

# Discrete adjoint method with applications to scalar hyperbolic PDE networks

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# Optimization of a PDE-constrained system

## Optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} && J(x, u) \\ & \text{subject to} && H(x, u) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $x \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ : state variables
- ▶  $u \in \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ : control variables

$$\begin{aligned} J : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{U} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, u) &\mapsto J(x, u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{U} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_H} \\ (x, u) &\mapsto H(x, u) \end{aligned}$$

Want to do gradient descent. How to compute the gradient?



# Example: linear system

## Discrete linear dynamics

$$x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu_t, \quad t \in \{0, \dots, T-1\}$$

with initial condition  $x_0$ .

Let

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_0 \\ \vdots \\ u_{T-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example: linear system

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \begin{bmatrix} Ax_0 + Bu_0 \\ Ax_1 + Bu_1 \\ \vdots \\ Ax_{T-1} + Bu_{T-1} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ A & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & A & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} B & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & B \end{bmatrix} u + \begin{bmatrix} Ax_0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Can be written as

$$(\tilde{A} - I)x + \tilde{B}u + c = 0$$

Note:  $(\tilde{A} - I)$  is invertible (lower triangular, with  $-1$  on diagonal). Good: system is deterministic!



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## Linear system

$$H_x x + H_u u + c = 0$$

- ▶  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  state
- ▶  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$  control, with  $m \leq n$
- ▶  $H_x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , assume invertible
- ▶  $H_u \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$
- ▶  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$

want to minimize linear cost function

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \quad J_x x + J_u u \\ & \text{subject to} \quad H_x x + H_u u + c = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$J_x \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  and  $J_u \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}$  are given row vectors.



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An equivalent problem is

$$\text{minimize}_{u \in \mathcal{U}} - J_x H_x^{-1} (H_u u + c) + J_u u$$

and the gradient is

### Gradient

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Two ways to compute the first term

## Forward

$$J_x M$$

$$H_x M = -H_u$$

Solve for  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ :  $m$  inversions

$$H_x \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & \dots & M_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{u_1} & \dots & H_{u_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

Cost  $O(mn^2)$ .

Then product  $1 \times n$  times  $n \times m$ :  $O(nm)$

## Adjoint

$$\lambda^T H_u$$

$$\lambda^T H_x = -J_x$$

Solve for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : 1 inversion

$$H_x^T \lambda = J_x^T$$

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Then

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x} \nabla_u x = -\lambda^T \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \nabla_u x = \lambda^T \frac{\partial H}{\partial u}$$



# Adjoint solution $\lambda$

$$\nabla_u J = \lambda^T \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial u}$$

Also useful for sensitivity analysis.

## Sensitivity analysis

$\lambda_k$  is the price of changing  $H_k$





# Optimization algorithm

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## Algorithm 1 Gradient descent loop

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Pick initial control  $u^{init}$

**while** not converged **do**

$x = forwardSim(u, IC, BC)$       solve for state trajectory (forward system)

$\lambda = adjointSln(x, u)$       solve for adjoint parameters (adjoint system)

$\Delta u = \nabla_u J = \lambda^T \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial u}$       Compute the gradient (search direction)

$u \leftarrow u + t\Delta u$       update  $u$  using line search along  $\Delta u$

**end while**

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## Line search

Example 1: decreasing step size

$$t^{(k)} = t^{(1)} / k$$

Example 2: backtracking line-search

- ▶ fix parameters  $0 < \alpha < 0.1$  and  $0 < \beta < 1$
- ▶ given search direction  $\Delta u$

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### Algorithm 2 Backtracking line search

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while  $J(u + t\Delta u) - J(u) > \alpha(\nabla_u J)^T(t\Delta u)$  do
     $t \leftarrow \beta t$ 
end while
  
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## Constraints on control

What if there are physical constraints on the permissible control values  $u$ ?

$$u_{\min} \leq u \leq u_{\max} \quad (1)$$

### Barrier functions

Lecture 9 slides....



