

1 Cell Averaged G

Fit a parabola so that the averages over the neighbouring cells is correct.
First the parabola is centred at the midpoint so that:

$$P_i(x) = a(x - x_i)^2 + b(x - x_i) + c$$

We have a list of cell averages \bar{u} and we want this parabola to match the cell averages over the cell it is centred on and the two neighbouring cells.
This gives 3 equations we can solve for for a,b and c. So we want:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} P_i(x) dx &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_i \\ \int_{x_{i-\frac{3}{2}}}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} P_i(x) dx &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_{i-1} \\ \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{3}{2}}} P_i(x) dx &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

We know that:

$$\int_d^e a(x - x_i)^2 + b(x - x_i) + c dx = \left[\frac{1}{3}a(x - x_i)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b(x - x_i)^2 + c(x - x_i) \right]_d^e$$

So we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{1}{3}a(x - x_i)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b(x - x_i)^2 + c(x - x_i) \right]_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_i \\ \left[\frac{1}{3}a(x - x_i)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b(x - x_i)^2 + c(x - x_i) \right]_{x_{i-\frac{3}{2}}}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_{i-1} \\ \left[\frac{1}{3}a(x - x_i)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b(x - x_i)^2 + c(x - x_i) \right]_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{3}{2}}} &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[\frac{1}{3}a(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_i)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_i)^2 + c(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_i) \right] \\ &- \left[\frac{1}{3}a(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - x_i)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - x_i)^2 + c(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - x_i) \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \bar{u}_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{3}a\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + c\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{3}a\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + c\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta x}\bar{u}_i$$

$$\frac{2}{3}a\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + 2c\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) = \frac{1}{\Delta x}\bar{u}_i$$

$$\frac{2}{24}a(\Delta x)^2 + c = \bar{u}_i \quad (1)$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{3}a\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + c\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{3}a\left(-\frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(-\frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + c\left(-\frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right) \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta x}\bar{u}_{i-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}a\left(-\frac{1}{8}\Delta x^3 + \frac{27}{8}\Delta x^3\right) + \frac{1}{2}b\left(\frac{1}{4}\Delta x^2 - \frac{9}{4}\Delta x^2\right) + c\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x + \frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right) = \frac{1}{\Delta x}\bar{u}_{i-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}a\frac{26}{8}\Delta x^2 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(-\frac{8}{4}\Delta x\right) + c = \bar{u}_{i-1}$$

$$\frac{26}{24}a\Delta x^2 - b\Delta x + c = \bar{u}_{i-1} \quad (2)$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{3}a\left(\frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(\frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + c\left(\frac{3}{2}\Delta x\right) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{3}a\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2}b\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + c\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta x}\bar{u}_{i+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}a\left(\frac{27}{8}\Delta x^3 - \frac{1}{8}\Delta x^3\right) + \frac{1}{2}b\left(\frac{9}{4}\Delta x^2 - \frac{1}{4}\Delta x^2\right) + c\left(\frac{3}{2}\Delta x - \frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) = \frac{1}{\Delta x}\bar{u}_{i+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}a\frac{26}{8}\Delta x^2 + \frac{1}{2}b\frac{8}{4}\Delta x + c = \bar{u}_{i+1}$$

$$\frac{26}{24}a\Delta x^2 + b\Delta x + c = \bar{u}_{i+1} \quad (3)$$

Adding (2) and (3) gives:

$$\frac{52}{24}a\Delta x^2 + 2c = \bar{u}_{i+1} + \bar{u}_{i-1}$$

Taking twice (1) from this gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{48}{24}a\Delta x^2 &= \bar{u}_{i+1} + \bar{u}_{i-1} - 2\bar{u}_i \\ a &= \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Subbin in (4) into (1) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{24} \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \right) (\Delta x)^2 + c &= \bar{u}_i \\ \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} \right) + c &= \bar{u}_i \\ c &= \bar{u}_i - \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Subbin in (4) and (5) into 3 gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{26}{24} \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \right) \Delta x^2 + b\Delta x + \bar{u}_i - \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} \right) &= \bar{u}_{i+1} \\ \frac{26\bar{u}_{i+1} - 52\bar{u}_i + 26\bar{u}_{i-1}}{48} + b\Delta x - \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} \right) &= \bar{u}_{i+1} \\ b\Delta x &= \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} + \bar{u}_{i+1} - \frac{26\bar{u}_{i+1} - 52\bar{u}_i + 26\bar{u}_{i-1}}{48} \end{aligned}$$

