (*symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Laplacian (stiffness) matrix for finite elements in the appropriate domain.

**Parameters**

- **symbol** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – The symbol for which we want to calculate the laplacian matrix
- **boundary\_conditions** (*dict*) – The boundary conditions of the model ({symbol.id: {“negative tab”: neg. tab bc, “positive tab”: pos. tab bc}})

**Returns** The (sparse) finite element stiffness matrix for the domain

**Return type** *pybamm.Matrix*

## 1.6.5 Zero Dimensional Spatial Method

**class** *pybamm.ZeroDimensionalMethod* (*options=None*)

A discretisation class for the zero dimensional mesh

**Parameters**

- **mesh** – Contains all the submeshes for discretisation
- **\*\*Extends\*\*** (*pybamm.SpatialMethod*) –

**boundary\_value\_or\_flux** (*symbol, discretised\_child, bcs=None*)

In 0D, the boundary value is the identity operator. See *SpatialMethod.boundary\_value\_or\_flux()*

**mass\_matrix** (*symbol, boundary\_conditions*)

Calculates the mass matrix for a spatial method. Since the spatial method is zero dimensional, this is simply the number 1.

## 1.7 Solvers

### 1.7.1 Base Solver

**class** `pybamm.BaseSolver` (*method=None, rtol=1e-06, atol=1e-06, root\_method='casadi', root\_tol=1e-06, max\_steps=1000*)

Solve a discretised model.

#### Parameters

- **method** (*str, optional*) – The method to use for integration, specific to each solver
- **rtol** (*float, optional*) – The relative tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **atol** (*float, optional*) – The absolute tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **root\_method** (*str, optional*) – The method to use to find initial conditions (default is “casadi”). If “casadi”, the solver uses casadi’s Newton rootfinding algorithm to find initial conditions. Otherwise, the solver uses ‘scipy.optimize.root’ with method specified by ‘root\_method’ (e.g. “lm”, “hybr”, ...)
- **root\_tol** (*float, optional*) – The tolerance for the initial-condition solver (default is 1e-6).
- **max\_steps** (*int, optional*) – The maximum number of steps the solver will take before terminating (default is 1000).

**calculate\_consistent\_state** (*model, time=0, y0\_guess=None, inputs=None*)

Calculate consistent state for the algebraic equations through root-finding

#### Parameters

- **model** (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – The model for which to calculate initial conditions.
- **time** (*float*) – The time at which to calculate the states
- **y0\_guess** (*np.array*) – Guess for the rootfinding
- **inputs** (*dict, optional*) – Any input parameters to pass to the model when solving

**Returns** **y0\_consistent** – Initial conditions that are consistent with the algebraic equations (roots of the algebraic equations)

**Return type** array-like, same shape as y0\_guess

**get\_termination\_reason** (*solution, events*)

Identify the cause for termination. In particular, if the solver terminated due to an event, (try to) pinpoint which event was responsible. Note that the current approach (evaluating all the events and then finding which one is smallest at the final timestep) is pretty crude, but is the easiest one that works for all the different solvers.

#### Parameters

- **solution** (*pybamm.Solution*) – The solution object
- **events** (*dict*) – Dictionary of events

**set\_up** (*model, inputs=None*)

Unpack model, perform checks, simplify and calculate jacobian.

#### Parameters

- **model** (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – The model whose solution to calculate. Must have attributes rhs and initial\_conditions

- **inputs** (*dict*, *optional*) – Any input parameters to pass to the model when solving

**solve** (*model*, *t\_eval=None*, *external\_variables=None*, *inputs=None*)  
Execute the solver setup and calculate the solution of the model at specified times.

#### Parameters

- **model** (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – The model whose solution to calculate. Must have attributes *rhs* and *initial\_conditions*
- **t\_eval** (*numeric type*) – The times at which to compute the solution
- **external\_variables** (*dict*) – A dictionary of external variables and their corresponding values at the current time
- **inputs** (*dict*, *optional*) – Any input parameters to pass to the model when solving

**Raises** *pybamm.ModelError* – If an empty model is passed (*model.rhs = {}* and *model.algebraic={} and model.variables = {}*)

**step** (*old\_solution*, *model*, *dt*, *npts=2*, *external\_variables=None*, *inputs=None*, *save=True*)  
Step the solution of the model forward by a given time increment. The first time this method is called it executes the necessary setup by calling *self.set\_up(model)*.

#### Parameters

- **old\_solution** (*pybamm.Solution* or *None*) – The previous solution to be added to. If *None*, a new solution is created.
- **model** (*pybamm.BaseModel*) – The model whose solution to calculate. Must have attributes *rhs* and *initial\_conditions*
- **dt** (*numeric type*) – The timestep over which to step the solution
- **npts** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of points at which the solution will be returned during the step *dt*. default is 2 (returns the solution at *t0* and *t0 + dt*).
- **external\_variables** (*dict*) – A dictionary of external variables and their corresponding values at the current time
- **inputs** (*dict*, *optional*) – Any input parameters to pass to the model when solving
- **save** (*bool*) – Turn on to store the solution of all previous timesteps

**Raises** *pybamm.ModelError* – If an empty model is passed (*model.rhs = {}* and *model.algebraic = {} and model.variables = {}*)

## 1.7.2 Dummy Solver

**class** *pybamm.DummySolver*  
Dummy solver class for empty models.

## 1.7.3 Scipy Solver

**class** *pybamm.ScipySolver* (*method='BDF'*, *rtol=1e-06*, *atol=1e-06*)  
Solve a discretised model, using *scipy.integrate.solve\_ivp*.

#### Parameters

- **method** (*str*, *optional*) – The method to use in *solve\_ivp* (default is “BDF”)
- **rtol** (*float*, *optional*) – The relative tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).

- **atol** (*float, optional*) – The absolute tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).

## 1.7.4 Scikits.odes Solvers

**class** `pybamm.ScikitsOdeSolver` (*method='cvtode', rtol=1e-06, atol=1e-06, linsolver='dense'*)  
Solve a discretised model, using scikits.odes.

