



Application of the Cascaded Lattice Boltzmann Method with interpolated boundary conditions to heat transfer problems

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Introduction

Goal

Simulate an incompressible flow coupled with heat transfer problem.

The continuity and momentum equations are:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} = 0 \\ \rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\mu [\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T]) + \mathbf{F} \end{cases}$$

The Enthalpy balance equation is:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho c_p T) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \rho c_p T) = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + \dot{q}$$

Lattice Boltzmann Method

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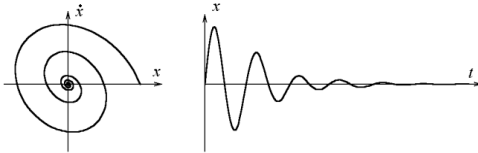


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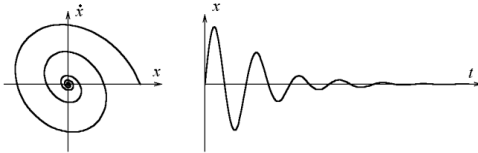


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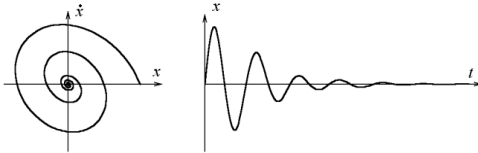


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Now, include the collision term $\mathbb{C}(\Psi)$:

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Reformulate velocity $\mathbf{u} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt}$ and acceleration $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{\rho}$:

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}) \Psi + \left(\frac{\mathbf{F}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{u}} \right) \Psi = \mathbb{C}(\Psi)$$

Streaming and Collision:

$$\underbrace{\Psi(t + dt, \mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u})d\mathbf{x}d\mathbf{u}}_{\text{Streaming}} = \underbrace{\Psi(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})d\mathbf{x}d\mathbf{u} + \mathbb{C}(\Psi)d\mathbf{x}d\mathbf{u}dt}_{\text{Collision}}$$

The Boltzmann equation can be viewed as a substantial derivative (of an intensive quantity Ψ) which is equal to the collision term \mathbb{C} applied to the distribution function of Ψ :

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}})\Psi + \left(\frac{\mathbf{F}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{u}}\right)\Psi = \mathbb{C}(\Psi)$$

$$\underbrace{f_i(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_i \Delta \mathbf{x}, t + \Delta t)}_{\text{Streaming}} = f_i(\mathbf{x}, t) - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\tau} (f_i - f_i^{eq})}_{\text{Collision}} + F_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

- $\tau = \tau(\nu)$ relaxation parameter, ν is the kinematic viscosity
- f_i - discrete probability distribution function
- F_i - source term (ex. gravity force)

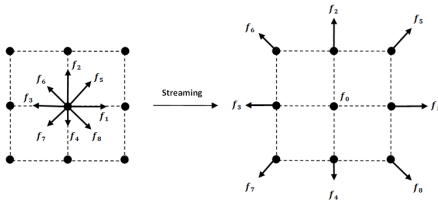


Figure 2: D2Q9: Streaming

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Heat Transfer in LBM

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Such approach together with the SRT collision operator would lead to the *fixed Prandl Number problem*, because thermal conductivity can not be tuned independently of kinematic viscosity.

There are three approaches to solve the issue:

1. Multi Relaxation Time + Multispeed LBM (there are not enough moments on standard lattices).
2. Introduce new distribution function, which can evolve in its own way, responsible for the energy field.
3. Use LBM for hydrodynamic coupled with another solver (e.g. finite difference) for temperature field.

'Advection - Diffusion' of H is solved on a separate D2Q9 lattice

1 Initialize $h_i^{in}(x, t)$

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Now, the temperature field can be solved in a fluid:



Figure 3: $Re = 1000$, $Pr = 0.71$, $D = 128$ [lu]

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In simplified models, the NS equation is decoupled from energy eq.

The equation of state has a constant temperature

$p(\rho, T) = \rho c_s^2 = \rho RT_0$ and the sound speed is fixed as $c_s = \sqrt{RT_0}$.

As a result, these models are incompressible.

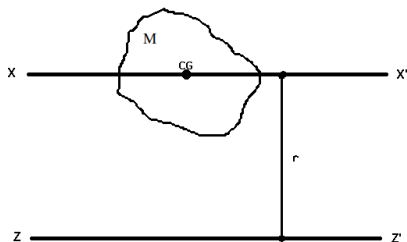
To account for thermal advection the Boussinesq approximation can be employed,

