
Computational Astrophysics 4

The Godunov method

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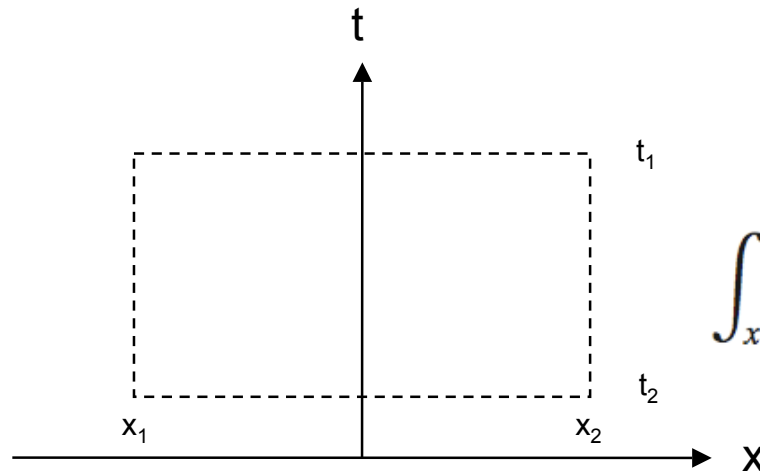
System of conservation laws

$$\partial_t \mathbf{U} + \partial_x \mathbf{F} = 0$$

- Vector of conservative variables ${}^T \mathbf{U} = (\rho, \rho u, E)$

- Flux function ${}^T \mathbf{F} = (\rho u, \rho u^2 + P, (E + P)u)$

Integral form

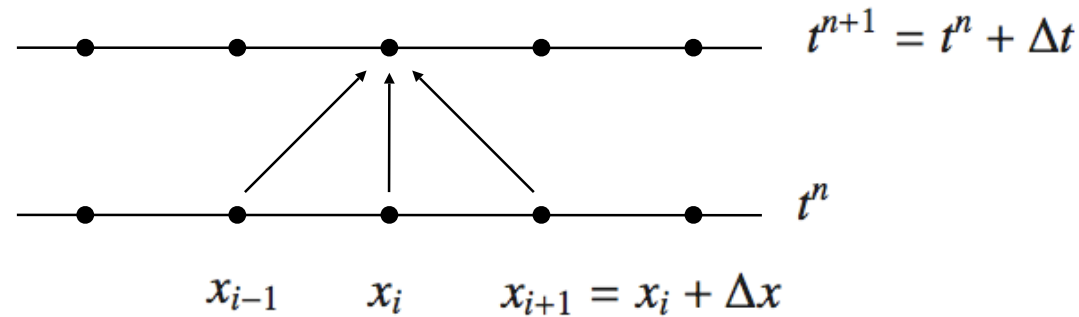


$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dx dt (\partial_t \mathbf{U} + \partial_x \mathbf{F}) = 0$$

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx (\mathbf{U}(t_2) - \mathbf{U}(t_1)) + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt (\mathbf{F}(x_2) - \mathbf{F}(x_1)) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{U}(t_2) - \mathcal{U}(t_1) + \mathcal{F}(x_2) - \mathcal{F}(x_1) = 0$$

Finite difference scheme



$$u_i^n = u(x_i, t^n) \quad \partial_x u \simeq \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} \quad \partial_t u \simeq \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t}$$

Finite difference approximation of the advection equation

$$\partial_t u + a \partial_x u = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = 0$$

The Modified Equation

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = 0$$

Taylor expansion in time up to second order

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + \Delta t \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

Taylor expansion in space up to second order

$$u_{i+1}^n = u_i^n + \Delta x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

$$u_{i-1}^n = u_i^n - \Delta x \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

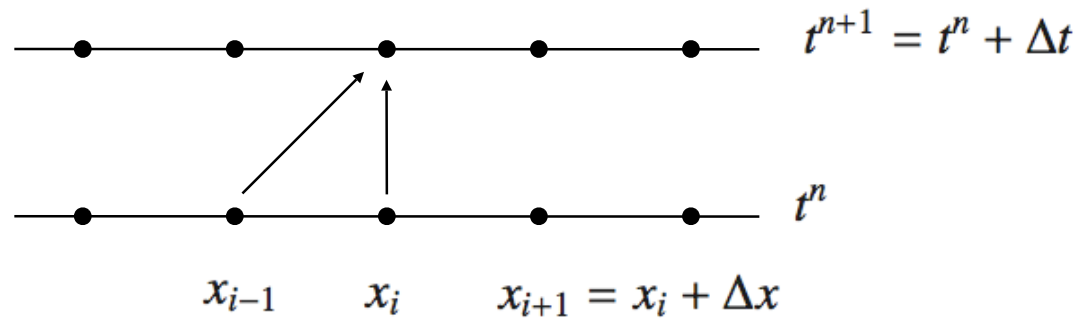
The advection equation becomes the advection-diffusion equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + a \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right) + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta x^2)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + a \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = -a^2 \frac{\Delta t}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta x^2)$$

Negative diffusion coefficient: the scheme is *unconditionally unstable*

The Upwind scheme



$a > 0$: use only upwind values, discard downwind variables

$$\partial_x u \simeq \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} = 0$$

Taylor expansion up to second order:

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + a \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\Delta t}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right) + a \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta x^2)$$

Upwind scheme is stable if $C < 1$, with $C = a \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) + a \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = a \frac{\Delta x}{2} (1 - C) \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) + O(\Delta t^2, \Delta x^2)$$

Von Neumann analysis

Fourier transform the current solution: $u_i^n = \sum_k A_k^n \exp(-ikx_i)$

Evaluate the amplification factor of the 2 schemes.

Fromm scheme: $u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{C}{2}u_{i+1}^n + \frac{C}{2}u_{i-1}^n$

$$A_k^{n+1} = A_k^n \left(1 - \frac{C}{2} \exp(-ik\Delta x) + \frac{C}{2} \exp(ik\Delta x) \right)$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{|A_k^{n+1}|^2}{|A_k^n|^2} = 1 + C^2 \sin(k\Delta x)^2$$

$\omega > 1$: the scheme is unconditionally unstable

Upwind scheme: $u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n(1 - C) + Cu_{i-1}^n$

$$A_k^{n+1} = A_k^n (1 - C + C \exp(ik\Delta x))$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{|A_k^{n+1}|^2}{|A_k^n|^2} = 1 - 2C(1 - C)(1 - \cos(k\Delta x))$$

$\omega < 1$ if $C < 1$: the scheme is stable under the Courant condition.

