

GDM method for the 1D linear advection equation

1. Problem overview

The linear advection equation is of the following form:

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

where a is the advection speed and $u = u(x, t)$ is the unknown scalar function. This equation is hyperbolic.

For the initial conditions problem we have to specify the initial conditions $u(x, t) |_{t=0} = u_0(x)$, this can be solved analytically using the method of characteristics.

2. Discontinuous Galerkin Method

2.1. Spatial discretization

We split our domain (interval I) into elements $I_k = \langle x_i, x \rangle$

2.2. Time discretization