

# Computational Thermal Engineering

Day - 8



# Quick Recap

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

## Project - 1 : Solving Diffusion equation using OpenFOAM #9

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OpenFOAM → Project – 1



kummi0402 yesterday Maintainer

Based on day-7 presentation, repeat all steps we discussed during the session

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- Install ParaView.
- Copy solver and test case to the working directory.
- Build/compile the solver.
- Run the test case.
- Visualize the results.
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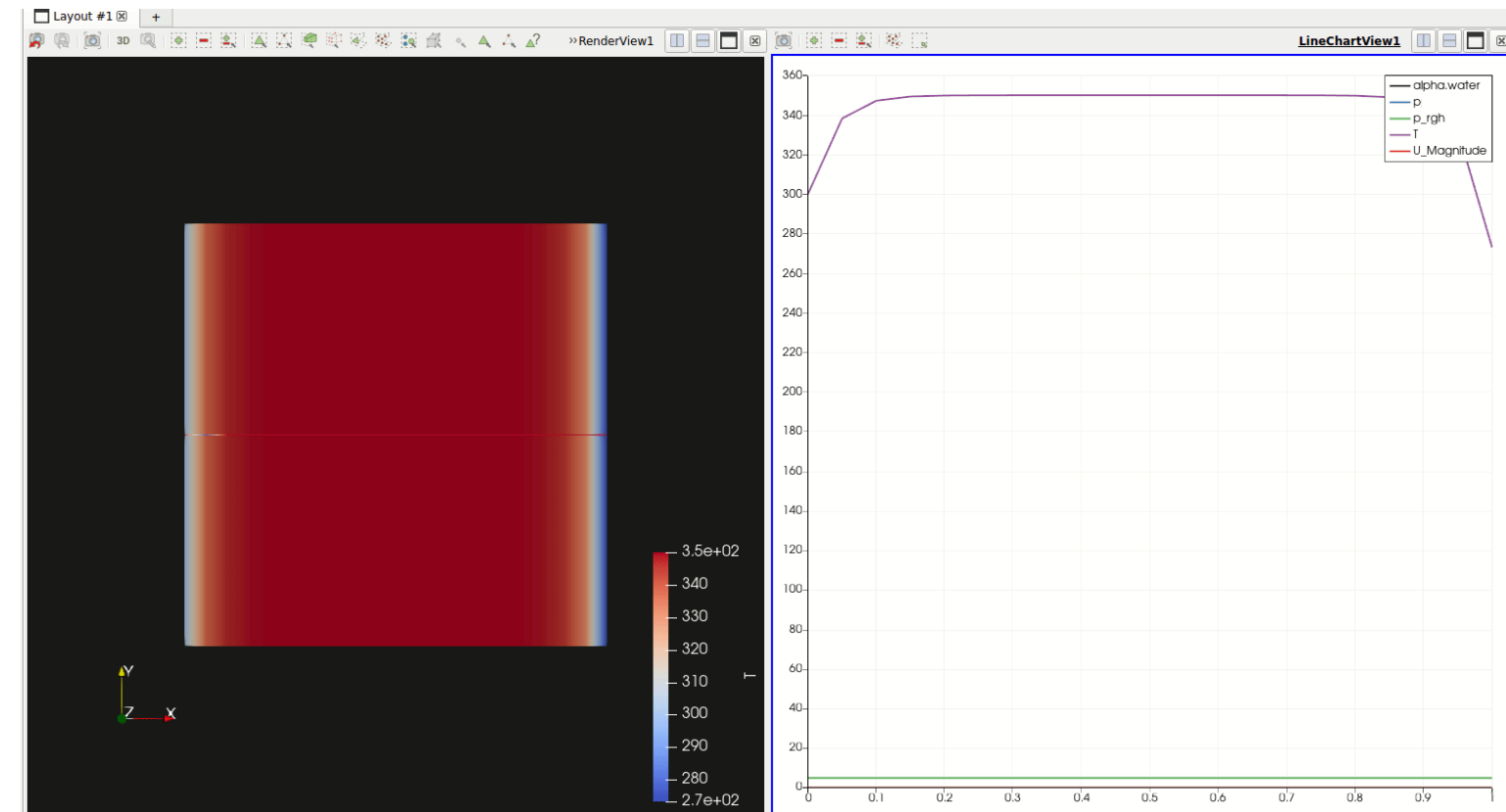
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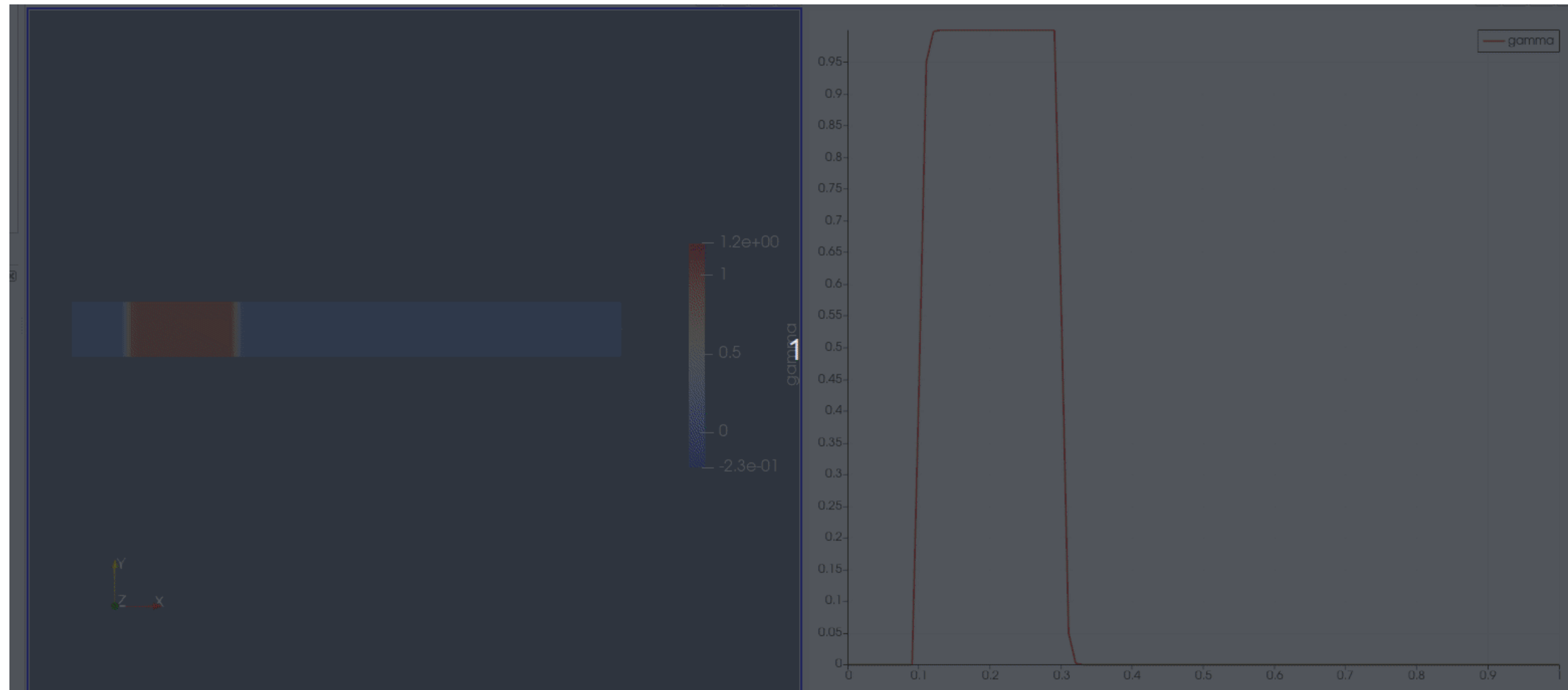
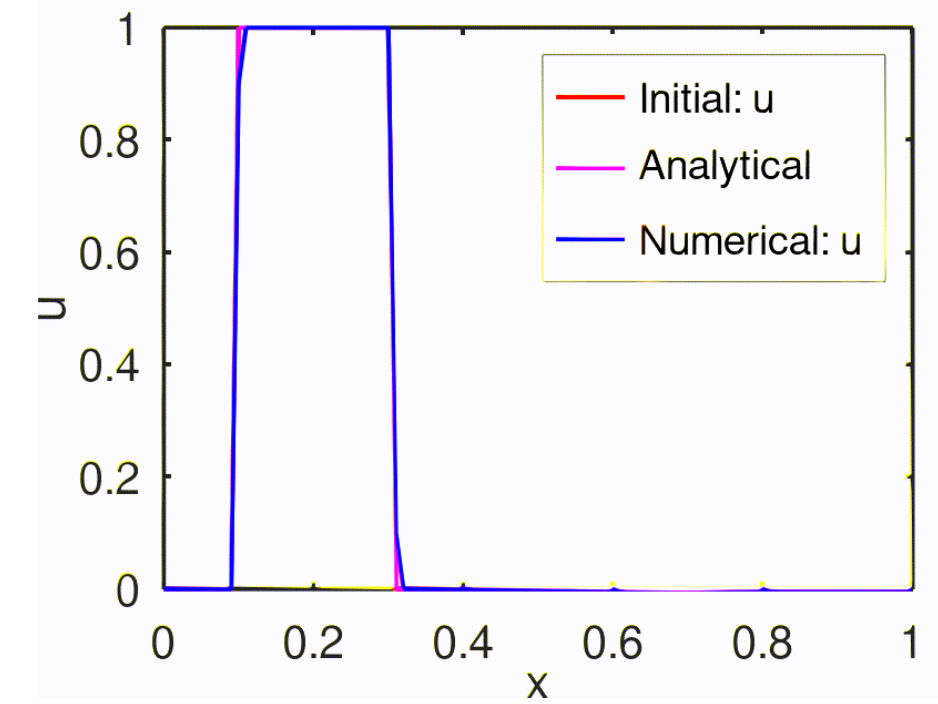
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# OpenFOAM: Numerical Solution to Convection Equation