The advection-diffusion equation

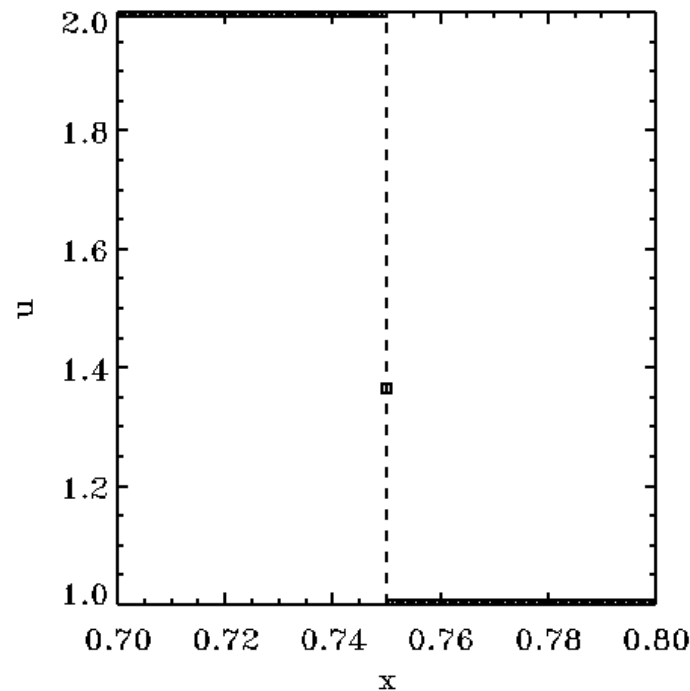
Finite difference approximation of the advection equation:

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right) + a \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \eta \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}\right)$$

Central differencing unstable: $\eta < 0$

Upwind differencing is stable: $\eta > 0$ $\eta = a \frac{\Delta x}{2} (1 - C)$

Smearing of initial
discontinuity:
“numerical diffusion”



Thickness increases
as $\sqrt{\eta t}$

The Godunov method

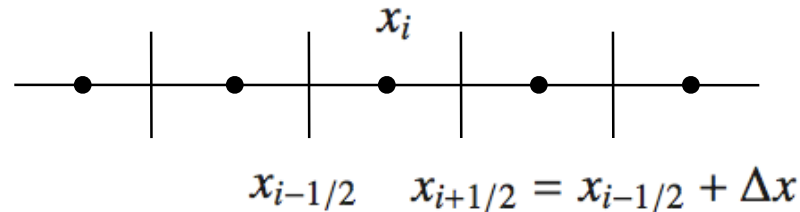
Sergei Konstantinovich Godunov



Sergei Konstantinovich Godunov

Born 17th July, 1929
Moscow

Finite volume scheme



Finite volume approximation of the advection equation:

$$u_i^n = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} u(x, t^n) dx$$

Use integral form of the conservation law:

$$\int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} dx dt (\partial_t u + a \partial_x u) = 0$$

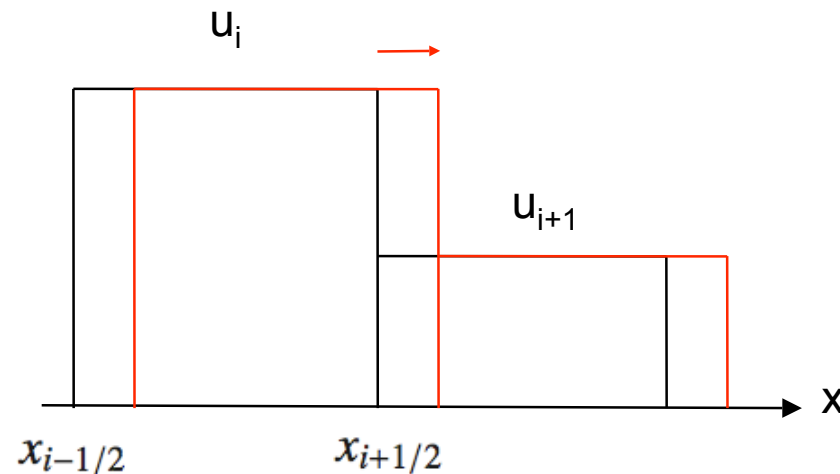
Exact evolution of volume averaged quantities:

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} - u_{i-1/2}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

Time averaged flux function: $u_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u(x_{i+1/2}, t) dt$

Godunov scheme for the advection equation

The time averaged flux function: $u_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u(x_{i+1/2}, t) dt$ is computed using the solution of the Riemann problem defined at cell interfaces with piecewise constant initial data.



For all $t > 0$:

$$u(x_{i+1/2}, t) = u_i^n \quad \text{if } a > 0$$
$$u(x_{i+1/2}, t) = u_{i+1}^n \quad \text{if } a < 0$$

The Godunov scheme for the advection equation is identical to the upwind finite difference scheme.

Godunov scheme for hyperbolic systems

The system of conservation laws

$$\partial_t \mathbf{U} + \partial_x \mathbf{F} = 0$$

is discretized using the following integral form:

$$\frac{\mathbf{U}_i^{n+1} - \mathbf{U}_i^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{F}_{i-1/2}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

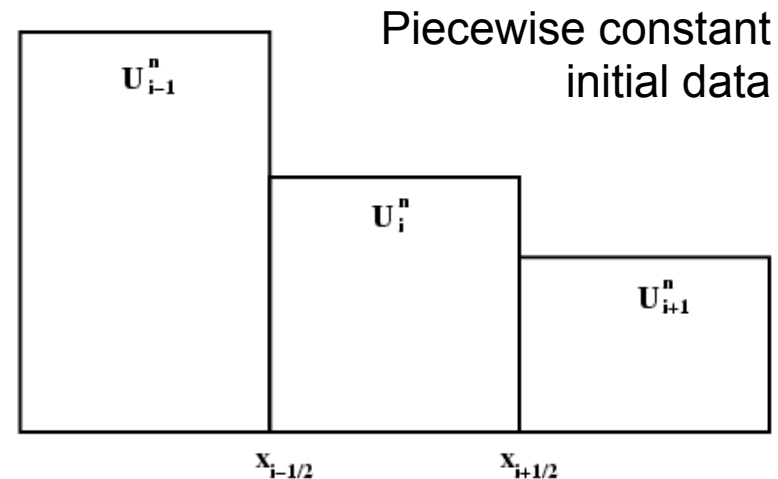
The time average flux function is computed using the self-similar solution of the inter-cell Riemann problem:

$$\mathbf{U}_{i+1/2}^*(x/t) = \mathcal{RP}[\mathbf{U}_i^n, \mathbf{U}_{i+1}^n]$$

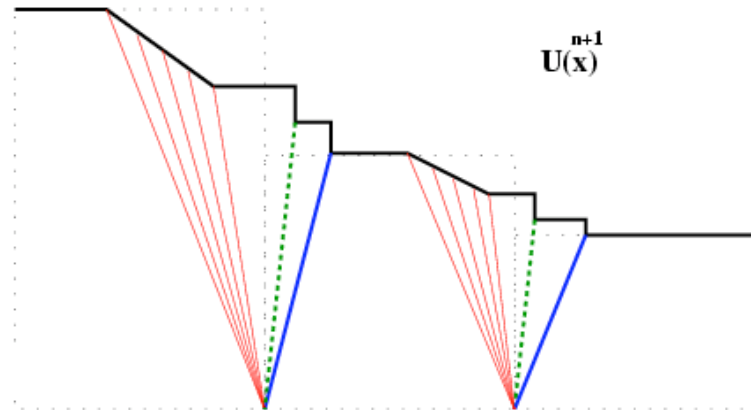
$$\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_{i+1/2}^*(0))$$

