

Solution to HW#3 (CE391F)

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I-Godunov scheme: We want to solve the classical LWR PDE on a grid, using the Godunov scheme. Consider a Trapezoidal fundamental diagram, defined by  $\psi(k)=k v$  for  $k < k_{c1}$ ,  $\psi(k)=k_{c1}v$  for  $k > k_{c1}$  and  $k < k_{c2}$  and  $\psi(k)=-w(k-k_{max})$  for  $k > k_{c2}$ , with parameters  $k_{c1}=0.02/\text{m}$ ,  $k_{max}=0.2/\text{m}$ ,  $v=30 \text{ m/s}$  and  $w=5 \text{ m/s}$

- 1) Determine the value of  $k_{c2}$ , given that the fundamental diagram is continuous in  $k_{c2}$ .

$$\psi(k) = \begin{cases} kv, & \text{if } k \leq k_{c1} \\ k_{c1}v, & \text{if } k > k_{c1} \text{ and } k \leq k_{c2} \\ -w(k - k_{max}), & \text{if } k > k_{c2} \end{cases}$$

A function  $f$  is continuous at  $x = a$  if and only if <sup>[1]</sup>

$$f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \quad \dots (1)$$

Applying it to the Trapezoidal fundamental diagram in domain where  $k > k_{c2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(k_{c2}) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow k_{c2}} -w(k - k_{max}) \\ &= -w(k_{c2} - k_{max}) \quad \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

If the fundamental diagram is continuous over the period  $k_{c1} < k \leq k_{c2}$ , yields:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{c1}v &= -w(k_{c2} - k_{max}) \\ k_{c2} &= \frac{k_{c1}v}{-w} + k_{max} \quad \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

By substituting into (3) with the given parameters:

$k_{c2} = 0.08/\text{m}$  will ensure that the fundamental diagram is continuous over in  $k_{c2}$

Solving it using another method, from the geometry of Trapezoidal,

We can tell:

$$\psi(k_{c1}) = \psi(k_{c2}) \quad \dots (4)$$

Leading to:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{c1}v &= -w(k_{c2} - k_{max}) \\ k_{c2} &= \frac{k_{c1}v}{-w} + k_{max} \quad \dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

Which is the exact same solution we obtained in (3)

