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Computational Fluid **Dynamics**

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Classical Methods

Discontinuous solutions

Entropy conditions

Shock speed

Conservative discretization



Computational Fluid Dynamics

Classical Methods for Hyperbolic **Equations**



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

The wave equation:
$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 0 \qquad \text{Write as:} \qquad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - c^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$$
 In general:
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Most of the issues involved can be addressed by examining:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$



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Forward in Time, Centered in Space (FTCS) and **Upwind**



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

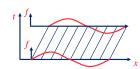
We will start by examining the linear advection equation:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

The characteristic for this equation are:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = U; \quad \frac{df}{dt} = 0;$$

Showing that the initial conditions are simply advected by a constant velocity $\dot{\boldsymbol{U}}$



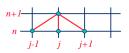


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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

A simple forward in time, centered in space discretization yields

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} U(f_{j+1}^n - f_{j-1}^n)$$



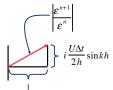


Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

This scheme is $O(\Delta t, h^2)$ accurate, but a stability analysis shows that the error grows as

$$\frac{\varepsilon^{n+1}}{\varepsilon^n} = 1 - i \frac{U\Delta t}{2h} \sin kh$$

Since the amplification factor has the form 1+i()the absolute value of this complex number is always larger than unity and the method is unconditionally unstable for this case.





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Another scheme for

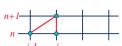
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

A simple forward in time but "upwind" in space discretization yields

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} U(f_j^n - f_{j-1}^n)$$

Flow direction





This scheme is $O(\Delta t, h)$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

To examine the stability we use the von Neuman's method: The evolution of the error is governed by:

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_{j}^{n+1} - \mathcal{E}_{j}^{n}}{\Delta t} + \frac{U}{h} (\mathcal{E}_{j}^{n} - \mathcal{E}_{j-1}^{n}) = 0$$
Write the error as: $\mathcal{E}_{j}^{n} = \mathcal{E}^{n} e^{ikx_{j}}$

$$\frac{\varepsilon^{n+1}-\varepsilon^n}{\Delta t}+U\frac{\varepsilon^n}{h}(1-e^{-ikh})=0 \longrightarrow \frac{\varepsilon^{n+1}}{\varepsilon^n}=1-\frac{U\Delta t}{h}(1-e^{-ikh})$$

$$\begin{split} & \text{Amplification factor} \\ & G = \frac{\varepsilon^{n+1}}{\varepsilon^n} = 1 - \lambda (1 - e^{-ikh}), \qquad \lambda = \frac{U\Delta t}{h} \\ & \text{Or:} \quad G = 1 - \lambda + \lambda e^{-ikh} \qquad \text{Need to find when} \quad |G| < 1 \end{split}$$



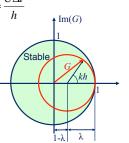
Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Graphically:

$$G = 1 - \lambda + \lambda e^{-ikh}, \qquad \lambda = \frac{U\Delta t}{h}$$

Stability condition: λ <1

This restriction was first derived by Courant, Fredrik, and Levy in 1932, and is usually called the Courant condition, or the CFL condition.



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Another way: Find the absolute value of the amplification factor

$$G = 1 - \lambda + \lambda e^{-ikh} = 1 - \lambda + \lambda \cos kh - i\lambda \sin kh$$

$$|G|^2 = (1 - \lambda + \lambda \cos kh)^2 + \lambda^2 \sin^2 kh$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)^2 + 2(1 - \lambda)\lambda\cos kh + \lambda^2\cos^2 kh + \lambda^2\sin^2 kh$$

$$= (1 - \lambda)^{2} + 2(1 - \lambda)\lambda\cos kh + \lambda^{2}$$

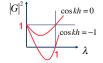
$$=1-2\lambda+2\lambda^2+2(1-\lambda)\lambda\cos kh$$

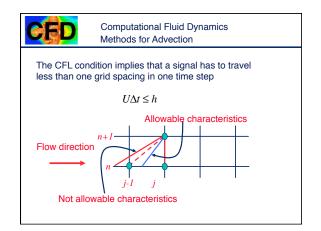
$$|G|^2 = 1 - 2\lambda(1 - \lambda)$$
 if $\cos kh = 0$