### Parameters

- **method** (*str, optional*) – The method to use in `solve_ivp` (default is “BDF”)
- **rtol** (*float, optional*) – The relative tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **atol** (*float, optional*) – The absolute tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **linsolver** (*str, optional*) – Can be ‘dense’ (= default), ‘lapackdense’, ‘spgmr’, ‘spbcgs’, ‘sptfqmr’

**class** `pybamm.ScikitsDaeSolver` (*method='ida', rtol=1e-06, atol=1e-06, root\_method='casadi', root\_tol=1e-06, max\_steps=1000*)  
Solve a discretised model, using scikits.odes.

### Parameters

- **method** (*str, optional*) – The method to use in `solve_ivp` (default is “BDF”)
- **rtol** (*float, optional*) – The relative tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **atol** (*float, optional*) – The absolute tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **root\_method** (*str, optional*) – The method to use to find initial conditions (default is “lm”)
- **root\_tol** (*float, optional*) – The tolerance for the initial-condition solver (default is 1e-6).
- **max\_steps** (*int, optional*) – The maximum number of steps the solver will take before terminating (default is 1000).

## 1.7.5 Casadi Solver

**class** `pybamm.CasadiSolver` (*mode='safe', rtol=1e-06, atol=1e-06, root\_method='casadi', root\_tol=1e-06, max\_step\_decrease\_count=5, \*\*extra\_options*)  
Solve a discretised model, using CasADi.

**Extends:** `pybamm.BaseSolver`

### Parameters

- **method** (*str, optional*) – The method to use for solving the system (‘cvtodes’, for ODEs, or ‘idas’, for DAEs). Default is ‘idas’.
- **mode** (*str*) – How to solve the model (default is “safe”):
  - “fast”: perform direct integration, without accounting for events. Recommended when simulating a drive cycle or other simulation where no events should be triggered.
  - “safe”: perform step-and-check integration, checking whether events have been triggered. Recommended for simulations of a full charge or discharge.
- **rtol** (*float, optional*) – The relative tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).
- **atol** (*float, optional*) – The absolute tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).

- **root\_method** (*str*, *optional*) – The method to use for finding consistent initial conditions. Default is ‘lm’.
- **root\_tol** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance for root-finding. Default is 1e-6.
- **max\_step\_decrease\_counts** (*float*, *optional*) – The maximum number of times step size can be decreased before an error is raised. Default is 5.
- **extra\_options** (*keyword arguments*, *optional*) – Any extra keyword-arguments; these are passed directly to the CasADi integrator. Please consult [CasADi documentation](#) for details.

## 1.7.6 Algebraic Solvers

**class** `pybamm.AlgebraicSolver` (*method='lm'*, *tol=1e-06*)

Solve a discretised model which contains only (time independent) algebraic equations using a root finding algorithm. Note: this solver could be extended for quasi-static models, or models in which the time derivative is manually discretised and results in a (possibly nonlinear) algebraic system at each time level.

### Parameters

- **method** (*str*, *optional*) – The method to use to solve the system (default is “lm”)
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).

**class** `pybamm.CasadiAlgebraicSolver` (*method='lm'*, *tol=1e-06*, *\*\*extra\_options*)

Solve a discretised model which contains only (time independent) algebraic equations using CasADi’s root finding algorithm. Note: this solver could be extended for quasi-static models, or models in which the time derivative is manually discretised and results in a (possibly nonlinear) algebraic system at each time level.

**Parameters** **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance for the solver (default is 1e-6).

## 1.7.7 Solution

**class** `pybamm._BaseSolution` (*t*, *y*, *t\_event=None*, *y\_event=None*, *termination='final time'*, *copy\_this=None*)

(Semi-private) class containing the solution of, and various attributes associated with, a PyBaMM model. This class is automatically created by the *Solution* class, and should never be called from outside the *Solution* class.

### Parameters

- **t** (`numpy.array`, size (n,)) – A one-dimensional array containing the times at which the solution is evaluated
- **y** (`numpy.array`, size (m, n)) – A two-dimensional array containing the values of the solution. `y[i, :]` is the vector of solutions at time `t[i]`.
- **t\_event** (`numpy.array`, size (1,)) – A zero-dimensional array containing the time at which the event happens.
- **y\_event** (`numpy.array`, size (m,)) – A one-dimensional array containing the value of the solution at the time when the event happens.
- **termination** (*str*) – String to indicate why the solution terminated
- **copy\_this** (`pybamm.Solution`, *optional*) – A solution to copy, if provided. Default is None.

### inputs

Values of the inputs



**model**

Model used for solution

**save** (*filename*)

Save the whole solution using pickle

**save\_data** (*filename, variables=None, to\_format='pickle'*)

Save solution data only (raw arrays)

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – The name of the file to save data to
- **variables** (*list, optional*) – List of variables to save. If None, saves all of the variables that have been created so far
- **to\_format** (*str, optional*) – The format to save to. Options are:
  - 'pickle' (default): creates a pickle file with the data dictionary
  - 'matlab': creates a .mat file, for loading in matlab
  - 'csv': creates a csv file (1D variables only)

**t**

Times at which the solution is evaluated

**t\_event**

Time at which the event happens

**termination**

Reason for termination

**update** (*variables*)

Add ProcessedVariables to the dictionary of variables in the solution

**y**

Values of the solution

**y\_event**

Value of the solution at the time of the event

**class** `pybamm.Solution` (*t, y, t\_event=None, y\_event=None, termination='final time'*)

Class extending the base solution, with additional functionality for concatenating different solutions together

**Extends:** `_BaseSolution`

**append** (*solution, start\_index=1, create\_sub\_solutions=False*)

Appends solution.t and solution.y onto self.t and self.y.

Note: by default this process removes the initial time and state of solution to avoid duplicate times and states being stored (self.t[-1] is equal to solution.t[0], and self.y[:, -1] is equal to solution.y[:, 0]). Set the optional argument `start_index` to override this behavior

**sub\_solutions**

List of sub solutions that have been concatenated to form the full solution

## 1.8 Experiments

Classes to help set operating conditions for some standard battery modelling experiments

### 1.8.1 Base Experiment Class

**class** `pybamm.Experiment` (*operating\_conditions*, *parameters=None*, *period='1 minute'*)

Base class for experimental conditions under which to run the model. In general, a list of operating conditions should be passed in. Each operating condition should be of the form “Do this for this long” or “Do this until this happens”. For example, “Charge at 1 C for 1 hour”, or “Charge at 1 C until 4.2 V”, or “Charge at 1 C for 1 hour or until 4.2 V”. The instructions can be of the form “(Dis)charge at x A/C/W”, “Rest”, or “Hold at x V”. The running time should be a time in seconds, minutes or hours, e.g. “10 seconds”, “3 minutes” or “1 hour”. The stopping conditions should be a circuit state, e.g. “1 A”, “C/50” or “3 V”.

