

# Boundary Conditions

Initial-boundary  
Value problem

$$q_t + f(q)_x = 0 \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

$$q(x, t=0) = \hat{q}(x)$$

Boundary conditions at  $x=a, x=b$

Advection

$$q_t + \bar{u} q_x = 0$$

if  $\bar{u} > 0$ :  $q(a, t) = f_a(t)$  } upwind  
if  $\bar{u} < 0$ :  $q(b, t) = f_b(t)$  } boundary

All characteristics passing through the downwind bdy. have value defined by the initial data or upwind boundary.

## Linear hyp. system

$$q_t + A q_x = 0$$

$$A = R \Lambda R^{-1}$$

$$\lambda^1, \lambda^2, \dots, \lambda^n < 0$$

$$\lambda^{n+1}, \dots, \lambda^m > 0$$

$$w_t + \Lambda w_x = 0$$

Boundary cond. at  $x=b$  for  $w^1, w^2, \dots, w^n$

B.C. at  $x=a$  for  $w^{n+1}, \dots, w^m$

## Physical BCs

① Acoustics with a solid wall (reflecting)

Physical condition:  $u(a,t)=0$   
What is this in terms of  $w^1, w^2$ ?

$$w^1 = \frac{Zu - p}{2Z} \quad w^2 = \frac{Zu + p}{2Z}$$

$$u = w^1 + w^2$$

At  $x=a$ , we can only specify  $w^2$

$$w^2(a, t) = -w'(a, t)$$

Similarly, at  $x=b$

we would impose

$$w'(b, t) = -w^2(b, t)$$

What is this in terms of the physical values  $p, u$ ?

$$u(a, t) = 0$$

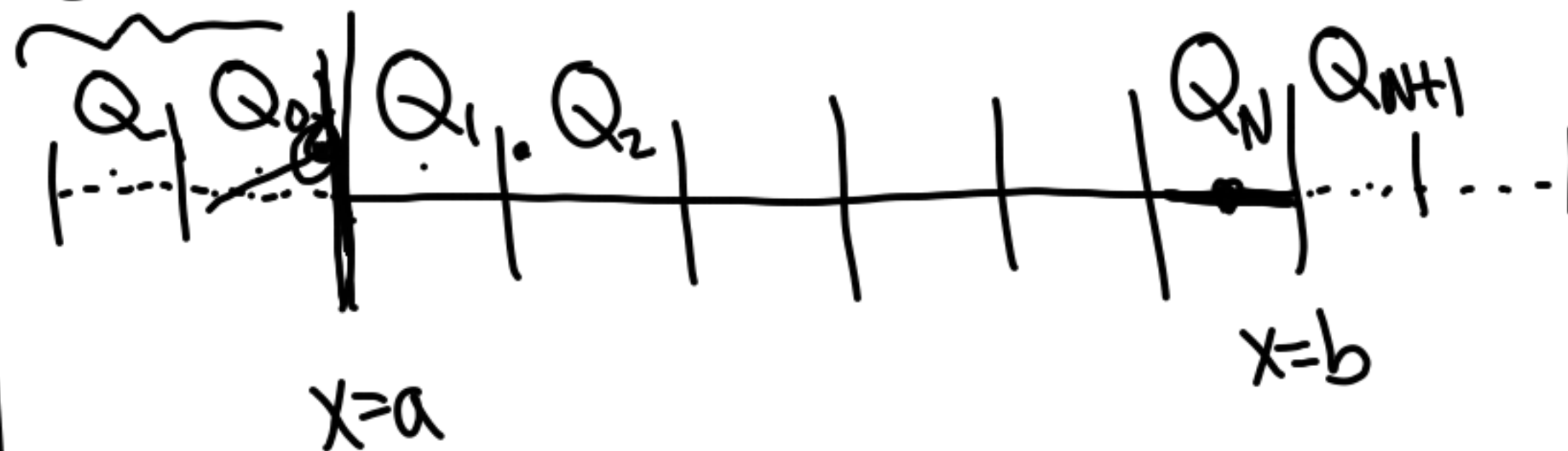
$$p(a, t) = Z(w^2 - w') \\ = -2Zw'(a, t)$$

