Equivalent systems of kinetic relaxation schemes

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Tokamak and fusion

Tokamak: Toroidal chamber containing hydrogen plasma confined with a magnetic field and heated to high temperatures, to create energy.



The drift of the plasma inside a tokamak can be modelized by the **Vlasov-Poisson system**

$$\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f + (E + v \times B) \cdot \nabla_v f = 0,$$

$$E = -\nabla \phi,$$

$$-\Delta \phi = \rho - \rho_0,$$

with

- f(x,t,v) the distribution of ions,
- E(x,t) the electric field,
- $\rho(x,t) = \int f(x,t,v) dv$ the density,
- $\phi(x,t)$ the potential,
- B(x,t) the imposed magnetic field.

Challenges

- Capture the small structures, without imposing small time steps,
- Achieve stability at high order,
- Build boundary conditions which are both stable and accurate.

We consider a relaxation kinetic scheme, which approximates a hyperbolic equation by a set of transport equations with constant velocities. Plan



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Kinetic approximation

We consider the conservation law in d dimensions

$$\partial_t \bar{w} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{q}(\bar{w}) = 0, \qquad (\mathcal{E})$$

with $\bar{w}(\boldsymbol{x},t) \in \mathbb{R}, \, \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \, \boldsymbol{q}(\bar{w}) \in \mathbb{R}^d.$

We consider the BGK kinetic model

$$\partial_t f_i + \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i f_i) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(f_i^{eq}(w) - f_i \right), \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n_v, \quad (\mathcal{K})$$
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 - λ_i are the kinetic velocities.
 - $f = (f_i)$ is the kinetic unknown such as $w = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i$,
 - $f^{eq}(w) = (f_i^{eq}(w))$ is the equilibrium kinetic vector which satisfies the consistency relations

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i^{eq}(w) \quad \text{and} \qquad \pmb{q}(w) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \pmb{\lambda}_i f_i^{eq}(w).$$

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Indeed, as

$$\varepsilon \left(\partial_t f_i + \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i f_i)\right) = f_i^{eq} - f_i,$$

when $\varepsilon \to 0$, we have $f_i \to f_i^{eq}$. By summing the n_v kinetic equations (\mathcal{K}), we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \partial_t f_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} f_i = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i^{eq} - \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i \right) = 0.$$

We took the limit when $\varepsilon \to 0$, we have

$$\partial_t \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i^{eq} \right) + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i f_i^{eq} \right) = 0.$$

Using the consistency conditions, we finally retrieve the initial equation (\mathcal{E})

$$\partial_t w + \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{q}(w)) = 0.$$

Example: The D1Q2 model

• In the D1Q2 model, we have $n_v = 2$ opposite kinetic velocities:

$$\overbrace{\lambda_2}^{\lambda_2} \xrightarrow{\lambda_1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}_1 = (\lambda), \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2 = (-\lambda).$$

The consistency conditions

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i^{eq} \quad \text{and} \quad q(w) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \lambda_i f_i^{eq},$$

impose the equilibrium kinetic vector

$$f_i^{eq}(w) = \frac{w}{2} + \frac{\lambda_i \cdot q(w)}{2\lambda^2}$$

Example: The D2Q4 model



The 3 consistency equations let us one **degree of freedom**. We choose the equilibrium kinetic vector

$$f_i^{eq}(w) = \frac{w}{4} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{q}(w)}{2\lambda^2} + \frac{m^3(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i)z_3^{eq}(w)}{4\lambda^4},$$

with

$$m^3(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i) = (\lambda_{i,1})^2 - (\lambda_{i,2})^2,$$

and

$$z_3^{eq} = 0$$

Splitting method

To solve in time the kinetic model

$$\partial_t f_i + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} f_i = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (f_i^{eq} - f_i),$$
 (K)

we apply a splitting method:

• Transport step :

$$\partial_t f_i + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} f_i = 0.$$

On a structured and adapted mesh, we can solve exactly these transport equations with the characteristic method

$$f_i^*(\boldsymbol{x}, t + \Delta t) = f_i(\boldsymbol{x} - \Delta t \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i, t),$$

or we can approximate the solution on an unstructured mesh.