$$b\Delta x = \frac{25\bar{u}_{i+1} - 26\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} - \frac{26\bar{u}_{i+1} - 52\bar{u}_i + 26\bar{u}_{i-1}}{48}$$

$$b\Delta x = \frac{50\bar{u}_{i+1} - 52\bar{u}_i + 2\bar{u}_{i-1} - 26\bar{u}_{i+1} + 52\bar{u}_i - 26\bar{u}_{i-1}}{48}$$

$$b\Delta x = \frac{24\bar{u}_{i+1} - 24\bar{u}_{i-1}}{48}$$

$$b = \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \quad (6)$$

So we have $P_i(x)$ by these equations (4),(6), (5) Which are:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \\ b &= \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \\ c &= \bar{u}_i - \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} \right) \end{aligned}$$

So we have :

$$P_i(x) = \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} (x - x_i)^2 + \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} (x - x_i) + \bar{u}_i - \left(\frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{24} \right)$$

This can be rewritten with another variable $-1 \leq \kappa \leq 1$ so that:

$$P_i(x) = \bar{u}_i + \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} (x - x_i) + 3\kappa \left[(x - x_i)^2 - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \right] \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2}$$

Which is a second order reconstruction when $-1 \leq \kappa \leq 1$ and only third when $\kappa = \frac{1}{3}$ [?,proof]

Looking at the reconstruction at $\bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^+$ which is the reconstruction based at i of its left boundary we get:

$$\bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^+ = P_i(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) = \bar{u}_i + \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \left(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - x_i \right) + 3\kappa \left[(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - x_i)^2 - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \right] \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x \right) + 3\kappa \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x \right)^2 - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \right] \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \\
&= \bar{u}_i - \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{4} + 3\kappa \left[\frac{\Delta x^2}{4} - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \right] \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \\
&= \bar{u}_i - \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{4} + 3\kappa \left[\frac{3\Delta x^2}{12} - \frac{\Delta x^2}{12} \right] \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{2\Delta x^2} \\
&= \bar{u}_i - \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{4} + 3\kappa \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{12} \\
&= \bar{u}_i - \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{4} + \kappa \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{4} \\
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [-\bar{u}_{i+1} + \bar{u}_{i-1} + \kappa\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\kappa\bar{u}_i + \kappa\bar{u}_{i-1}] \\
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [(\kappa - 1)\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\kappa\bar{u}_i + (\kappa + 1)\bar{u}_{i-1}]
\end{aligned}$$

Since $2\kappa = (\kappa + 1) + (\kappa - 1)$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [(\kappa - 1)\bar{u}_{i+1} - ((\kappa + 1) + (\kappa - 1))\bar{u}_i + (\kappa + 1)\bar{u}_{i-1}] \\
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [(\kappa - 1)(\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) - (\kappa + 1)(\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1})] \\
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} (\kappa - 1)(\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) - \frac{1}{4} (\kappa + 1)(\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}) \\
&= \bar{u}_i - \frac{1}{4} (1 - \kappa)(\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) - \frac{1}{4} (1 + \kappa)(\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1})
\end{aligned}$$

For the right side of cell i the sign is different on the first term only so we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- &= P_i(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) = \bar{u}_i + \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1}}{4} + 3\kappa \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\bar{u}_i + \bar{u}_{i-1}}{12} \\
&= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_{i-1} + \kappa\bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\kappa\bar{u}_i + \kappa\bar{u}_{i-1}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [(\kappa + 1) \bar{u}_{i+1} - 2\kappa \bar{u}_i + (\kappa - 1) \bar{u}_{i-1}]$$

