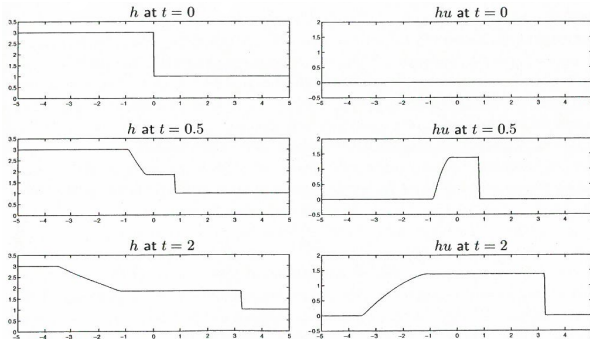


# Finite volume methods for advection equations and hyperbolic systems

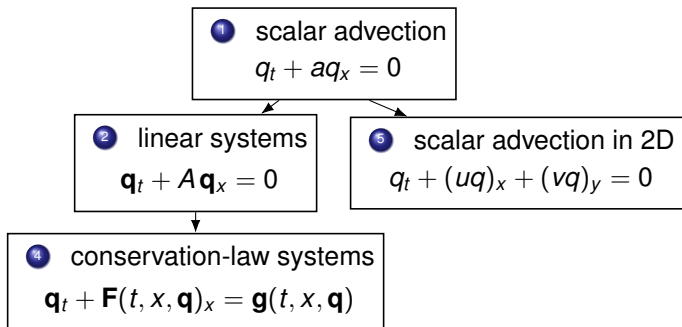
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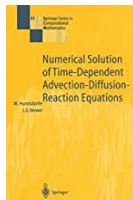
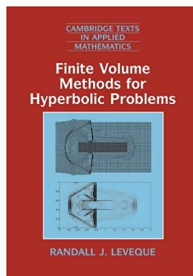
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- numerical solutions of systems of first-order, time-dependent PDEs
- hyperbolic PDEs:



- finite volume (FV) discretizations
  - a genuine introduction to FV methods
- section 3 is about “high-resolution” flux discretizations

- R. J. LeVeque, *Finite Volume Methods for Hyperbolic Problems*, Cambridge University Press, 2002
- W. Hundsdorfer and J. G. Verwer, *Numerical Solution of Time-Dependent Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equations*, Springer, 2003
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- for these **slides** (as .pdf), and the **movies** (as .mp4), see the `fvolume/` directory in this Github repository:

`https://github.com/bueler/slide-teach`

- for the **C codes** which generated all the results, see the `c/riemann/` directory in this Github repository:

`https://github.com/bueler/p4pdes-next`

- C programming is **NOT** required for appreciating these notes!

## visual example 1: merely a numerical solution

- before getting to numerical solutions, two show-and-tell movies
- consider advection equation for scalar density  $q(t, x)$ :

$$q_t + a q_x = 0$$

with speed  $a = 1$ , initial condition  $q(0, x)$  known, and periodic boundary conditions on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

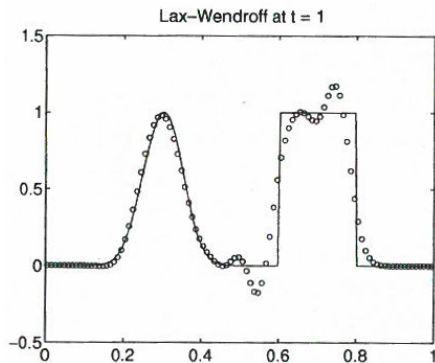
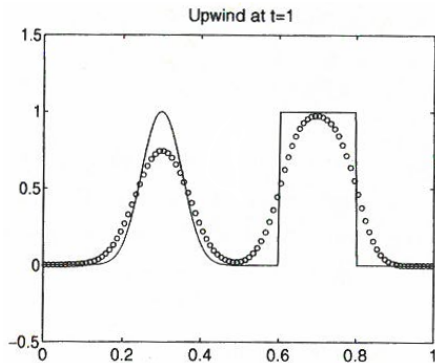
- movie of numerical solution for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ 
  - initial shape is transported rightward, from initial position back to same position

**SHOW ADVECTION MOVIE**

← `movies/advection.mp4`

## visual example 1: numerical *and* exact solutions

- was it clear what the movie showed?
- figures below are better: they show numerical and exact solutions



## visual example 2: merely a numerical solution

- shallow water equations:

$$h_t + (hu)_x = 0$$

$$(hu)_t + \left(hu^2 + \frac{g}{2}h^2\right)_x = 0$$

- coupled
  - hyperbolic
  - nonlinear
- suppose initial condition is a “hump” on  $x \in [-5, 5]$ 
  - $h(0, x) = ae^{-bx^2}$ ,  $u(0, x) = 0$
  - vertical displacement in the center of the domain
  - simplest model for a tsunami generated in middle of ocean
- movie of numerical solution for  $0 \leq t \leq 3$

SHOW SHALLOW WATER “HUMP” MOVIE

← `movies/hump.mp4`



# multiple roles for exact solutions

- exact solutions are rare but valuable!
- in these slides, exact solutions have two roles:
  - 1 for *verifying* simulations
    - measure norm of difference between exact and numerical solutions
    - precise “mathematical engineering” of numerical solvers
  - 2 as “*Riemann solvers*” for hyperbolic systems
    - used locally in constructing the numerical scheme
    - solutions for discontinuous initial conditions
    - explaining this mystery is a major purpose of my talk!

## my context: high performance PDEs

- I am interested in high performance solutions of PDEs
- all examples in these slides use fast C code
  - but more complicated than Matlab or Python
- my C codes call the Portable Extensible Toolkit for Scientific computing:

`https://petsc.org`

- a mathematical library for high-performance computing from the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory
- the run which generated the previous shallow water movie, with  $1000 \times 361$  (space $\times$ time) grid, completed in 0.3 seconds
- speed is more critical for problems with 2D and 3D space
  - parallelizability also important there

## please ask questions

- the rest of the talk is about the math not the movies
  - but with many figures to explain concepts
- **PLEASE** ask lots of questions, about any topic here at all
  - slowing me down is a *good* thing!
  - I'll try to watch the zoom chat, too
- feel free to email any time after the talk:
  - `elbueler@alaska.edu`

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## one-way advection

- next few slides should be an easy review
- consider the *scalar advection PDE* for  $q(t, x)$ :

$$q_t + aq_x = 0$$

- if  $a$  is constant and we have a smooth initial condition  $q(t, 0) = f(x)$  then the solution is

$$q(t, x) = f(x - at),$$

*because*, by the chain rule

$$q_t + aq_x = -af'(x - at) + af'(x - at) = 0$$

- the solution  $q(t, x) = f(x - at)$  is a “movie”: the graph of  $f(x)$  is translated distance by  $at$ , to the right, in time  $t$ 
  - even if  $a$  and/or  $t$  are negative
  - $a$  is the speed of the motion

## solution by characteristics

- but what about with variable speed  $a(t, x)$ ?