• Relaxation step :

$$\partial_t f_i = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (f_i^{eq} - f_i).$$
 (\mathcal{R}_ω)

We approximate it by the relaxation

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^* + \omega \left(f_i^{*,eq} - f_i^* \right), \quad \text{ with } \omega \in [1,2].$$

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Application to a plasma model

Before some theoretical results, let us see an example of application of this model.

We consider the model in 3 dimensions which describes the drift of the plasma inside a tokamak

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (v\rho) = 0,$$

$$-\Delta_{x,y} \phi = \rho,$$

$$E = -\nabla_{x,y} \phi,$$

where

- *ρ* is the density,
- $v = E \times e_z + B$ is the velocity,
- E is the electric field,
- $B = (-\sin(\theta)e_x + \cos(\theta)e_y)B_{\theta} + B_z e_z$ a divergence-free magnetic field.

We consider a cylinder

 $\Omega = \left\{ (r\cos(\theta), r\sin(\theta), z) \mid r_{min} \leqslant r \leqslant r_{max}, 0 \leqslant \theta \leqslant 2\pi, \ 0 \leqslant z \leqslant L = 1 \right\},$

with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions for the potential ϕ .

Dimensional splitting

As we have different behaviors according to the direction, we split the transport between the poloidal planes and the toroidal direction.

• In the (x, y) planes, we use a D2Q4 model for solving

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla_{(x,y)} \cdot \left(\begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \rho \right) = 0;$$

$$\mathbf{\lambda}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_p \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{\lambda}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_p \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{\lambda}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda_p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ \mathbf{\lambda}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\lambda_p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

• In the z direction, we use a D1Q2 model for solving $\partial_t \rho + \partial_z (v_z \rho) = 0$: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \end{pmatrix}$

$$\lambda_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \lambda_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\lambda_z \end{pmatrix}.$$



	In the (x, y) planes	In the <i>z</i> direction	
Transport equations	Discontinuous Galerkin	Lattice Boltzmann	
Mesh	Unstructured	Periodic structured	
Parallelization	OpenMP	MPI	
Condition	CFL-less	$\Delta t = \Delta z / \lambda_t$	

Transport equation in the poloidal plan

• Implicit Discontinuous Galerkin scheme

$$\int_{L} \frac{f_{L}^{n} - f_{L}^{n-1}}{\Delta t} \psi_{i}^{L} - \int_{L} \boldsymbol{\lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \psi_{i}^{L} f_{L}^{n} + \int_{\partial L} \left((\boldsymbol{\lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{LR})^{+} f_{L}^{n} + (\boldsymbol{\lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_{LR})^{-} f_{R}^{n} \right) \psi_{i}^{L} = 0$$



 $\forall L, \forall i$, with ψ_i^L the basis function.

• As the transport equation are at **constant velocity**, we can use a **downwind algorithm**, which makes the resolution **explicit**.



We extend to the second order time accuracy with the same approach.

3D Diocotron testcase

We initialize the density with

$$\rho(r,\theta,z,0) = e^{-\frac{(r-r_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \left(1 + \varepsilon \cos\left(k\theta + lz\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)\right).$$



Figure: Instability rate observed compared to the theoretical one, with $\Delta t = 0.0026$, $n_t = 38400$, $\omega = 1.99$, $n_p = 128$, $\lambda_p = 7$, $\lambda_z = 3$, $B_{\theta} = 0.1$, $B_z = 1$, k = 2, l = 1 and a poloidal mesh of size 80×50 .

3D view of the Diocotron testcase



Figure: Evolution of the density in three poloidal planes.

- Execution time $\simeq 17, 6$ hours
- $n_{\rm CFL} \approx 33$

It would have taken 33 times longer with an explicit scheme with CFL !