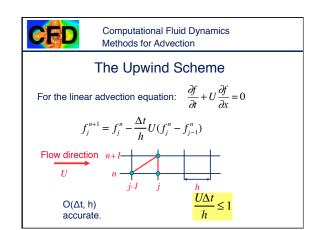
 $|G|^2 = 1$ if $\cos kh = 1$

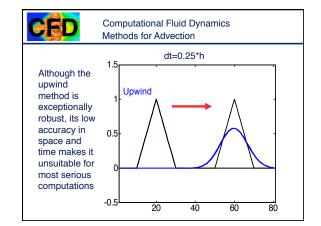
$$|G|^2 = 1 - \lambda(4 - 3\lambda) \quad \text{if } \cos kh = -1$$

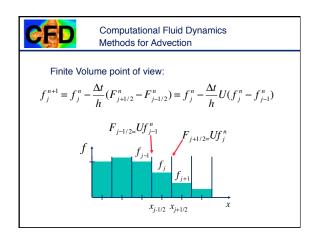
 $|G|^2 \le 1$ if $\lambda \le 1$

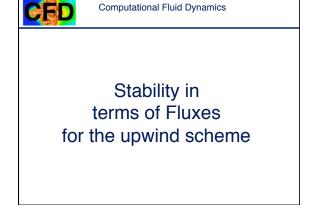


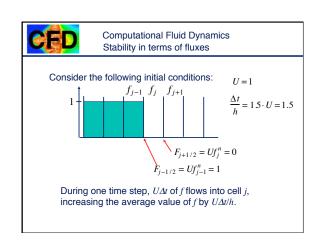














Computational Fluid Dynamics Stability in terms of fluxes

Consider the following initial conditions:

$$\frac{\Delta t}{h} = 1.5 \cdot U = 1.5$$

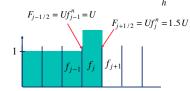
 $F_{j-1/2} = U f_{j-1}^n = U$ $F_{j+1/2} = Uf_j^n = 0$

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} (F_{j+1/2}^n - F_{j-1/2}^n) = 0 - 15(0 - 1) = 15$$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Stability in terms of fluxes

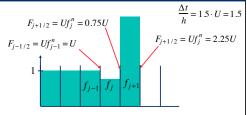
$$\frac{\Delta t}{h} = 1.5 \cdot U = 1.5$$



$$\begin{split} f_j^{n+1} &= f_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(F_{j+1/2}^n - F_{j-1/2}^n \right) = 0 - 1.5(1.5 - 1) = 0.75 \\ f_{j+1}^{n+1} &= f_{j+1}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(F_{j+3/2}^n - F_{j+1/2}^n \right) = 0 - 1.5(0 - 1.5) = 2.25 \end{split}$$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Stability in terms of fluxes

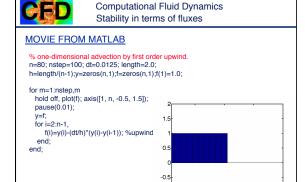


Taking a third step will result in an even larger positive value, and so on until the compute encounters a NaN (Not a Number).



Computational Fluid Dynamics Stability in terms of fluxes

If $U\Delta t/h > 1$, the average value of f in cell j will be larger than in cell j-1. In the next step, f will flow out of cell j in both directions, creating a larger negative value of f. Taking a third step will result in an even larger positive value, and so on until the compute encounters a NaN (Not a Number).



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Computational Fluid Dynamics

Generalized Upwind Scheme (for both $U\!>\!0$ and $U\!<\!0$)

$$f_{j}^{n+1} = f_{j}^{n} - \frac{U\Delta t}{h} (f_{j}^{n} - f_{j-1}^{n}), \ U > 0$$

$$f_{j}^{n+1} = f_{j}^{n} - \frac{U\Delta t}{h} (f_{j+1}^{n} - f_{j}^{n}), \ U < 0$$

Define:
$$U^+ = \frac{1}{2}(U + |U|), \ U^- = \frac{1}{2}(U - |U|)$$

The two cases can be combined into a single expression:
$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left[U^+(f_j^n - f_{j-1}^n) + U^-(f_{j+1}^n - f_j^n) \right]$$

