Commands to Run Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Protein in Water

Step-1: Clean your structure from water

grep -v HOH your_structure.pdb > str_clean.pdb

Note: You need to perform this step if your structure is downloaded from protein databank

Step-2: Creation of topology file

gmx pdb2gmx -f str_clean.pdb -o str_processed.gro -water spce

Step-3: Solvation

gmx editconf -f str processed.gro -o str newbox.gro -c -d 1.0 -bt cubic

Once the above command is successfully executed then type the following command in terminal

gmx solvate -cp str newbox.gro -cs spc216.gro -o str solv.gro -p topol.top

Step-4: Ionization

gmx grompp -f ions.mdp -c str solv.gro -p topol.top -o ions.tpr

Once the above command is successfully executed then type the following command in terminal

gmx genion -s ions.tpr -o str_solv_ions.gro -p topol.top -pname NA -nname CL -neutral

Step-5: Energy Minimization

gmx grompp -f minim.mdp -c str solv ions.gro -p topol.top -o em.tpr

Once the above command is successfully executed then type the following command in terminal

gmx mdrun -v -deffnm em

Step-6: Equilibration

For temperature equilibration

gmx grompp -f nvt.mdp -c em.gro -r em.gro -p topol.top -o nvt.tpr

Once the above command is successfully executed then type the following command in terminal

gmx mdrun -deffnm nvt -v

If you want to plot the energy then use the following command

gmx energy -f nvt.edr -o temperature.xvg

For Pressure equilibration

gmx grompp -f npt.mdp -c nvt.gro -r nvt.gro -t nvt.cpt -p topol.top -o
npt.tpr

Once the above command is successfully executed then type the following command in terminal

gmx mdrun -deffnm npt -v

If you want to plot the energy then use the following command

gmx energy -f npt.edr -o pressure.xvg

Step-6: Production

gmx grompp -f md.mdp -c npt.gro -t npt.cpt -p topol.top -o md 0 1.tpr

Once the above command is successfully executed then type the following command in terminal

 ${\tt gmx}$ mdrun -deffnm md 0 1 -v

If you have gpu installed in your system the use the following command instead of above-mentione

 $gmx mdrun -deffnm md_0_1 -v -nb gpu$