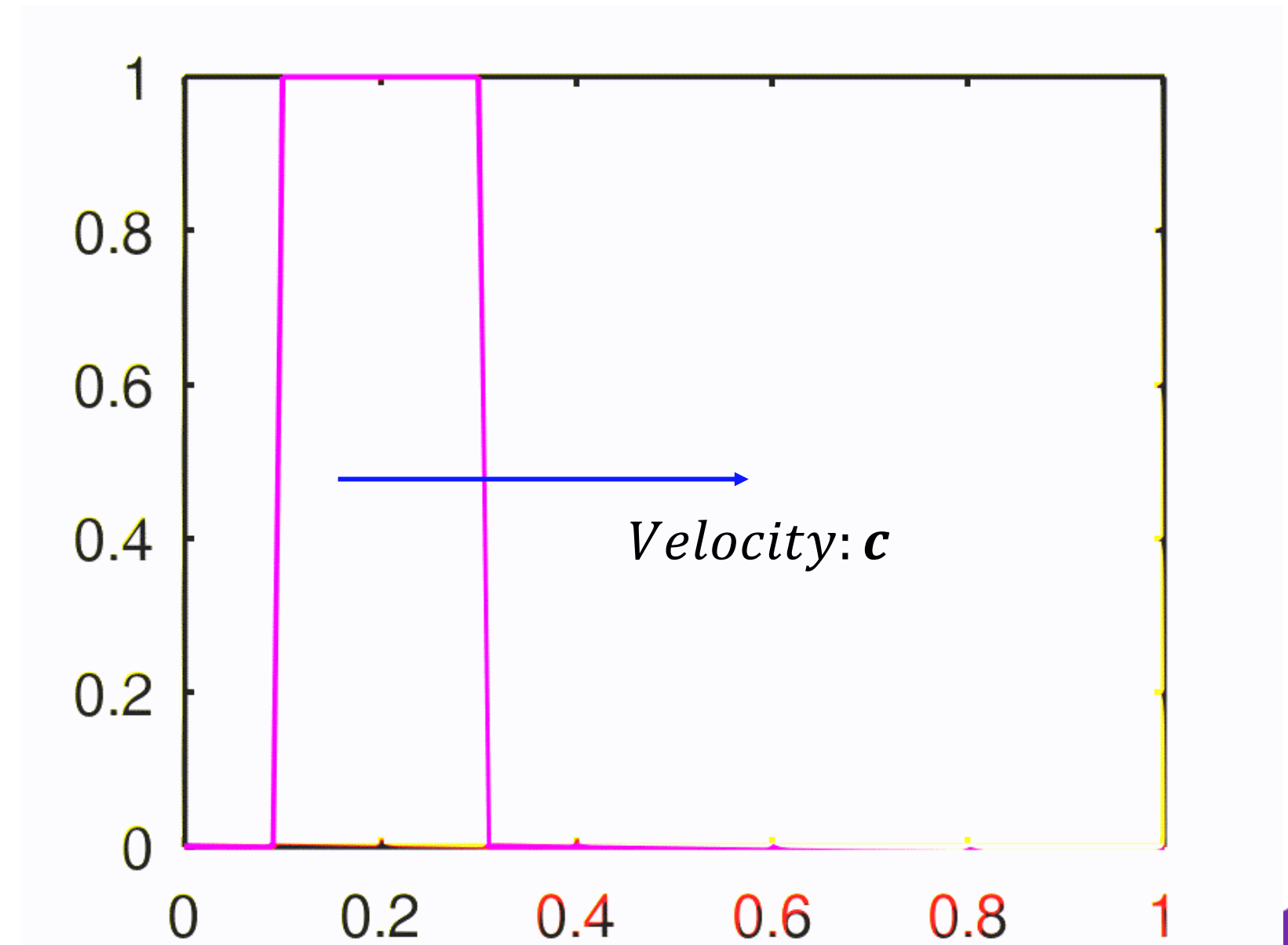
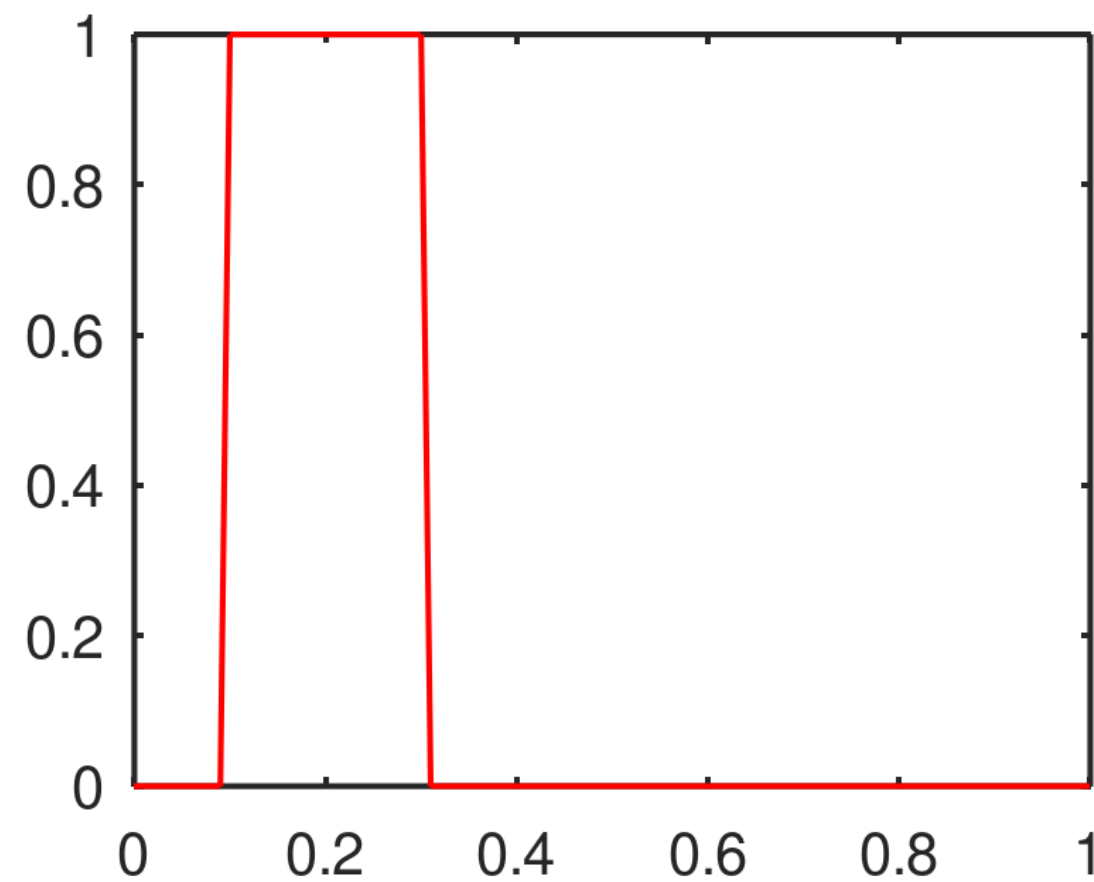