Or, substituting
$$U^+, U^-$$

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - U \frac{\Delta t}{2h} (f_{j+1}^n - f_{j-1}^n) + \frac{|U|\Delta t}{2h} (f_{j+1}^n - 2f_j^n + f_{j-1}^n)$$
 central difference + numerical viscosity

$$2h^{(j_{j+1}-j_{j-1})}$$
 $2h^{(j_{j+1}-2j_{j}-1)}$ central difference + numerical viscosity



Computational Fluid Dynamics

Other First Order Schemes



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Implicit (Backward Euler) Method

$$\frac{f_{j}^{n+1} - f_{j}^{n}}{\Delta t} + \frac{U}{2h} \left(f_{j+1}^{n+1} - f_{j-1}^{n+1} \right) = 0$$

- Unconditionally stable 1st order in time, 2nd order in space
- Forms a tri-diagonal matrix (Thomas algorithm)

$$\frac{U}{2h}f_{j+1}^{n+1} + \frac{1}{\Delta t}f_{j}^{n+1} - \frac{U}{2h}f_{j-1}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{\Delta t}f_{j}^{n}$$

$$a_{j}f_{j+1}^{n+1} + d_{j}f_{j}^{n+1} + b_{j}f_{j-1}^{n+1} = C_{j}$$





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Lax-Fredrichs method

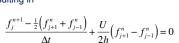
Start with the unstable centered difference approximation

$$\frac{f_j^{n+1} - f_j^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{U}{2h} \left(f_{j+1}^n - f_{j-1}^n \right) = 0$$

Replace the old value by

$$f_{j}^{n} = \frac{1}{2} (f_{j+1}^{n} + f_{j-1}^{n})$$

Resulting in





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Lax-Fredrichs method

- stable for $\lambda < 1$
- 1st order in time and space
- Conditionally consistent, but!

$$\frac{h}{\lambda} = \frac{h^2}{U\Delta t}$$

$$\frac{Uh}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}-\lambda\right)f_{xx}+\frac{Uh^2}{3}\left(1-\lambda^2\right)f_{xxx}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{h^2}{\Delta t} - U \Delta t \right) f_{xx} + \frac{1}{3} \left(U h^2 - U^3 \Delta t^2 \right) f_{xxx}$$

If we assume that $\Delta t \sim h$ then we have



Used as a starting point for higher order methods



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Second Order Schemes



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Leap Frog Method

The simplest stable second-order accurate (in time) method:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{f_{j}^{n+1} - f_{j}^{n-1}}{2\Delta t} + O(\Delta t^{2})$$

$$f_{j}^{n+1} = f_{j}^{n-1} - \frac{U\Delta t}{h} \left(f_{j+1}^{n} - f_{j-1}^{n} \right)$$

Modified equation
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{Uh^2}{6} (\lambda^2 - 1) f_{xxx} + \cdots$$
- Stable for $|\lambda| < 1$

- Dispersive (no dissipation) error will not damp out
- Initial conditions at two time levels
- Oscillatory solution in time (alternating)





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Lax-Wendroff's Method (LW-I)

First expand the solution in time

$$f(t+\Delta t) = f(t) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \Delta t + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} + \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} \frac{\Delta t^3}{6} + \cdots$$

Then use the original equation to rewrite the time derivatives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = -U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = U^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Substituting

$$f(t + \Delta t) = f(t) - U\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\Delta t + U^2\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}\frac{\Delta t^2}{2} + O(\Delta t^3)$$

Using central differences for the spatial derivatives

$$f_{j}^{n+1} = f_{j}^{n} - \frac{U\Delta t}{2h} \left(f_{j+1}^{n} - f_{j-1}^{n} \right) + \frac{U^{2}\Delta t^{2}}{2h^{2}} \left(f_{j+1}^{n} - 2f_{j}^{n} + f_{j-1}^{n} \right)$$

2nd order accurate in space and time

Stable for
$$\frac{U\Delta t}{h} < 1$$





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Two-Step Lax-Wendroff's Method (LW-II)