#### Parameters

- **operating\_conditions** (*list*) – List of operating conditions
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of parameters to use for this experiment, replacing default parameters as appropriate
- **period** (*string, optional*) – Period (1/frequency) at which to record outputs. Default is 1 minute. Can be overwritten by individual operating conditions.

**convert\_electric** (*electric*)

Convert electrical instructions to consistent output

**convert\_time\_to\_seconds** (*time\_and\_units*)

Convert a time in seconds, minutes or hours to a time in seconds

**read\_operating\_conditions** (*operating\_conditions*)

Convert operating conditions to the appropriate format

**Parameters** *operating\_conditions* (*list*) – List of operating conditions

**Returns** *operating\_conditions* – Operating conditions in the tuple format

**Return type** *list*

**read\_string** (*cond*)

Convert a string to a tuple of the right format

**Parameters** *cond* (*str*) – String of appropriate form for example “Charge at x C for y hours”. x and y must be numbers, ‘C’ denotes the unit of the external circuit (can be A for current, C for C-rate, V for voltage or W for power), and ‘hours’ denotes the unit of time (can be second(s), minute(s) or hour(s))

## 1.9 Simulation

**class** `pybamm.Simulation` (*model*, *experiment=None*, *geometry=None*, *parameter\_values=None*, *submesh\_types=None*, *var\_pts=None*, *spatial\_methods=None*, *solver=None*, *quick\_plot\_vars=None*, *C\_rate=None*)

A Simulation class for easy building and running of PyBaMM simulations.

#### Parameters

- **model** (`pybamm.BaseModel`) – The model to be simulated
- **experiment** (`pybamm.Experiment` (optional)) – The experimental conditions under which to solve the model
- **geometry** (`pybamm.Geometry` (optional)) – The geometry upon which to solve the model

- **parameter\_values** (*pybamm.ParameterValues* (optional)) – Parameters and their corresponding numerical values.
- **submesh\_types** (*dict* (optional)) – A dictionary of the types of submesh to use on each subdomain
- **var\_pts** (*dict* (optional)) – A dictionary of the number of points used by each spatial variable
- **spatial\_methods** (*dict* (optional)) – A dictionary of the types of spatial method to use on each domain (e.g. *pybamm.FiniteVolume*)
- **solver** (*pybamm.BaseSolver* (optional)) – The solver to use to solve the model.
- **quick\_plot\_vars** (*list* (optional)) – A list of variables to plot automatically
- **C\_rate** (*float* (optional)) – The C\_rate at which you would like to run a constant current experiment at.

**build** (*check\_model=True*)

A method to build the model into a system of matrices and vectors suitable for performing numerical computations. If the model has already been built or solved then this function will have no effect. If you want to rebuild, first use “reset()”. This method will automatically set the parameters if they have not already been set.

**Parameters** **check\_model** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, model checks are performed after discretisation (see *pybamm.Discretisation.process\_model()*). Default is True.

**get\_variable\_array** (*\*variables*)

A helper function to easily obtain a dictionary of arrays of values for a list of variables at the latest timestep.

**Parameters** **variable** (*str*) – The name of the variable/variables you wish to obtain the arrays for.

**Returns** **variable\_arrays** – A dictionary of the variable names and their corresponding arrays.

**Return type** *dict*

**plot** (*quick\_plot\_vars=None*, *testing=False*)

A method to quickly plot the outputs of the simulation.

**Parameters**

- **quick\_plot\_vars** (*list*, *optional*) – A list of the variables to plot.
- **bool**, **optional** (*testing*,) – If False the plot will not be displayed

**reset** (*update\_model=True*)

A method to reset a simulation back to its unprocessed state.

**save** (*filename*)

Save simulation using pickle

**set\_defaults** ()

A method to set all the simulation specs to default values for the supplied model.

**set\_parameters** ()

A method to set the parameters in the model and the associated geometry. If the model has already been built or solved then this will first reset to the unprocessed state and then set the parameter values.

**set\_up\_experiment** (*model*, *experiment*)

Set up a simulation to run with an experiment. This creates a dictionary of inputs (current/voltage/power, running time, stopping condition) for each operating condition in the experiment. The model will then be solved by integrating the model successively with each group of inputs, one group at a time.

**solve** (*t\_eval=None, solver=None, external\_variables=None, inputs=None, check\_model=True*)

A method to solve the model. This method will automatically build and set the model parameters if not already done so.

#### Parameters

- **t\_eval** (*numeric type, optional*) – The times at which to compute the solution. If None and the parameter “Current function [A]” is not read from data the model will be solved for a full discharge (1 hour / C\_rate). If None and the parameter “Current function [A]” is read from data the model will be solved at the times provided in the data.
- **solver** (*pybamm.BaseSolver*) – The solver to use to solve the model.
- **external\_variables** (*dict*) – A dictionary of external variables and their corresponding values at the current time. The variables must correspond to the variables that would normally be found by solving the submodels that have been made external.
- **inputs** (*dict, optional*) – Any input parameters to pass to the model when solving
- **check\_model** (*bool, optional*) – If True, model checks are performed after discretisation (see *pybamm.Discretisation.process\_model()*). Default is True.

**specs** (*model\_options=None, geometry=None, parameter\_values=None, submesh\_types=None, var\_pts=None, spatial\_methods=None, solver=None, quick\_plot\_vars=None, C\_rate=None*)

A method to set the various specs of the simulation. This method automatically resets the model after the new specs have been set.

#### Parameters

- **model\_options** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of options to tweak the model you are using
- **geometry** (*pybamm.Geometry, optional*) – The geometry upon which to solve the model
- **parameter\_values** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of parameters and their corresponding numerical values
- **submesh\_types** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of the types of submesh to use on each subdomain
- **var\_pts** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of the number of points used by each spatial variable
- **spatial\_methods** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary of the types of spatial method to use on each domain (e.g. *pybamm.FiniteVolume*)
- **solver** (*pybamm.BaseSolver (optional)*) – The solver to use to solve the model.
- **quick\_plot\_vars** (*list (optional)*) – A list of variables to plot automatically
- **C\_rate** (*float (optional)*) – The C\_rate at which you would like to run a constant current experiment at.

