

# Going beyond one dimension

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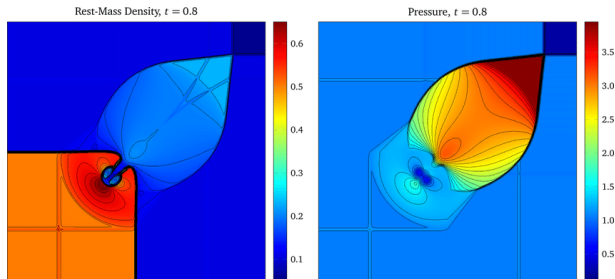
# Outline

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# Multi-dimensional simulations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v_x \\ \rho v_y \\ \rho v_z \\ E \end{pmatrix}$$



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# Two dimensional Euler equations

- We shall start by considering just two dimensions
- The first obvious change is that velocity and momentum are now **vector quantities**
- Based on our discretisation decision, way back in the first lecture, under a Cartesian representation, we now consider  $x$ -velocity and  $y$ -velocity ( $v_x$  and  $v_y$ )
- We are going to need evolution equations for both velocity components, and we are also going to need to consider evolution in the  $y$ -direction
- Recall, we first introduced the Euler equations as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{I} p) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [(E + p) \mathbf{v}] = 0$$

# Conservation of mass - revisited

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho v_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho v_y) = 0$$

- If we consider a two-dimensional square (or rectangular) control volume, then in the  $x$ -direction, the flow of mass is given only by  $\rho v_x$
- Similarly, in the  $y$ -direction, we have mass flow given by  $\rho v_y$

# Conservation of momentum - revisited

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho v_x \\ \rho v_y \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho v_x^2 + p \\ \rho v_x v_y \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{pmatrix} \rho v_x v_y \\ \rho v_y^2 + p \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- We now have two equations for the conservation of momentum, one for each component
- Each term has a component which is the momentum flow through the boundaries of the control volume
- For example,  $x$ -momentum through the  $x$ -boundary is  $(\rho v_x) v_x$  and through the  $y$ -boundary is  $(\rho v_x) v_y$
- The pressure term (the 'push' at the boundary) acts only in the **normal direction**, hence is only present in the  $x$ -component of  $\rho v_x$  and the  $y$ -component of  $\rho v_y$

# Conservation of energy - revisited

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [(E + p) v_x] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [(E + p) v_y] = 0$$

- Energy conservation is affected only by flow across the boundary - the extension of the equation to two dimensions is as expected
- However, the total energy is a combination of internal energy and **kinetic energy**
- Recall the definition of kinetic energy

$$\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

- The total energy contains a contribution from both  $x$ - and  $y$ -velocity



# Vector form of the 2D equations

- There are now two different flux vectors, one for each direction
- Notation for the vector form of the equations is as might be expected:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

- Note that it is not uncommon to see a vector quantity within the conserved variable vector

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v_x \\ \rho v_y \\ E \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \\ E \end{pmatrix}$$

- This second form is also valid, no matter how you've discretised your domain

# Waves in the 2D Euler equations

- How many waves do we expect in a solution to the 2D Euler equations?
- There are two commonly stated means to determine the number of waves in a system of equations:
  - 1 One wave for each equation
  - 2 One wave for each independent eigenvalue
- For the one-dimensional Euler equations, we have three equations, three independent eigenvalues and we saw three waves in our Riemann problem solutions
- In 2D do we expect four waves?
- Waves might be harder to distinguish in 2D - for example, how do we represent an  $x-t$  diagram, or an  $x-y-t$  diagram?
- To achieve some understanding, it is common to consider the behaviour along a **one-dimensional slice** through the domain

# Waves in the 2D Euler equations

- Without loss of generality, we shall consider a slice in the  $x$ -direction, reducing our equations to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v_x \\ \rho v_y \\ E \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho v_x \\ \rho v_x^2 + p \\ \rho v_x v_y \\ (E + p) v_x \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