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# Hyperbolic PDE's

A conservation law in one space dimension can be written in the form:

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(u(t, x))}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (2)$$

## Example

We will constantly refer to the example with linear flux function:

$$u_t + au_x = 0 \quad (3)$$

A Cauchy problem wants solution to:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + f(u)_x &= 0 \\ u(0, x) &= u_0(x) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$



## Riemann problem

Define a **Riemann problem** as a Cauchy problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t + f(u)_x = 0 \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x) \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where:

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} u_l & x < 0 \\ u_r & x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

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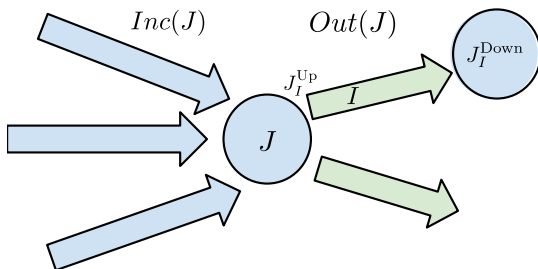
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## Network description

Consider a network of hyperbolic PDE's  $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J})$

- ▶  $I \in \mathcal{I}$  a link with dynamics according to PDE.
- ▶  $J \in \mathcal{J}$  a junction with incoming links  $Inc(J)$ , outgoing links  $Out(J)$ .



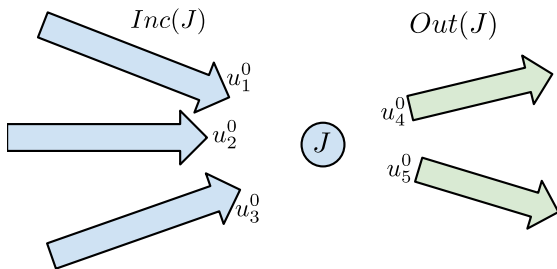
Boundary conditions at junctions?





## Riemann problem at junction

For a junction  $J$ , let each link  $I \in Inc(J) \cup Out(J)$  have constant IC  $u_I^0 \in \mathbf{u}_J$ .

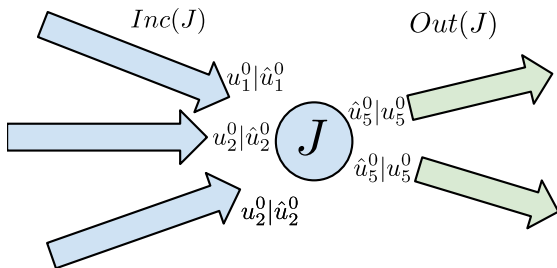


Define a **Riemann Solver**  $RS$ :

$$RS : \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \quad (7)$$

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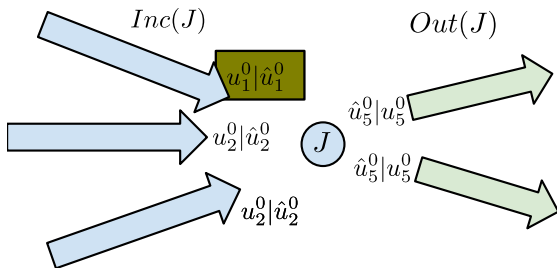
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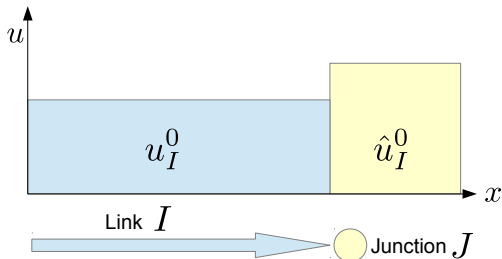
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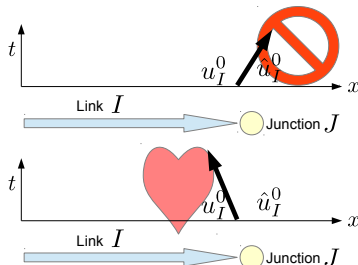


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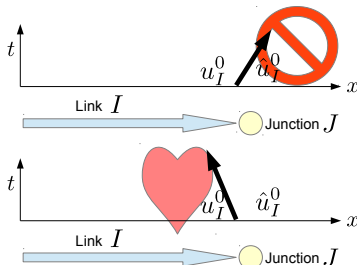


