

Homework 5

Due in class Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Problem:

Q.1. Given a bidisperse system with particle sizes σ_0 and σ_1 , and depths of Lennard-Jones interactions ϵ_0 and ϵ_1 respectively, (i) derive dimensionless expressions for the inter particle potentials V_{00} , V_{01} , and V_{11} – involving 0-0, 0-1, and 1-1 particle interactions – as done in class. (ii) Derive also the three dimensionless forces between these interaction pairs to find r''_{00} , r''_{01} , and r''_{11} . (iii) Lastly, derive dimensionless expressions for the total energy and temperature in this bidisperse system. Note that the pairwise interactions are given by $\epsilon_{00}=\epsilon_0$, $\epsilon_{11}=\epsilon_1$, $\epsilon_{01}=\sqrt{\epsilon_0\epsilon_1}$, and distances by $\sigma_{00}=\sigma_0$, $\sigma_{11}=\sigma_1$, $\sigma_{01}=(\sigma_0/2+\sigma_1/2)$. For all of the transformations, use $r \rightarrow \sigma_0 r$, $E \rightarrow E \sqrt{\epsilon_0\epsilon_1}$, and $t \rightarrow t \sqrt{m \sigma_0^2 / \sqrt{\epsilon_0\epsilon_1}}$.

Computer Experiment:

Event-Driven Dynamics. For the following computer experiment, use the LJ code (NOTE: use version **0.09** available from the course website). For this problem:

- make sure you compile in **two** dimensions (file 'defs.h' uncomment line “#define NDIM 2”)
- build the program by typing: 'make 1'
- run it with: './run_me input_v09_pset5.txt' (this file is available from the Learn website)

P.1. Find an estimate for the density below which DMD dynamics will be faster than an equivalent MD system with $t=0.005$. Do this by:

1. running several realizations of the DMD system with different densities (at least **5 densities** lower than 0.845 by changing the first line in 'input_v09_pset5.txt'),
2. capture the on-screen numeric output of the run to a file (the output is a two-column list consisting of 'simulation time' and 'collision time'),
3. discard data before equilibration and do a histogram of collision times,
4. fit the histograms to a decaying exponential function to obtain the characteristic collision time for each density, similarly to the way shown in class.
5. Plot the characteristic collision time vs density and thus determine the density for the crossover.

NOTE: You need to present enough evidence of your work to get appropriate credit. Just a graph of collision time vs density is not enough for full credit.