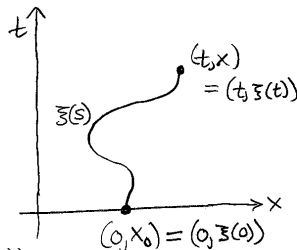
$$q_t + a(t, x)q_x = 0, \quad q(0, x) = f(x)$$

- we need the idea of a *characteristic curve* (ODE):

$$\frac{d\xi}{ds} = a(s, \xi(s))$$

- for a solution  $q(t, x)$ , we calculate  $\left[\xi' = \frac{d\xi}{ds}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(q(s, \xi(s))\right)' &= q_t(s, \xi(s)) + q_x(s, \xi(s))\xi'(s) \\ &= q_t(s, \xi(s)) + q_x(s, \xi(s))a(s, \xi(s)) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$



- conclude:  $q(t, \xi(t)) = q(0, \xi(0))$
- solution by characteristics*:  $q(t, x)$  has the same value as  $f(x_0)$  if  $\xi(s)$  is a characteristic curve that ends at  $(t, x)$  and starts at  $(0, x_0)$

## solution by characteristics 2

- the method can be extended to the nonlinear equation

$$q_t + a(t, x)q_x = g(t, x, q), \quad q(0, x) = f(x)$$

- $a$  is the speed of the characteristic curve
  - $g$  is the *source term*
  - idea*: the solution  $q$  changes at rate  $g$  along the characteristic
  - if  $g = 0$  then  $q$  is constant along the characteristic
- now we have a pair of ODEs to solve:

$$\begin{aligned}\xi'(s) &= a(s, \xi(s)) \\ \omega'(s) &= g(s, \xi(s), \omega(s))\end{aligned}$$

- solution by characteristics*:
  - from 1st ODE, find characteristic  $\xi(s)$  through  $(0, x_0)$  and  $(t, x)$
  - solve 2nd ODE with initial condition  $\omega(0) = f(x_0)$
  - then  $q(t, x) = \omega(t)$
- main idea** about advection PDEs:

information travels along the characteristics

## upwind scheme for one-way advection

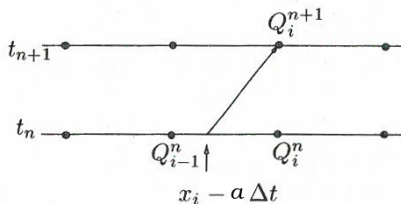
- we may apply the *upwind* scheme to  $q_t + aq_x = 0$  (case  $a > 0$ ):

$$\frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} = 0$$

- equivalently, solve for the new value at  $t_{n+1}$ :

$$Q_i^{n+1} = \frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x} Q_{i-1}^n + \left(1 - \frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x}\right) Q_i^n = \ell(x_i - a\Delta t)$$

where  $\ell(x)$  linearly interpolates between  $(x_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}^n)$  and  $(x_i, Q_i^n)$



- interpolate  $\ell$  where the characteristic through  $(x_i, Q_i^{n+1})$  hits the  $t_n$  line
- except we must require *interpolation* instead of extrapolation:  $\frac{|a|\Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1$

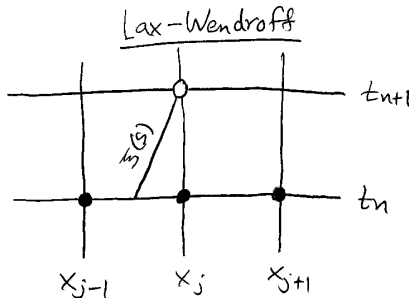
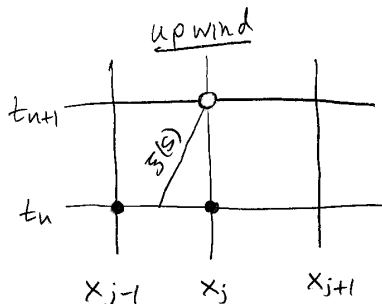


## upwind and Lax-Wendroff schemes

- while upwind uses linear interpolation using two points, ...
- the *Lax-Wendroff* scheme uses quadratic interpolation with three points
- formulas: if  $\nu = a\Delta t/\Delta x$  then

$$Q_i^{n+1} = \nu Q_{i-1}^n + (1 - \nu) Q_i^n \quad \text{upwind}$$

$$Q_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}\nu(1 + \nu)Q_{i-1}^n + (1 - \nu^2) Q_i^n + \frac{1}{2}\nu(1 - \nu)Q_{i+1}^n \quad \text{LW}$$



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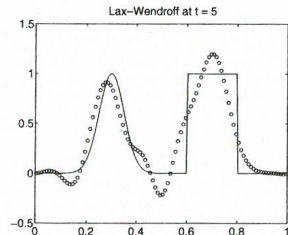
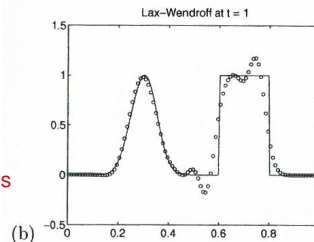
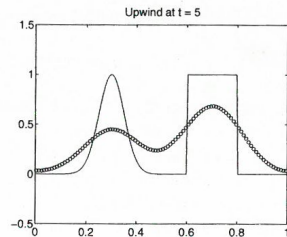
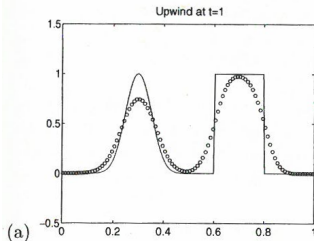
- in a very early paper, Courant, Friedrichs, and Lewy (1928) gave a criterion for stability of numerical methods on hyperbolic PDEs
- **CFL criterion:** the characteristic through the new location  $(t_{n+1}, x_i)$  must be in the numerical domain of dependence of the scheme at  $t_n$ , i.e.

$$\nu_{CFL} = \frac{|a|\Delta t}{\Delta x} \leq 1 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{|a|}$$

- we need CFL so that upwind and Lax-Wendroff formulas are *interpolations* not *extrapolations*
  - the errors from extrapolation would propagate forward as exponential growth, i.e. *unstably*
- CFL is a *necessary* condition for stability (and thus for convergence)
- CFL applies to any finite difference, finite volume, or finite element scheme for a hyperbolic PDE

# results

- suppose same problem as in earlier movie:  
 $q_t + a q_x = 0$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , and periodic boundary conditions

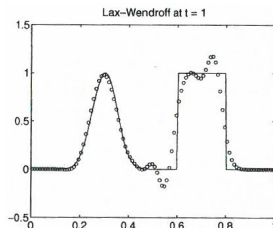


*issues:*

oversmoothing  
spurious oscillation  
loss of original bounds

## how to do better? ... the history

- upwind and Lax-Wendroff methods were obvious technology by  $\sim 1960$
- but the results suffered from three diseases:
  - **oversmoothing** (upwind)
  - **spurious oscillation** (Lax-Wendroff)
  - **loss of original solution bounds** (Lax-Wendroff)



- in 1960–90s these diseases were mostly fixed ... how?:
  - reading Godunov (1959)
  - new “finite volume” thinking
  - new “Riemann solver” interpretation of the upwind method
  - new “slope-limiting” or “flux-limiting” to avoid oscillations
- this talk: make sense of these 1990s buzzwords!



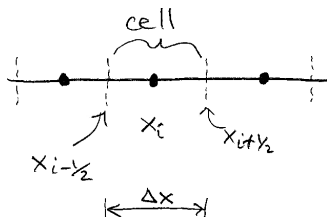
## the finite volume (FV) idea

- assume the problem is in flux-conservation form

$$q_t + f(q)_x = 0$$

- $f(q) = aq$  for scalar advection  $q_t + aq_x = 0$

- put on a grid  $\{x_i\}$  with spacing  $\Delta x$



- cell = finite volume*
- suppose  $x_i$  is the center of a cell, and integrate over it:

$$\int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q_t + f(q)_x \, dx = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(t, x) \, dx + f\left(q(t, x_{i+1/2})\right) - f\left(q(t, x_{i-1/2})\right) = 0$$

# numerical quantities in an FV method

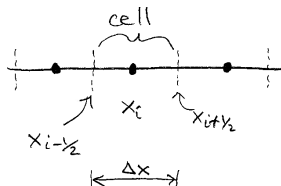
- define:  $Q_i(t) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(t, x) dx$ 
  - $Q_i(t)$  represents a cell average, not a point value
  - versus in a finite difference scheme:  $Q_i(t) \approx q(t, x_i)$
  - make sure to distinguish  $q(t, x_i)$  (exact) and  $Q_i(t)$  (numerical)
- let  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(t) \approx f\left(q(t, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})\right)$  be the flux at *cell face*
- so exact statement from last slide,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(t, x) dx + f\left(q(t, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})\right) - f\left(q(t, x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})\right) = 0,$$

becomes a numerical scheme:

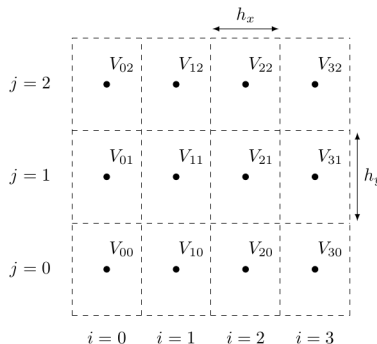
$$\Delta x \frac{dQ_i}{dt} + F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

- this is only a spatial discretization



## just an illustration: FV in 2D

- the name “finite volumes” makes more sense in 2D or 3D
  - figure shows a structured 2D FV grid
- the “grid” in an FV scheme is often *shown* as cell centers (dots)
- ... the solution is actually represented by an *average value*  $Q_{ij}$  per cell
- each cell  $V_{ij}$  is a domain of integration
- the scheme relates the cell average to the fluxes  $F$  on faces (dashed lines)
- conservation holds because each cell face has one flux value



## an almost-complete FV scheme

- also put a grid on  $t$
- use forward Euler in time
- we have this derivation of a scheme:

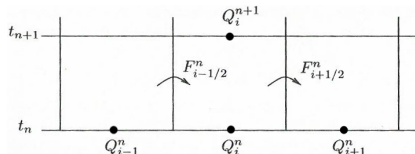
$$q_t + f(q)_x = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(t, x) dx + f\left(q(t, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})\right) - f\left(q(t, x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})\right) = 0$$

$$\Delta x \frac{dQ_i}{dt} + F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\Delta x \left( \frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} \right) + F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n = 0$$

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- the **red equation** is a computable numerical scheme *if* we have a scheme for approximating the face fluxes  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$

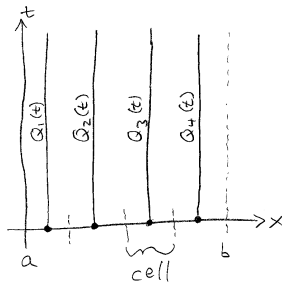
# method-of-lines (MOL) thinking

- *but* we should not commit to forward Euler so soon!
- remember:  $Q_i(t) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(t, x) dx$  and  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(t) \approx f\left(q(t, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})\right)$
- our basic FV scheme is an ODE system in time:

$$\frac{dQ_i}{dt} + \frac{F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

- write as:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{dt} = \mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{Q}), \quad \mathbf{Q}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ Q_J(t) \end{bmatrix}$$



- why? because good black-box ODE solvers are available
  - ... it is not 1970 anymore, people!

## upwind as the “donor cell” method

- in FV language, upwind for  $q_t + aq_x = 0$  is 3 steps:
  - integrate over the spatial cell (= derive the FV MOL scheme):

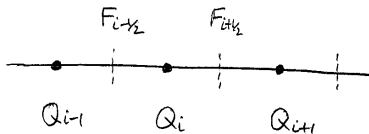
$$\frac{dQ_i}{dt} + \frac{F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

- compute flux  $F(q) = aq$  from the upwind *donor cell*:

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} aQ_i, & a \geq 0, \\ aQ_{i+1}, & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

- forward Euler for time stepping:

$$\frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{\begin{cases} Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n & [a \geq 0] \\ Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n & [a < 0] \end{cases}}{\Delta x} = 0$$



- for ii) we will do better (“high-resolution” methods; “slope-limiters”)
  - but how to interpret “donor cell” for hyperbolic *systems*?
- for iii) we can already do better (Runge-Kutta, Matlab ODE solvers, ...)

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# linear systems: examples

- consider a *linear, constant-coefficient, homogeneous system*:

$$\mathbf{q}_t + A \mathbf{q}_x = 0$$

- $\mathbf{q}(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  vector-valued solution
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  square matrix

*d* = 2 example: *acoustics* (= classical 2nd-order wave equation)

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ u \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K_0 \\ \frac{1}{\rho_0} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} p_t + K_0 u_x &= 0 \\ u_t + \frac{1}{\rho_0} p_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

*d* = 2 example: linearized *shallow water equations*

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ hu \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -u_0^2 + gh_0 & 2u_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} h_t + (hu)_x &= 0 \\ (hu)_t + (-u_0^2 + gh_0)h_x + 2u_0(hu)_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



## example: acoustics

- $p(t, x)$  is gas pressure,  $u(t, x)$  is gas velocity
- assume pressure/velocity variations are small, and density  $\rho_0$  and compressibility  $K_0$  are constant
- thus linear, constant-coefficient first-order PDE system:

$$\begin{aligned} p_t + K_0 u_x &= 0 \\ u_t + \frac{1}{\rho_0} p_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

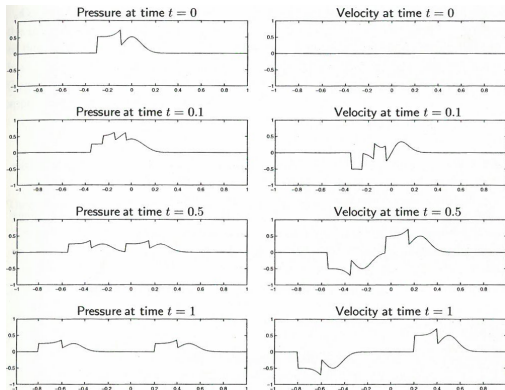
- or  $\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_x = 0$  where

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ u \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K_0 \\ \frac{1}{\rho_0} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- or in 2nd-order form with  $c^2 = \frac{K_0}{\rho_0}$ :

$$p_{tt} = c^2 p_{xx}$$

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$$



## linear system we can already handle

- consider boring decoupled system:

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{aligned} u_t + au_x &= 0 \\ v_t + bv_x &= 0 \\ w_t + cw_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- *method*: upwind on each equation independently
- *claim*: for general  $A$ , changing the basis should put us in this boring situation
- notation: bold for column vectors  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ 
  - inner product:  $\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{v} = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$

## Definition

a first-order system  $\mathbf{q}_t + A\mathbf{q}_x = 0$  is *hyperbolic* if  $A$  is diagonalizable and all of the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real

- *diagonalizable* = there is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$
- consider *left eigenvectors* of  $A$ , namely vectors  $\mathbf{w}_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$  so that

$$\mathbf{w}_k^\top A = \lambda_k \mathbf{w}_k^\top$$

- $\lambda_k$  are *eigenvalues*, real numbers if the system is hyperbolic
- $\mathbf{w}_k$  are column vectors so  $\mathbf{w}_k^\top$  are row vectors
- $\mathbf{w}_k$  are also right eigenvectors of  $A^\top$ :  $A^\top \mathbf{w}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{w}_k$
- the left/right *eigenvalues* are the same

## eigenvectors decouple hyperbolic systems

- assume the system  $\mathbf{q}_t + A\mathbf{q}_x = 0$  is hyperbolic
- decouple it by multiplying by  $\mathbf{w}_k^\top$ :

$$\mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{w}_k^\top A \mathbf{q}_x = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}_t + \lambda_k \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}_x = 0$$

- define scalar functions (inner products)

$$v_k(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}(t, x)$$

- these scalar functions satisfy decoupled advection equations:

$$(v_k)_t + \lambda_k (v_k)_x = 0$$

- solve these one-way advection problems by characteristics:

$$v_k(t, x) = v_k(0, x - \lambda_k t)$$

- *note:* matrix  $A$  must be constant for this calculation

# eigenvectors decouple hyperbolic systems = Riemann invariants

- the functions  $v_k(t, x)$  are called the *Riemann invariants*:

$$v_k(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}(t, x) = v_k(0, x - \lambda_k t) = \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}(0, x - \lambda_k t)$$

- but how to write  $\mathbf{q}(t, x)$  if we have  $v_k(t, x)$ ?
  - expand in basis  $\mathbf{w}_k$ , with scalar coefficients  $c_k(t, x)$ :

$$\mathbf{q}(t, x) = \sum_{k=1}^d c_k(t, x) \mathbf{w}_k$$

- note  $v_\ell(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_\ell^\top \mathbf{q}(t, x) = \sum_{k=1}^d c_k(t, x) \mathbf{w}_\ell^\top \mathbf{w}_k$
- define matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  with entries  $B_{\ell k} = \mathbf{w}_\ell^\top \mathbf{w}_k$ :
- $B$  is invertible so solve:

$$B\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{v} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \sum_{k=1}^d B_{\ell k} c_k(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_\ell^\top \mathbf{q}(0, x - \lambda_\ell t)$$