$$u(b, t) = 0$$

$$p(b, t) = 2Zw^2$$

## Numerical B.C.s Using ghost cells

ghost cells



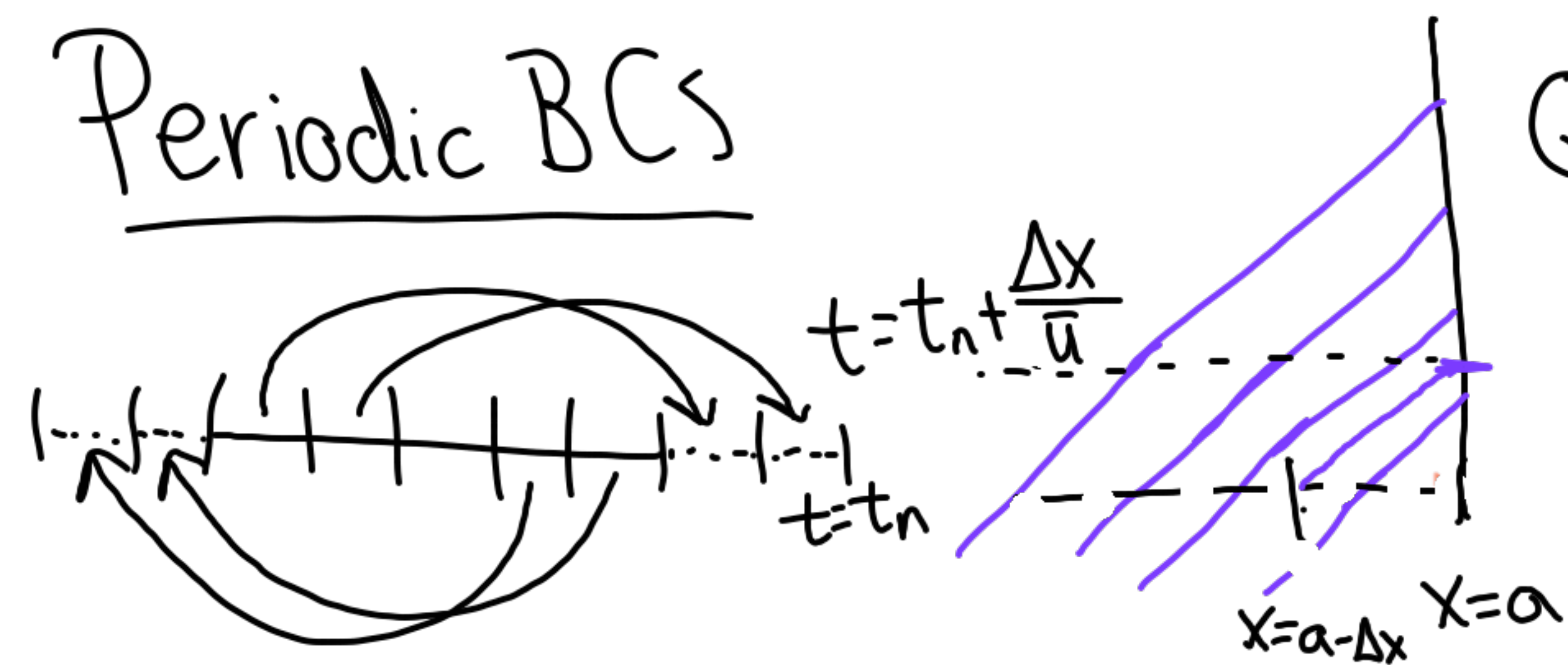
Each time step:

① We start knowing  $Q_1^n, \dots, Q_N^n$

② Use BCs to set ghost cell values

③ Use numerical method to compute  $Q_1^{n+1}, \dots, Q_N^{n+1}$

# Periodic BCs



$$Q_0^n = \frac{\bar{u}}{\Delta x} \int_{t_n}^{t_n + \frac{\Delta x}{\bar{u}}} f_a(t) dt \quad \left. \vphantom{\int} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{High} \\ \text{order} \\ \text{accurate} \end{array}$$

## Advection

$$\bar{u} > 0$$

$$q(a, t) = f_a(t)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Q_0^n = f_a(t_n) \\ Q_{-1}^n = f_a(t_n) \end{array} \right\} \text{simple}$$

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$$Q_i'(t) = -\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[ F_{i+1/2} - F_{i-1/2} \right]$$



# Outflow

At the downwind  
we have no mathematical  
BC but still need to fill  
ghost cells.

We want to choose these  
values so there are no  
incoming waves.

# Acoustics

Pure outflow: e.g.  $w^2 = 0$   
 $w'$ : outflow

Standard  
approach: zero-order extrapolation



Outflow + inflow:

$$w^2 = \int_a f(t)$$

$w'$ : outflow

Use zero-order extrap. for  $w'$

Dirichlet for  $w^2$