

# Algorithm of the second-order piecewise linear method (PLM)

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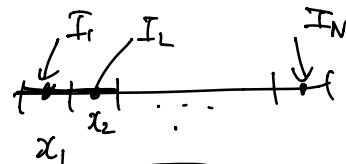
## Step 1 Reconstruction

1st order:  
(FOG)

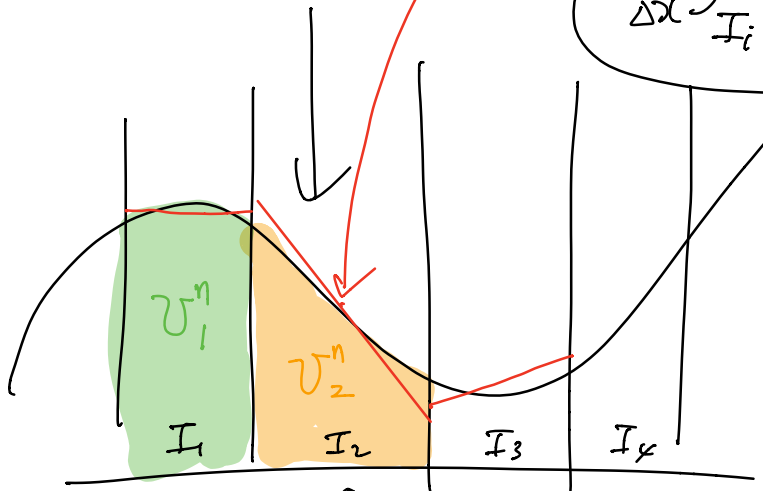
$$\tilde{u}(x, t^n) = U_i^n$$

$x \in I_i$

$$I_i = [x_{i-1/2}, x_{i+1/2}]$$



$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{I_i} u(x, t^n) dx$$



$$\Delta x = x_i - x_{i-1}$$

uniform grid

$I_i @ x_i$

2nd order:

$$\tilde{u}(x, t^n) = U_i^n + \Delta_i^n (x - x_i)$$

$x \in I_i$

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$$\tilde{u}(x_i) = U_i^n$$

→  $\Delta_i^n$  : slope on each  $I_i$

(@  $x_i$ )

$u_{tt} + au_x = 0$   
also

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$$\frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$$

: centered slope

$$\frac{U_i^n - U_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}$$

: upwind slope ( $a > 0$ )

$$\frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_i^n}{\Delta x}$$

: downwind slope ( $a > 0$ )

"linear slopes"

→ TVD slope "limiters":  $I_i$

$\Delta_i^n$

minmod

$$\left( \frac{U_i^n - U_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} \right)$$

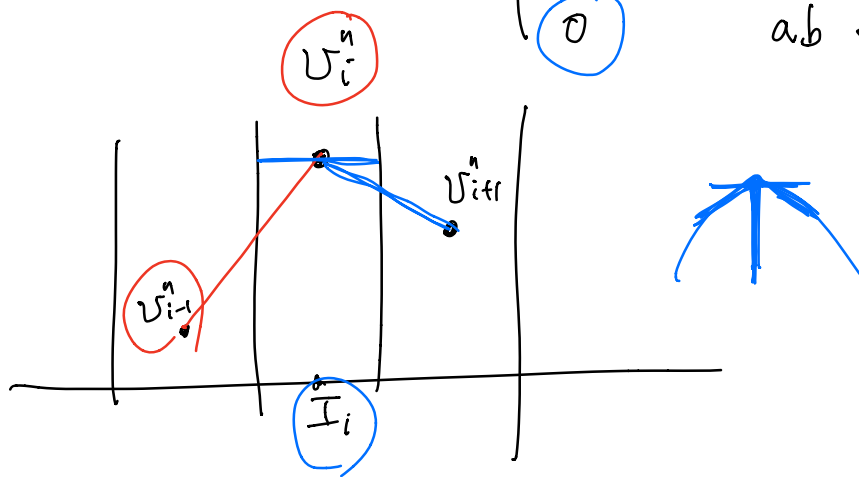
$$\left( \frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_i^n}{\Delta x} \right)$$

$$\text{minmod} \left( \frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}, \frac{2(U_{i+1}^n - U_i^n)}{\Delta x}, \frac{2(U_i^n - U_{i-1}^n)}{\Delta x} \right)$$