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- Conservation of mass

$$\sum_{i \in \text{In}(J)} f(\{\mathbf{u}_J\}_i) = \sum_{j \in \text{Out}(J)} f(\{\mathbf{u}_J\}_j) \quad (10)$$



# Riemann solver for linear flux function

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## Discretizing via Godunov method

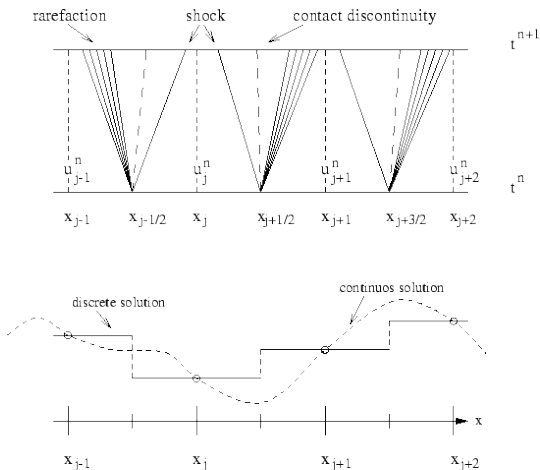
- ▶ Cannot represent (or not practical to represent) continuous function on computer.
- ▶ Approximate solution by discretizing space and time.
- ▶ Solve for vector of discrete variables.

### Godunov's scheme (high level)

1. Split system in discrete chunks of size  $\Delta x$ .
2. Approximate IC by averaging over  $\Delta x$ .
3. Find exact sln of system by solving Riemann problems at discretized boundaries for  $\Delta t$  time.
4. Approximate new sln by averaging over  $\Delta x$ .
5. Set IC as new sln and go to step 3.



## Discretizing single system



Godunov's scheme: local solutions of Riemann problems

Figure: credit: <http://www.uv.es/astrorela/simulacionnumerica/node34.html>



## Derivation of Godunov's method

Take discrete initial condition  $U_i$  at cell  $i$ . We want  $\bar{U}_i$ , the average value at cell  $i$  at time  $\Delta t$ :

$$\bar{U}_i = U_i - \frac{1}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \int_0^{\Delta t} (f(u(t, x_{i+1})) - f(u(t, x_i))) dt \quad (11)$$

This requires solution of  $u(x, t)$  over  $[0, \Delta x] \times [0, \Delta t]$ .

But since Riemann problems are self-similar, fluxes across boundaries are constant:

$$\int_0^{\Delta t} f(u(t, x_i)) dt \approx \Delta t g^G(U_i, U_{i+1}) \quad (12)$$

where  $g^G$  is the flux across cell boundaries obtained via sln of Riemann problem.

Now only function of discrete values:

$$\bar{U}_i = U_i - \frac{\Delta t}{x_{i+1} - x_i} (g^G(U_i, U_{i+1}) - g^G(U_{i-1}, U_i)) \quad (13)$$



## CFL condition

In previous derivation, it is assumed no solution from one Riemann problem influences another at the discrete boundaries.

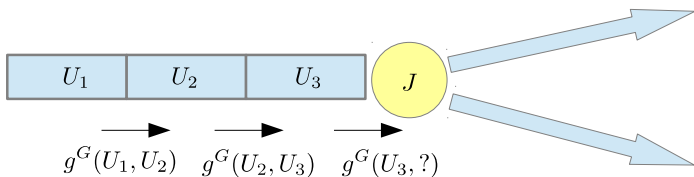
This limits how large the time-step to guarantee convergence of Godunov scheme to continuous solution.

### The Courant Friedrichs Lewy (CFL) condition

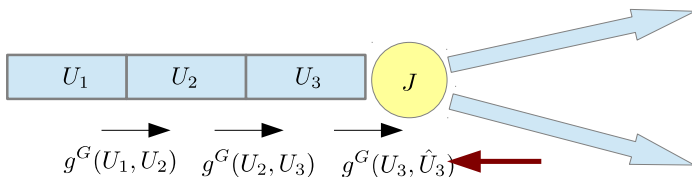
$$\lambda^{\max} \leq \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \quad (14)$$



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# PDE with control

Modify formulation to include

- ▶ state vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{I}|T}$
- ▶ control vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_v T}$ 
  - ▶  $\mathbf{v}_{J,k} \subseteq \mathbf{v}_k$  modifies Riemann problem at  $J$  for time  $k$ .

$$RS : \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \times \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbf{v}_{J,k}|} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \quad (15)$$

$$(\mathbf{x}_{J,k}, \mathbf{v}_{J,k}) \mapsto RS(\mathbf{x}_{J,k}, \mathbf{v}_{J,k}) = \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J,k} \quad (16)$$

- ▶  $N_v$  are the number of control parameters at each time-step.