- In order to compute the eigenvalues, it is again easiest to use the primitive variable form
- Fortunately, we did most of the work for this for the 1D Euler equations, we only need to alter the  $\rho v_y$  equation
- This time we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ p \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v_x & \rho & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_x & 0 & \frac{1}{\rho} \\ 0 & 0 & v_x & 0 \\ 0 & \rho c_s^2 & 0 & v_x \end{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ v_x \\ v_y \\ p \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

# Waves in the 2D Euler equations

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- The eigenvalues of this matrix still straightforward

$$\lambda_1 = v_x - c_s, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = v_x, \quad \lambda_4 = v_x + c_s$$

- We still have four **real** eigenvalues, but we do not have four **distinct** eigenvalues - the system is hyperbolic, but not strictly hyperbolic
- This can have mathematical implications on the uniqueness of the solution - the matrix term may not be diagonalisable; however, in this case it still is
- However, what it does mean is that there are not four **distinct** waves in the solution to the 2D Euler equations

# Degenerate waves

- If we have multiple waves moving at the same speed, they are indistinguishable in the solution itself, they are **degenerate waves**
- Although indistinguishable in the solution, they have mathematical properties which requires that they are treated separately
- One example, for the Euler equations, is finding the characteristic behaviour, and as a result, the solution to the Riemann problem for the 2D system
- If we repeat the derivation of the characteristic variables shown for the one-dimensional equations, including our extra variable, we get:

$$d\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} dv_0 \\ dv_+ \\ dv_- \\ dv_{sh} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d\rho - \frac{dp}{c_s^2} \\ dv_x + \frac{dp}{\rho c_s} \\ dv_x - \frac{dp}{\rho c_s} \\ dv_y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{along} \quad \begin{aligned} dx &= v_x dt \\ dx &= (v_x + c_s) dt \\ dx &= (v_x - c_s) dt \\ dx &= v_x dt \end{aligned}$$

# Shear waves

- We labelled the fourth characteristic variable  $dv_{sh}$  since this is the characteristic associated with a **shear wave**
- Conceptually, this is just a wave in which a velocity moving perpendicular to the wave, a **transverse velocity**, jumps, but the other variables do not
- Care is taken to separate the description of contact discontinuities and shear waves because the wave degeneracy is a special feature of the inviscid Euler equations
- If there was any viscosity between materials, the tangential flows would interact (though this would be a diffusive behaviour)
- Magnetic fields (and plasma) also results in a separation of these waves, as we shall see in “Simulation of Matter under Extreme Conditions”

# Shear waves

- We now also have an additional variable to consider in Riemann problem solutions
- However, Because the transverse velocity ( $v_y$  in our example) effectively decouples from the other quantities in the characteristic variables, then in the Riemann problem, across the shear wave is the **only** place the transverse velocity jumps
- This means that the Riemann problem solution is no more challenging for the 2D Euler equations than it is for the 1D equations

$$\mathbf{w}_L^* = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_L^* \\ v_x^* \\ v_{y,L}^* \\ p^* \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w}_R^* = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_R^* \\ v_x^* \\ v_{y,R}^* \\ p^* \end{pmatrix}$$

- The quantities  $\rho_K^*$ ,  $v_x^*$  and  $p^*$  are calculated exactly as seen previously

# A general note on degenerate waves

- The shear wave and the contact discontinuity always move at the same speed, there is always degeneracy in this wave
- When discussing multi-dimensional Euler equations, it is common for laziness to take over, and describe a jump in transverse velocity at a contact discontinuity
- With the correct initial data, other waves in a Riemann problem solution can **also be degenerate**
- For example, if you set up a Riemann problem, with states  $\mathbf{u}_L$  and  $\mathbf{u}_R$ , you can compute  $\mathbf{u}_L^*$  and  $\mathbf{u}_R^*$
- What would happen if you set up a **new** Riemann problem, with states  $\mathbf{u}_L$  and  $\mathbf{u}_L^*$ ?
- Your results would show a single wave; other waves would exist mathematically, with a zero-height jump across the waves