**step** (*dt, solver=None, npts=2, external\_variables=None, inputs=None, save=True*)

A method to step the model forward one timestep. This method will automatically build and set the model parameters if not already done so.

#### Parameters

- **dt** (*numeric type*) – The timestep over which to step the solution
- **solver** (*pybamm.BaseSolver*) – The solver to use to solve the model.

- **npts** (*int, optional*) – The number of points at which the solution will be returned during the step dt. default is 2 (returns the solution at t0 and t0 + dt).
- **external\_variables** (*dict*) – A dictionary of external variables and their corresponding values at the current time. The variables must correspond to the variables that would normally be found by solving the submodels that have been made external.
- **inputs** (*dict, optional*) – Any input parameters to pass to the model when solving
- **save** (*bool*) – Turn on to store the solution of all previous timesteps

## 1.10 Quick Plot

```
class pybamm.QuickPlot(solutions, output_variables=None, labels=None, colors=None,  
                      linestyles=None, figsize=None, time_unit=None, spatial_unit='um',  
                      variable_limits='fixed')
```

Generates a quick plot of a subset of key outputs of the model so that the model outputs can be easily assessed.

### Parameters

- **solutions** ((iter of) *pybamm.Solution* or *pybamm.Simulation*) – The numerical solution(s) for the model(s), or the simulation object(s) containing the solution(s).
- **output\_variables** (*list of str, optional*) – List of variables to plot
- **labels** (*list of str, optional*) – Labels for the different models. Defaults to model names
- **colors** (*list of str, optional*) – The colors to loop over when plotting. Defaults to ["r", "b", "k", "g", "m", "c"]
- **linestyles** (*list of str, optional*) – The linestyles to loop over when plotting. Defaults to ["-", ":", "--", "-."]
- **figsize** (*tuple of floats, optional*) – The size of the figure to make
- **time\_unit** (*str, optional*) – Format for the time output ("hours", "minutes" or "seconds")
- **spatial\_unit** (*str, optional*) – Format for the spatial axes ("m", "mm" or "um")
- **variable\_limits** (*str or dict of str, optional*) – How to set the axis limits (for 0D or 1D variables) or colorbar limits (for 2D variables). Options are:
  - "fixed" (default): keep all axes fixed so that all data is visible
  - "tight": make axes tight to plot at each time
  - dictionary: fine-grain control for each variable, can be either "fixed" or "tight" or a specific tuple (lower, upper).

```
dynamic_plot (testing=False, step=None)
```

Generate a dynamic plot with a slider to control the time.

### Parameters

- **step** (*float*) – For notebook mode, size of steps to allow in the slider. Defaults to 1/100th of the total time.
- **testing** (*bool*) – Whether to actually make the plot (turned off for unit tests)

```
get_spatial_var (key, variable, dimension)
```

Return the appropriate spatial variable(s)

**plot** (*t*)

Produces a quick plot with the internal states at time *t*.

**Parameters** *t* (*float*) – Dimensional time (in hours) at which to plot.

**reset\_axis** ()

Reset the axis limits to the default values. These are calculated to fit around the minimum and maximum values of all the variables in each subplot

**slider\_update** (*t*)

Update the plot in `self.plot()` with values at new time

## 1.11 Post-Process Variables

**class** `pybamm.ProcessedVariable` (*base\_variable*, *solution*, *known\_evals=None*)

An object that can be evaluated at arbitrary (scalars or vectors) *t* and *x*, and returns the (interpolated) value of the base variable at that *t* and *x*.

**Parameters**

- **base\_variable** (*pybamm.Symbol*) – A base variable with a method `evaluate(t,y)` that returns the value of that variable. Note that this can be any kind of node in the expression tree, not just a *pybamm.Variable*. When evaluated, returns an array of size (m,n)
- **solution** (*pybamm.Solution*) – The solution object to be used to create the processed variables
- **known\_evals** (*dict*) – Dictionary of known evaluations, to be used to speed up finding the solution

**call\_1D** (*t*, *x*, *r*, *z*)

Evaluate a 1D variable

**call\_2D** (*t*, *x*, *r*, *y*, *z*)

Evaluate a 2D variable

**data**

Same as entries, but different name

**initialise\_2D** ()

Initialise a 2D object that depends on *x* and *r*, or *x* and *z*.

## 1.12 Utility functions

`pybamm.get_infinite_nested_dict` ()

Return a dictionary that allows infinite nesting without having to define level by level.

See: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/651794/whats-the-best-way-to-initialize-a-dict-of-dicts-in-python/652226#652226>

### Example

```
>>> import pybamm
>>> d = pybamm.get_infinite_nested_dict()
>>> d["a"] = 1
```

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```
>>> d["a"]
1
>>> d["b"]["c"]["d"] = 2
>>> d["b"]["c"] == {"d": 2}
True
```

`pybamm.load_function(filename)`

Load a python function from a file “function\_name.py” called “function\_name”. The filename might either be an absolute path, in which case that specific file will be used, or the file will be searched for relative to PyBaMM root.

**Parameters** `filename` (*str*) – The name of the file containing the function of the same name.

**Returns** The python function loaded from the file.

**Return type** function

`pybamm.rmse(x, y)`

Calculate the root-mean-square-error between two vectors x and y, ignoring NaNs

`pybamm.root_dir()`

return the root directory of the PyBaMM install directory

**class** `pybamm.Timer`

Provides accurate timing.

### Example

```
timer = pybamm.Timer() print(timer.format(timer.time()))
```

**format** (*time=None*)

Formats a (non-integer) number of seconds, returns a string like “5 weeks, 3 days, 1 hour, 4 minutes, 9 seconds”, or “0.0019 seconds”.

**Parameters** `time` (*float, optional*) – The time to be formatted.

**Returns** The string representation of `time` in human-readable form.

**Return type** string

**reset** ()

Resets this timer’s start time.

**time** ()

Returns the time (float, in seconds) since this timer was created, or since meth:*reset()* was last called.

## 1.13 Citations

**class** `pybamm.Citations`

Entry point to citations management. This object may be used to record Bibtex citation information and then register that a particular citation is relevant for a particular simulation. For a list of all possible citations, see *pybamm/CITATIONS.txt*

## Examples