Updated discrete state equations:

$$h_{I,1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = x_{I,1} - U_I = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$h_{I,k}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = x_{I,k} - x_{I,k-1} + \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\Delta t}{L_I} (\hat{F}_I(\mathbf{x}_{J_I^{\text{Down}}, k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{J_I^{\text{Down}}, k-1}) - \hat{F}_I(\mathbf{x}_{J_I^{\text{Up}}, k-1}, \mathbf{v}_{J_I^{\text{Up}}, k-1})) \quad (19)$$

$$= 0 \forall k \in [2, \dots, T] \quad (20)$$



# Optimization problem

## Optimization Problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{v}} J(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \quad (21)$$

$$\text{subject to: } H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad (22)$$

## Review: adjoint method

$$\nabla J = \lambda^T H_v + J_v \quad (23)$$

$$H_x^T \lambda = -J_x \quad (24)$$



Assume initial  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and state  $H(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_0) = 0$ .

What needs to be computed for adjoint method?

- ▶  $\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{v}}, \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ : Problem specific, no sparsity assumptions.
- ▶  $\frac{\partial H(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{v}}, \frac{\partial H(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{v}_0)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ : can analyze properties of PDE networks and Godunov scheme to:
  - ▶ derive partial derivative expressions
  - ▶ understand sparsity



## Partial derivates of state equations

$H_x$

By chain rule:

$$\frac{\Delta t}{L_i} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Down}},k} \right\}_l} \frac{\partial \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Down}},k} \right\}_l}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Up}},k} \right\}_l} \frac{\partial \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Up}},k} \right\}_l}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial h_{l,k}}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial x_{l,k-1}}{\partial x}$$

- ▶ Only require  $f'$  and partial derivatives on Riemann solvers.
- ▶  $\frac{\partial h_{i,k}}{\partial x_{j,l}} = 0$  unless  $l = k - 1$ .
- ▶  $\frac{\partial x_{i,k-1}}{\partial x_{j,l}} = 0$  unless  $i = j$ .
- ▶  $\frac{\partial \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_i^{\text{Down}},k} \right\}_i}{\partial x_{j,l}} = 0$  unless  $j \in J_i^{\text{Down}}$  (same for  $J_i^{\text{Up}}$ ).





## Partial derivatives of state equations

 $H_x$ 

- ▶ Only require  $f'$  and partial derivatives on Riemann solvers.
- ▶  $\frac{\partial h_{i,k}}{\partial x_{j,l}} = 0$  unless  $l = k - 1$ .
- ▶  $\frac{\partial x_{i,k-1}}{\partial x_{j,l}} = 0$  unless  $i = j$ .
- ▶  $\frac{\partial \left\{ \mathbf{0}_{J_i^{\text{Down}},k} \right\}_i}{\partial x_{j,l}} = 0$  unless  $j \in J_i^{\text{Down}}$  (same for  $J_i^{\text{Up}}$ ).

Thus each partial term is zero unless variable is from previous time-step and adjacent to constraint link.



## Partial derivatives of state equations

$H_v$

By chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial h_{l,k}}{\partial v} = \frac{\Delta t}{L_i} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \{\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Down}},k}\}_I} \frac{\partial \{\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Down}},k}\}_I}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \{\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Up}},k}\}_I} \frac{\partial \{\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{J_l^{\text{Up}},k}\}_I}{\partial v} \right)$$

Similar arguments to  $H_x$  give us that each partial term is zero unless variable is from same time-step and  $v \in \mathbf{v}_J^{\text{Down}} \cup \mathbf{v}_J^{\text{Up}}$ .