# Is this 1D slice a general approach?

- Why have we carried out our analysis of the 2D Euler equations using only the  $x$ -derivative?
- In general, 2D solutions to the Euler equations exhibit complex behaviour, not because there are more waves present than we have considered so far, but because of the **wave interactions**
- Effectively we are considering a system reduced to the extent that we can identify individual waves
- The choice to align the wave direction with the  $x$ -direction is a convenient coordinate transformation, the Euler equations are rotationally invariant (see Toro for more details)
- What's more, when solving the equations on a Cartesian grid, our numerical method will **always** be considering flow decomposed into components aligned with the coordinate axes

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# Numerical methods for the 2D Euler equations

- It appears to be reasonably obvious how we can apply a numerical method to the Euler equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^n - \mathbf{f}_{i-1/2,j}^n) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^n - \mathbf{g}_{i,j-1/2}^n)$$

- The computational grid is now divided up into rectangular cells of size  $\Delta x \times \Delta y$
- Convention is that each cell is labelled  $\mathbf{u}_{i,j} = \mathbf{u}(x_i, y_j)$
- The  $x$ -fluxes are those that pass through  $x_{i\pm 1/2}$ , and the  $y$ -fluxes are those that pass through  $y_{j\pm 1/2}$ , hence the notation  $\mathbf{f}_{i\pm 1/2,j}$  and  $\mathbf{g}_{i,j\pm 1/2}$
- Note that the  $x$ -fluxes are **effectively one dimensional** (constant  $j$ -index), as are the  $y$ -fluxes (constant  $i$ -index)

# Fluxes for the 2D Euler equations

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^n - \mathbf{f}_{i-1/2,j}^n) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^n - \mathbf{g}_{i,j-1/2}^n)$$

- Any numerical method seen so far can be used for the 2D Euler equations
- In the  $x$ -direction, the flux is computed from cells in the  $i$ -direction, e.g.  $\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^{\text{FORCE}} = \mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^{\text{FORCE}}(\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n, \mathbf{u}_{i+1,j}^n)$  and

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) = (\rho v_x, \rho v_x^2 + p, \rho v_x v_y, (E + p)v_x)^T$$

- In the  $y$ -direction, the flux is computed from cells in the  $j$ -direction, e.g.  $\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^{\text{FORCE}} = \mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^{\text{FORCE}}(\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n, \mathbf{u}_{i,j+1}^n)$  and

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) = (\rho v_y, \rho v_x v_y, \rho v_y^2 + p, (E + p)v_y)^T$$

# Fluxes for the 2D Euler equations

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^n - \mathbf{f}_{i-1/2,j}^n) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^n - \mathbf{g}_{i,j-1/2}^n)$$

- For both  $x$ - and  $y$ -fluxes, the calculation is treated as entirely one-dimensional
- For  $\mathbf{f}_{i\pm 1/2,j}^n$ , only  $\Delta x$  needs to be used for computing slopes for limiters, and for the half time step update for slope limited schemes
- Similarly,  $\mathbf{g}_{i,j\pm 1/2}^n$ , only  $\Delta y$  needs to be used for these grid-dependent quantities
- Only one-dimensional Riemann problem solvers are needed too
- There is no requirement that  $\Delta x = \Delta y$ , though this is often desirable. Why?
- Is this all that is needed to run 2D simulations?

# Time step constraints

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^n - \mathbf{f}_{i-1/2,j}^n) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^n - \mathbf{g}_{i,j-1/2}^n)$$

- Clearly, we need the same time step for both  $x$ - and  $y$ -updates
- We also need the system to be stable for both of these updates, i.e.

$$\Delta t = C \frac{\min(\Delta x, \Delta y)}{a_{\max}}$$

- The maximum wave speed needs to be calculated correctly, there is no guarantee that this is aligned with any of the coordinate axes
- Instead we need to consider the magnitude of the velocity vector

$$a_{\max} = \max_{i,j} (|\mathbf{v}_{i,j}| + c_{s,i,j})$$

- What about the CFL number, if our 1D method has  $C_{1D} \leq 1$ , does our 2D method work the same way?