```
>>> import pybamm
>>> pybamm.citations.register("sulzer2020python")
>>> pybamm.print_citations("citations.txt")
```

**print** (*filename=None*)

Print all citations that were used for running simulations.

**Parameters** **filename** (*str, optional*) – Filename to which to print citations. If None, citations are printed to the terminal.

**read\_citations** ()

Read the citations text file

**register** (*key*)

Register a paper to be cited. The intended use is that *register()* should be called only when the referenced functionality is actually being used.

**Parameters** **key** (*str*) – The key for the paper to be cited

`pybamm.print_citations` (*filename=None*)

See *Citations.print()*

## 1.14 Parameters command line interface

PyBaMM comes with a small command line interface that can be used to manage parameter sets. By default, PyBaMM provides parameters in the “input” directory located in the pybamm package directory. If you wish to add new parameters, you can first pull a given parameter directory into the current working directory using the command `pybamm_edit_parameter` for manual editing. By default, PyBaMM first looks for parameter defined in the current working directory before falling back the package directory if nothing is found locally. If you wish to access a newly defined parameter set from anywhere in your system, you can use `pybamm_add_parameter` to copy a given parameter directory to the package directory. To get a list of currently available parameter sets, use `pybamm_list_parameters`.

`pybamm.parameters_cli.add_parameter` (*arguments=None*)

Add a parameter directory to package input directory. This allows the parameters to be used from anywhere in the system.

Example: “add\_parameter foo lithium-ion anodes” will copy directory foo in “pybamm/input/parameters/lithium-ion/anodes”.

`pybamm.parameters_cli.edit_parameter` (*arguments=None*)

Copy a given parameter package directory to the current working directory for editing. The copy preserves the directory structure within the “input” directory, i.e

```
edit_param(["graphite_Kim2011", "lithium-ion", "anodes"])
```

will create the directory structure “input/parameters/lithium-ion/anodes/graphite\_Kim2011” in the current working directory.

`pybamm.parameters_cli.list_parameters` (*arguments=None*)

Output a list of available parameter sets for a given chemistry and component. The list is divided into package parameter sets and local parameter sets, located in the current working directory.

```
>>> from pybamm.parameters_cli import list_parameters
>>> list_parameters(["lithium-ion", "anodes"])
```

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```
Available package parameters:
* graphite_Ecker2015
* graphite_Chen2020
* graphite_mcmb2528_Marquis2019
* graphite_Kim2011
Available local parameters:
```



## CHAPTER 2

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### Examples

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Detailed examples can be viewed on the [GitHub examples page](#), and run locally using `jupyter notebook`, or online through [Binder](#).



There are many ways to contribute to PyBaMM:

## 3.1 Adding Parameter Values

As with any contribution to PyBaMM, please follow the workflow in [CONTRIBUTING.md](#). In particular, start by creating an issue to discuss what you want to do - this is a good way to avoid wasted coding hours!

### 3.1.1 The role of parameter values

All models in PyBaMM are implemented as [expression trees](#). At the stage of creating a model, we use `pybamm.Parameter` and `pybamm.FunctionParameter` objects to represent parameters and functions respectively.

We then create a `ParameterValues` class, using a specific set of parameters, to iterate through the model and replace any `pybamm.Parameter` objects with a `pybamm.Scalar` and any `pybamm.FunctionParameter` objects with a `pybamm.Function`.

For an example of how the parameter values work, see the [parameter values notebook](#).

### 3.1.2 Adding a set of parameters values

Parameter sets are split by material into anodes, separators, cathodes, electrolytes, cells (for cell geometries and thermal properties) and `experiments` (for initial conditions and charge/discharge rates). To add a new parameter set in one of these subcategories, first create a new folder in the appropriate chemistry folder: for example, to add a new anode chemistry for lithium-ion, add a subfolder `input/parameters/lithium-ion/anodes/new_anode_chemistry_AuthorYear`. This subfolder should then contain:

- a csv file `parameters.csv` with all the relevant scalar parameters. The expected structure of the csv file is:

Name [Units]	Value	Reference	Notes
Example [m]	13	AuthorYear	an example

Empty lines, and lines starting with #, will be ignored.

- a README.md file with information on where these parameters came from
- python files for any functions, which should be referenced from the parameters.csv file (see Adding a Function below)
- csv files for any data to be interpolated, which should be referenced from the parameters.csv file (see Adding data for interpolation below)

The easiest way to start is to copy an existing file (e.g. `input/parameters/lithium-ion/anodes/graphite_mcmb2528_Marquis2019`) and replace all entries in all files as appropriate

### 3.1.3 Adding a function

Functions should be added as Python functions under a file with the same name in the appropriate chemistry folder in `input/parameters/`. These Python functions should be documented with references explaining where they were obtained. For example, we would put the following Python function in a file `input/parameters/lithium-ion/anodes/new_anode_chemistry_AuthorYear/diffusivity_AuthorYear.py`

```
def diffusivity_AuthorYear(c_e):
    """
    Dimensional Fickian diffusivity in the electrolyte [m2.s-1], from [1]_, as a
    function of the electrolyte concentration c_e [mol.m-3].

    References
    -----
    .. [1] J Bloggs, AN Other. A set of parameters. A Chemistry Journal,
       123(4):567-573, 2019.

    """
    return (1.75 + 260e-6 * c_e) * 1e-9
```

Then, these functions should be added to the parameter file from which they will be called (must be in the same folder), with the tag `[function]`, for example:

Name [Units]	Value	Reference	Notes
Example [m2.s-1]	[function]diffusivity_AuthorYear	AuthorYear	a function

### 3.1.4 Adding data for interpolation

Data should be added as a csv file in the appropriate chemistry folder in `input/parameters/`. For example, we would put the following data in a file `input/parameters/lithium-ion/anodes/new_anode_chemistry_AuthorYear/diffusivity_AuthorYear.csv`

# concentration [mol/m3]	Diffusivity [m2/s]
0.000000000000000000e+00	4.714135898019971016e+00
2.040816326530612082e-02	4.708899441575220557e+00
4.081632653061224164e-02	4.702448345762175741e+00
6.122448979591836593e-02	4.694558534379876136e+00
8.163265306122448328e-02	4.684994372928071193e+00
1.020408163265306006e-01	4.673523893805322516e+00
1.224489795918367319e-01	4.659941254449398329e+00
1.428571428571428492e-01	4.644096031712390271e+00

Empty lines, and lines starting with #, will be ignored.