$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

# Convection Equation

## Setting initial field

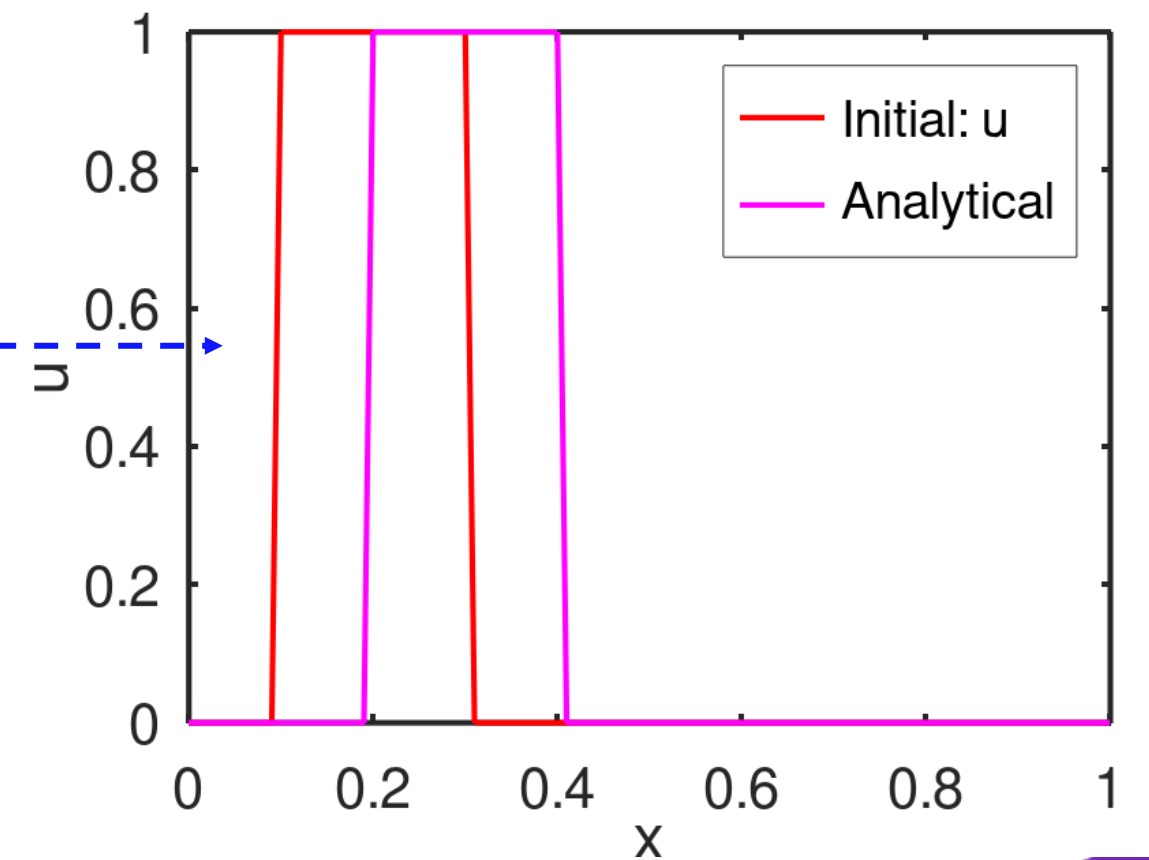
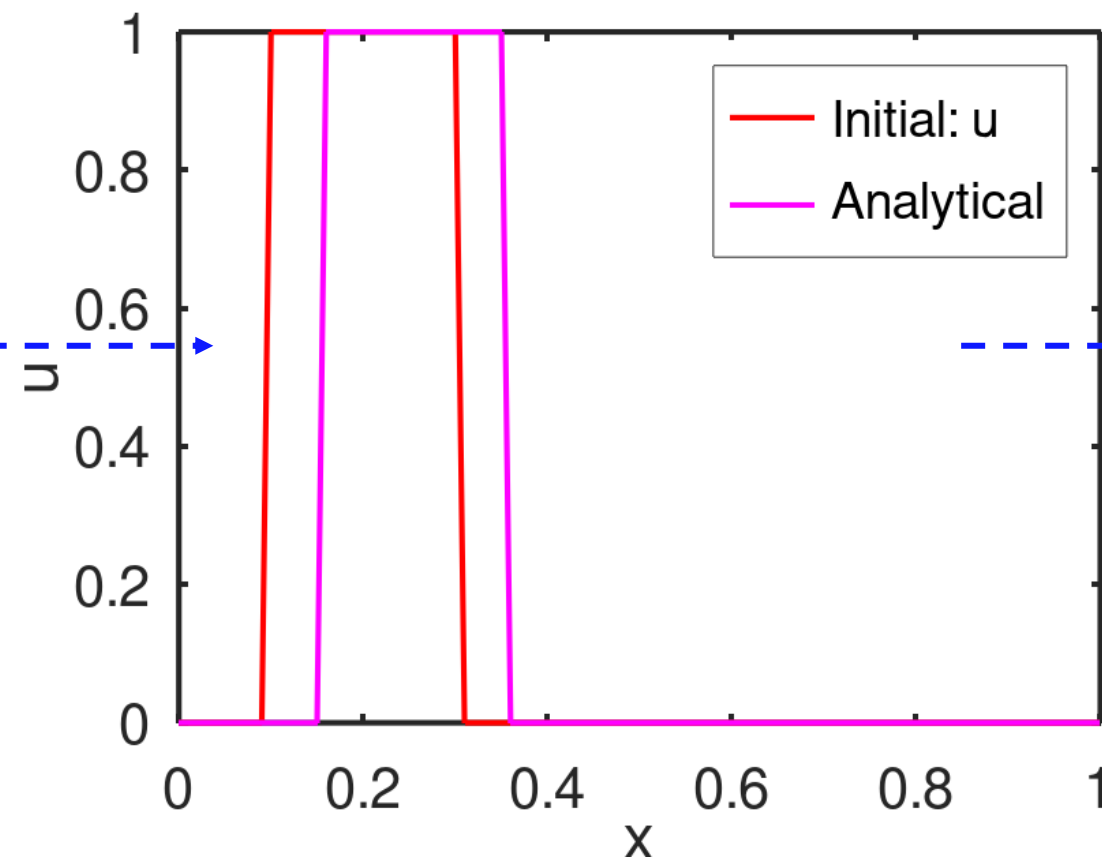
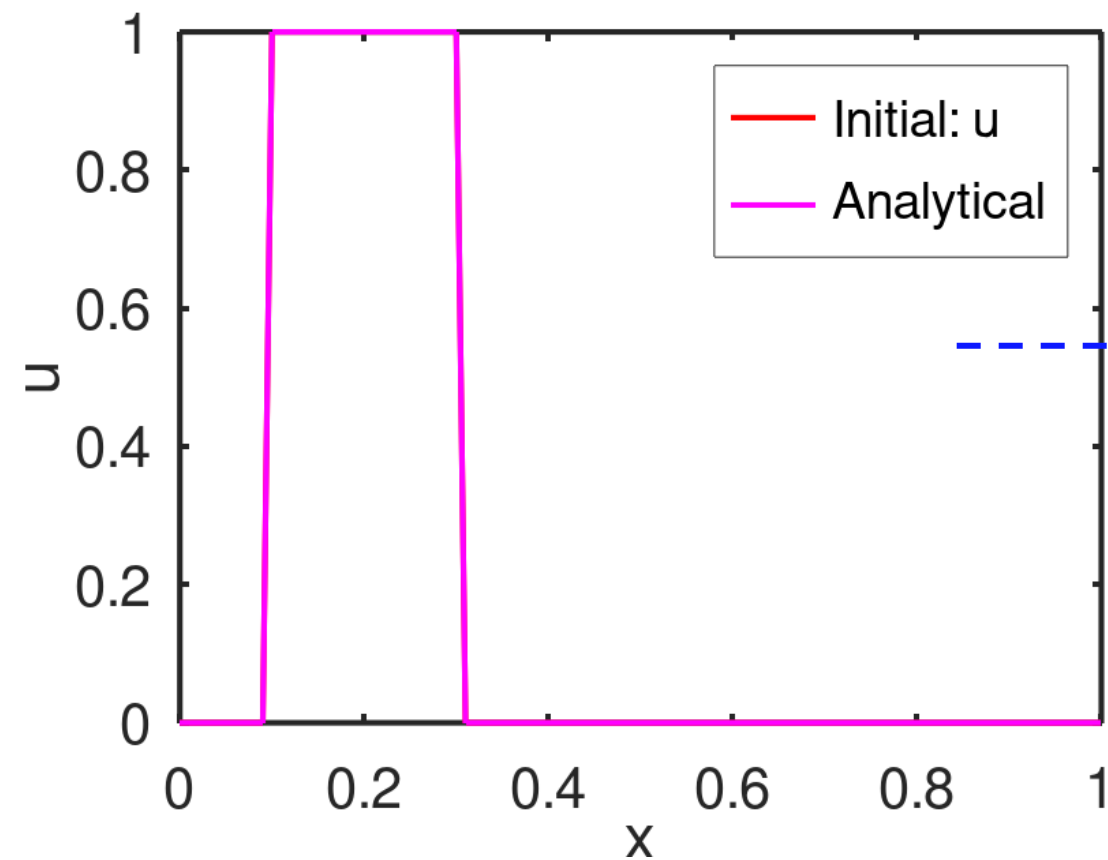
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for i = 1 : length(x)
    if (x(i, 1) >= 0.1) && (x(i, 1) <= 0.3)
        u(i, 1) = 1;
    endif
end
```



# Convection Equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Advection equation}$$

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for i = 1 : length(x)
    if (x(i, 1) >= 0.1+c*t) && (x(i, 1) <= 0.3+c*t)
        u_analytical(i, 1) = 1;
    endif
end
```