# Dealing with diagonal movement

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^n - \mathbf{f}_{i-1/2,j}^n) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^n - \mathbf{g}_{i,j-1/2}^n)$$

- If  $v_x \neq 0$  and  $v_y \neq 0$ , then movement of material is not aligned to the grid, and therefore, over a single time step, material from cell  $(x_i, y_j)$  will end up in cells  $(x_{i\pm 1}, y_{j\pm 1})$
- Does the scheme at the top of this slide allow this?
- It will take two time steps for material to move into cells  $(x_{i\pm 1}, y_{j\pm 1})$
- Practically, we find that (and can show that) the stable time step must be halved to ensure that material can reach these offset cells, whilst not being able to cross more than a single cell in areas where velocity is aligned to the grid
- In other words, the CFL number for this scheme is

$$C = \frac{1}{2} C_{1D}$$

# What are our options?

- Having to reduce the CFL number in order to get stable 2D solutions isn't ideal
- Fortunately, it is also not necessary
- One option is to design a numerical scheme which specifically takes account of the waves moving diagonally
- Versions of MUSCL-Hancock, Weighted Average Flux (WAF) and Wave Propagation methods exist to cope with this
- These carefully consider wave movement through all possible cell vertices over a time step (including the case where material crosses both  $x$ - and  $y$ -vertices)
- However, these methods are not straightforward to implement - keeping track of information moving diagonally is tricky
- We won't go into more details - I had promised you that we would be able to use the methods we studied in Computational Continuum Modelling (and that I wouldn't introduce any more methods)



# Dimensional splitting

- The approach for solving the 2D Euler equations so far is referred to as a **dimensionally unsplit** approach
- An alternative is to update the  $x$ -direction first, and then update the  $y$ -direction using the results of the  $x$ -update

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i,j} = \mathbf{u}_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (\mathbf{f}_{i+1/2,j}^n(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{f}_{i-1/2,j}^n(\mathbf{u}))$$
$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_{i,j} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} (\mathbf{g}_{i,j+1/2}^n(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) - \mathbf{g}_{i,j-1/2}^n(\bar{\mathbf{u}}))$$

- This is a **dimensionally split** approach
- This approach is **consistent** with the underlying PDE (considering the limit  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$ )
- However, this method also allows diagonal movement of information over a single time step
- We can show that the underlying CFL number is that of the method used for the 1D fluxes (i.e. we can get  $c = 1$ )

# Notation and order

- Clearly solving in the  $x$ -direction, and then the  $y$ -direction is not the only way dimensional splitting could be done
- When denoting a scheme being solved using a splitting technique, you might see the method from the previous slide written as

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} (\mathbf{u}^n)$$

- Here,  $\mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)}$  are flux update operators which operate over  $\Delta t$
- They are resolved right-to-left, i.e.  $\mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)}$  acts on  $\mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} (\mathbf{u}^n)$ , with

$$\mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} (\mathbf{u}^n) = \bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

- It is just as valid to perform the dimensional splitting through

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} (\mathbf{u}^n)$$

- However, both of these techniques result in a method that is first order accurate **in time** - is this a problem?

# Choice of splitting technique

- Having a scheme that is first-order in time might sound like a bad idea, but, it is (usually) the errors in the spatial discretisation that dominate
- Therefore, first-order in time, second-order in space methods will show second order convergence, because it is these largest errors which are being reduced at the higher order of accuracy
- However, it is still possible to obtain second-order accuracy in your dimensional splitting

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} + \mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} \right] (\mathbf{u}^n)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathcal{X}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{X}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} (\mathbf{u}^n)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{X}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{Y}^{(\Delta t)} \right] (\mathbf{u}^n)$$

- It is common to see this sort of splitting referred to as Strang splitting, due to the work of Strang on these techniques
- Note that these methods are more computationally expensive than the first-order splitting (first and second) or require the same time step for two consecutive iterations (third)