Using same trick as above we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [(\kappa + 1) \bar{u}_{i+1} - ((\kappa + 1) + (\kappa - 1)) \bar{u}_i + (\kappa - 1) \bar{u}_{i-1}] \\ &= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} [(\kappa + 1) (\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) - (\kappa - 1) (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1})] \\ &= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} (\kappa + 1) (\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) - \frac{1}{4} (\kappa - 1) (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}) \\ &= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{4} (1 + \kappa) (\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) + \frac{1}{4} (1 - \kappa) (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

[matches Chris]

Now lets focus on this last one for the moment doing some rearranging we get that:

$$\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- = \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) (\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}) \right]$$

Then:

$$\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- = \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i}{\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) \right] (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1})$$

Define $r_i = \frac{\bar{u}_{i+1} - \bar{u}_i}{\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}}$ so:

$$\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- = \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) r_i + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) \right] (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1})$$

When $\kappa = \frac{1}{3}$ we get third order reconstruction and:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- &= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \right) r_i + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \right) \right] (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}) \\ \bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- &= \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{4}{6} \right) r_i + \left(\frac{2}{6} \right) \right] (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- = \bar{u}_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} \right) r_i + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \right] (\bar{u}_i - \bar{u}_{i-1})$$

So we want some nonlinear limiter $\phi^-(r_i)$ to reconstruct forwards such that in smooth situations:

$$\phi^-(r_i) = \frac{2}{3}r_i + \frac{1}{3}$$

2 quadratic fitting these points

Lets say we have a quadratic fitting the cell average (C_i) and the two edge values of a cell, and we want to calculate it.

$$P_i(x) = a(x - x_i)^2 + b(x - x_i) + c$$

We know from The cell average part that:

$$\frac{2}{24}a(\Delta x)^2 + c = \bar{u}_i \tag{7}$$

To fit the edge values we simply require that (poor notation above):

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} &= P_i(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= a\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + b\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) + c \\ &= \frac{a}{4}(\Delta x)^2 - \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x) + c \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} &= P_i(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= a\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right)^2 + b\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta x\right) + c \\ &= \frac{a}{4}(\Delta x)^2 + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x) + c \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Adding (8) and (9) eliminates b

$$u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a}{4}(\Delta x)^2 - \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x) + c + \frac{a}{4}(\Delta x)^2 + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x) + c$$

$$= \frac{a}{2}(\Delta x)^2 + 2c$$

taking $2 \times (7)$

$$\frac{a}{2}(\Delta x)^2 + 2c - \frac{1}{6}a(\Delta x)^2 - 2c = u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 2 * \bar{u}_i$$

$$\frac{a}{3}(\Delta x)^2 = u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 2\bar{u}_i$$

$$a = \frac{3u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 3u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 6\bar{u}_i}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

So that now (7) says:

$$\frac{1}{12} \frac{3u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 3u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 6\bar{u}_i}{(\Delta x)^2} (\Delta x)^2 + c = \bar{u}_i$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left(u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 2\bar{u}_i \right) + c = \bar{u}_i$$

$$c = \bar{u}_i - \frac{1}{4} \left(u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 2\bar{u}_i \right)$$

$$c = \frac{6\bar{u}_i - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{4}$$

Now 9 reads:

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 3u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 6\bar{u}_i}{4(\Delta x)^2} (\Delta x)^2 + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x) + \frac{6\bar{u}_i - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{4}$$

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 3u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 6\bar{u}_i}{4} + \frac{6\bar{u}_i - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{4} + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x)$$

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 3u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 6\bar{u}_i + 6\bar{u}_i - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{4} + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x)$$

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 2u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{4} + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x)$$

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{2} + \frac{b}{2}(\Delta x)$$

$$2u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = b(\Delta x)$$

$$\frac{u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x} = b$$

So we end up with the following equations:

$$a = \frac{3u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + 3u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - 6\bar{u}_i}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

$$b = \frac{u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x}$$

$$c = \frac{6\bar{u}_i - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{4}$$