# Convection Equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} + c \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n = 0$$



$$\left( \frac{d\rho}{dx} \right)_i \approx \frac{\rho(x_{i+1}) - \rho(x_i)}{\Delta x_i} \quad \left( \frac{d\rho}{dx} \right)_i \approx \frac{\rho(x_{i+1}) - \rho(x_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x_i}$$

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - c\Delta t \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n$$

Two arrows point from the derivative term in the equation above to the following approximations:

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n \approx \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x_i}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n \approx \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_i}$$

Simple forward  
difference scheme

Central difference

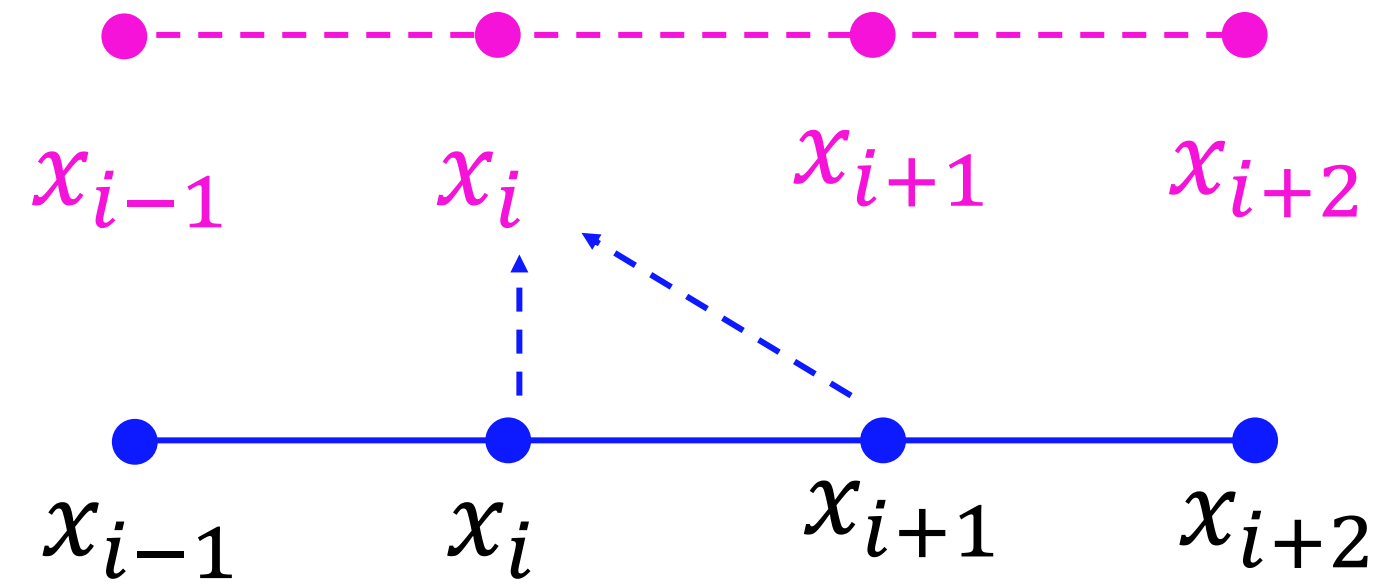
(Explicit) First order - Forward Euler

(only one unknown (n+1) with other knowns at n<sup>th</sup> node)  
→ conditionally stable

# Convection Equation

Time level:  $n + 1$

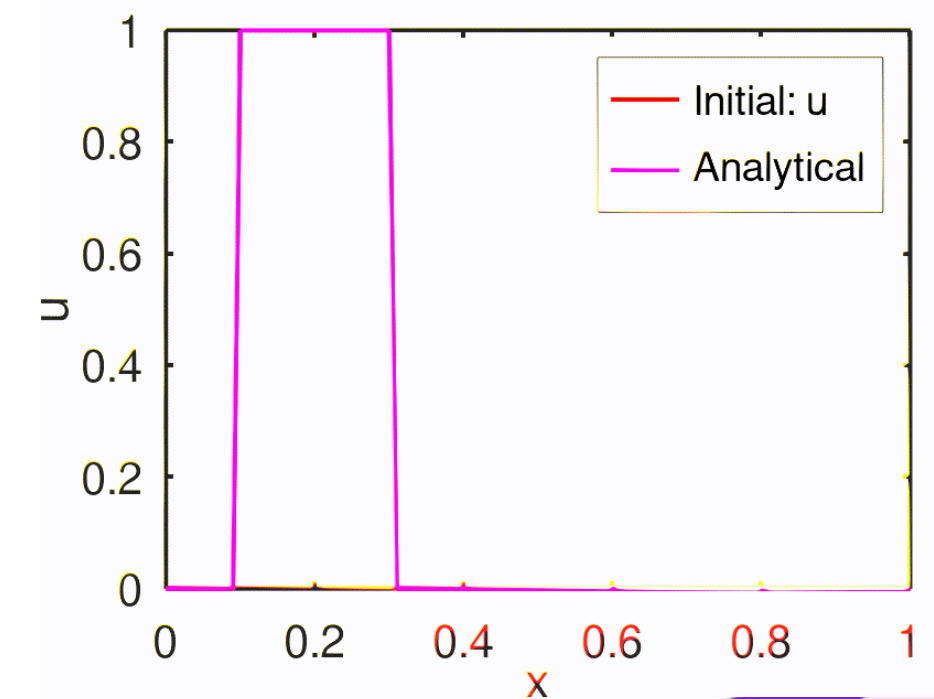
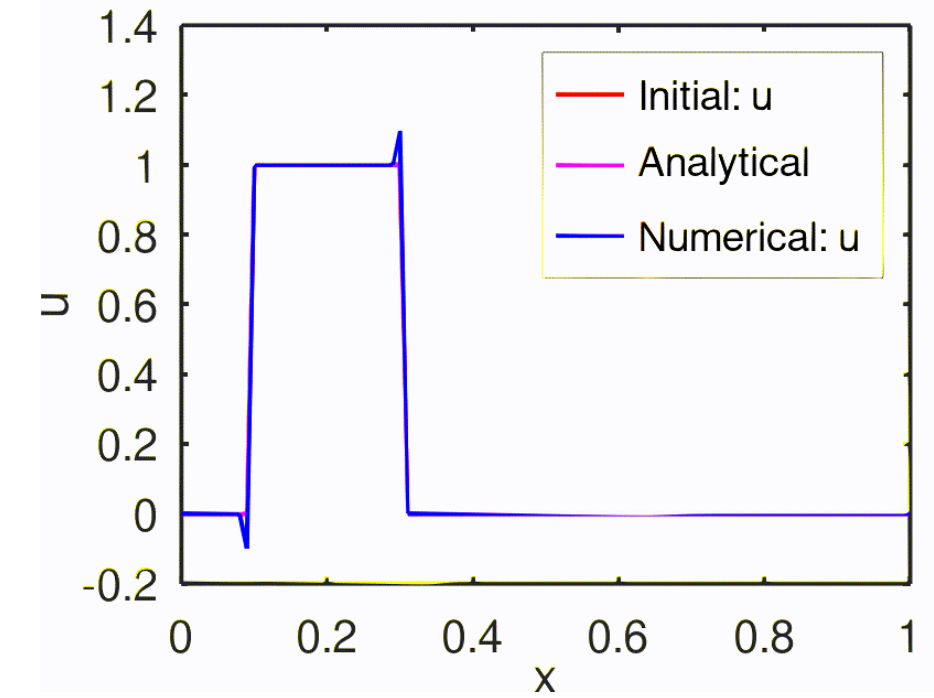
Time level:  $n$



Information from right  
to left end

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - c\Delta t \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n$$