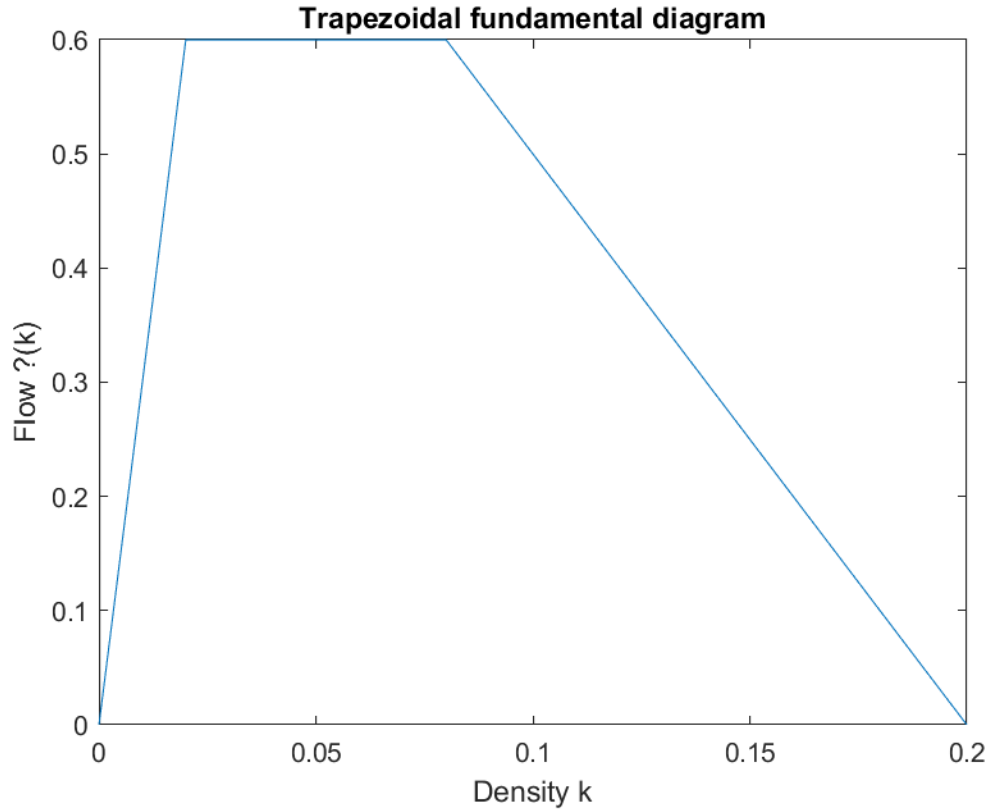


Figure 1: Plot of calculated fundamental diagram

- 2) Define the demand and supply functions at the boundaries for each cell

Demand function  $D(k)$  corresponds to the flow that would be sent to the next cell assuming this cell has infinite storage.

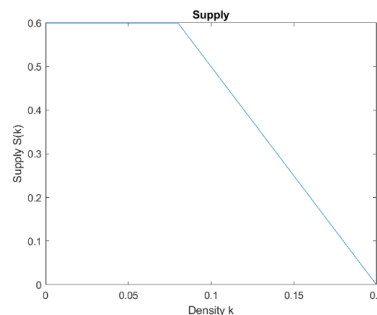
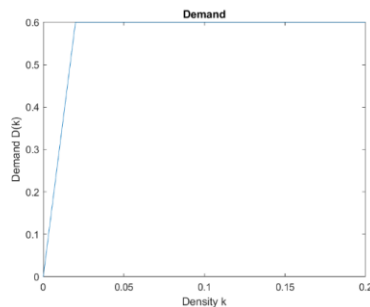
$$D(k) = \psi(\min(k, k_c)), \text{ where } k_c \in \{k_{c1}, k_{c2}\} \dots (6)^{[2]}$$

$$D(k) = \begin{cases} \psi(k), & \text{if } k \leq k_{c1} \\ \psi(k_{c1}) = vk_{c1}, & \text{if } k > k_{c1} \text{ and } k \leq k_{c2} \dots (7) \\ \psi(k_{c2}) = vk_{c1}, & \text{if } k > k_{c2} \end{cases}$$

Supply function  $S(k)$  corresponds to the flow that would be received from the previous cell, assuming this cell has an infinite number of vehicles.

$$S(k) = \psi(\max(k, k_c)), \text{ where } k_c \in \{k_{c1}, k_{c2}\} \dots (8)$$

$$S(k) = \begin{cases} \psi(k_{c1}) = vk_{c1}, & \text{if } k \leq k_{c1} \\ \psi(k_{c2}) = vk_{c1}, & \text{if } k > k_{c1} \text{ and } k \leq k_{c2} \dots (9) \\ \psi(k), & \text{if } k > k_{c2} \end{cases}$$



- 3) Consider a network of 10 cells, each cell being 100 meters long. What is the minimal time step to consider according to the CFL condition?

The Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy (CFL) condition is a necessary condition for convergence while solving certain partial differential equations (usually hyperbolic PDEs) numerically by the method of finite differences.<sup>[3]</sup>

$$\left| v \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right| < 1 \dots (10)$$