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Equivalent equations analysis

- To analyze the solution given by a $DdQn_v$ kinetic model, it is classical to consider the **equivalent equation on** w, see for example [Dub08,Gra14].
- As the $DdQn_v$ model approximates an equation with n_v equations and n_v variables f_i , we propose to compute an **equivalent system** on n_v variables: w and $n_v - 1$ equilibrium deviation variables.
- We will compare the **subcharacteristic stability condition** given by the analysis of the equivalent equation and the **hyperbolicity condition** given by the equivalent system.
- To simplify, we consider the transport equation

$$\partial_t w + \sum_{k=1}^d v_i \partial_i w = 0,$$

but we could extend these computations to a variable velocity v(x,t).

Flux errors

We define the approximated fluxes as

$$z_k = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \lambda_{i,k} f_i, \quad \text{ for } 1 \leqslant k \leqslant d,$$

and the flux errors as

$$y_k = z_k - q_k(w) \approx 0,$$
 for $1 \le k \le d.$

For the D2Q4 model, we add a fourth variable

$$z_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} (\lambda_{i,1}^2 - \lambda_{i,2}^2) f_i \approx 0.$$

We will compute the equivalent system in the

$$(w, \boldsymbol{y}) = \left(w, y_1, y_2, z_3\right)$$

variables.

Operators

We consider the following operators on (w, y):

- $\mathcal{T}(\Delta t)$ the exact transport operator,
- \mathcal{R}_{ω} the relaxation operator of parameter $\omega \in [1,2]$.

As each time step, the solution is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} w \\ y \end{pmatrix} (t + \Delta t) = \mathcal{S}(\Delta t) \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y \end{pmatrix} (t)$$

with

$$\mathcal{S}(\Delta t) = \mathcal{T}\left(\frac{\Delta t}{4}\right) \circ \mathcal{R}_{\omega} \circ \mathcal{T}\left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) \circ \mathcal{R}_{\omega} \circ \mathcal{T}\left(\frac{\Delta t}{4}\right).$$

When ω = 2, this operator is time-symmetric, and therefore second-order accurate.

The equivalent system

Taylor expansion with a Computer Algebra System:

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} w(t) \\ \boldsymbol{y}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} (t + \Delta t) - \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} (t - \Delta t)}{2\Delta t} + O(\Delta t^2),$$
$$= \frac{\mathcal{S}(\Delta t) - \mathcal{S}^{-1}(\Delta t)}{2\Delta t} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} (t) + O(\Delta t^2).$$

We obtain an equivalent system on (w, y) of the form

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{a}{\Delta t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{i=1}^d B_i \partial_i \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} + \Delta t \sum_{i,j=1}^d C_{ij} \partial_{ij} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} = O(\Delta t^2).$$

The equivalent equation

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} - \frac{a}{\Delta t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{i=1}^d B_i \partial_i \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} + \Delta t \sum_{i,j=1}^d C_{ij} \partial_{ij} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{pmatrix} = O(\Delta t^2).$$

We assume that $y = O(\Delta t)$. Inserting this hypothesis in the equivalent system, we obtain

$$\boldsymbol{y} = \frac{\Delta t}{a} \sum_{i=1}^{d} B_i[:,1]\partial_i w + O(\Delta t^2).$$

Then, by replacing y in the first equation of the equivalent system, we retrieve **the equivalent equation on** w given in [Dub08,Gra14], of the form

$$\partial_t w + \sum_{i=1}^d b_i \partial_i w + \Delta t \sum_{i,j=1}^d c_{ij} \partial_{ij}^2 w = O(\Delta t^2).$$

Hyperbolicity condition

We consider a system of the form

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k B_k \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

- This system is hyperbolic if for all unit vector $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, the matrix $\sum_{k=1}^d n_k B_k$ is diagonalizable in \mathbb{R} .
- This system is symmetrizable if it exists a symmetric positive definite matrix P such as for all unit vector $n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, the matrix $P\left(\sum_{k=1}^d n_k B_k\right)$ is symmetric, or, more simply, such as PB_k is symmetric for all $k = 1, \ldots, d$.

A symmetrizable system is hyperbolic.



A system is symmetrizable if and only if it exists an entropy.