- red equations combine into a computable solution

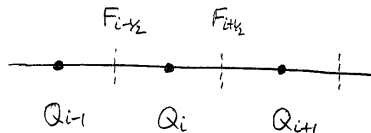
- left eigenvectors for  $A$  are the same as right eigenvectors for  $A^T$
- in MATLAB, find left eigenvectors  $\mathbf{w}_k$  by applying `eig()` to  $A' = A^T$ :

```
>> A = [...; ...; ...];           % input square matrix A
>> [X,D] = eig(A');
>> lamk = D(k,k);                  % eigenvalue
>> wk = X(:,k);                    % left eigenvector
```

# Riemann solver

- key idea: in a FV scheme, at  $t_n$  we have **two different numerical values on either side of the cell face** at  $x_{i+1/2}$ :

$$\mathbf{Q}_i = \mathbf{Q}_L, \quad \mathbf{Q}_{i+1} = \mathbf{Q}_R$$

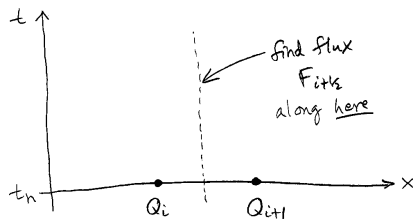


- on the other hand:  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}$  is a function of  $\mathbf{q}$ , so to get flux  $\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2}$  we must know the solution *on the face*:  $\mathbf{q}(t, x_{i+1/2})$  for  $t > t_n$
- a *Riemann solver* solves the following problem:

find  $\mathbf{q}(t, x_{i+1/2})$  for  $t > t_n$  given

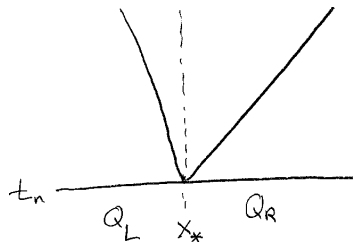
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$$\mathbf{q}(t_n, x) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{Q}_L, & x < x_{i+1/2} \\ \mathbf{Q}_R, & x > x_{i+1/2} \end{cases}$$

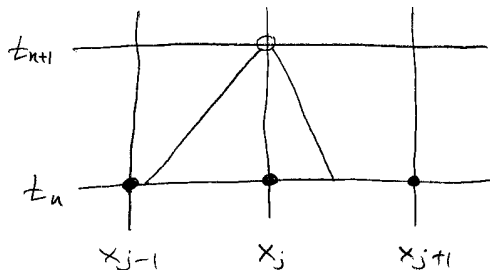


## forward versus backward characteristics

- thus when constructing numerical schemes for hyperbolic problems there are two ways of thinking about characteristics:
  - i) Riemann solvers generate a flux at  $x_*$  at times  $t > t_n$
  - ii) FD methods (e.g. Lax-Wendroff) find  $(x_j, t_{n+1})$  solution by going back to  $t_n$



Riemann solver view



finite difference (FD) view

- the Riemann solver view makes it easier to
  - generalize to nonlinear systems
  - work with the MOL equations (because no time-step choice)



# Riemann solver for the acoustics problem

- for example, ...
- recall the acoustics problem  $\mathbf{q}_t + A\mathbf{q}_x = 0$ :

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ u \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K_0 \\ \frac{1}{\rho_0} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} p_t + K_0 u_x &= 0 \\ u_t + \frac{1}{\rho_0} p_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- eigen-decomposition of  $A$ :

$$\lambda_1 = -c_0, \quad \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -Z_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_2 = +c_0, \quad \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ +Z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $c_0 = \sqrt{K_0/\rho_0}$  and  $Z_0 = \rho_0 c_0$

- thus the Riemann invariants  $v_k(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}(t, x)$  are:

$$v_1(t, x) = p(t, x) - Z_0 u(t, x), \quad v_2(t, x) = p(t, x) + Z_0 u(t, x)$$

## Riemann solver for the acoustics problem 2

- denote  $x_* = x_{i+1/2}$  and let  $\mathbf{Q}_L = \begin{bmatrix} p_L \\ u_L \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_R = \begin{bmatrix} p_R \\ u_R \end{bmatrix}$
- $\lambda_1 < 0$  so  $v_1$  is left-going, so we solve forward from  $t = t_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p(t, x_*) - Z_0 u(t, x_*) &= v_1(t, x_*) = v_1(t_n, x_* - \lambda_1(t - t_n)) \\ &= p_R - Z_0 u_R \end{aligned}$$

- $\lambda_2 > 0$  so  $v_2$  is right-going:

$$\begin{aligned} p(t, x_*) + Z_0 u(t, x_*) &= v_2(t, x_*) = v_2(t_n, x_* - \lambda_2(t - t_n)) \\ &= p_L - Z_0 u_L \end{aligned}$$

- solve for the solution at the face, namely  $\mathbf{q}(t, x_*)$ :

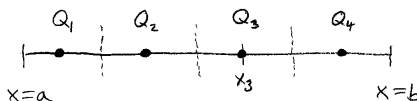
$$\begin{aligned} p(t, x_*) &= \frac{1}{2} (p_L + p_R + Z_0(u_L - u_R)) \\ u(t, x_*) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{Z_0} (p_L - p_R) + u_L + u_R \right) \end{aligned}$$

- thus the face flux at  $x_* = x_{i+1/2}$  is computable; this is the Riemann solver:

$$\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}(t, x_*) = \begin{bmatrix} K_0 u(t, x_{i+1/2}) \\ \frac{1}{\rho_0} p(t, x_{i+1/2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

## flux boundary conditions, and the grid

- boundary conditions at  $x = a, b$
- easiest if think in terms of the value of the *flux* there,
- ... thus we set up the grid to have cell faces at  $x = a, b$



$$x_j = a + (j - 1/2)\Delta x \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta x = \frac{b - a}{J}$$

- for the acoustics problem on the next slide, suppose
  - reflecting condition on left:  $u(t, a) = 0$
  - outflow condition on right:  $v_1(t, b) = 0$
- modify the Riemann solvers at  $x = a$  and  $x = b$  accordingly
  - inflow versus outflow condition is clear in the scheme

- I used all these ideas in a C+PETSc program for the acoustics problem:

$$\begin{aligned}p_t + K_0 u_x &= 0 \\ u_t + \frac{1}{\rho_0} p_x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- see `c/riemann/riemann.c` at [github.com/bueler/p4pdes-next](https://github.com/bueler/p4pdes-next)

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## summary of linear hyperbolic systems and Riemann solvers

- if a linear system  $\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_x = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is *hyperbolic* then (by definition) it can be decoupled ( $\mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{A} = \lambda_k \mathbf{w}_k$ ) into  $d$  scalar (real) advection problems
- the solutions of these advection problems, forward from time  $t_n$ , are the *Riemann invariants*:

$$v_k(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}(t, x) = v_k(t_n, x - \lambda_k(t - t_n))$$

- now write in conservation form:  $\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q})_x = 0$  where  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}$
- in the FV *method-of-lines (MOL)* view we only integrate in space:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Q}_j}{dt} + \frac{\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2} - \mathbf{F}_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

- a *Riemann solver* finds the face fluxes  $\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^*$  by solving the *Riemann problem*, with  $\mathbf{Q}_L, \mathbf{Q}_R$  on sides of the face, to find  $\mathbf{Q}^*$  on the face
  - this uses the Riemann invariants
- can we generalize to nonlinear systems by using  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{q})$ ?