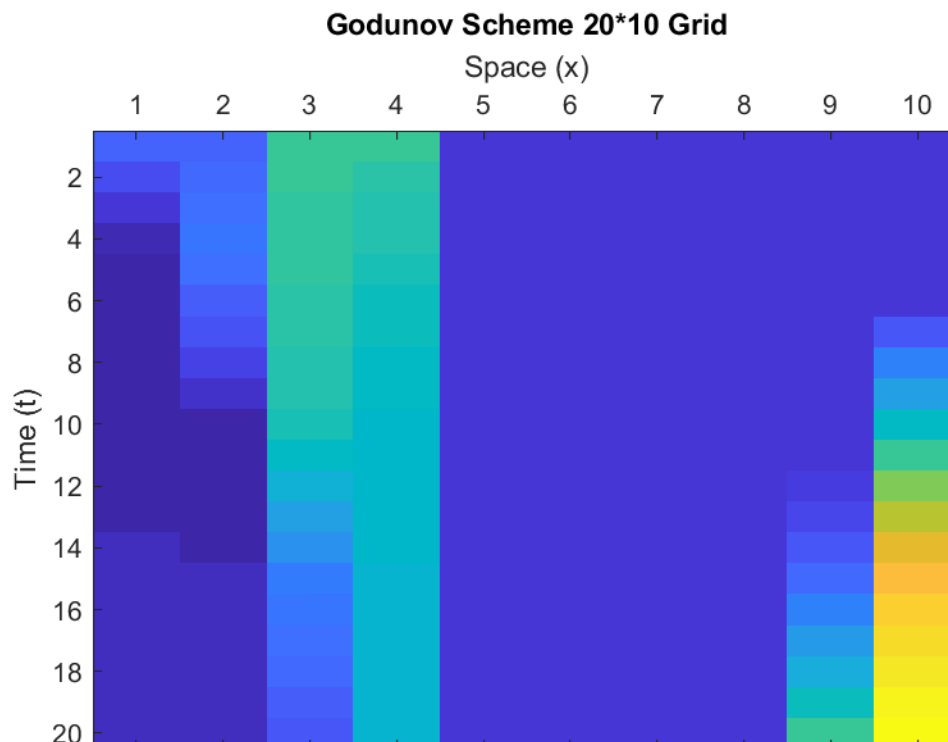
yielding:  $\Delta t < 3 \frac{1}{3}$

- 4) Compute the solution to the following initial and boundary conditions problem (over 60s):
- Initial condition:  $k(0,x)=0.04$  if  $0 < x < 300$ ,  $k(0,x)=0.1/m$  for  $300 < x < 500$ , and  $k(0,x)=0.02/m$  for  $x > 500$

I chose  $\Delta t = 3$  which lead to having 20 cell in time axis vs 10 cells in space axis.

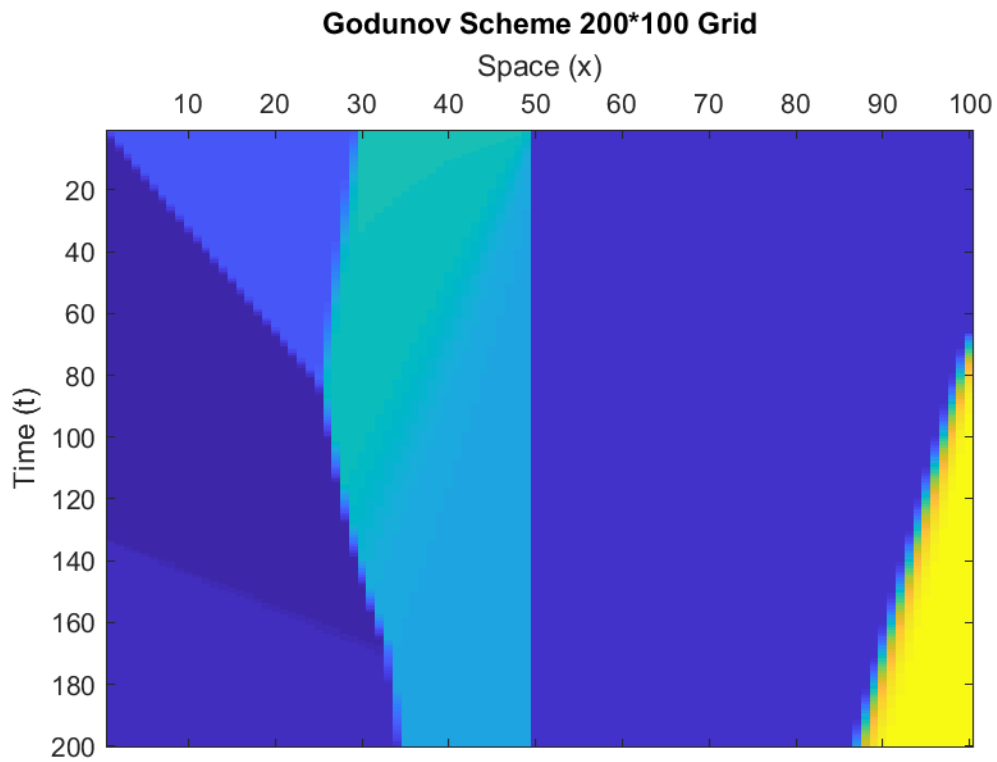
- Upstream boundary demand:  $d(t)=0.3/s$  if  $0s < t < 40s$ , and  $d(t)=0.5$  for  $40s < t < 60s$
- Downstream boundary supply:  $s(t)=0.6/s$  if  $0s < t < 20s$ , and  $s(t)=0.05/s$  for  $20s < t < 60s$