- Because split methods are easier to implement with  $C = 1$  stable schemes, it may seem like there is no reason to use unsplit methods
- Whenever solving simulations on a grid, it is possible for some behaviour to become grid-orientated
- On a Cartesian grid, this can be worse for split methods than unsplit methods
- Additionally, techniques exist in which the flux behaviour within a cell may need to be altered - cut cell methods, embedding a complex geometry within a Cartesian mesh, are an example
- Some complex systems of equations can suffer stability issues in a split treatment, unsplit might be useful here too
- But unless you know you need them, if you have a Cartesian mesh, split methods are the best choice to start with

# Coding in two dimensions

- We now have a trickier storage situation for storing an  $x \times y \times 4$  data structure
- A vector of vectors of arrays is probably the most useful

```
std::vector< <std::vector< std::array<double, 4> > > u;  
u.resize(nxPoints, std::vector<std::array<double, 4> > nyPoints);
```

- This notation allows for access through

```
u[i][j][var] //  $var_{i,j}$ ;
```

- Other options are available (e.g. a single  $x \times y$  vector) but keeping track of indices could be tricky
- You may wish to introduce specific  $x$ - and  $y$ -directional functions, or you may want to pass coordinate direction to functions (e.g. for computing fluxes)

# Coding in two dimensions - example loop

```
for(int i = 0; i < nxCells+1; i++) {
    for(int j = 0; j < nyCells+1; j++) { //Define the fluxes
        flux[i][j] = getXFlux(u[i][j],u[i+1][j]);
    }
}
for(int i = 1; i < nCells+1; i++) {
    for(int j = 1; j < nyCells+1; j++) { //Update the data
        uBar[i][j] = u[i][j] - (dt/dx) * (flux[i+1][j] -
            flux[i][j]);
    }
}
for(int i = 0; i < nxCells+1; i++) {
    for(int j = 0; j < nyCells+1; j++) { //Define the fluxes
        flux[i][j] = getYFlux(uBar[i][j],uBar[i][j+1]);
    }
} // Can reuse flux here
for(int i = 1; i < nCells+1; i++) {
    for(int j = 1; j < nyCells+1; j++) { //Update the data
        u[i][j] = uBar[i][j] - (dt/dx) * (flux[i][j+1] -
            flux[i][j]);
    }
} // Can overwrite u here without errors
```

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# Three-dimensional Euler equations

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- Having seen how the two-dimensional Euler equations were derived, hopefully the route to these three-dimensional equations is clear
- We needed to do a reasonable amount of work to go from 1D to 2D - do we need to do this all over again to go to 3D?



# Three-dimensional Euler equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{u}) = 0$$

- The jump from two to three dimensions is a lot more straightforward:
  - There is yet another eigenvalue, and again it is a repeated value, very similar to the previous new value

$$\lambda_1 = v_x - c_s, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = v_x, \quad \lambda_5 = v_x + c_s$$

- The new wave is a **second shear wave** (parallel to the first and the normal direction)
- Dimensional splitting works as expected, and second-order in time splits exist, e.g.

$$\mathbf{u}_{i,j}^{n+1} = \mathcal{X}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} \mathcal{Y}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} \mathcal{Z}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{Y}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} \mathcal{X}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} (\mathbf{u}^n)$$

- The CFL number for a naively implemented unsplit scheme is now reduced by a third (flow into corner vertices)

# A practical note on higher dimensions

- When coding the two and three dimensional Euler equations (or any system greater than 1D), code run time, memory usage and data storage become much more important considerations
- The run time scaling is fairly obvious - if we are running a simulation in 1D with 100 cells, and wish to run at the same resolution in 2D, we need  $100^2 = 10,000$  cells, and  $100^3 = 1,000,000$  in 3D
- In other words, each increase in dimensionality is an order of magnitude increase in run time
- Memory usage and (simple) data storage follow this pattern
- Optimisation is more important for these higher-dimensional codes
- When testing your methods, try to stick to one-dimensional and pseudo-one-dimensional tests for as long as possible, e.g. using one cell in the  $y$ -direction, 100 in the  $x$ -direction, and then reversing this pattern, to check your  $x$ - and  $y$ -flux calculations are working as expected