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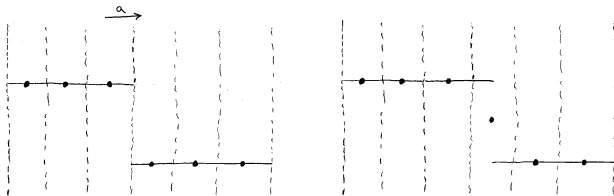
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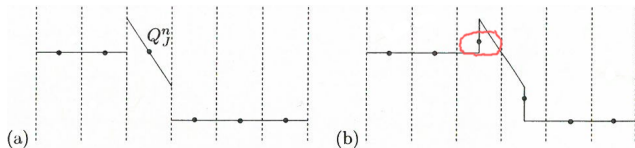


## the reconstruct-evolve-average view of FV schemes

- if we want to kill oscillation then another view is helpful
- consider:  $q_t + a q_x = 0$  for  $a > 0$ , with cell values  $\{Q_j^n\}$
- apply 1st-order upwinding Euler step from  $t_n$  (left) to  $t_{n+1}$  (right):



- right figure: new cell averages (dots) after evolving exact solution (lines)
- upwinding uses constant values in cells (*see next slide*)
- versus Lax-Wendroff, which uses downwind slope:



- note the **overshoot**, which we want to avoid

# slope reconstruction

- at time  $t_n$  we only have the discrete unknowns  $\{Q_i^n\}$
- but we can “reconstruct” a linear function  $\tilde{q}(t_n, x)$  on each cell:

$$\tilde{q}(t_n, x) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i)$$

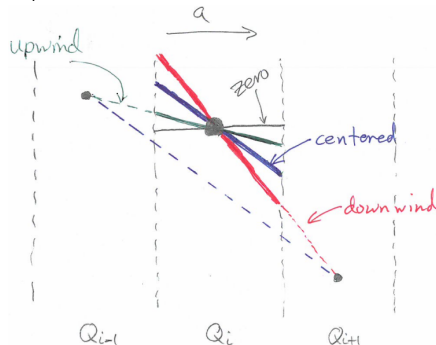
- $\sigma_i^n$  is the *slope* in the cell  $[x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$
  - for any  $\sigma_i^n$ , the cell average remains  $Q_i^n$
- possibilities for slope when  $a > 0$ :

zero:  $\sigma_i = 0$

downwind:  $\sigma_i = \frac{Q_{i+1} - Q_i}{\Delta x}$

upwind:  $\sigma_i = \frac{Q_i - Q_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$

centered:  $\sigma_i = \frac{Q_{i+1} - Q_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$



- **WARNING:** upwind *scheme* uses zero slope

## from reconstruction to flux

- for slope  $\sigma_i^n$  we get a model (reconstruction) of the solution in the cell:

$$\tilde{q}(t_n, x) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i)$$

- this gives solution estimates at the cell faces  $x_{i-1/2}, x_{i+1/2}$ :

$$Q_i^L = \tilde{q}(t_n, x_{i-1/2}) = Q_i^n - \sigma_i^n \frac{\Delta x}{2}$$

$$Q_i^R = \tilde{q}(t_n, x_{i+1/2}) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n \frac{\Delta x}{2}$$

- use these to compute the fluxes at cell faces in an explicit method
- for example, in the scalar advection equation  $F(q) = aq$ :

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{cases} aQ_i^R, & a \geq 0 \\ aQ_{i+1}^L, & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

- similarly for  $F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$
  - compare the “upwind as the donor cell method” slide

## slope limiter idea

- we should use a nonzero slope  $\sigma_i$  to get higher accuracy
- ... *except* when the slope would put the reconstruction out of range of the three values  $\{Q_{i-1}, Q_i, Q_{i+1}\}$
- computing  $\sigma_i$  by a *slope limiter* avoid the out-of-range problem
- for example, the **minmod slope limiter**:

$$\sigma_i = \text{minmod} \left\{ \frac{Q_i - Q_{i-1}}{\Delta x}, \frac{Q_{i+1} - Q_i}{\Delta x} \right\}$$

- by definition, for real numbers  $a, b$  of the same sign:

$$\text{minmod}\{a, b\} = \begin{cases} 0, & ab \leq 0 \\ a, & ab > 0 \text{ and } |a| \leq |b| \\ b, & ab > 0 \text{ and } |a| > |b| \end{cases}$$

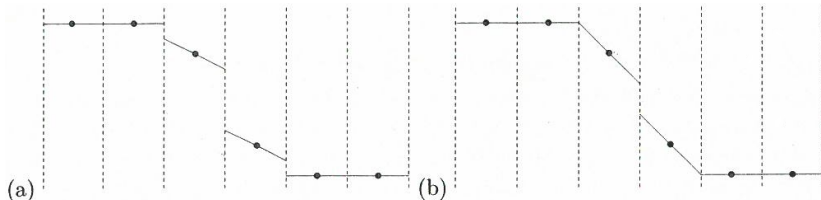
- in words:  $\text{minmod}\{a, b\}$  is closest to zero of  $a$  and  $b$  unless they differ in sign; then it is zero
- if  $Q_i$  is the extrema of the three values then  $\sigma_i = 0$

## slope limiter idea 2

- an alternative is the *MC slope limiter*:

$$\sigma_i = \min\left\{\frac{Q_{i+1} - Q_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}, 2 \min\left\{\frac{Q_i - Q_{i-1}}{\Delta x}, \frac{Q_{i+1} - Q_i}{\Delta x}\right\}\right\}$$

- in pictures:



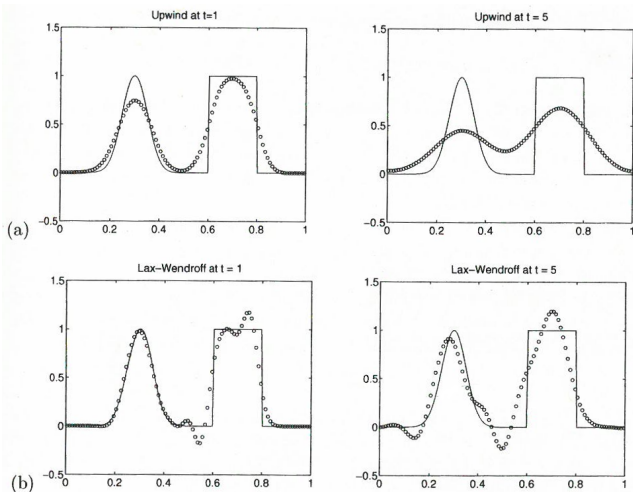
minmod limiter

MC limiter

- can you draw-in the downwind slopes (Lax-Wendroff)? ... get overshoot
- historical comment: the theory of *total variation diminishing* (TVD) schemes, circa 1990s, arises from these pictures

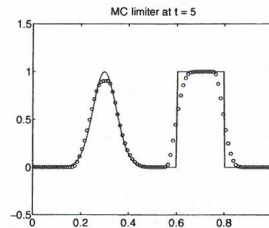
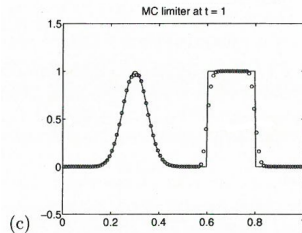
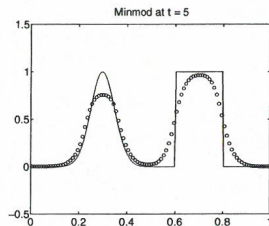
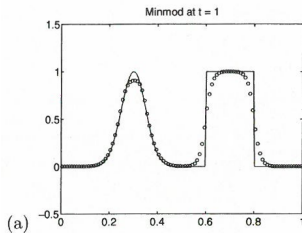
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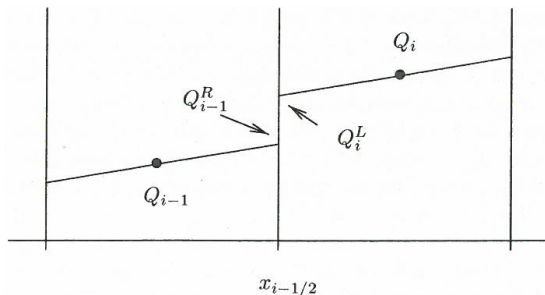
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## MOL: slope limiting and Riemann solvers

- suppose we want to use limited slopes and Riemann solvers in a method-of-lines (MOL) framework ... how to do this?
- *answer:* apply the slope calculation and slope-limiter as usual and then compute the flux  $F_{i-1/2}$  in terms of this picture:



- the left and right values at the face,  $Q_{i-1}^R$  and  $Q_i^L$ , are the ones used in the Riemann solver to compute the solution value at the face for  $t > t_n$
- thereby get the flux  $F_{i-1/2}(t)$  for  $t > t_n$



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# conservation laws

- a *conservation law* is a first-order PDE system, for  $\mathbf{q}(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , with a given *flux function*  $\mathbf{f}$  and *source function*  $\mathbf{g}$ :

$$\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{f}(t, x, \mathbf{q})_x = \mathbf{g}(t, x, \mathbf{q})$$

- linear conservation law:  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = A\mathbf{q}$
  - if  $\mathbf{f}$  depends on  $\nabla \mathbf{q}$  (e.g. heat equation) then the system is *not* hyperbolic
- scalar, nonlinear, and hyperbolic examples:
  - *Burger's equation* with  $f(q) = \frac{1}{2}q^2$  and  $g = 0$ :

$$q_t + \left(\frac{1}{2}q^2\right)_x = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad q_t + qq_x = 0$$

- *nonlinear traffic model* with  $f(q) = u_{\max}(1 - q)q$  and  $g = 0$ :

$$q_t + (u_{\max}(1 - q)q)_x = 0$$

## nonlinear conservation laws: system examples

- *shallow water equations* with height  $h(t, x)$  and velocity  $u(t, x)$ :

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ hu \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} hu \\ hu^2 + \frac{g}{2}h^2 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{aligned} h_t + (hu)_x &= 0 \\ (hu)_t + \left(hu^2 + \frac{g}{2}h^2\right)_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- *Euler equations for an ideal gas*:

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ E \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ (E + p)u \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{aligned} \rho_t + (\rho u)_x &= 0 \\ (\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x &= 0 \\ E_t + ((E + p)u)_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- variables are density  $\rho(t, x)$ , velocity  $u(t, x)$ , and energy density  $E(t, x)$
- the pressure  $p$  is found from an equation of state, for example for a polytropic ideal gas ( $\gamma \approx 1.4$  for air):

$$E = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho u^2$$

## scalar conservation law: traffic model

- for this traffic model,  $q(t, x)$  is the density of cars,  $0 \leq q \leq 1$
- cars move at speed

$$U(q) = u_{\max}(1 - q)$$

- they slow down when the density is high
- the flux of cars is

$$f(q) = U(q)q = u_{\max}(1 - q)q$$

- but note that

$$f'(q) = u_{\max}(1 - 2q)$$

- scalar nonlinear conservation laws are nonlinear advection problems:

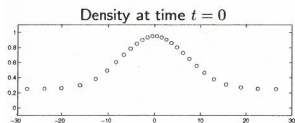
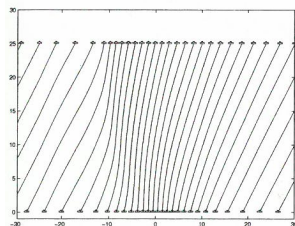
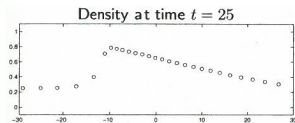
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- the solution is constant along characteristics, but the characteristic speed depends on the solution:

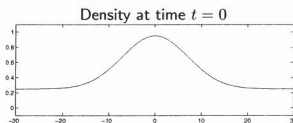
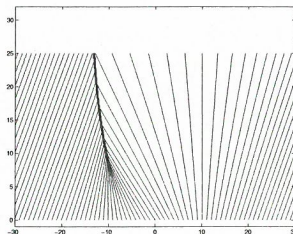
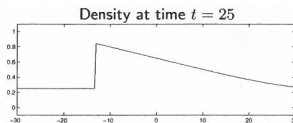
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# traffic: speed versus speed

- speed of car is  $U(q) = u_{\max}(1 - q)$
- speed of characteristic is  $f'(q) = u_{\max}(1 - 2q)$



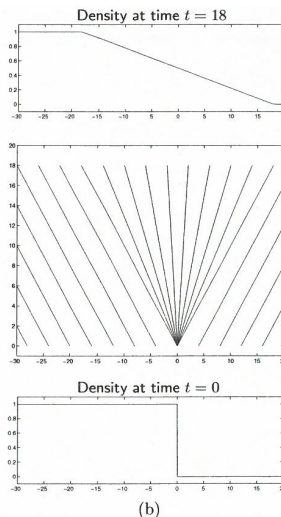
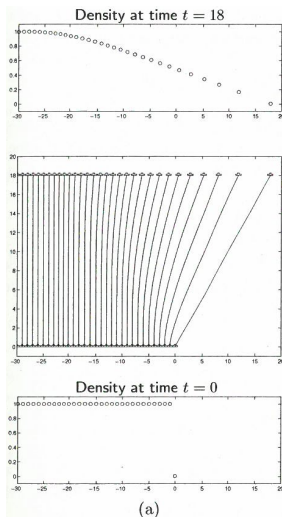
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# traffic: shock and rarefaction waves

- previous slide shows formation of a *shock wave* from a smooth hump
- the model can also form *rarefaction waves*



## recall the FV-MOL-Riemann solver idea

- for problems in flux-conservation form:  $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$
- put a grid on  $x$ , with  $x_i$  at cell center
- integrate over the cell:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(t, x) dx + f\left(q(t, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})\right) - f\left(q(t, x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})\right) = 0$$

- interpret discrete unknowns as cell averages (FV):

$$Q_i(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(t, x) dx$$

- get a big ODE system (MOL) for solution by an ODE black box:

$$\frac{dQ_i}{dt} + \frac{F_{i+1/2} - F_{i-1/2}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

- a (slope-limited) Riemann solver will compute the face fluxes  $F_{i+1/2}$

# Riemann problem for scalar conservation laws

- the Riemann problem addresses a discontinuity at  $x_* = x_{i+1/2}$ :

$$q_t + f'(q)q_x = 0, \quad q(t_n, x) = \begin{cases} Q_L & x < x_* \\ Q_R & x > x_* \end{cases}$$

- the goal is to compute  $Q_*$  on the face at  $x_*$
- and thereby compute the flux  $F_{i+1/2}$
- for scalar nonlinear conservation laws there are several possibilities:



- (a), (e) are shocks while (b), (d) are rarefaction waves
  - (a),(b) left-going or (d),(e) right-going, as shown
  - in all these cases  $Q_* = Q_L$  or  $Q_* = Q_R$
- (c) is a *transonic rarefaction wave*:  $Q_*$  satisfies  $f'(Q_*) = 0$
- these are all the possibilities if  $f(q)$  is convex or concave



- the flux solution of the Riemann problem for a scalar conservation law:

$$F_{i+1/2} = \begin{cases} \min_{Q_L \leq q \leq Q_R} f(q) & \text{if } Q_L \leq Q_R \\ \max_{Q_R \leq q \leq Q_L} f(q) & \text{if } Q_L \geq Q_R \end{cases}$$

- formula (12.4) in LeVeque (2002)
- see `c/riemann/riemann.c` at [github.com/bueler/p4pdes-next](https://github.com/bueler/p4pdes-next)

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## shallow water equations

- $h(t, x)$  is water surface height,  $u(t, x)$  is horizontal water velocity
  - assuming  $h > 0$  throughout
- conservation law  $\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q})_x = 0$  with

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ hu \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} hu \\ hu^2 + \frac{g}{2}h^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- eigen-decomposition of  $A = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -u^2 + gh & 2u \end{bmatrix}$ :