This defines the Godunov flux:

$$\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \mathbf{F}^*(\mathbf{U}_i^n, \mathbf{U}_{i+1}^n)$$



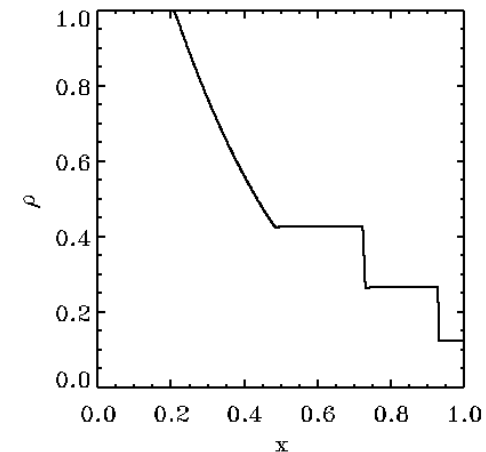
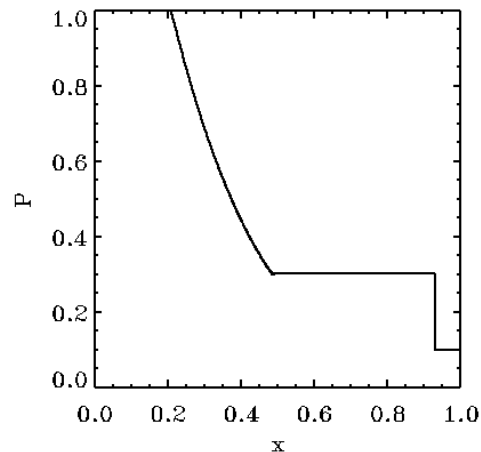
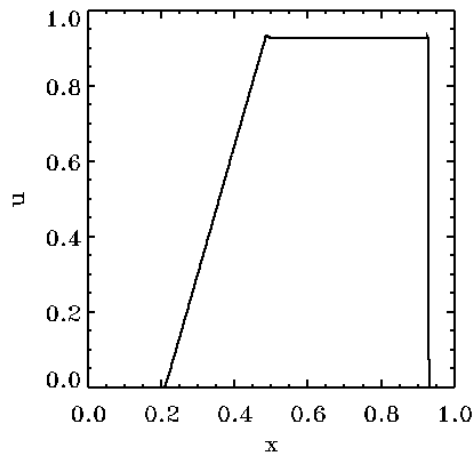
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Advection: 1 wave, Euler: 3 waves, MHD: 7 waves

Riemann solvers

Exact Riemann solution is costly: involves Raphson-Newton iterations and complex non-linear functions.



Approximate Riemann solvers are more useful.

Two broad classes:

- Linear solvers
- HLL solvers

■ **Toro, E. F.** (1999), *Riemann Solvers and Numerical Methods for Fluid Dynamics*, Springer-Verlag.

Linear Riemann solvers

Define a reference state as the arithmetic average or the Roe average

$$\mathbf{U}_{ref} = \frac{\mathbf{U}_L + \mathbf{U}_R}{2} \quad \mathbf{U}_{ref} = \text{Roe} [\mathbf{U}_L, \mathbf{U}_R]$$

Evaluate the Jacobian matrix at this reference state. $\mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} (\mathbf{U}_{ref})$

Compute eigenvalues and (left and right) eigenvectors $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{R}$

The interface state is obtained by combining all upwind waves

$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}_* = \mathbf{A} \frac{\mathbf{U}_L + \mathbf{U}_R}{2} - \mathbf{L}^T |\mathbf{\Lambda}| \mathbf{R} \frac{\mathbf{U}_R - \mathbf{U}_L}{2} \quad \text{where } |\mathbf{\Lambda}| = (|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2|, \dots)$$

Non-linear flux function with a linear diffusive term.

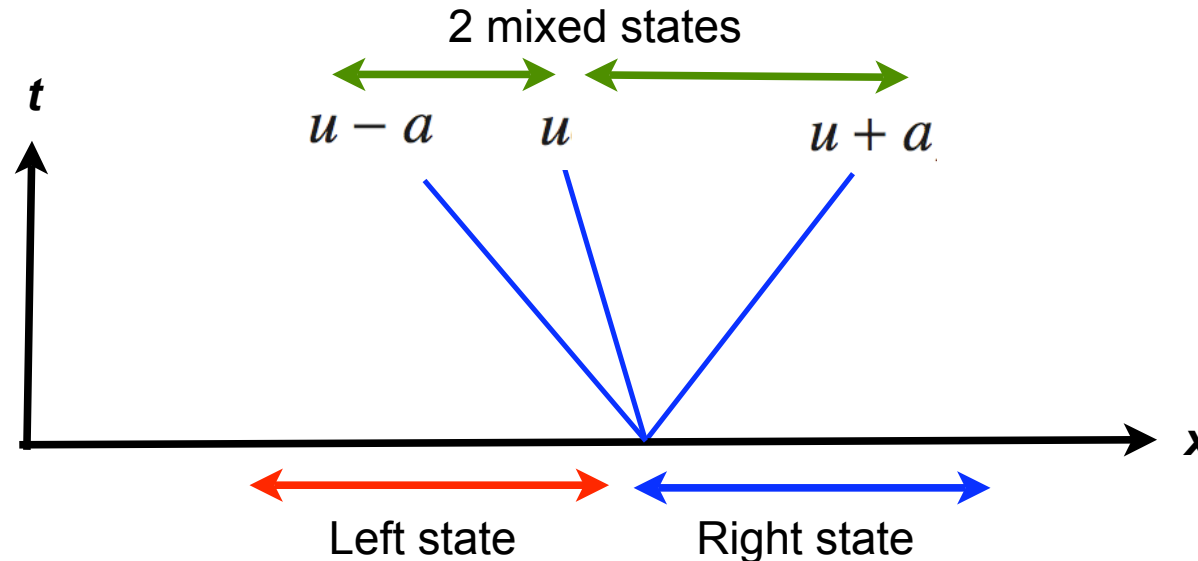
$$\mathbf{F}^*(U_L, U_R) = \frac{\mathbf{F}_L + \mathbf{F}_R}{2} - \mathbf{L}^T |\mathbf{\Lambda}| \mathbf{R} \frac{\mathbf{U}_R - \mathbf{U}_L}{2}$$

A simple example, the *upwind* Riemann solver:

$$\mathbf{F}^*(U_L, U_R) = a \frac{\mathbf{U}_L + \mathbf{U}_R}{2} - |a| \frac{\mathbf{U}_R - \mathbf{U}_L}{2}$$

Riemann problem for adiabatic waves

Initial conditions are defined by 2 semi-infinite regions with piecewise constant initial states $(\Delta\rho_R, \Delta u_R, \Delta P_R)$ and $(\Delta\rho_L, \Delta u_L, \Delta P_L)$.