LW-I into two steps:

$$\frac{\int_{j+1/2}^{n+1/2} - (\int_{j+1}^{n} + \int_{j}^{n})/2}{\Delta t/2} + U \frac{\int_{j+1}^{n} - \int_{j}^{n}}{h} = 0$$
 Step 1 (Lax)

- $\frac{f_{j}^{n+1} f_{j}^{n}}{\Delta t} + U \frac{f_{j+1/2}^{n+1/2} f_{j-1/2}^{n+1/2}}{h} = 0$ Step 2 (Leapfrog)
- Stable for $U\Delta t/h < 1$
- Second order accurate in time and space

For the linear equations, LW-II is identical to LW-I





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

MacCormack Method

Similar to LW-II, without j+1/2, j-1/2

$$f_{j}^{i} = f_{j}^{n} - U \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(f_{j+1}^{n} - f_{j}^{n} \right)$$

$$f_{j}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[f_{j}^{n} + f_{j}^{i} - U \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(f_{j}^{i} - f_{j-1}^{i} \right) \right]$$

Predictor

Corrector

- A fractional step method
 - Predictor: forward differencing
 - Corrector: backward differencing
- -For linear problems, accuracy and stability properties are identical to LW-I.





Computational Fluid Dynamics Methods for Advection

Second-Order Upwind Method

Warming and Beam (1975) - Upwind for both steps

$$f_j^t = f_j^n - U \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(f_j^n - f_{j-1}^n \right) \quad \text{Predictor}$$

$$f_j^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[f_j^n + f_j^t - U \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(f_j^t - f_{j-1}^t \right) - U \frac{\Delta t}{h} \left(f_j^n - 2 f_{j-1}^n + f_{j-2}^n \right) \right]$$

Combining the two:

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - \lambda \left(f_j^n - f_{j-1}^n \right) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda (\lambda - 1) \left(f_j^n - 2 f_{j-1}^n + f_{j-2}^n \right)$$

- Stable if $0 \le \lambda \le 2$
- Second-order accurate in time and space



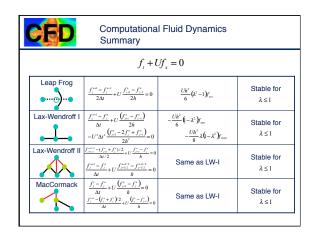
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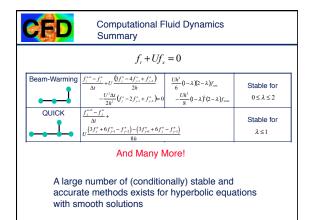
The one-step Lax-Wendroff is not easily extended to non-linear or multi-dimensional problems. The split version is.

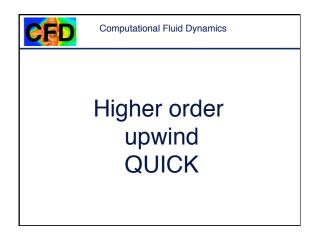
In the Lax-Wendroff and the MacCormack methods the spatial and the temporal discretization are not independent.

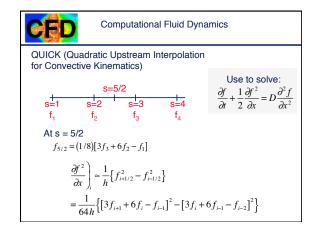
Other methods have been developed where the time integration is independent of the spatial discretization, such as the Beam-Warming and various Runge-Kutta methods