Then, this data should be added to the parameter file from which it will be called (must be in the same folder), with the tag [data], for example:

Name [Units]	Value	Reference	Notes
Example [m2.s-1]	[data]diffusivity_AuthorYear	AuthorYear	some data

### 3.1.5 Using new parameters

If you have added a whole new set of parameters, then you can create a new parameter set in `pybamm/parameters/parameter_sets.py`, by just adding a new dictionary to that file, for example

```
AuthorYear = {
    "chemistry": "lithium-ion",
    "cell": "new_cell_AuthorYear",
    "anode": "new_anode_AuthorYear",
    "separator": "new_separator_AuthorYear",
    "cathode": "new_cathode_AuthorYear",
    "electrolyte": "new_electrolyte_AuthorYear",
    "experiment": "new_experiment_AuthorYear",
}
```

Then, to use these new parameters, use:

```
param = pybamm.ParameterValues(chemistry=pybamm.parameter_sets.AuthorYear)
```

Note that you can re-use existing parameter subsets instead of creating new ones (for example, you could just replace “experiment”: “new\_experiment\_AuthorYear” with “experiment”: “1C\_discharge\_from\_full\_Marquis2019” in the above dictionary).

It’s also possible to add parameters for a single material (e.g. anode) and then re-use existing parameters for the other materials, without adding a parameter set to `pybamm/parameters/parameter_sets.py`.

```
param = pybamm.ParameterValues(
    chemistry={
        "chemistry": "lithium-ion",
        "cell": "kokam_Marquis2019",
        "anode": "new_anode_chemistry_AuthorYear",
        "separator": "separator_Marquis2019",
        "cathode": "lico2_Marquis2019",
        "electrolyte": "lipf6_Marquis2019",
        "experiment": "1C_discharge_from_full_Marquis2019",
    }
)
```

or, equivalently in this case (since the only difference from the standard parameters from Marquis et al. is the set of anode parameters),

```
param = pybamm.ParameterValues(
    chemistry={
        *pybamm.parameter_sets.Marquis2019,
        "anode": "new_anode_chemistry_AuthorYear",
    }
)
```

See the “[Getting Started](#)” tutorial for examples of setting parameters in action.

### 3.1.6 Unit tests for the new class

You might want to add some unit tests to show that the parameters combine as expected (see e.g. [lithium-ion parameter tests](#)), but this is not crucial.

### 3.1.7 Test on the models

In theory, any existing model can now be solved using the new parameters instead of their default parameters, with no extra work from here. To test this, add something like the following test to one of the model test files (e.g. [DFN](#)):

```
def test_my_new_parameters(self):
    model = pybamm.lithium_ion.DFN()
    parameter_values = pybamm.ParameterValues(chemistry=pybamm.parameter_sets.
↪AuthorYear)
    modeltest = tests.StandardModelTest(model, parameter_values=parameter_values)
    modeltest.test_all()
```

This will check that the model can run with the new parameters (but not that it gives a sensible answer!).

Once you have performed the above checks, you are almost ready to merge your code into the core PyBaMM - see [CONTRIBUTING.md workflow](#) for how to do this.

## 3.2 Adding a Model

As with any contribution to PyBaMM, please follow the workflow in [CONTRIBUTING.md](#). In particular, start by creating an issue to discuss what you want to do - this is a good way to avoid wasted coding hours!

We aim here to provide an overview of how a new model is entered into PyBaMM in a form which can be eventually merged into the master branch of the PyBaMM project. However, we recommend that you first read through the notebook: [create a model](#), which goes step-by-step through the procedure for creating a model. Once you understand that procedure, you can then formalise your model following the outline provided here.

### 3.2.1 The role of models

One of the main motivations for PyBaMM is to allow for new models of batteries to be easily added, solved, tested, and compared without requiring a detailed knowledge of sophisticated numerical methods. It has therefore been our focus to make the process of adding a new model as simple as possible. To achieve this, all models in PyBaMM are implemented as [expression trees](#), which abstract away the details of computation.

The fundamental building blocks of a PyBaMM expression tree are `pybamm.Symbol`. There are different types of `pybamm.Symbol`: `pybamm.Variable`, `pybamm.Parameter`, `pybamm.Addition`, `pybamm.Multiplication`, `pybamm.Gradient` etc which have been created so that each component of a model written out in PyBaMM mirrors exactly the written mathematics. For example, the expression:

$$\nabla \cdot (D(c)\nabla c) + aFj$$

is simply written as

```
div(D(c) * grad(c)) + a * F * j
```

within PyBaMM. A model in PyBaMM is essentially an organised collection of expression trees.



### 3.2.2 Implementing a new model

To add a new model (e.g. My New Model), first create a new file (`my_new_model.py`) in `pybamm/models` (or the relevant subdirectory). In this file create a new class which inherits from `pybamm.BaseModel` (or `pybamm.LithiumIonBaseModel` if you are modelling a full lithium-ion battery or `pybamm.LeadAcidBaseModel` if you are modelling a full lead acid battery):

```
class MyNewModel(pybamm.BaseModel):
    def
```

and add the class to `pybamm/__init__.py`:

```
from .models.my_new_model import MyNewModel
```

(this line will be slightly different if you created your model in a subdirectory of `models`). Within your new class `MyNewModel`, first create an initialisation function which calls the initialisation function of the parent class

```
def __init__(self):
    super().__init__()
```

Within the initialisation function of `MyNewModel` you must then define the following attributes:

- `self.rhs`
- `self.algebraic`
- `self.boundary_conditions`
- `self.initial_conditions`
- `self.variables`

You may also optionally also provide:

- `self.events`
- `self.default_geometry`
- `self.default_solver`
- `self.default_spatial_methods`
- `self.default_submesh_types`
- `self.default_var_pts`
- `self.default_parameter_values`

We will go through each of these attributes in turn here for completeness but refer the user to the API documentation or example notebooks (create-model.ipnb) if further details are required.