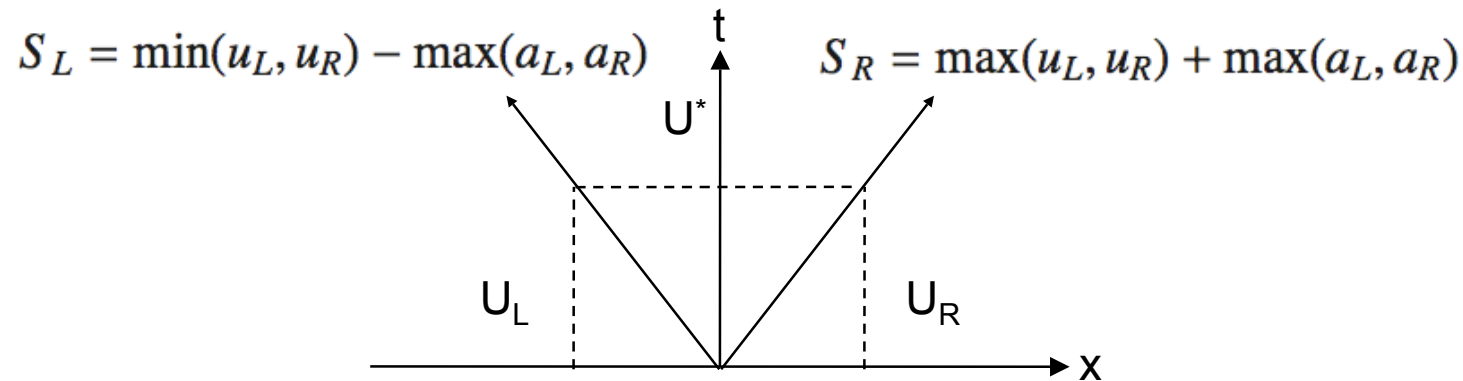
Left “star” state: $(-,0,+)= (R,L,L)$ and right “star” state: $(-,0,+)= (R,R,L)$.

$$\Delta u_{L,R}^* = \frac{a}{\rho} (\Delta \alpha_L^+ - \Delta \alpha_R^-) \quad \Delta \rho_R^* = \Delta \alpha_L^+ + \Delta \alpha_R^0 + \Delta \alpha_R^-$$

$$\Delta P_{L,R}^* = \frac{a}{\rho} (\Delta \alpha_L^+ + \Delta \alpha_R^-) \quad \Delta \rho_L^* = \Delta \alpha_L^+ + \Delta \alpha_L^0 + \Delta \alpha_R^-$$

HLL Riemann solver

Approximate the true Riemann fan by 2 waves and 1 intermediate state:



Compute U^* using the integral form between $S_L t$ and $S_R t$

$$U^*(U_L, U_R) = \frac{S_R U_R - S_L U_L - (F_R - F_L)}{S_R - S_L}$$

Compute F^* using the integral form between $S_L t$ and 0.

$$S_L > 0 \quad F^*(U_L, U_R) = F_L$$

$$S_R < 0 \quad F^*(U_L, U_R) = F_R$$

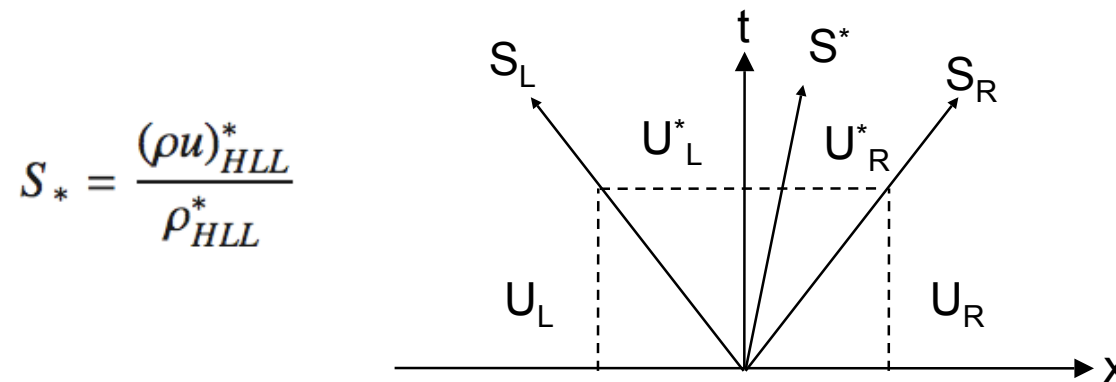
$$S_L < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad S_R > 0 \quad F^*(U_L, U_R) = \frac{S_R F_L - S_L F_R + S_L S_R (U_R - U_L)}{S_R - S_L}$$

Other HLL-type Riemann solvers

Lax-Friedrich Riemann solver: $S_* = S_R = -S_L = \max(|u_L| + a_L, |u_R| + a_R)$

$$\mathbf{F}^*(U_L, U_R) = \frac{\mathbf{F}_L + \mathbf{F}_R}{2} - S_* \frac{U_R - U_L}{2}$$

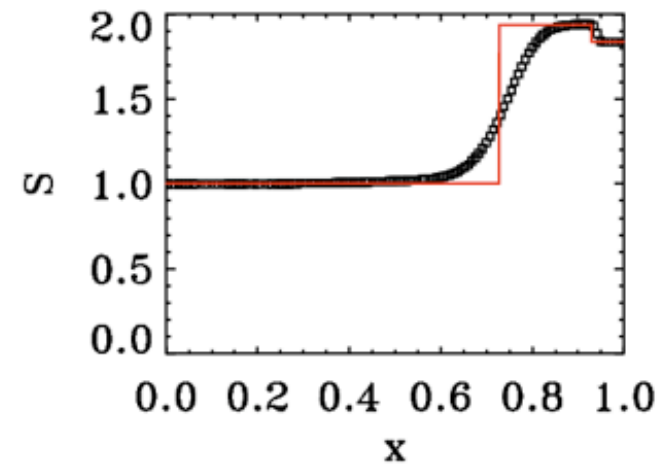
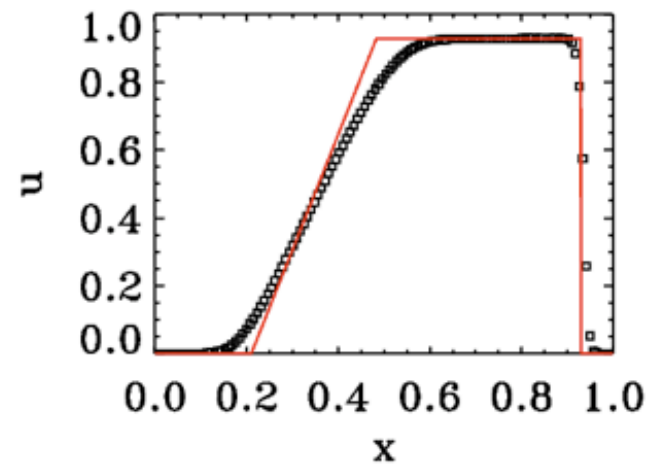
HLLC Riemann solver: add a third wave for the contact (entropy) wave.