For the transport equation, the entropy is

- a quadratic form on (w, y),
- a diagonal quadratic form on the kinetic variable f, meaning we have $\Sigma(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \alpha_i f_i^2, \quad \text{with } \alpha_k > 0.$

General methodology



Application to the $D1Q2 \ \mathrm{model}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \partial_t w + v \partial_x w = 0 \\ \\ \hline \textbf{Entropy} & \Sigma(\boldsymbol{f}) = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda+v} f_1^2 + \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda-v} f_2^2. \\ \hline \textbf{Equivalent system} & \textbf{Hyperbolicity} \\ \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{\omega(2-\omega)(\omega^2 - 2\omega + 2)}{2(\omega-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ + \begin{pmatrix} v & \gamma_1 \\ (\lambda^2 - v^2)\gamma_1 & -v\gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y \end{pmatrix} = O(\Delta t), \\ \textbf{with } \gamma_1 = \frac{(\omega-2)^2(\omega^2 - 2\omega + 2)}{8(\omega-1)^2} \textbf{ and } \gamma_2 = \frac{\omega^4 - 4\omega^3 + 6\omega^2 - 4\omega + 2}{2(\omega-1)^2}. \\ \hline \textbf{Equivalent equation} & \lambda > |v| \\ \partial_t w + v \partial_x w + \Delta t \frac{2-\omega}{4\omega} (\lambda^2 - v^2) \partial_{xx} w = O(\Delta t^2). \\ \hline \lambda > |v| \end{array}$$

Numerical verification

We consider monochromatic exact solutions

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{w} \\ \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} e^{ikx + \gamma t}, \quad \text{with } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \gamma \in \mathbb{C}.$$

We obtain the following dispersion relation by injecting this solution

• in the equivalent equation on w

$$\left(\gamma_{eq} + vik_{eq} - \Delta tck_{eq}^2\right)\tilde{w} = 0,$$

• in the equivalent system on (w, y)

$$\left(\gamma_{sys}I_2 - \frac{a}{\Delta t} + Bik_{sys} - \Delta tCk_{sys}^2\right) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{w} \\ \tilde{y} \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

For the equivalent system, we obtain two γ_{sys} . We choose the one that makes the solution w decrease slowly.

Comparison of the equivalent system and the equivalent equation

We compute the relative errors $\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{Nx} \sum_{n=0}^{Nt} (w^{i,n} - \tilde{w}^{i,n})^2}{\sum_{i=0}^{Nx} \sum_{n=0}^{Nt} (w^{i,n})^2} \text{ according to } \omega$:



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For greater values of ω , the equivalent system is more relevant.

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Equivalent system for the D2Q4 model $\partial_t w + v_1 \partial_1 w + v_2 \partial_2 w = 0$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{Equivalent \ system:} \\ \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} &- \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{\omega(\omega - 2)(\omega^2 - 2\omega + 2)}{4(\omega - 1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 2\gamma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_1(\lambda^2 - 2v_1) & -v_1\gamma_2 & 0 & \frac{\gamma_2}{2} \\ -2v_1v_2\gamma_1 & -v_2\gamma_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2\lambda^2v_1\gamma_1 & \lambda^2\gamma_2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_1 \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} v_2 & 0 & 2\gamma_1 & 0 \\ -2v_1v_2\gamma_1 & 0 & -v_1\gamma_2 & 0 \\ \gamma_1(\lambda^2 - 2v_2^2) & 0 & -v_2\gamma_2 & -\frac{\gamma_2}{2} \\ -2\lambda^2v_2\gamma_1 & 0 & -\lambda^2\gamma_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_2 \begin{pmatrix} w \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = O(\Delta t), \\ \end{split}$$
 with $\gamma_1 = \frac{(\omega - 2)^2(\omega^2 - 2\omega + 2)}{16(\omega - 1)^2} \text{ and } \gamma_2 = \frac{\omega^4 - 4\omega^3 + 6\omega^2 - 4\omega + 2}{2(\omega - 1)^2}. \end{split}$

Numerical validation of the equivalent system when $\omega=2$

We want to verify that the equivalent system is a good approximation of the solution given by the D2Q4 model.

