

Technical report: LB model with adjustable speed of sound

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In the most commonly implemented lattice Boltzmann models, the speed of sound v_s^2 is fixed: it is equal to the lattice constant $c_s^2 \equiv 1/3$. As it is shown in [Chopard e.a. (2002), Adv. Compl. Sys. 5, p.103-146], it is possible to adjust the speed of sound when the zero-particle population f_0 follows a formally different expression than the non-zero ones. The BGK model with adjustable speed of sound can be written as follows (make sure to understand that v_s^2 is a free parameter, whereas c_s^2 is a lattice constant):

$$\begin{aligned} f_i^{(0)} &= \rho t_i \frac{v_s^2}{c_s^2} \left(1 + \frac{c_i \cdot u}{v_s^2} + \frac{1}{2c_s^2 v_s^2} (c_i c_i - c_s^2 I) : uu \right) \quad \text{for } i = 1 \dots z \quad \text{and} \\ f_0^{(0)} &= \rho \left(1 - \frac{v_s^2}{c_s^2} (1 - t_0) - \frac{t_0}{2c_s^2} |u|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

The lattice constants t_i and c_s^2 must verify the following constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \sum_i t_i &= 1 & (c) \sum_i t_i c_{i\alpha} c_{i\beta} &= c_s^2 \delta_{\alpha\beta} & (e) \sum_i t_i c_{i\alpha} c_{i\beta} c_{i\gamma} c_{i\delta} &= \\ & & & & & c_s^4 (\delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\delta} + \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\delta} + \delta_{\alpha\delta} \delta_{\beta\gamma}) \\ (b) \sum_i t_i c_{i\alpha} &= 0 & (d) \sum_i t_i c_{i\alpha} c_{i\beta} c_{i\gamma} &= 0 & (f) \sum_i t_i c_{i\alpha} c_{i\beta} c_{i\gamma} c_{i\delta} c_{i\epsilon} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From these, it is easy to verify that the equilibrium above has the expected moments:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^z f_i^{(0)} &= \rho \\ \sum_{i=0}^z f_i^{(0)} c_i &= \rho u \\ \sum_{i=0}^z f_i^{(0)} c_i c_i &= v_s^2 \rho + \rho u u \\ \nabla \cdot \sum_{i=0}^z f_i^{(0)} c_i c_i c_i &= v_s^2 \left(\nabla(\rho u) + (\nabla(\rho u))^T + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) I \right) \end{aligned}$$

From the multi-scale analysis, it is then clear that this model represents a weakly compressible fluid with adjustable speed of sound v_s . The parameter v_s^2 is constrained to reside in the following range:

$$0 < v_s^2 < \frac{c_s^2}{1 - t_0}.$$