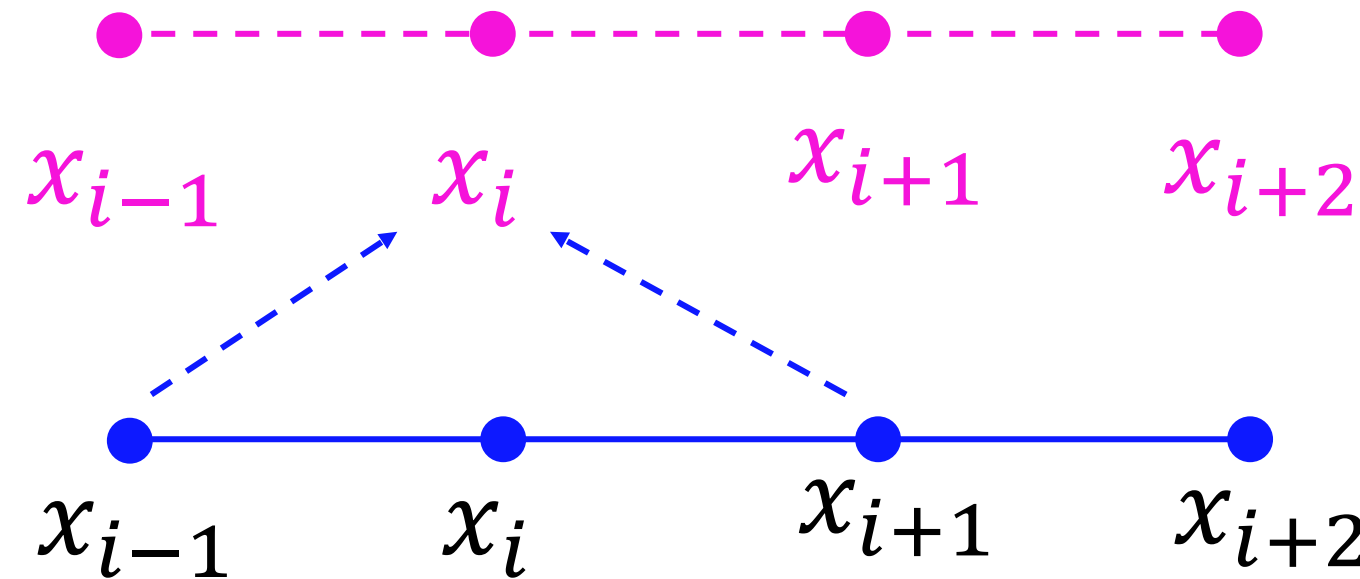
$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n \approx \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n}{\Delta x_i}$  Simple forward difference scheme  
 $\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n \approx \frac{u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x_i}$  Central difference





# Convection Equation

Time level:  $n + 1$



Time level:  $n$

Information from left and right ends

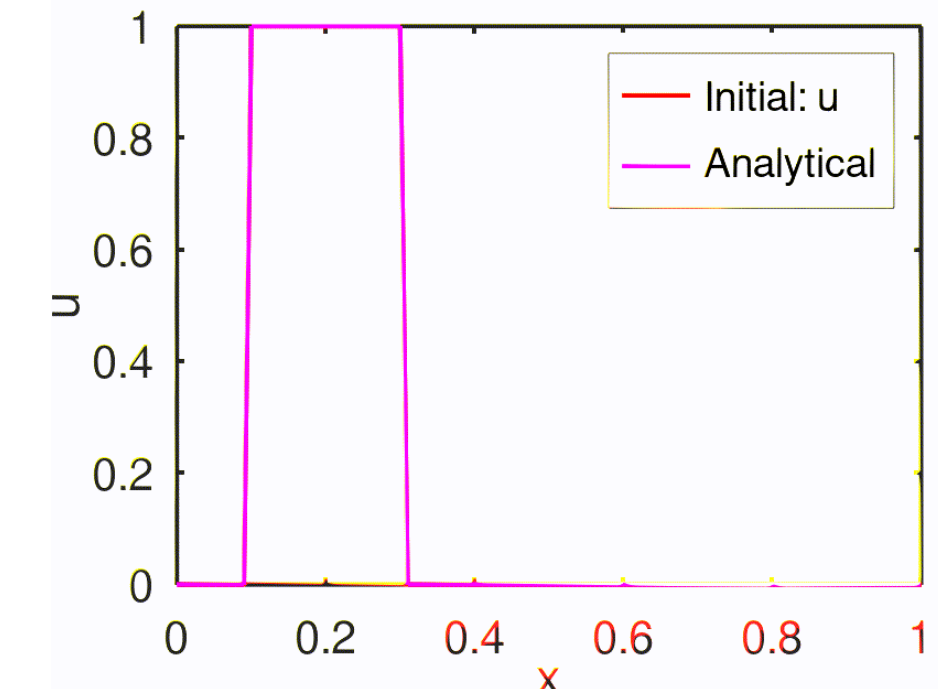
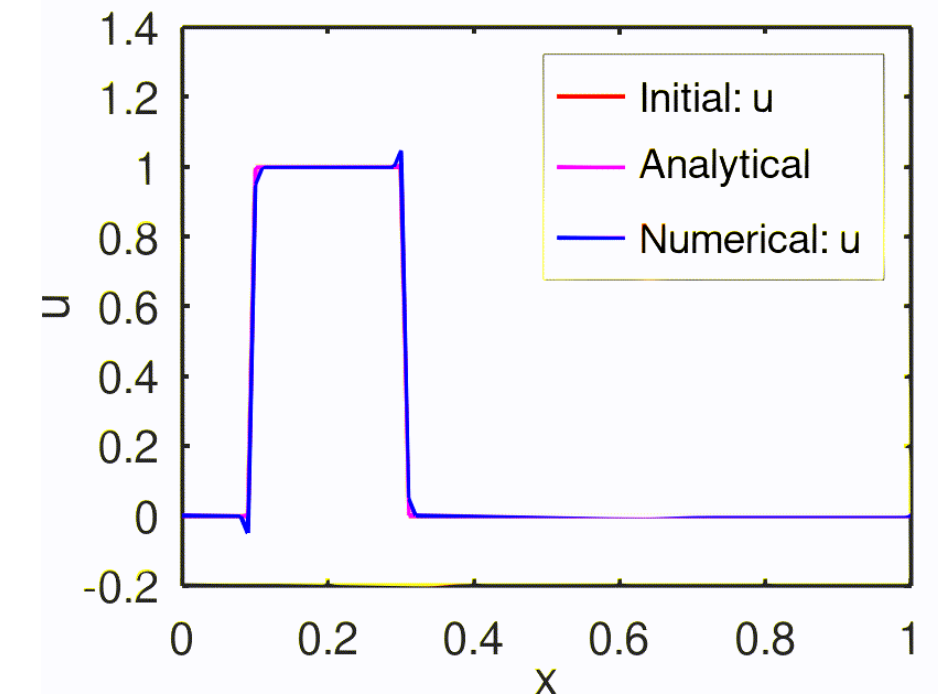
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Simple forward difference scheme