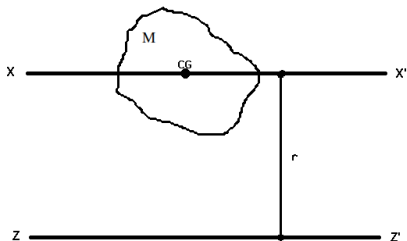
$$\rho(T) \approx \rho_0(1 - \alpha_V(T - T_0)),$$

$$F_{\text{bouyancy}} = [\rho(T) - \rho_0]g = -g\rho_0\alpha_V(T - T_0).$$

Theory - deeper dive

(Central) Moments





$$m_0 = M = \int r^0 \rho(r) d\Omega$$

$$m_1 = \mu = \frac{1}{M} \int r^1 \rho(r) d\Omega$$

$$m_2 = I_{zz'} = \int r^2 \rho(r) d\Omega$$

$$\sigma^2 = I_{xx'} = \int (r - \mu)^2 \rho(r) d\Omega$$

The raw moments and central moments:

$$\kappa_{mn} = \sum_i (e_{i,x})^m (e_{i,y})^n f_i$$

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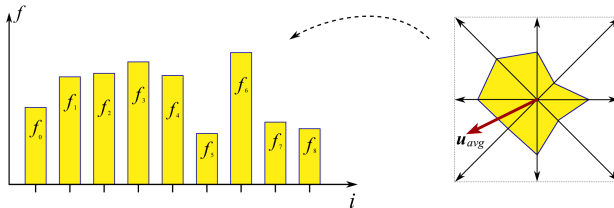
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Physical interpretation:

$$\rho = \kappa_{00} = \sum_i f_i$$

$$\rho \mathbf{u} = [u_x, u_y]^T = [\kappa_{10}, \kappa_{01}]^T = \sum_i f_i \mathbf{e}_i + \frac{\mathbf{F}}{2} \delta t$$



Alternatively, moments can be expressed in terms of matrix transformations:

$$\Upsilon = \mathbb{M}f$$

$$\tilde{\Upsilon} = \mathbb{N}\Upsilon$$

The resulting order of central moments is:

$$\tilde{\Upsilon} = [\tilde{\kappa}_{00}, \tilde{\kappa}_{10}, \tilde{\kappa}_{01}, \tilde{\kappa}_{20}, \tilde{\kappa}_{02}, \tilde{\kappa}_{11}, \tilde{\kappa}_{21}, \tilde{\kappa}_{12}, \tilde{\kappa}_{22}]^T$$

The Maxwell-Boltzmann equilibrium distribution function in a continuous velocity space is known as:

$$\psi^{M-B, eq} = \Psi^{M-B, eq}(\phi, \xi, u) = \frac{\phi}{(2\pi c_s^2)^{D/2}} \exp \left[-\frac{(\xi - u)^2}{2c_s^2} \right]$$

where:

- ϕ – quantity of interest
- ξ – microscopic ‘particle’ velocity
- u – macroscopic ‘flow’ velocity

The continuous definition of the central moments is:

$$\tilde{\kappa}_{mn} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\xi_x - u_x)^m (\xi_y - u_y)^n \Psi(\phi, \xi, u) d\xi_x d\xi_y$$

1 Initialize f_i^n

2 Compute $\mathbf{u} = [u_x, u_y]^\top = [\kappa_{10}, \kappa_{01}]^\top = \frac{1}{\rho} \sum_i f_i \mathbf{e}_i + \frac{\mathbf{F}}{2\rho} \delta t$

3 Compute

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{NMf}(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

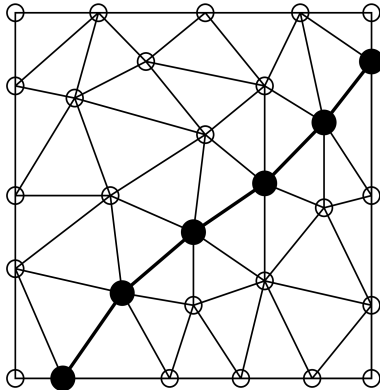
$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}}^{eq} = [\rho, 0, 0, c_s^2 \rho, c_s^2 \rho, 0, 0, 0, c_s^4 \rho]^\top$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}} = [0, F_x/\rho, F_y/\rho, 0, 0, 0, c_s^2 F_y/\rho, c_s^2 F_x/\rho, 0]^\top$$

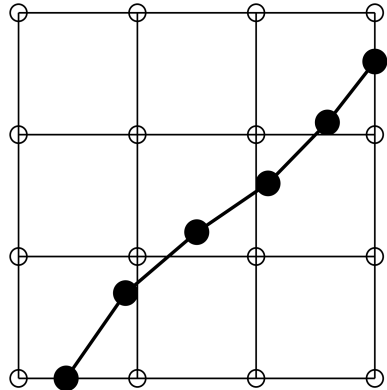
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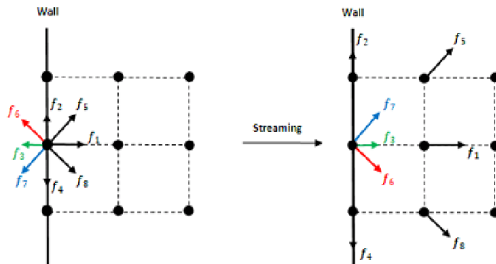
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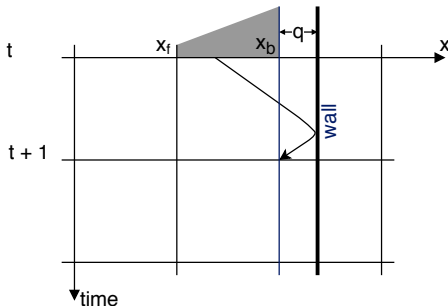