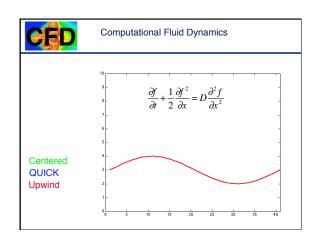
Computational Fluid Dynamics Summary				
$f_{t} + Uf_{x} = 0$				
	FTCS	$\frac{f_{j}^{s+1} - f_{j}^{s}}{\Delta t} + U \frac{f_{j+1}^{s} - f_{j-1}^{s}}{2h} = 0$	$-\Delta t \frac{U^2}{2} f_{xx} - \frac{Uh^2}{6} (1 + 2\lambda^2) f_{xxx}$	Unconditionally Unstable
	Upwind	$\frac{f_{j}^{s+1} - f_{j}^{s}}{\Delta t} + U \frac{f_{j}^{s} - f_{j-1}^{s}}{h} = 0$	$\frac{Uh}{2}(1-\lambda)f_{xx}$ $-\frac{Uh^2}{6}(2\lambda^2-3\lambda+1)f_{xxx}$	Stable for λ≤1
	Implicit	Δt 2n	$\frac{U^2 \Delta t}{2} f_{xx} - \left[\frac{1}{6} U h^2 + \frac{1}{3} U^3 \Delta t^2 \right] f_{xxx}$	Unconditionally Stable
	Lax-Friedrichs	$\frac{f_{j-1}^{s+1} - (f_{j-1}^{s} + f_{j-1}^{s})'2}{\Delta t} + U \frac{(f_{j-1}^{s} - f_{j-1}^{s})}{2h} = 0$	$\frac{Uh}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}-\lambda\right)f_{xx}+\frac{Uh^2}{3}\left(1-\lambda^2\right)f_{xxx}$	Conditionally consistent Stable for $\lambda \le 1$

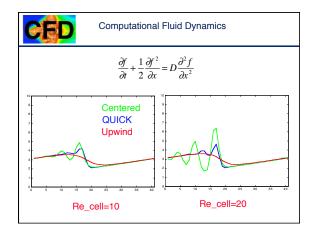


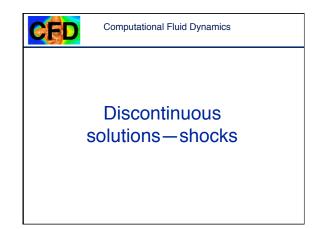


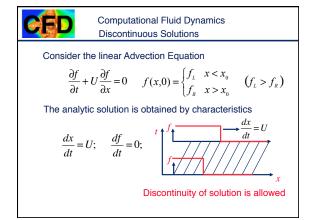


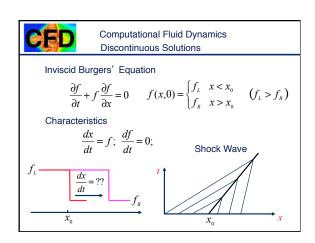


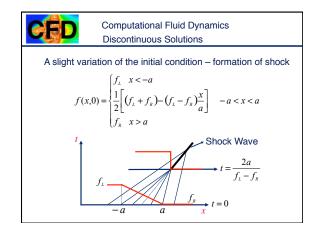


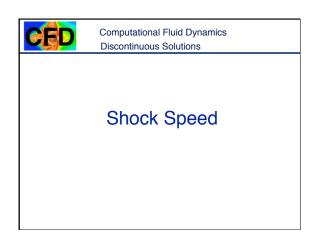


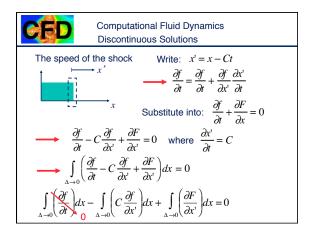


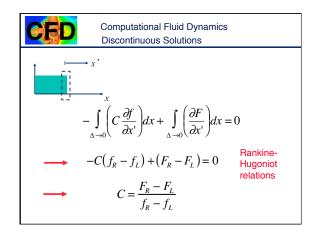










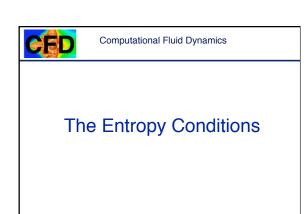


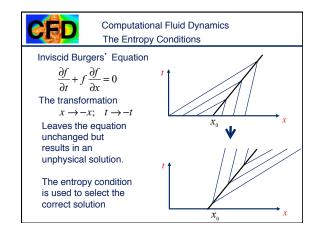
Computational Fluid Dynamics Discontinuous Solutions