### Governing equations

The governing equations which can either be parabolic or elliptic are entered into the `self.rhs` and `self.algebraic` dictionaries, respectively. We associate each governing equation with a subject variable, which is the variable that is found when the equation is solved. We use this subject variable as the key of the dictionary. For parabolic equations, we rearrange the equation so that the time derivative of the subject variable is the only term on the left hand side of the equation. We then simply write the resulting right hand side into the `self.rhs` dictionary with the subject variable as the key. For elliptic equations, we rearrange so that the left hand side of the equation is zero and then write the right hand side into the `self.algebraic` dictionary in the same way. The resulting dictionary should look like:

```
self.rhs = {parabolic_var1: parabolic_rhs1, parabolic_var2: parabolic_rhs2, ...}
self.algebraic = {elliptic_var1: elliptic_rhs1, elliptic_var2: elliptic_rhs2, ...}
```

## Boundary conditions

Boundary conditions on a variable can either be Dirichlet or Neumann (support for mixed boundary conditions will be added at a later date). For a variable  $c$  on a one dimensional domain with a Dirichlet condition of  $c = 1$  on the left boundary and a Neumann condition of  $\nabla c = 2$  on the right boundary, we then have:

```
self.boundary_conditions = {c: {"left": (1, "Dirichlet"), "right": (2, "Neumann")}}
```

## Initial conditions

For a variable  $c$  that is initially at a value of  $c = 1$ , the initial condition is included written into the model as

```
self.initial_conditions = {c: 1}
```

## Output variables

PyBaMM allows users to create combinations of symbols to output from their model. For example, we might wish to output the terminal voltage which is given by  $V = \phi_{s,p}|_{x=1} - \phi_{s,n}|_{x=0}$ . We would first define the voltage symbol  $V$  and then include it into the output variables dictionary in the form:

```
self.variables = {"Terminal voltage [V]": V}
```

Note that we indicate that the quantity is dimensional by including the dimensions, Volts in square brackets. We do this to distinguish between dimensional and dimensionless outputs which may otherwise share the same name.

Note that if your model inherits from `pybamm.StandardBatteryBaseModel`, then there is a standard set of output parameters which is enforced to ensure consistency across models so that they can be easily tested and compared.

## Events

Events can be added to stop computation when the event occurs. For example, we may wish to terminate our computation when the terminal voltage  $V$  reaches some minimum voltage during a discharge  $V_{min}$ . We do this by adding the following to the events dictionary:

```
self.events["Minimum voltage cut-off"] = V - V_min
```

Events will stop the solver whenever they return 0.

## Setting defaults

It can be useful for testing, and quickly running a model to have a default setup. Each of the defaults listed above should adhere to the API requirements but in short, we require `self.default_geometry` to be an instance of `pybamm.Geometry`, `self.default_solver` to be an instance of `pybamm.BaseSolver`, and `self.default_parameter_values` to be an instance of `pybamm.ParameterValues`. We also require that `self.default_submesh_types` is a dictionary with keys which are strings corresponding to the regions of the battery (e.g. “negative electrode”) and values which are an instance of `pybamm.SubMesh1D`.

The `self.default_spatial_methods` attribute is also required to be a dictionary with keys corresponding to the regions of the battery but with values which are an instance of `pybamm.SpatialMethod`. Finally, `self.default_var_pts` is required to be a dictionary with keys which are an instance of `pybamm.SpatialVariable` and values which are integers.

## Using submodels

The inbuilt models in PyBaMM do not add all the model attributes within their own file. Instead, they make use of inbuilt submodel (a particle model, an electrolyte model, etc). There are two main reasons for this. First, the code in the submodels can then be used by multiple models cutting down on repeated code. This makes it easier to maintain the codebase because fixing an issue in a submodel fixes that issue everywhere the submodel is called (instead of having to track down the issue in every model). Secondly, it allows for the user to easily switch a submodel out for another and study the effect. For example, we may be using standard diffusion in the particles but decide that we would like to switch in particles which are phase separating. With submodels all we need to do is switch the submodel instead of re-writing the whole sections of the model. Submodel contributions are highly encouraged so where possible, try to divide your model into submodels.

In addition to calling submodels, common sets of variables and parameters found in lithium-ion and lead acid batteries are provided in `standard_variables.py`, `standard_parameters_lithium_ion.py`, `standard_parameters_lead_acid.py`, `electrical_parameters.py`, `geometric_parameters.py`, and `standard_spatial_vars.py` which we encourage use of to save redefining the same parameters and variables in every model and submodel.

### 3.2.3 Unit tests for a MyNewModel

We strongly recommend testing your model to ensure that it is behaving correctly. To do this, first create a new file `test_my_new_model.py` within `tests/integration/test_models` (or the appropriate subdirectory). Within this file, add the following code

```
import pybamm
import unittest

class TestMyNewModel(unittest.TestCase):
    def my_first_test(self):
        # add test here

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("Add -v for more debug output")
    import sys

    if "-v" in sys.argv:
        debug = True
    unittest.main()
```

We can now add functions such as `my_first_test()` to `TestMyNewModel` which run specific tests. As a first test, we recommend you make use of `tests.StandardModelTest` which runs a suite of basic tests. If your new model is a full model of a battery and therefore inherits from `pybamm.StandardBatteryBaseModel` then `tests.StandardBatteryTest` will also check the set of outputs are producing reasonable behaviour.

Please see the tests of the inbuilt models to get a further idea of how to test the your model.

## 3.3 Adding a Spatial Method

As with any contribution to PyBaMM, please follow the workflow in [CONTRIBUTING.md](#). In particular, start by creating an issue to discuss what you want to do - this is a good way to avoid wasted coding hours!

### 3.3.1 The role of spatial methods

All models in PyBaMM are implemented as [expression trees](#). After it has been created and parameters have been set, the model is passed to the `pybamm.Discretisation` class, which converts it into a linear algebra form. For example, the object:

```
grad(u)
```

might get converted to a Matrix-Vector multiplication:

```
Matrix(100,100) @ y[0:100]
```

(in Python 3.5+, `@` means matrix multiplication, while `*` is elementwise product). The `pybamm.Discretisation` class is a wrapper that iterates through the different parts of the model, performing the trivial conversions (e.g. Addition  $\rightarrow$  Addition), and calls upon spatial methods to perform the harder conversions (e.g. `grad(u)`  $\rightarrow$  Matrix \* StateVector, SpatialVariable  $\rightarrow$  Vector, etc).

Hence SpatialMethod classes only need to worry about the specific conversions, and `pybamm.Discretisation` deals with the rest.