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Central difference

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# Convection Equation

Time level:  $n + 1$



Time level:  $n$



Information from left to right end  
Wind is flowing from left end (bird moves from left to right)

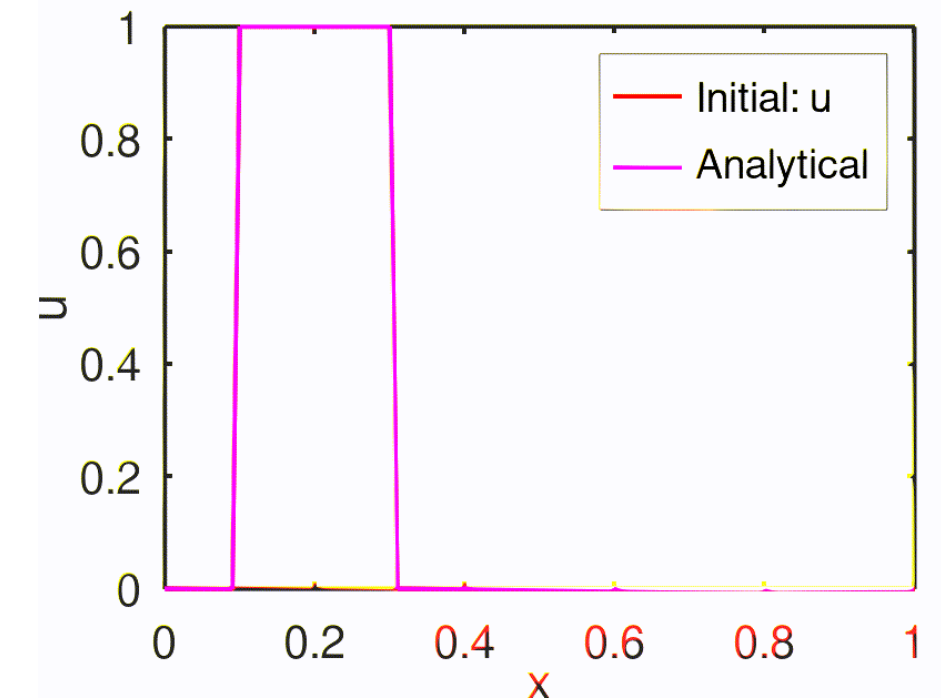
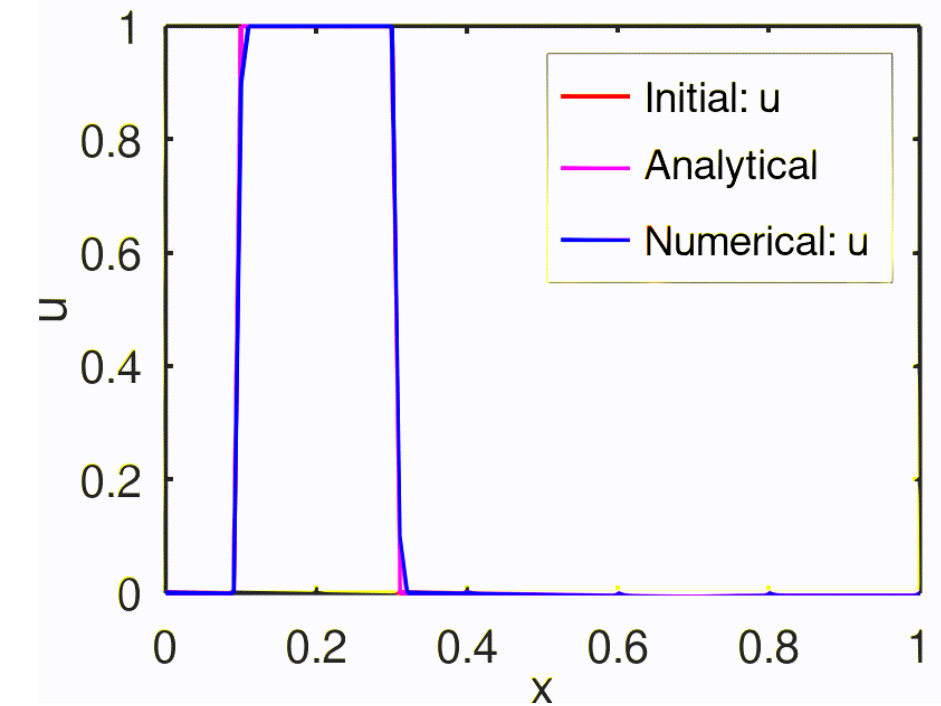
$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - c\Delta t \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n \longrightarrow \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i^n \approx \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x_i} \quad \text{Simple backward difference scheme}$$

**CFL = 0.1**

$$CFL: \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

**CFL < 1** → Numerically stable (conditionally stable based on the condition imposed by CFL) – EXPLICIT method

**CFL ≥ 1** → Numerically unstable





$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

## Project - 2 : Solving Convection equation using OpenFOAM #10

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