Plot the solutions using Matlab

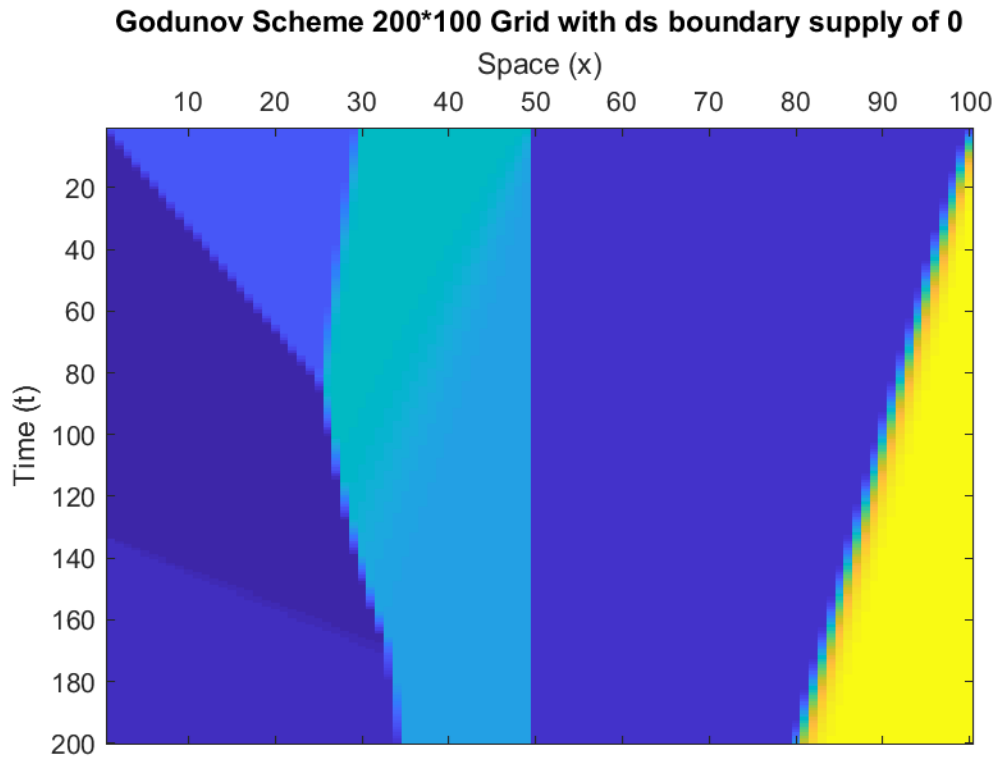


- 5) Repeat the above calculation, for a network containing 100 cells (modify the time step accordingly), and plot the corresponding solutions

Keeping the space at 1000 m and applying the CFL condition  $\Delta t < \frac{1}{3}$ , I chose  $\Delta t = 0.3$ , thus we have a grid with 100 cell in space and 200 cell in time.



- 6) Now, plot the solution corresponding to a downstream boundary supply  $s(t)=0/s$  if  $0 < t < 60s$ , and interpret the solution.



The 0 downstream boundary supply condition, allowed more flow from the end of the grid, it's like a traffic light with green signal, unlike the previous grid it was like a traffic light with red signal for a period, then started to be green, it's similar to a shockwave where higher density clashes with lower density .

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