



Module 02: Numerical Methods

Unit 12: Finite Volume Method: Conservation Law

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Learning Objective

- To discretize conservation laws using **Finite Volume Method**.



One-dimensional Conservation Law

Conservative form (Guinot, 2010)

A form of one-dimensional scalar conservation law can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_\phi}{\partial x} = S_\phi \quad (1)$$

where

\mathcal{F}_ϕ = Flux function.

S_ϕ = Source term.



Conservation Laws

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A form of conservation laws can be written as:

$$\phi_{,t} + \mathcal{F}_{\phi,x} = S_{\phi} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\phi_1} \\ \mathcal{F}_{\phi_2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}_{\phi_m} \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_{\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{\phi_1} \\ S_{\phi_2} \\ \vdots \\ S_{\phi_m} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$



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Non-Conservative Form

$$\phi_{,t} + A(\phi)\phi_{,x} = \hat{S}_\phi$$



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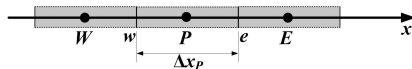
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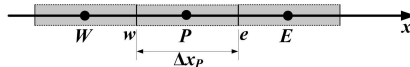


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In Finite Volume Method, the governing equation is integrated over the element volume (in space) and time interval to form the discretized equation at node Point P.

$$\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \left[\int_{\Omega_P} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} d\Omega \right] dt + \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \left[\int_{\Omega_P} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_\phi}{\partial x} d\Omega \right] dt = \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \left[\int_{\Omega_P} S_\phi d\Omega \right] dt \quad (4)$$



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This can be further simplified as

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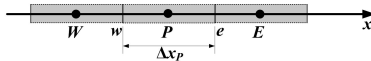
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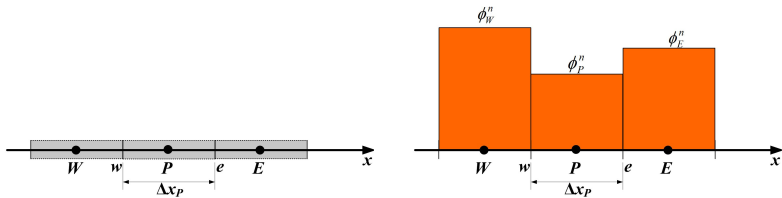
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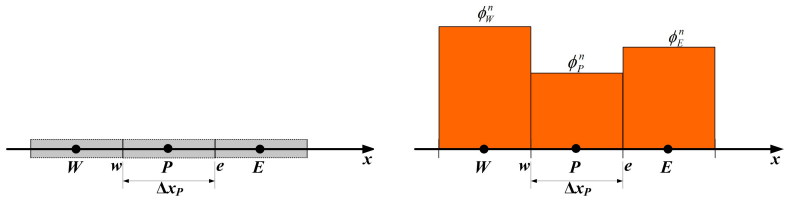
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$$\phi(x, t) = \begin{cases} \phi_P^n & \text{if } x < x_e \\ \phi_E^n & \text{if } x > x_e \end{cases}$$



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The scheme is **stable** if $Cr < 1$.



Thank You



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