We can compare

- $oldsymbol{y}^{vf}$: solution of the equivalent equation with a finite volume method,
- $y^{kin} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_v} \lambda_i f_i q(\sum_{i=1}^{n_v} f_i)$, with f the solution of (\mathcal{E}) with the D2Q4 model.

We choose $\Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1]$ with a mesh of size 800×800 , q'(w) = (1,1), $\lambda = 3$, $T_f = 0.06$ and a Gaussian initialization

$$w(\boldsymbol{x},0) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_0^w\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad y_k(\boldsymbol{x},0) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{x}_0^y\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),$$

with $\sigma=0.05, \, \pmb{x}_0^w=(0.25, 0.25)$ and $\pmb{x}_0^y=(0.5, 0.5).$

Numerical validation of the equivalent system when $\omega=2$



The equivalent system is a good approximation of the scheme, and therefore it gives useful information about its behavior.

Equivalent equation on \boldsymbol{w}

If we assume that ${\boldsymbol y} = O(\Delta t),$ then we retrieve the equivalent equation on w

$$\partial_t w + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{q}(w) = \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\omega} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \nabla \cdot (\mathcal{D}_4 \nabla w) + O(\Delta t^2),$$

with the diffusion matrix

$$\mathcal{D}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - v_1^2 & -v_1v_2 \\ -v_1v_2 & \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - v_2^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Stability conditions

see [Bou05]

The equivalent system is hyperbolic if $\max(|v_1|,|v_2|) < \frac{\lambda}{2}.$

When $\omega \neq 2$, the equivalent equation is diffusive iff $v_1^2 + v_2^2 \leqslant \frac{\lambda^2}{2}$.

The diffusive stability condition is less restrictive than the hyperbolicity condition.



What happens if the diffusive stability condition is satisfied but not the hyperbolicity condition ?

 $\omega = 2$

We choose the velocity $oldsymbol{v}=egin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix}.$

Diffusion condition: Hyperbolic stability condition:

$$\lambda > \sqrt{2(v_1^2 + v_2^2)} = \sqrt{2} \\ \lambda > 2 \max(|v_1|, |v_2|) = 2$$



 $\omega = 1.6$

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Diffusion condition: Hyperbolic stability condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &> \sqrt{2(v_1^2 + v_2^2)} = \sqrt{2} \\ \lambda &> 2 \max(|v_1|, |v_2|) = 2 \end{aligned}$$



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Boundary conditions

In theory, the over-relaxation kinetic scheme gives us a second order accuracy. But in practice, it is achieved only if the boundary conditions are well adapted.

We want to find boundary conditions that ensures

- stability,
- second order accuracy.

We study the simplified case of transport at constant velocity:

$$\partial_t w + v \partial_x w = 0.$$

Moreover, we are only supposed to know the solution w on the **inflow border**, namely when $vn \leq 0$, with n an outward normal vector.

Boundary conditions for the D1Q2 model

We approximate the k^{th} kinetic unknown at point $x_i=i\Delta x$ and at time $t_n=n\Delta t$ by

 $f_k(x_i, t_n) \approx (f_k)_i^n.$

We solve the transport step with a Lattice-Boltzmann method. We denote

$$(f_1)_i^{n+1,*} = (f_1)_{i-1}^n$$
 and $(f_2)_i^{n+1,*} = (f_2)_{i+1}^n$

- On the left border, we need to define f_1 .
- On the right border, we need to define f_2 .

We assume that v > 0.



Decreasing of the entropy

The entropy of the D1Q2 model is

$$\Sigma(\boldsymbol{f}) = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda + v} f_1^2 + \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda - v} f_2^2.$$

To be stable, we need the entropy to decrease with time. In other words, we do not want the quantity which is entering into the geometry to be greater than the one which is leaving it.

The entropy decreases if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |f_1| \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\lambda+v}{\lambda-v}} |f_2| \\ |f_2| \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\lambda-v}{\lambda+v}} |f_1| \end{array} \right.$$

on the left border,

on the right border.

Let us verify that imposing

- the exact solution on w on the inflow border,
- y = 0 on the outflow border,

satisfy the decrease of the entropy.