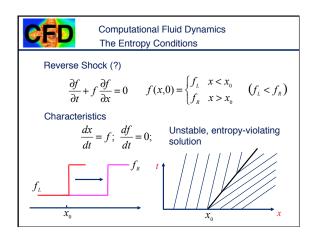
Example
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \qquad F = \frac{1}{2} f^2$$

$$C = \frac{F_R - F_L}{f_R - f_L} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_R^2 - f_L^2}{f_R - f_L} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(f_R - f_L)(f_R + f_L)}{f_R - f_L}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2} (f_R + f_L)$$









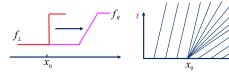
Computational Fluid Dynamics The Entropy Conditions

Rarefaction Wave (physically correct solution)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \qquad f(x,0) = \begin{cases} f_{L} & x < x_{0} \\ f_{R} & x > x_{0} \end{cases} \quad (f_{L} < f_{R})$$

Characteristics

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f; \ \frac{df}{dt} = 0;$$





Computational Fluid Dynamics The Entropy Conditions

Weak solutions to hyperbolic equations may not be unique.

How can we find a physical solution out of many weak solutions?

In fluid mechanics, the actual physics always includes dissipation, i.e. in the form of viscous Burgers' equation:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

Therefore, what we are truly seeking is the solution to the viscous Burgers' equation in the limit of $\varepsilon\to 0$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Entropy Condition

For a conservation equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(f)}{\partial x} = 0$$



Entropy Condition:

A discontinuity propagating with speed C satisfies the entropy condition if

Version I: $F'(f_L) > C > F'(f_R)$

Version II:
$$\frac{F(f) - F(f_L)}{f - f_L} \ge C \ge \frac{F(f) - F(f_R)}{f - f_R} \qquad \text{for} \qquad f_L \ge f \ge f_R$$

And some others...



Computational Fluid Dynamics Entropy Condition

Shock Wave

Given a conservation equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(f)}{\partial x} = 0$$

Rewrite in "characteristic" form

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{where:} \quad \frac{dt}{ds} = 1; \quad \frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial f}$$
or:
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial f} = F'(f)$$

The Entropy Condition states that the characteristics must "enter" the discontinuity. Thus, its speed *C* satisfies must satisfy

 $F'(f_{\scriptscriptstyle L}) > C > F'(f_{\scriptscriptstyle R})$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Entropy Condition

Similarly, the shock speed is given by

$$C = \frac{F_R - F_L}{f_R - f_L}$$

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$$\frac{F(f)-F(f_L)}{f-f_L} \ge C \ge \frac{F(f)-F(f_R)}{f-f_R}$$

Shock Wave

for
$$f_L \ge f \ge f_R$$

Means that the hypothetical shock speed for values of f between the left and the right state must give shock speeds that are larger on the left and smaller on the right.



Computational Fluid Dynamics

Conservative discretization



Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Schemes

In finite volume method, equations in conservative forms are needed in order to satisfy conservation properties.

As an example, consider a 1-D equation

$$\frac{\partial f(x,t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F[f(x,t)]}{\partial x} = 0$$

where F denotes a general advection/diffusion term, e.g.

$$F = \frac{1}{2}f^2$$
; $F = \mu(x)\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

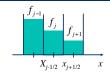


Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Schemes

Integrating over the domain L,

$$\int_{L} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dx + \int_{L} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx = 0$$

$$F(L) - F(0) = 0 \implies \frac{d}{dt} \int_{L} f dx = 0$$



If F = 0 at the end points of the domain, f is conserved.

$$\begin{split} &\int_{L} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx = \sum \frac{F_{j+1/2} - F_{j-1/2}}{\Delta x} \\ &= \left[\cdots + F_{j/2} - F_{j-3/2} + F_{j+1/2} - F_{j/2} + F_{j+3/2} - F_{j+1/2} + \cdots \right] \\ &= F_{L} - F_{0} \end{split}$$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Schemes

Examples of Conservative Form

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} f^2 \right) = 0$$
 versus $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$

Discretize using upwind

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} f^2 \right) \approx \frac{1}{2h} \left(f_i^2 - f_{i-1}^2 \right)$$
 Conservative

$$f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \approx \frac{f_i}{h} (f_i - f_{i-1})$$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Schemes

