Homework 3

Due: Oct. 12, 2017

In Python, write a 1D hydrodynamics code! Follow the "How to write a Hydro Code" guide included in the HW3 repo.

- 1. First Order Shocks Write a first order code following Section 2 of "How to write a Hydro Code." As a test problem, compute the Sod shock tube. Do a convergence test on the Sod by varying the number of grid cells N_x , show the code is indeed first order.
- 2. "High" Order Waves Make your code high order (second order in space, third order in time) by following Section 3 of "How to write a Hydro Code." Repeat the convergence test with the Sod problem, due to the discontinuities the code is still first order on this problem. A smooth solution is the *isentropic wave*. The initial conditions for an isentropic wave are:

$$\rho(x) = \rho_0 \left(1 + \alpha f(x) \right) \tag{1}$$

$$P(x) = P_0 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\gamma} \tag{2}$$

$$v(x) = \frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left(c_s - c_{s,0} \right) , \qquad (3)$$

where:

$$c_s = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}} , \qquad c_{s,0} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P_0}{\rho_0}} .$$
 (4)

For an initial wave profile, use:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(1 - \left(\frac{x - x_0}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)^2 & |x - x_0| < \sigma \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (5)

Run this problem on the domain $x \in [0, 2]$ with the parameters: $\rho_0 = 1$, $P_0 = 0.6$, $\gamma = 5/3$, $\alpha = 0.2$, $x_0 = 0.5$, and $\sigma = 0.4$. These waves eventually steepen into shocks, but for short times remain smooth. To compute the error, check that the specific entropy s remains constant:

$$L_1(t) = \int_0^2 |s(x,t) - s_0| \,\mathrm{d}x \;, \tag{6}$$

$$s(x,t) - s_0 = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \log \left[\frac{P(x,t)}{P_0} \left(\frac{\rho(x,t)}{\rho_0} \right)^{-\gamma} \right]$$
 (7)

Perform a convergence test with this error measure, and demonstrate the code is second order accurate.

Write a report summarizing your work, showing all plots, giving your results, and discussing the questions. Include the report .tex file and all Python files in the repo. Also include either the .pdf version of the report, or all figures necessary to compile it from the .tex file.