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At the left inflow border

We have

$$f_1 = rac{\lambda + v}{2\lambda}w + rac{y}{2\lambda}$$
 and $f_2 = rac{\lambda - v}{2\lambda}w - rac{y}{2\lambda}.$

A Dirichlet boundary condition w = 0, gives us

$$f_1 = -f_2.$$

By inserting this expression in the entropy condition of the left border

$$|f_1| \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\lambda+v}{\lambda-v}} |f_2|,$$

we obtain

$$1 \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + v}{\lambda - v}},$$

which is true, as we have v > 0 and $\lambda > v$ (subcharacteristic condition).

At the right outflow border We have

$$f_1 = rac{\lambda + v}{2\lambda}w + rac{y}{2\lambda}$$
 and $f_2 = rac{\lambda - v}{2\lambda}w - rac{y}{2\lambda}.$

A Dirichlet boundary condition on the flux error y = 0, gives us

$$f_1 = \frac{\lambda + v}{\lambda - v} f_2.$$

By inserting this expression in the entropy condition of the right border

$$|f_2| \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\lambda - v}{\lambda + v}} |f_1|$$

we obtain

$$1 \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + v}{\lambda - v}},$$

which is true, as we have v > 0 and $\lambda > v$ (subcharacteristic condition).

Boundary conditions for the $D2Q4 \ \mathrm{model}$

- By the same approach of decreasing entropy, we can find stable boundary conditions in 2 dimensions. We just have to be careful with the corners.
- We also propose boundary conditions of second order accuracy, but for which the stability is not satisfied.

	Entropy decreasing BC	Order 2 BC	
Inflow border	Exact solution on w	Exact solution on w	
	$z_3 = 0$		
Outflow border	$\boldsymbol{\lambda}_b \cdot \boldsymbol{y} = 0$	Neumann on $oldsymbol{v} \cdot oldsymbol{y}$	
	$z_3 = 0$		
Corner inflow/inflow	Exact solution on w	Exact solution on w	
	$z_3 = 0$	$z_3 = 0$	
Corner inflow/outflow	Exact solution on w	Neumann on $oldsymbol{v} \cdot oldsymbol{y}$	
	$\boldsymbol{\lambda}_b \cdot \boldsymbol{y} = 0, z_3 = 0$	$z_3 = 0$	
Corner outflow/outflow	$y_1 = 0, y_2 = 0$	Exact solution on w	
	$z_3 = 0$	Neumann on $oldsymbol{v} \cdot oldsymbol{y}$	

Test-cases

We choose a square geometry $\Omega = [0,1] \times [0,1]$. We initialize w with a function with compact support

$$w(\boldsymbol{x},t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r(\boldsymbol{x}) > 1, \\ (1 - r(\boldsymbol{x})^2)^5 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

with $r(\pmb{x}) = rac{\sqrt{(x_1 - x_1^0)^2 + (x_2 - x_2^0)^2}}{0.4}$, with different centers and velocities:

Test case	x_{1}^{0}	x_{2}^{0}	v_1	v_2
1	-0.5	0.5	1	0
2	0.5	0.5	-1	0
3	0	0.5	1	0
4	$-\sqrt{2}/4$	$-\sqrt{2}/4$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$
5	$\sqrt{2}/4$	$\sqrt{2}/4$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$	$-\sqrt{2}/2$
4	0	0	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$

We take $\lambda = 2$, T = 0.5, and Nt = 16, 32, 64, 128.

Order of convergence



- The entropy decreasing boundary conditions leads to first order accuracy.
- The second boundary conditions give a second order accuracy.

Evolution of the entropy



- As expected, the first boundary conditions respect the decrease of the entropy.
- The second boundary conditions are not stable in large time. The entropy increases with time. Work in progress: make them stable !

Conclusion and perspectives

- We have built stable boundary conditions and second order accuracy boundary conditions. We could combine them to verify the both properties.
 - Work in progress: make the second order boundary conditions stable.
- We have proposed an equivalent system for the equation transport. We could extend this theory to any hyperbolic system.
- In the application part, we could use poloidal meshes and consider more realistic physical models with transport in curved torus.

Thank you for your attention !

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