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} f^2 \right)_{i} \approx \frac{1}{2h} \left(f_i^2 - f_{i-1}^2 \right)}$$

$$\int_{L} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx \approx \sum_{j=1/2} F_{j+1/2} - F_{j-1/2} = \cdots + f_{j}^{2} - f_{i-2}^{2} + f_{i} - f_{j}^{2} + f_{i+1}^{2} - f_{i}^{2} + \cdots$$

$$f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \bigg|_{i} \approx \frac{f_{i}}{h} (f_{i} - f_{i-1})$$

$$\int_{L} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx \approx \sum_{j+1/2} F_{j+1/2} - F_{j-1/2} = \dots + f_{i-1}^2 - f_{i-1} f_i + f_i^2 - f_i f_{i-1} + f_{i+1}^2 - f_{i+1} f_i + \dots$$



Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Schemes

Another example (variable diffusion coefficient)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\mu(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

Discretize
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\mu(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$$
 versus $\mu \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

$$\mu \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

Non-conservative



Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Schemes

Conservation of higher order quantities

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$
 $f(\infty) = f(-\infty) = 0$

$$f\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{f^2}{2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{f^3}{3} = 0$$

Similarly, it can be shown that
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int \frac{f^n}{n} dx = 0$$

Integrate:
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int \frac{f^2}{2} dx = -\int \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{f^3}{3} dx = \left[\frac{f^3}{3} \right]^{\infty} = 0$$



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Generally it is believed that conservative schemes are superior to non-conservative ones and that the more conserved quantities the discrete approximation preserves, the better the scheme. While mostly true, there are exceptions as we will discuss later!



Computational Fluid Dynamics Discontinuous Solutions

Conservative Schemes are guarantied to give the correct Shock Speed since they correspond to a direct application of the conservation principles.

Non-conservative schemes may or may not



Computational Fluid Dynamics
Conservative Method

Conservation and shock speed

Example: inviscid Burgers equation:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$
 or $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} f^2 \right) = 0$

In capturing the correct solution behavior for discontinuous Initial data, conservative methods are essential (Lax).



Computational Fluid Dynamics Conservative Method

Example: for inviscid Burgers equation with discontinuous initial data



Consider upwind and forward Euler scheme:

Non-conservative form $f_t + ff_x = 0$

$$f_j^{n+1} = f_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} f_j^n (f_j^n - f_{j-1}^n) = 0 \quad \text{Never moves!}$$

Conservative form $f_t + \left(\frac{1}{2}f^2\right)_t = 0$

$$f_{j}^{n+1} = f_{j}^{n} - \frac{\Delta t}{2h} \left((f_{j}^{n})^{2} - (f_{j-1}^{n})^{2} \right) = \frac{\Delta t}{2h}$$



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Advecting a shock with several schemes



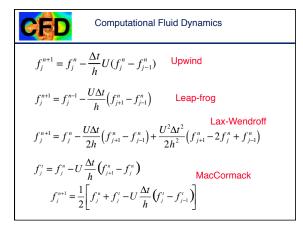
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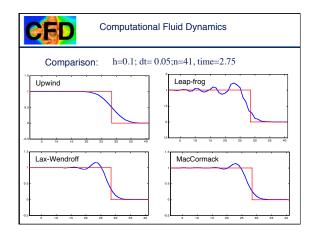
Example Problem: Linear Wave Equation

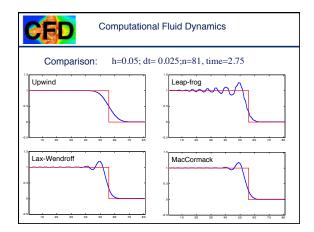
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t \ge 0$$
$$f(x,0) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ 0 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

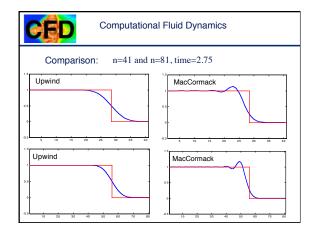
Exact Solution: f(x-Ut)

Apply various numerical methods











Observation 1:

Second-order methods tends to capture shaper solution (better accuracy), but they produce wiggly solutions.

Observation 2:

First-order methods are dissipative and less accurate, but the solution does not oscillate. (preserves monotonicity).