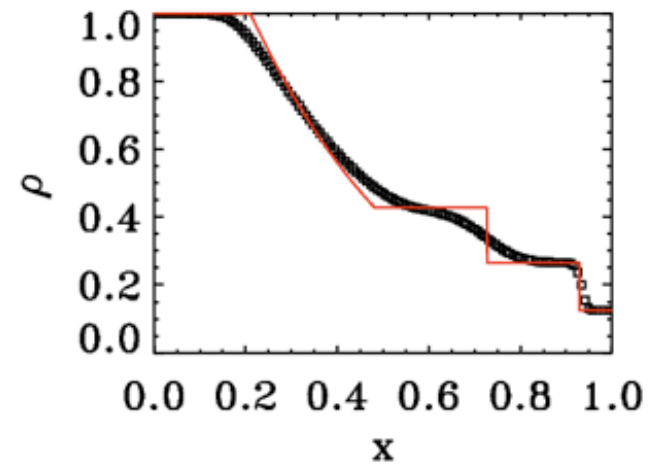
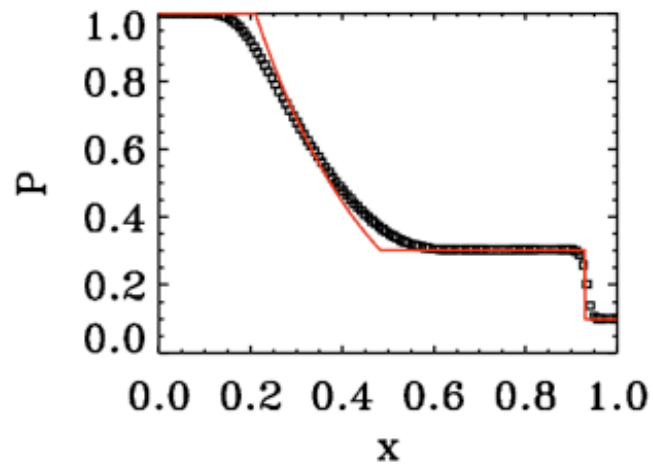
See Toro (1997) for details.

Sod test with the Godunov scheme

Lax-Friedrich Riemann solver

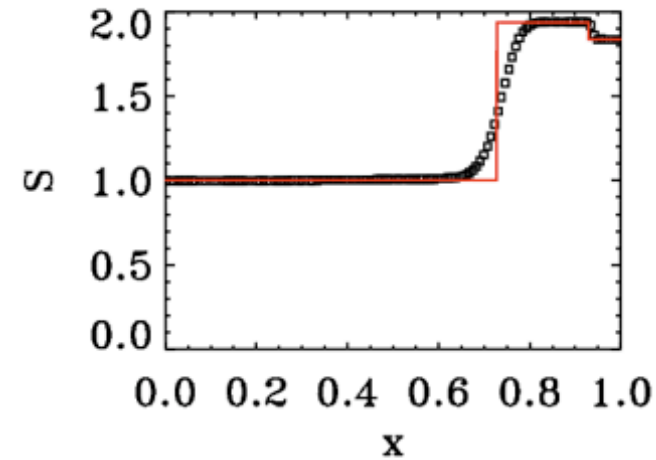
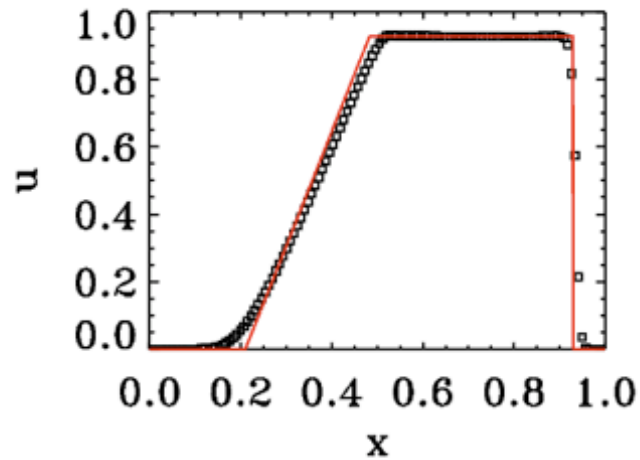


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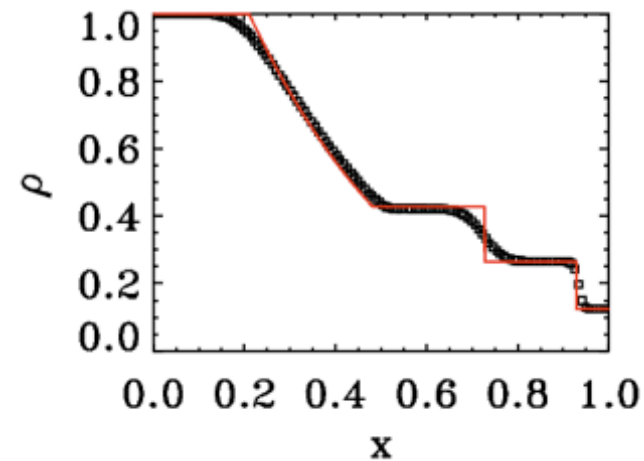
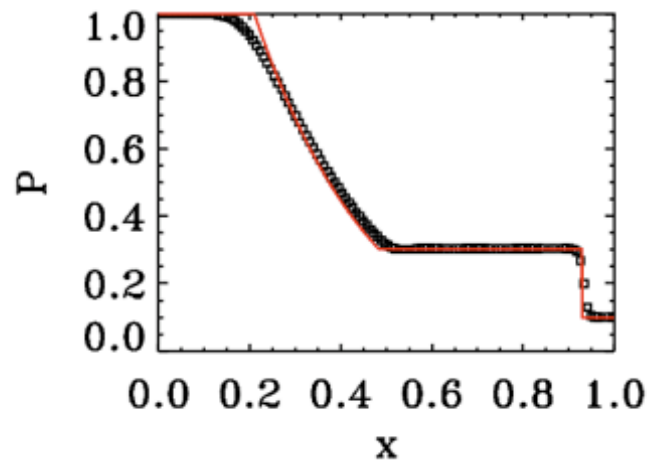