## Example for linear flux function

### Example

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# Complexity of solving gradient

## Solving adjoint system

$$H_x^T \lambda = -J_x \quad (25)$$

From previous result,  $H_x$  has following properties:

- ▶ size  $|\mathcal{I}| T \times |\mathcal{I}| T$
- ▶ lower triangular
- ▶  $\text{card } H_x = O(|\mathcal{I}| T D_x)$ :  $D_x = \max_{J \in \mathcal{J}} |Inc(J) \cup Out(J)|$

Efficiently solve  $\lambda$  via backward-substitution in time

$O(\text{card } H_x) = O(|\mathcal{I}| T D_x)$ , or **linear in**  $|\mathcal{I}| T$ .



# Complexity of solving gradient

## Solving $\nabla J$

$$\nabla J = \lambda^T H_v + J_v \quad (26)$$

From previous result,  $H_v$  has following properties:

- ▶ size  $|\mathcal{I}| T \times N_v T$
- ▶  $\text{card } H_v = O(|\mathcal{I}| T D_v)$ :  
 $D_v = \max_{v_{i,k} \in \mathbf{v}} |\bigcup \text{Inc}(J) \cup \text{Out}(J) : v_{i,k} \in \mathbf{v}_{J,k}|$

Sparse matrix multiplication has total cost  $O(D_v N_v T)$ , typically of smaller order than solving  $H_v$ .



# Complexity of solving gradient

Total complexity of computing gradient via discrete adjoint

$$O(|\mathbf{x}|D_x + |\mathbf{v}|D_v) \quad (27)$$

$$\nabla J = \lambda^T H_v + J_v$$

$O(|x||v|)$   
 $O(|v|D_v)$

$$H_x^T \lambda = -J_x$$

$O(|x|^3)$   
 $O(|x|D_x)$



# Overview

## Discrete adjoint method

- Optimization of a PDE-constrained system

- Example: linear system

- Solving the original problem

- Optimization algorithm using adjoint

## Hyperbolic PDE's and Riemann problems

## Network of PDE's

## Godunov discretization

- Discretizing single system

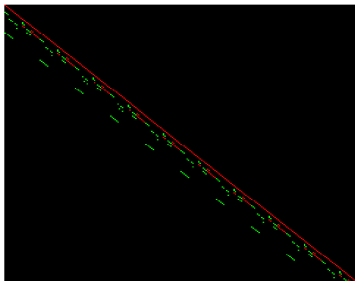
- Discretizing PDE network

## Adjoint method applied to PDE networks

- Complexity analysis of adjoint method

## Demo: Ramp metering

# Discrete adjoint method applied to ramp metering



$$\rho_i(k-1) + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left( f_i^{\text{in}}(k-1) - f_i^{\text{out}}(k-1) \right)$$

$$l_i(k-1) + \Delta t (D_i(k-1) - r_i(k-1))$$

$$\min(F_i, v_i \rho_i(k))$$

$$\min\left(F_i, w_i \left(\rho_i^{\text{jam}} - \rho_i(k)\right)\right)$$

$$\min(l_i(k), u_i(k))$$

$$\min(\delta_{i-1}(k)(1 - \beta_{i-1}(k)) + d_{i-1}(k), \sigma_i(k))$$

$$f_i^{\text{out}}(k) = \begin{cases} \delta_i(k) & \text{if } P_i f_{i+1}^{\text{in}}(k) > (1 - \beta_i(k)) \delta_i(k) \\ \frac{f_{i+1}^{\text{in}}(k) - d_i(k)}{1 - \beta_i(k)} & \text{if } : (1 - P_i) f_{i+1}^{\text{in}}(k) > d_i(k) \\ \frac{P_i f_{i+1}^{\text{in}}(k)}{1 - \beta_i(k)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $H$  is piecewise affine
- ▶ Solving the forward system gives  $H(x)$  as a linear system
- ▶  $\left. \frac{dH}{dX} \right|_{X=x}$  is computed simultaneously

$$r_i(k) = f_{i+1}^{\text{in}}(k) - f_i^{\text{out}}(k)(1 - \beta_i(k))$$