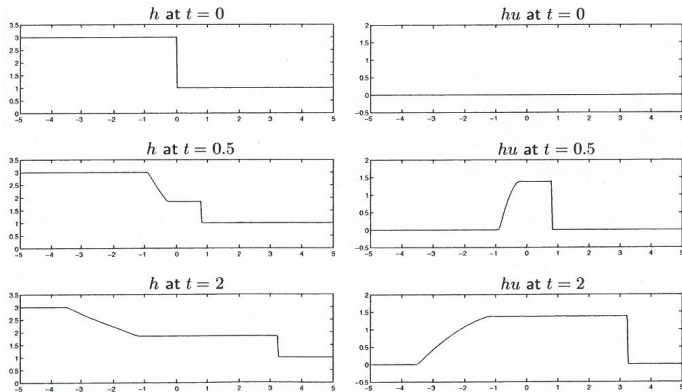
$$\lambda_1 = u - \sqrt{gh}, \quad \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ u - \sqrt{gh} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = u + \sqrt{gh}, \quad \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ u + \sqrt{gh} \end{bmatrix}$$

- main idea: the eigen-decomposition depends on  $\mathbf{q}$
- the speeds always bracket the water velocity:  $\lambda_1 < u < \lambda_2$ 
  - it is possible that both  $\lambda_i$  are negative, or both are positive
- these *gravity waves* travel at speed at least  $\sqrt{gh}$

# shallow water equations: illustration of a Riemann problem

- what does a Riemann problem look like?
  - recall:  $\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q})_x = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{q}(t_n, x) = \{\mathbf{Q}_L, \mathbf{Q}_R\}$
- in the case where  $\mathbf{Q}_L = [3, 0]^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}_R = [1, 0]^\top$  it is a “dam break”:



- nontrivial wave structure with left-going rarefaction and right-going shock

# Riemann solver options

- how should the Riemann solver work?

- **exact (harder):**

- fully-solve the nonlinear Riemann problem

$$\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q})_x = 0, \quad \mathbf{q}(t_n, x) = \{\mathbf{Q}_L, \mathbf{Q}_R\}$$

- evaluate  $\mathbf{Q}_*$  as the solution  $\mathbf{q}(t, x_*)$  at  $x_* = x_{i+1/2}$  for  $t > t_n$
  - get  $\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{Q}_*)$

- **average-and-linearization (easier):**

- compute  $\mathbf{Q}_0$  as an average of  $\mathbf{Q}_L$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_R$
  - let  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{Q}_0)$
  - solve Riemann problem for linear system

$$\mathbf{q}_t + \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{q}_x = 0, \quad \mathbf{q}(t_n, x) = \{\mathbf{Q}_L, \mathbf{Q}_R\}$$

- use the Riemann invariants  $v_k(t, x) = \mathbf{w}_k^\top \mathbf{q}(t, x)$  from  $\mathbf{w}_k^\top \hat{\mathbf{A}} = \lambda_k \mathbf{w}_k^\top$
  - evaluate  $\mathbf{Q}_*$  as the solution  $\mathbf{q}(t, x_*)$  at  $x_* = x_{i+1/2}$  for  $t > t_n$
  - get  $\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{Q}_*)$

## Roe approximate solver

- for the easier average-and-linearization route, almost all steps are the same as for a linear system (e.g. acoustics)
- but how to “compute  $\mathbf{Q}_0$  as an average of  $\mathbf{Q}_L$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_R$ ”?
  1. low-accuracy approximation results from a simple average:

$$\mathbf{Q}_0 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Q}_L + \mathbf{Q}_R) \implies \hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{Q}_0)$$

2. different low-accuracy approximation from:

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{Q}_L) + \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{Q}_R))$$

- not a good idea; no guarantee  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$  is hyperbolic

3. higher-accuracy idea of Roe (1981), called *Roe averaging*:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h} &= \frac{1}{2}(h_L + h_R) \\ \hat{u} &= \frac{\sqrt{h_L} u_L + \sqrt{h_R} u_R}{\sqrt{h_L} + \sqrt{h_R}} \end{aligned} \implies \mathbf{Q}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{h} \\ \hat{h}\hat{u} \end{bmatrix} \implies \hat{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{Q}_0)$$

## shallow water: my results

- put together the above tools ...
- see `c/riemann/riemann.c` at `github.com/bueler/p4pdes-next`

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# summary

- for hyperbolic conservation-law systems  $\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q})_x = \mathbf{g}$ 
    - linear examples  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = A\mathbf{q}$ : acoustics, elasticity, Maxwell's equations
    - nonlinear examples: shallow water, compressible gas
- a preferred numerical approach since the 1990s is a

## high-resolution Godunov method

- consists of three things:

### 1. finite volume thinking

- conservation law is spatially integrated
- discrete unknowns  $\mathbf{Q}_i$  are cell averages
- flux is needed at faces between cells:  $\mathbf{F}_{i+1/2}$

### 2. Riemann solvers

- the “Riemann problem” considers different cell values on each side of a face
- a Riemann solver determines the local wave structure (rarefaction, shock)
  - ◊ provided by the user; exact or approximate (e.g. Roe)
  - ◊ for a system, uses eigen-expansion of  $A = \mathbf{f}'(\mathbf{q})$
  - ◊ compute the flux on the face forward in time

### 3. slope (or flux) limiters

- based on first-order upwinding (= donor-cell = “classical Godunov”)
- to achieve higher-order without oscillations:
  - ◊ solution is “reconstructed” with slope in each cell
  - ◊ slope is (nonlinearly) limited
  - ◊ the method reverts to first-order upwinding at extrema

# Outline

- 0 overview and scope
- 1 scalar advection equation
- 2 linear systems and Riemann solvers
- 3 high-resolution methods (slope-limiters)
- 4 nonlinear conservation laws
- 5 advection again, but 2D spatial



- for this section, the problem is a scalar conservation law in 2D:

$$q_t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(q) = 0$$

- the solution is a scalar  $q(t, x, y)$  but the flux is a vector  $\mathbf{F}(q)$
- $q$  might be a (conserved) density like mass or energy
- *advection* is when  $\mathbf{F}(q) = \mathbf{a}q$ , where  $\mathbf{a}(x, y) = \langle u(x, y), v(x, y) \rangle$  is velocity:

$$q_t + (uq)_x + (vq)_y = 0$$

- we want the solution in a region  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , for some times  $0 \leq t \leq T$

- how does the finite volumes (FV) method work in 2D?
  - the domain on which you solve the PDE is cut into finitely-many cells
    - ◇ 1D cells are just intervals
    - ◇ 2D cells are polygons (e.g. triangles or rectangles, etc.)
    - ◇ 3D cells are polyhedra (e.g. tetrahedra or cubes, etc.)
  - the method enforces the integrated version of conservation on the cell
  - there is one unknown and one equation per cell

## scalar conservation laws in 2D: integral form

- the FV method always starts with the same manipulations ...
- suppose  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a *finite volume* (cell) in the  $x, y$  plane
  - the cell has volume (area)  $|V|$
- integrate the conservation law over the cell:

$$\int_V q_t \, dx dy + \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(q) \, dx dy = 0$$

- let  $Q_V(t)$  be the average of the solution over the cell:

$$Q_V(t) := \frac{1}{|V|} \int_V q(t, x, y) \, dx dy$$

- apply divergence theorem:

$$\frac{dQ_V}{dt} + \frac{1}{|V|} \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = 0$$

- $\partial V$  = boundary of  $V$

# structured finite volumes in 2D

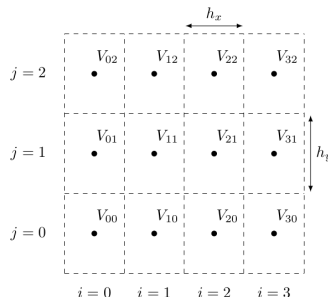
- PDE  $q_t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(q) = 0$  has become an ODE for  $Q_V$ :

$$\frac{dQ_V}{dt} + \frac{1}{|V|} \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = 0$$

- suppose region  $\Omega$  is a rectangle:  $\Omega = [a, b] \times [c, d]$
- a *structured* FV method cuts  $\Omega$  into a grid of indexed cells  $V_{ij}$ 
  - rectangular cells have dimensions  $h_x, h_y$  and area  $|V_{ij}| = h_x h_y$
- apply the equation for each cell:

$$\frac{dQ_{ij}}{dt} + \frac{1}{h_x h_y} \int_{\partial V_{ij}} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = 0$$