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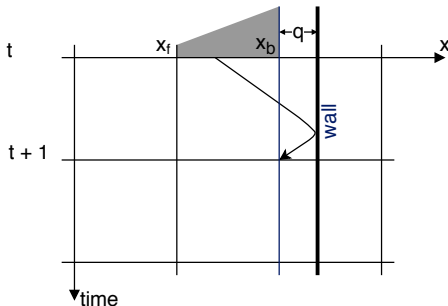


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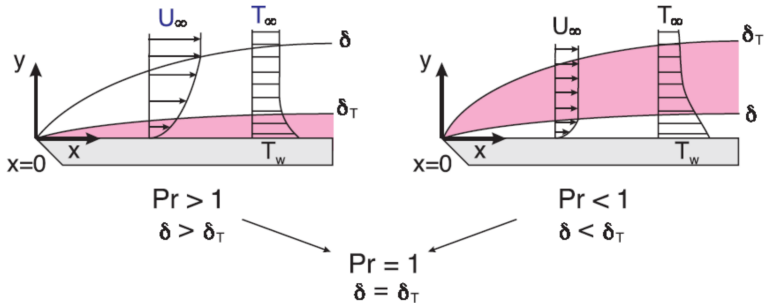
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$$f_i^*(x_b, t + \Delta t) = \begin{cases} 2qf_i^*(x_b, t) + (1 - 2q)f_i^*(x_f, t) & \text{for } q \in [0, 0.5] \\ \frac{1}{2q}f_i^*(x_b, t) + \frac{2q - 1}{2q}f_i^*(x_b, t) & \text{for } q \in (0.5, 1], \end{cases}$$

$$Nu = \frac{h\Delta T}{k(\Delta T/D)} = \frac{hD}{k} \sim \frac{\text{convective heat transfer}}{\text{conductive heat transfer}}$$

$$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{\nu\rho c_p}{k} \sim \frac{\text{molecular diffusivity of momentum}}{\text{molecular diffusivity of heat}}$$



Case-ID	Lattice Size	Velocity set	Blockage Ratio	D	U	Pr	Re	ν	k
Pr10 _{small}	1000x150x3	D3Q27Q27	1/5	30	0.01	10	10	3E-02	3E-03
Pr10 _{medium}	2000x300x3	D3Q27Q27	1/5	60	0.005	10	10	3E-02	3E-03
Pr10 _{large}	4000x600x3	D3Q27Q27	1/5	120	0.0025	10	10	3E-02	3E-03
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Table 1: Case-ID: lookup table

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Pr10 _{small}	4.91	4.81	5.04	4.83	4.82
Pr10 _{medium}	4.86	4.81	4.92	4.82	4.82
Pr10 _{large}	4.83	4.81	4.87	4.81	4.82
Pr100 _{small}	10.66	10.27	14.50	11.52	10.1
Pr100 _{medium}	10.32	10.13	11.82	10.36	10.1
Pr100 _{large}	10.19	10.08	10.83	10.13	10.1
Pr1000 _{small}	27.09	24.58	94.31	58.33	21.43
Pr1000 _{medium}	22.73	21.84	53.97	34.19	21.43
Pr1000 _{large}	21.84	21.37	34.04	24.56	21.43

Table 2: Influence of kernel and BC on Nu number.

1st order bc = BB (hydrodynamics) + EQ (thermodynamics)

2nd order bc = IBB (hydrodynamics) + IABB (thermodynamics)

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DF	2x27	54	432
DF temp	2x27	54	432
q	2x27	13.5	108
flag	1	0.5	4
memory per node		122	976

Table 3: Theoretical memory requirements for:
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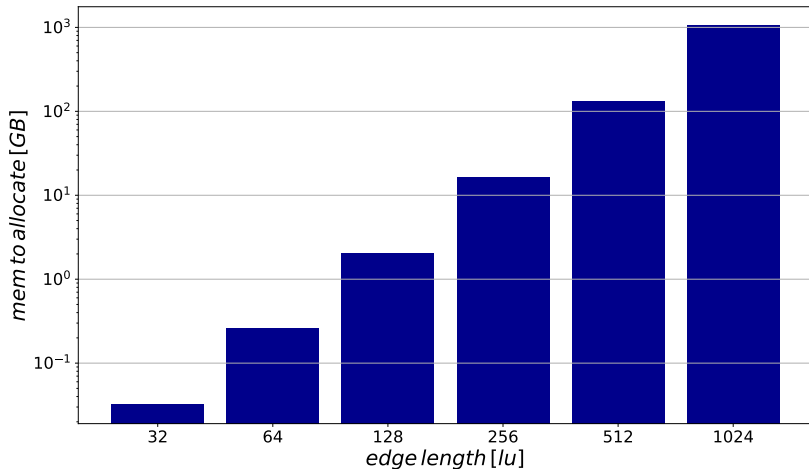


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Not necessary. Similar problems occur in other CFD methods like VOF, FEM, FD. The common solutions are:

1. Mesh refinement.
2. Chimera (overlapping) mesh.