### 3.3.2 Implementing a new spatial method

To add a new spatial method (e.g. My Fast Method), first create a new file (`my_fast_method.py`) in `pybamm/spatial_methods/`, with a single class that inherits from `pybamm.SpatialMethod`, such as:

```
class MyFastMethod(pybamm.SpatialMethod):
```

and add the class to `pybamm/__init__.py`:

```
from .spatial_methods.my_fast_method import MyFastMethod
```

You can then start implementing the spatial method by adding functions to the class. In particular, any spatial method *must* have the following functions (from the base class `pybamm.SpatialMethod`):

- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.gradient()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.divergence()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.integral()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.indefinite_integral()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.boundary_value_or_flux()`

Optionally, a new spatial method can also overwrite the default behaviour for the following functions:

- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.spatial_variable()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.broadcast()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.mass_matrix()`
- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.process_binary_operators()`

- `pybamm.SpatialMethod.concatenation()`

For an example of an existing spatial method implementation, see the Finite Volume [API docs](#) and [notebook](#).

### 3.3.3 Unit tests for the new class

For the new spatial method to be added to PyBaMM, you must add unit tests to demonstrate that it behaves as expected (see, for example, the [Finite Volume unit tests](#)). The best way to get started would be to create a file `test_my_fast_method.py` in `tests/unit/test_spatial_methods/` that performs at least the following checks:

- Operations return objects that have the expected shape
- Standard operations behave as expected, e.g. (in 1D)  $\text{grad}(x^2) = 2*x$ ,  $\text{integral}(\sin(x), 0, \pi) = 2$
- (more advanced) make sure that the operations converge at the correct rate to known analytical solutions as you decrease the grid size

### 3.3.4 Test on the models

In theory, any existing model can now be discretised using `MyFastMethod` instead of their default spatial methods, with no extra work from here. To test this, add something like the following test to one of the model test files (e.g. `DFN`):

```
def test_my_fast_method(self):
    model = pybamm.lithium_ion.DFN()
    spatial_methods = {
        "macroscale": pybamm.MyFastMethod,
        "negative particle": pybamm.MyFastMethod,
        "positive particle": pybamm.MyFastMethod,
    }
    modeltest = tests.StandardModelTest(model, spatial_methods=spatial_methods)
    modeltest.test_all()
```

This will check that the model can run with the new spatial method (but not that it gives a sensible answer!).

Once you have performed the above checks, you are almost ready to merge your code into the core PyBaMM - see [CONTRIBUTING.md workflow](#) for how to do this.

## 3.4 Adding a Solver

As with any contribution to PyBaMM, please follow the workflow in [CONTRIBUTING.md](#). In particular, start by creating an issue to discuss what you want to do - this is a good way to avoid wasted coding hours!

### 3.4.1 The role of solvers

All models in PyBaMM are implemented as [expression trees](#). After the model has been created, parameters have been set, and the model has been discretised, the model is now a linear algebra object with the following attributes:

**model.concatenated\_rhs** A `pybamm.Symbol` node that can be evaluated at a state  $(t, y)$  and returns the value of all the differential equations at that state, concatenated into a single vector

**model.concatenated\_algebraic** A `pybamm.Symbol` node that can be evaluated at a state  $(t, y)$  and returns the value of all the algebraic equations at that state, concatenated into a single vector

**model.concatenated\_initial\_conditions** A numpy array of initial conditions for all the differential and algebraic equations, concatenated into a single vector

**model.events** A dictionary of `pybamm.Symbol` nodes representing events at which the solver should terminate. Specifically, the solver should terminate when any of the events in `model.events.values()` evaluate to zero

The role of solvers is to solve a model at a given set of time points, returning a vector of times `t` and a matrix of states `y`.

### 3.4.2 Base solver classes vs specific solver classes

There is one general base solver class, `pybamm.BaseSolver`, which sets up some useful solver properties such as tolerances and implement a method `self.solve()` that solves a model at a given set of time points.

The `solve` method unpacks the model, simplifies it by removing extraneous operations, (optionally) creates or calls the mass matrix and/or jacobian, and passes the appropriate attributes to another method, called `integrate`, which does the time-stepping. The role of specific solver classes is simply to implement this `integrate` method for an arbitrary set of derivative function, initial conditions etc.

The base solver class also computes a consistent set of initial conditions for the algebraic equations, using `model.concatenated_initial_conditions` as an initial guess.

### 3.4.3 Implementing a new solver

To add a new solver (e.g. My Fast DAE Solver), first create a new file (`my_fast_dae_solver.py`) in `pybamm/solvers/`, with a single class that inherits from `pybamm.BaseSolver`. For example:

```
def MyFastDaeSolver(pybamm.BaseSolver):
```

Also add the class to `pybamm/__init__.py`:

```
from .solvers.my_fast_dae_solver import MyFastDaeSolver
```

You can then start implementing the solver by adding the `integrate` function to the class.

For an example of an existing solver implementation, see the Scikits DAE solver [API docs](#) and [notebook](#).

### 3.4.4 Unit tests for the new class

For the new solver to be added to PyBaMM, you must add unit tests to demonstrate that it behaves as expected (see, for example, the [Scikits solver tests](#)). The best way to get started would be to create a file `test_my_fast_solver.py` in `tests/unit/test_solvers/` that performs at least the following checks:

- The `integrate` method works on a simple ODE/DAE model with/without jacobian, mass matrix and/or events as appropriate
- The `solve` method works on a simple model (in theory, if the `integrate` method works then the `solve` method should always work)

If the solver is expected to converge in a certain way as the time step is changed, you could also add a convergence test in `tests/convergence/solvers/`.

### 3.4.5 Test on the models

In theory, any existing model can now be solved using *MyFastDaeSolver* instead of their default solvers, with no extra work from here. To test this, add something like the following test to one of the model test files (e.g. [DFN](#)):

```
def test_my_fast_solver(self):
    model = pybamm.lithium_ion.DFN()
    solver = pybamm.MyFastDaeSolver()
    modeltest = tests.StandardModelTest(model, solver=solver)
    modeltest.test_all()
```

This will check that the model can run with the new solver (but not that it gives a sensible answer!).

Once you have performed the above checks, you are almost ready to merge your code into the core PyBaMM - see [CONTRIBUTING.md workflow](#) for how to do this.

Before contributing, please read the [Contribution Guidelines](#).





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