- get a system of ODEs:  $\frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{dt} = \mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{Q})$
- to actually construct  $\mathbf{G}$  for this system we need a method for computing the flux  $\mathbf{F}$  on the boundary of each  $V_{ij}$



# advection in 2D

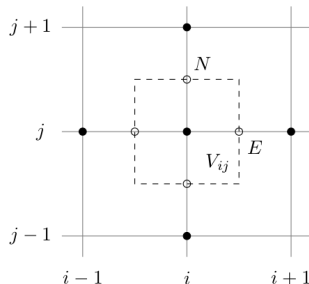
- consider advection with  $\mathbf{F}(q) = \mathbf{a}q$  where  $\mathbf{a} = \langle u, v \rangle$ :

$$\frac{dQ_{ij}}{dt} + \frac{1}{h_x h_y} \int_{\partial V_{ij}} \langle uq, vq \rangle \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = 0$$

- the boundary  $\partial V_{ij}$  has 4 sides (faces)  $N, E, S, W$
- thus need 4 integrals:

$$\int_{\partial V_{ij}} \langle uq, vq \rangle \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = \int_N + \int_E + \int_S + \int_W$$

- actually, only compute  $N, E$  faces ...
- simplest integral (*quadrature*) choice uses the value at the midpoint of the face
  - open circles in figure



## upwinding (donor-cell) in 2D

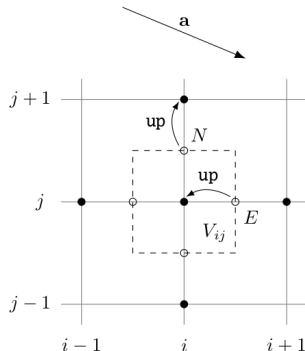
- consider advection with  $\mathbf{F}(q) = \mathbf{a}q$  where  $\mathbf{a} = \langle u, v \rangle$
- the simplest (Godunov) “donor cell” upwinding method decides which side contributes the solution value  $Q$  when computing the flux
- for example, at  $N = (x_i, y_j + \frac{h_y}{2})$  the normal direction is  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\int_N \langle uq, vq \rangle \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds &= \int_N \langle uq, vq \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 1 \rangle \, ds \\ &= \int_N vq \, ds \\ &\approx h_x v(N) \tilde{Q} \quad [\text{midpoint rule}]\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{cases} Q_{i,j} & v(N) \geq 0 \\ Q_{i,j+1} & v(N) < 0 \end{cases}$$

- such decisions are made at all 4 faces
  - figure: at  $N$  and  $E$  faces for given  $\mathbf{a}$



## higher-resolution schemes in 2D

- recall that the Riemann problem has an initial condition of two values  $Q_L$ ,  $Q_R$  on the sides of a face
- important principle for 2D and 3D FV schemes:

the Riemann problem on each face is treated as 1D, normal to the face

- e.g. for advection, first-order upwinding looks only at the component of velocity normal to the face
- two flavors of “high-resolution” schemes:
  - 1 *slope limiters* regard the solution in each cell as not constant, and then modify the slopes to avoid oscillations
  - 2 *flux limiters* compute the flux based on first-order upwinding, with an added term based on a higher-order flux, but limited to avoid oscillations
- these 2 modern routes are (essentially) equivalent in 1D
- flux limiters may be more natural in 2D and 3D?

## a flux-limiter scheme

- recall that at the  $N$  face of cell  $V_{ij}$ , first-order (donor-cell) upwinding was

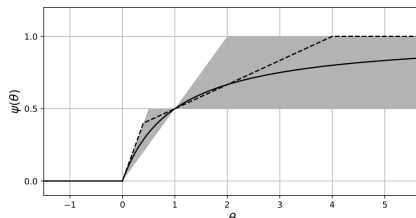
$$\int_N \langle uq, vq \rangle \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds \approx h_x v(N) \tilde{Q} \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{Q} = \begin{cases} Q_{i,j} & v(N) \geq 0 \\ Q_{i,j+1} & v(N) < 0 \end{cases}$$

- normal flux at the center of  $N$  face is:  $f_N = v(N) \tilde{Q}$
- with a flux-limiter  $\psi$  we instead have

$$f_N = v(N) \begin{cases} Q_{i,j} + \psi(\theta_j)(Q_{i,j+1} - Q_{i,j}) & v(N) \geq 0 \\ Q_{i,j+1} + \psi(1/\theta_{j+1})(Q_{i,j} - Q_{i,j+1}) & v(N) < 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta_j = \frac{Q_{i,j} - Q_{i,j-1}}{Q_{i,j+1} - Q_{i,j}}$

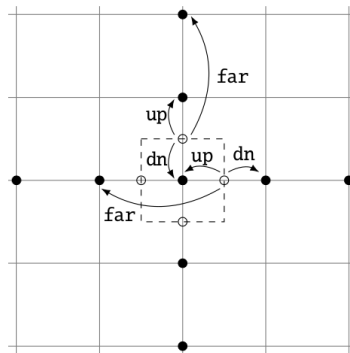
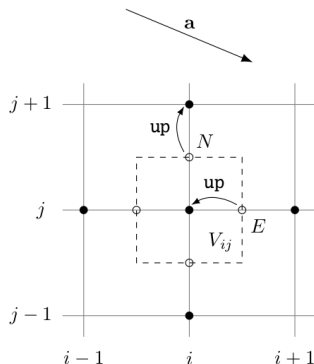
- $\psi(\theta)$  is a curve in the famous Sweby (1984) shaded region
  - solid: van Leer (1974)
  - dashed: Koren (1993)





## flux-limiters in 2D: decision schematic

- make decisions at  $N$ ,  $E$  faces ... this suffices
- compare: first-order upwinding (left) versus the flux-limiter case (right) using “downwind” (**dn**) and “far” points (**far**)
  - a flux- or slope-limiter is *stencil expanding*

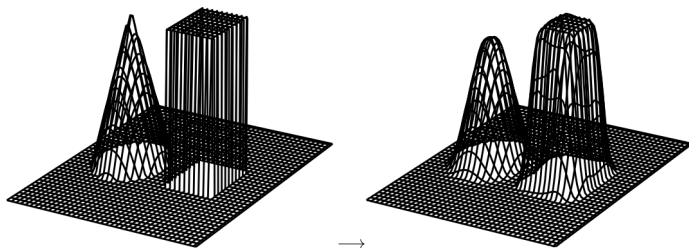


## results

- suppose domain is square  $\Omega = (-1, 1) \times (-1, 1)$  and equation  $q_t + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(q) = 0$  is advection ( $\mathbf{F}(q) = \mathbf{a}q$ ) with a rotation velocity field:

$$\mathbf{a}(x, y) = \langle y, -x \rangle$$

- solving for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  should rotate initial condition back to itself
- results on a  $40 \times 40$  grid with the Koren flux limiter and an adaptive, 2nd-order Runge-Kutta ODE solver ( $\approx$  `ode23`):

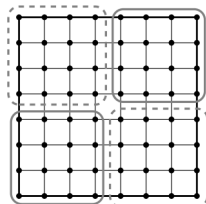


- good results like this would require *much* finer grid using Lax-Wendroff ( $1000 \times 1000?$ )

## live movie, computed in parallel

- see `c/ch11/advect.c` at [github.com/bueler/p4pdes](https://github.com/bueler/p4pdes)
  - uses C and PETSc and MPI
- runs here use Koren flux-limiter and SSP time-stepping
  - *strong stability-preserving* (SSP) is better than RK
- movie from parallel run with 4 processors:

```
$ tmpg -n 4 ./advect -adv_problem rotation \
  -da_refine 3 -ts_max_time 6.283185 \
  -ts_monitor_solution draw -draw_size 600,600 \
  -ts_type ssp -adv_limiter koren
```



- parallel run with 12 processes in 90 seconds:
  - $N = 640 \times 640 \times 4022 = 1.6 \times 10^9$ , a billion-point space-time grid
  - ...but no graphics, which would take forever

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$ tmpg -n 12 ./advect -adv_problem rotation -da_refine 7 \
  -ts_max_time 6.283185 -ts_type ssp -adv_limiter koren
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