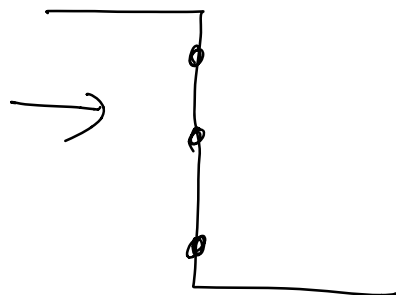
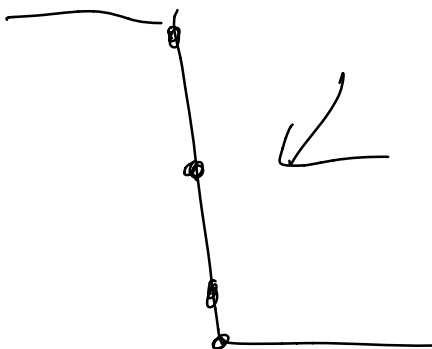
MC

$$\text{vanLeer} \left( \frac{U_i^n - U_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}, \frac{U_{i+1}^n - U_i^n}{\Delta x} \right)$$

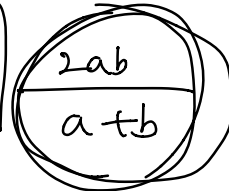
$$\boxed{\minmod(a, b)} = \begin{cases} a, & |a| < |b| \& ab > 0 \\ b, & |a| > |b| \& ab > 0 \\ 0, & ab < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \minmod(a, b, c) &= \minmod(\minmod(a, b), c) \\ &= \minmod(\minmod(b, c), a) \\ &= \minmod(\minmod(c, a), b) \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{van Leer}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & ab \leq 0 \\ \frac{2ab}{a+b} & ab > 0 \end{cases}$$


  
 harmonic mean

$$\underbrace{\text{min mod}}_{\text{diffusive}} \leq \text{van Leer} \leq \text{MC} \xrightarrow{\text{sharp}}$$

The linear reconstruction satisfies:

$$\tilde{u}(x_i, t^n) = U_i^n = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{I_i} \tilde{u}(x, t^n) dx$$

→ This is important in developing FVM



$$\tilde{u}(x, t^n) = U_{i+1}^n + \Delta_{i+1}^n (x - x_{i+1}^n)$$

$x \in I_{i+1}$

**Step 2** Evolve (valid for linear scalar  
advection)  
 $(u_t + au_x = 0)$

For  $a > 0$ ,

$$\tilde{u}(x, t^{n+1}) = \tilde{u}(x - a\Delta t, t^n), \quad x \in I_i$$

$a > 0$

The diagram shows a coordinate system with x and t axes. A point is marked at  $(x, t^{n+1})$  and another at  $(x - a\Delta t, t^n)$ . A red arrow points from the later point back to the earlier one, indicating the direction of information flow for  $a > 0$ . The interval  $I_i$  is indicated on the x-axis.

For  $a < 0$ ,

$$\tilde{u}(x, t^{n+1}) = \tilde{u}(x - a\Delta t, t^n), \quad x \in I_{i+1}$$

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**Step 3** Average

$$u_t + au_x = 0$$

$$\tilde{u}(x, t)$$

$$(t) \in [t^n, t^{n+1}]$$

$a > 0$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t) &= \tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - a(t - t^n), t^n) \\ &= v_i^n + \Delta_i^n (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - a(t - t^n) - x_i) \\ &= v_i^n + \Delta_i^n \left( \frac{\Delta x}{2} - a(t - t^n) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$a < 0$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t) &= \tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - a(t - t^n), t^n) \\ &= v_{i+1}^n + \Delta_{i+1}^n (x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - a(t - t^n) - x_{i+1}) \\ &= v_{i+1}^n - \Delta_{i+1}^n \left( \frac{\Delta x}{2} + a(t - t^n) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t) = \begin{cases} \tilde{u}_L = v_i^n + \Delta_i^n \left( \frac{\Delta x}{2} - a(t - t^n) \right) & a > 0 \\ \tilde{u}_R = v_{i+1}^n - \Delta_{i+1}^n \left( \frac{\Delta x}{2} + a(t - t^n) \right) & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$C_a = \frac{a \Delta t}{\Delta x}$

$\vec{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) = \begin{cases} \tilde{u}_L = u_i^n + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \Delta_i^n (1 - C_a) & a > 0 \\ \tilde{u}_R = u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \frac{\Delta x}{2} \Delta_{i+1}^n (1 + C_a) & a < 0 \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PLM} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} f(\tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t)) dt$

$= f(\tilde{u}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}))$

mid-pt rule

$= \begin{cases} f(\tilde{u}^L), & a > 0 \\ f(\tilde{u}^R), & a < 0 \end{cases} \quad \square$