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HLLC Riemann solver

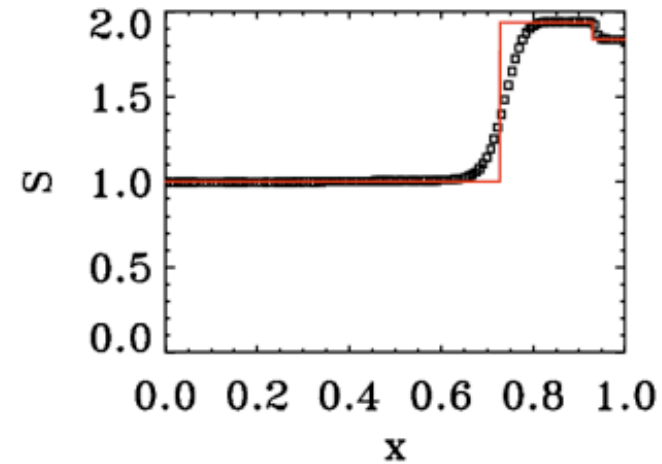
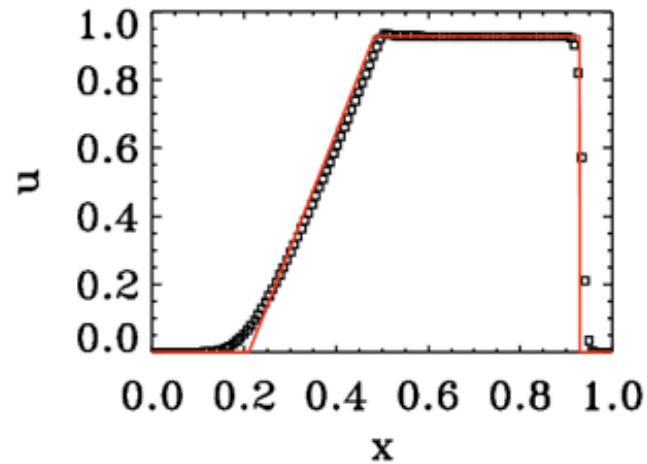


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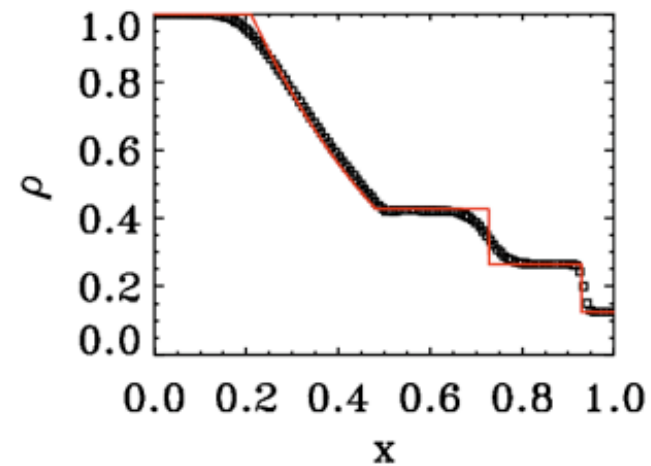
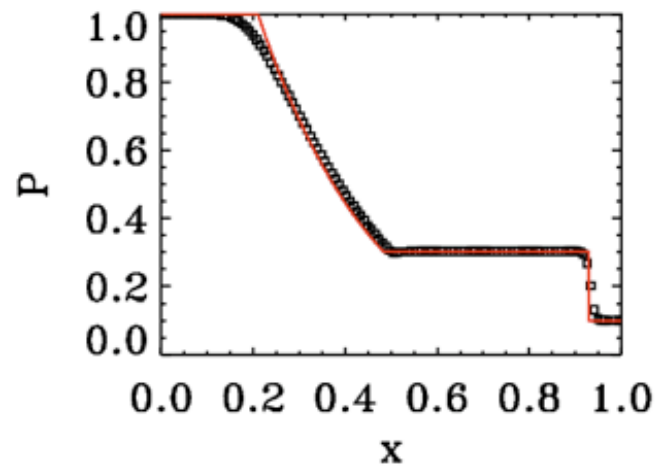


Sod test with the Godunov scheme

Exact Riemann solver



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Multidimensional Godunov schemes

2D Euler equations in integral (conservative) form

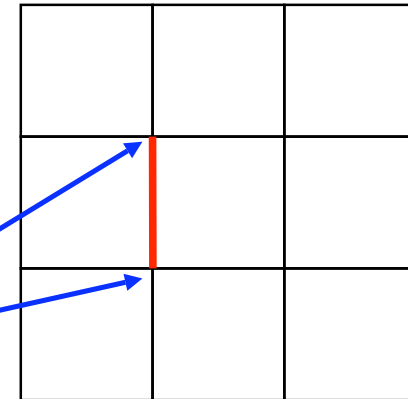
$$\mathbf{U}_{i,j}^{n+1} - \mathbf{U}_{i,j}^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2,j}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{F}_{i-1/2,j}^{n+1/2}) + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{G}_{i,j+1/2}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{G}_{i,j-1/2}^{n+1/2}) = 0$$

Flux functions are now time and space average.

$$\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2,j}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{y_{j-1/2}}^{y_{j+1/2}} \mathbf{F}(x_{i+1/2}, y, t) dt dy$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{i,j+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \mathbf{G}(x, y_{j+1/2}, t) dt dx$$

2D Riemann problems interact along cell edges:



$$\mathbf{U}_{i+1/2,j+1/2}^*(x/t, y/t) = \mathcal{RP} [\langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i,j}^n, \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+1,j}^n, \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i,j+1}^n, \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_{i+1,j+1}^n]$$

Even at first order, self-similarity does not apply to the flux functions anymore.

Predictor-corrector schemes ?

Directional (Strang) splitting

Perform 1D Godunov scheme along each direction in sequence.

$$\text{X step: } \mathbf{U}_{i,j}^{n+1} - \mathbf{U}_{i,j}^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2,j}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{F}_{i-1/2,j}^{n+1/2}) = 0$$

$$\text{Y step: } \mathbf{U}_{i,j}^{n+2} - \mathbf{U}_{i,j}^{n+1} + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{G}_{i,j+1/2}^{n+3/2} - \mathbf{G}_{i,j-1/2}^{n+3/2}) = 0$$

Change direction at the next step using the same time step.

Compute Δt , X step, Y step, $t=t+\Delta t$ Y step, X step $t=t+\Delta t$

$$\text{Courant factor per direction: } C_x = (|u| + a) \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \quad C_y = (|v| + a) \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y}$$

$$\text{Courant condition: } \max(C_x, C_y) < 1$$

Cost: 2 Riemann solves per time step.

Second order based on corresponding 1D higher order method.

Unsplit schemes

Godunov scheme

No predictor step.

Flux functions computed using 1D Riemann problem at time t^n in each normal direction.

2 Riemann solves per step.

Courant condition: $C_x + C_y < 1$

Runge-Kutta scheme

Predictor step using the Godunov scheme and $\Delta t/2$.

Flux functions computed using 1D Riemann problem at time $t^{n+1/2}$ in each normal direction.

4 Riemann solves per step.

Courant condition: $C_x + C_y < 1$

Corner Transport Upwind

Predictor step in transverse direction only using the 1D Godunov scheme.

Flux functions computed using 1D Riemann problem at time $t^{n+1/2}$ in each normal direction.

