

# Matrix-Vector Representation of Discretization in 1D Linear Advection Equation

This is a demo to show how the for loops transform into matrix-vector operations in the discretization process of the 1D linear advection equation.

The following equations (1)-(4) show the process of creating matrix  $x$ . For simplicity, let  $n$  represent  $n\_element$  in the program, and keep  $N$  the same as that in the program.

Define column vectors  $\mathbf{x}_\ell$  and  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  as below

$$\mathbf{x}_\ell = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\ell_1} \\ x_{\ell_2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{\ell_n} \end{pmatrix} = dx \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ n-1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} dx/2 \\ dx/2 \\ \vdots \\ dx/2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_N \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Then the matrix  $\mathbf{x}$  can be given by  $\mathbf{x}_\ell$  and  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_\ell^T + (dx/2) \boldsymbol{\xi} (1 \quad 1 \quad \cdots \quad 1) \quad (3)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_{\ell_1} & x_{\ell_2} & \cdots & x_{\ell_n} \\ x_{\ell_1} & x_{\ell_2} & \cdots & x_{\ell_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{\ell_1} & x_{\ell_2} & \cdots & x_{\ell_n} \end{pmatrix} + (dx/2) \begin{pmatrix} \xi_0 & \xi_0 & \cdots & \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 & \xi_1 & \cdots & \xi_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \xi_N & \xi_N & \cdots & \xi_N \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The following equations (5)-(14) show the process of creating ODE system

$$d\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u})$$

The intermediate matrix *flux\_numerical* has the same size as matrix  $\mathbf{du}$  and matrix  $\mathbf{u}$ . For simplicity, matrix *flux\_numerical* is denoted as  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  here.

By definition, matrices  $\mathbf{du}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  are given as below

$$\mathbf{du} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial u_0^{Q_{\ell_1}} / \partial t & \partial u_0^{Q_{\ell_2}} / \partial t & \cdots & \partial u_0^{Q_{\ell_n}} / \partial t \\ \partial u_1^{Q_{\ell_1}} / \partial t & \partial u_1^{Q_{\ell_2}} / \partial t & \cdots & \partial u_1^{Q_{\ell_n}} / \partial t \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \partial u_N^{Q_{\ell_1}} / \partial t & \partial u_N^{Q_{\ell_2}} / \partial t & \cdots & \partial u_N^{Q_{\ell_n}} / \partial t \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_0^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_0^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_0^{Q_{\ell_n}} \\ u_1^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_1^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_1^{Q_{\ell_n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_N^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_N^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_N^{Q_{\ell_n}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Define row vectors  $\mathbf{u}_0$  and  $\mathbf{u}_N$  as below

$$\mathbf{u}_0 = (1 \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0) \begin{pmatrix} u_0^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_0^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_0^{Q_{\ell_n}} \\ u_1^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_1^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_1^{Q_{\ell_n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_N^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_N^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_N^{Q_{\ell_n}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 & \\ & I_{n-1} & \vdots & \\ & & 0 & \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$= (u_0^{Q_{\ell_2}} \quad \cdots \quad u_0^{Q_{\ell_n}} \quad u_0^{Q_{\ell_1}}) \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_N = (0 \quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} u_0^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_0^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_0^{Q_{\ell_n}} \\ u_1^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_1^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_1^{Q_{\ell_n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_N^{Q_{\ell_1}} & u_N^{Q_{\ell_2}} & \cdots & u_N^{Q_{\ell_n}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$= (u_N^{Q_{\ell_1}} \quad \cdots \quad u_N^{Q_{\ell_{n-1}}} \quad u_N^{Q_{\ell_n}}) \quad (10)$$

Apply flux function pointwise to  $\mathbf{u}_0$  and  $\mathbf{u}_N$  and let  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  denote the result

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \text{surface\_flux}(\mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{u}_0, \text{args} \cdots) \quad (11)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma} \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}'$  is the permutation of  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ , which is similar to the process in equation (7)

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}' = \boldsymbol{\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & I_{n-1} & & \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Then the matrix  $\boldsymbol{du}$  can be represented as below

$$\boldsymbol{du} = (2/dx) \left( -\boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \boldsymbol{M}^{-1} \boldsymbol{D}^T \boldsymbol{M} \boldsymbol{u} \right) \quad (14)$$

Thus, all the process of discretization can be completed in pure matrix-vector operations.

All the notation definitions in this demo are referenced from [https://trixi-framework.github.io/Trixi.jl/stable/tutorials/scalar\\_linear\\_advection\\_1d/](https://trixi-framework.github.io/Trixi.jl/stable/tutorials/scalar_linear_advection_1d/).

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