4 Riemann solves per step.

Courant condition: $\max(C_x, C_y) < 1$

The Godunov scheme for 2D advection

Solve 1D Riemann problem at each face

$$a > 0 \quad u_{i+1/2,j}^{n+1/2} = u_{i,j}^n \quad b > 0 \quad u_{i,j+1/2}^{n+1/2} = u_{i,j}^n$$

Perform a 2D unsplit conservative update

$$\frac{u_{i,j}^{n+1} - u_{i,j}^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_{i+1/2,j}^{n+1/2} - u_{i-1/2,j}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta x} + b \frac{u_{i,j+1/2}^{n+1/2} - u_{i,j-1/2}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta y} = 0$$

We get the following first-order linear scheme

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^n (1 - C_x - C_y) + u_{i-1,j}^n C_x + u_{i,j-1}^n C_y$$

Modified equation for 2D advection equation (exercise):

$$\partial_t u + a \partial_x u + b \partial_y u = a \frac{\Delta x}{2} (1 - C_x) \partial_x^2 u + b \frac{\Delta y}{2} (1 - C_y) \partial_y^2 u - ab \Delta t \partial_x \partial_y u$$

Differential form has 2 positive eigenvalues if:

$$C_x > 0 \quad C_y > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad C_x + C_y < 1$$

CTU scheme for 2D advection

Solve 1D Riemann problem at each face using transverse predicted states

$$a > 0 \quad u_{i+1/2,j}^{n+1/2} = u_{i,j}^{n+1/2,y} \quad b > 0 \quad u_{i,j+1/2}^{n+1/2} = u_{i,j}^{n+1/2,x}$$

Predicted states are obtained in each direction by a 1D Godunov scheme.

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1/2,y} = u_{i,j}^n \left(1 - C_y/2\right) + u_{i,j-1}^n C_y/2$$

during $\Delta t/2$

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1/2,x} = u_{i,j}^n \left(1 - C_x/2\right) + u_{i-1,j}^n C_x/2$$

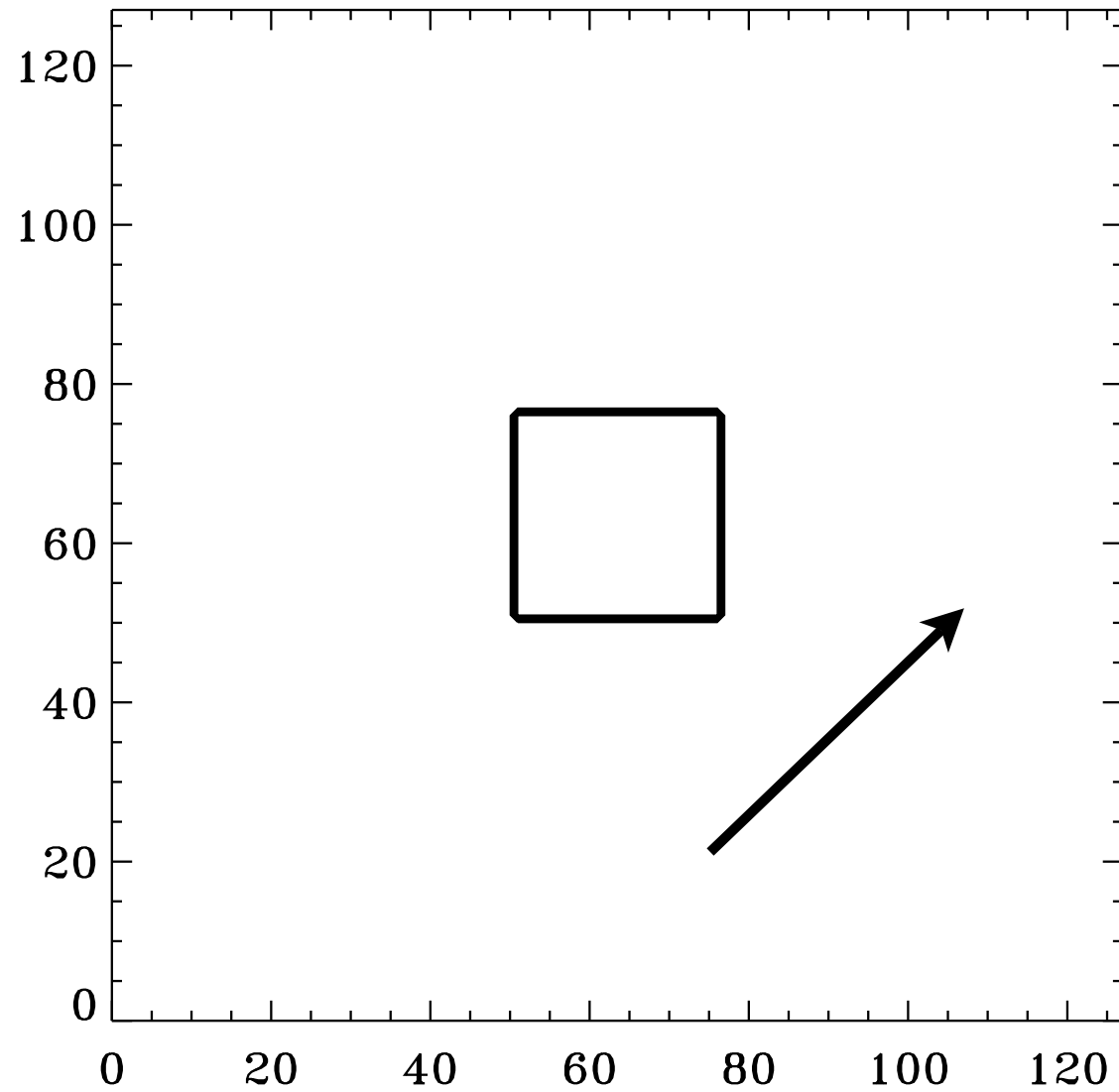
We get the following first-order linear scheme

$$u_{i,j}^{n+1} = u_{i,j}^n (1 - C_x) (1 - C_y) + u_{i-1,j}^n C_x (1 - C_y) \\ + u_{i,j-1}^n (1 - C_x) C_y + u_{i-1,j-1}^n C_x C_y$$

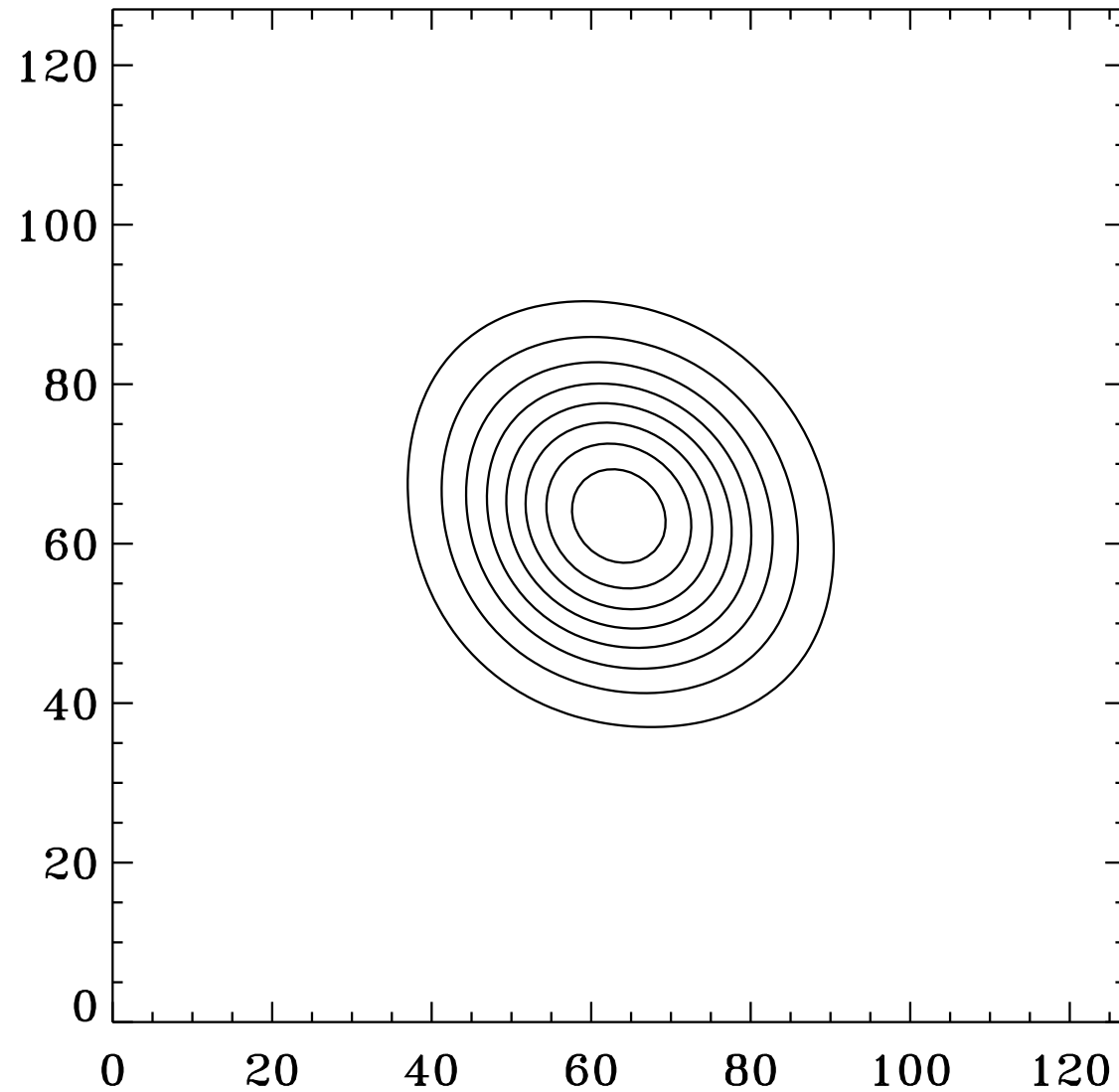
Diffusion term in the modified equation is now (exercise):

$$a \frac{\Delta x}{2} (1 - C_x) \partial_x^2 u + b \frac{\Delta y}{2} (1 - C_y) \partial_y^2 u \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 < C_y < 1 \\ 0 < C_x < 1 \end{array}$$

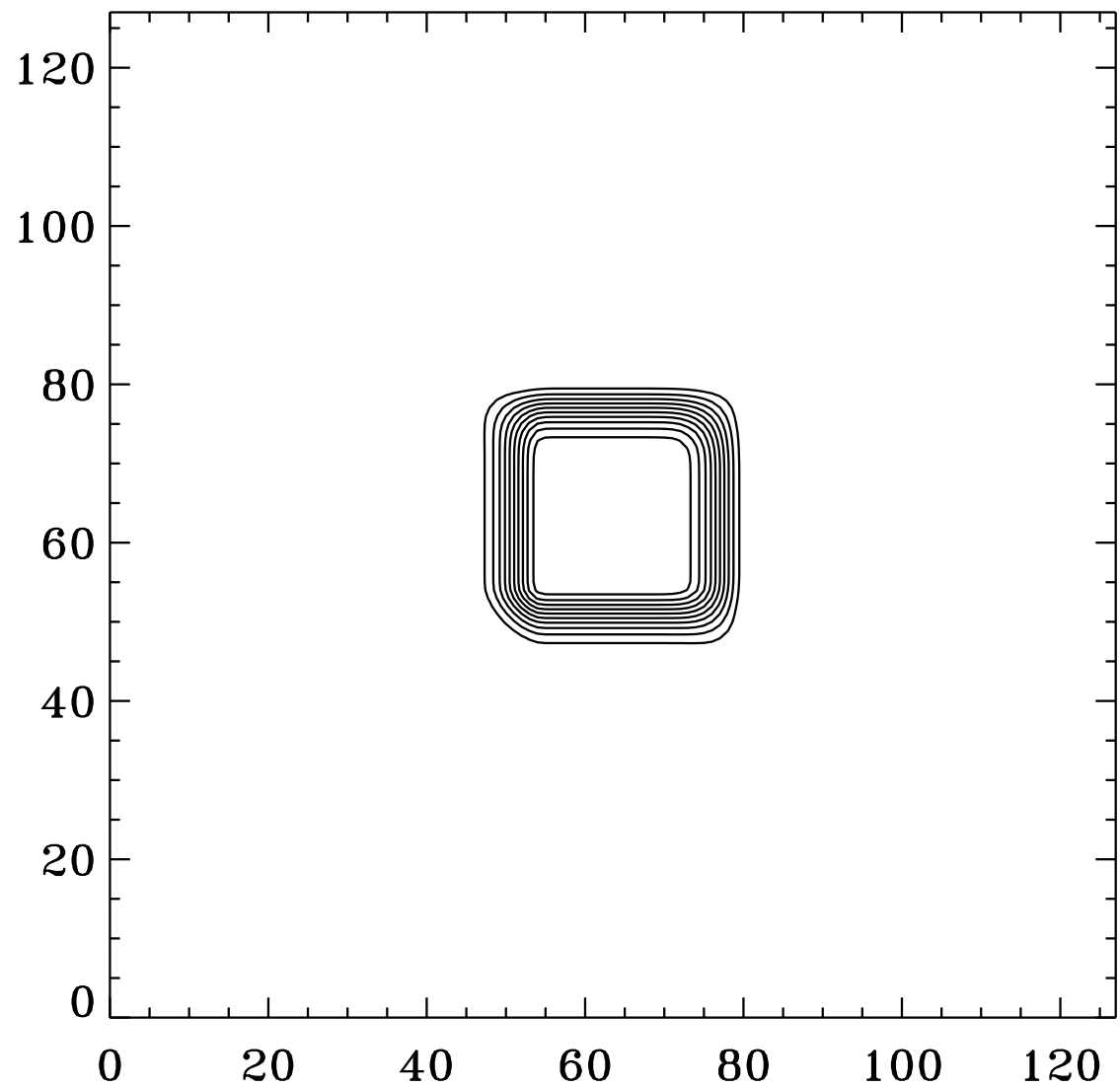
Advection of a square with Godunov scheme



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Second-order Godunov scheme



Conclusion

- Upwind scheme for stability
- Modified equation analysis and numerical diffusion
- Godunov scheme: self-similarity of the Riemann solution
- Riemann solver: wave-by-wave upwinding
- Multiple dimensions: predictor-corrector scheme
- Need for higher-order schemes

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