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# Abstract

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# List of abbreviations and acronyms

CFL	Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy
CS	Cubed-sphere
DP1	First-order departure point
DP2	Second-order departure point
FV	Finite Volume
FV3	Finite-Volume Cubed-Sphere Dynamical Core
GFDL	Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory
hord0	Non-monotonic 1D reconstruction scheme
hord8	Monotonic 1D reconstruction scheme
IC	Initial Condition
LT	Average Lie-Trotter splitting
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
ODE	Ordinary Differential Equation
PDE	Partial Differential Equation
PL	Putman and Lin splitting
SL	Semi-Lagrangian



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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Background



## Chapter 2

# One-dimensional finite-volume methods

The aim of this Chapter is to provide a detailed description of one-dimensional (1D) finite-volume (FV) schemes within a Semi-Lagrangian (SL) framework, specifically applied to the 1D advection equation. These schemes are also known as flux-form Semi-Lagrangian schemes, and they allow for time steps beyond the Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy (CFL) condition while preserving the total mass. FV-SL schemes have been explored in the literature since the work of LeVeque (1985), which extended the finite-volume schemes from Godunov (1959) to accommodate larger time steps. This approach has been further investigated in the literature (c.f, e.g. . Leonard et al. (1996) and Lin and Rood (1996)). We are going to focus on the linear advection equation because in FV3, the horizontal dynamics are solved by using flux advection operators to compute the fluid density, absolute vorticity, and the kinetic energy (L. Harris et al., 2021; L. M. Harris & Lin, 2013; Lin & Rood, 1997; Putman, 2007). The boundary conditions are assumed to be periodic for simplicity.

To introduce the FV-SL schemes, we begin by discretizing the spatial and temporal domains into uniform grids. Subsequently, the FV-SL schemes involve three steps. The first step involves computing the departure points of the spatial grid edges. The second step, known as reconstruction, utilizes the grid cell average values to determine a piecewise function within each cell. This piecewise function approximates the values of the advected quantity and ensures the preservation of its local mass within each grid cell. The third step involves updating the fluxes at the grid edges by integrating the reconstruction function over a domain that extends from the departure point of the grid edge to the grid edge itself.

The first step of FV-SL schemes can be accomplished by integrating an ordinary differential equation (ODE) backward in time. The second step is performed using the Piecewise-Parabolic Method (PPM) proposed by Colella and Woodward (1984). As the name suggests, PPM employs piecewise-parabolic functions. The third and final step is computed easily, as the reconstruction functions consist of parabolas that preserve the local mass.

It is worth noting that the reconstruction function can be constructed using functions

other than parabolas. In fact, PPM can be seen as an extension of the Piecewise-Linear method proposed by Van Leer (1977), which, in turn, was inspired by the Piecewise-Constant method introduced by Godunov (1959). Additionally, other schemes inspired by PPM have been proposed in the literature utilizing higher-order polynomials, such as quartic polynomials (White & Adcroft, 2008). For a comprehensive review of general piecewise-polynomial reconstruction, we recommend referring to the technical report by Engwirda and Kelley (2016), Lauritzen et al. (2011), and the references therein.

The PPM approach has become popular in the literature for gas dynamics simulations, astrophysical phenomena modeling (Woodward, 1986), and later on atmospheric simulations (Carpenter et al., 1990). Indeed, PPM has been implemented in the FV3 dynamical core on its latitude-longitude grid (Lin, 2004) and cubed-sphere (Putman & Lin, 2007) versions. Although many other shapes for the basis functions and higher-order schemes are available in the literature, L. Harris et al. (2021) points out that the PPM scheme suits the needs of FV3 well. It is a flexible method that can be modified to ensure low diffusivity or shape preservation, for example. Additionally, a finite-volume numerical method usually requires monotonicity constraints, which, according to Godunov's order barrier theorem (Wesseling, 2001), limit the order of convergence to at most 1. Therefore, a higher-order scheme needs to strike a well-balanced trade-off between increasing computational cost and potential benefits.

This Chapter begins with a basic review of one-dimensional advection equation in the integral form in Section 2.1. In Section 2.2, we establish the framework for general one-dimensional finite-volume Semi-Lagrangian schemes. Section 2.3 presents methods for computing the departure point. The PPM reconstruction is described in Section 2.4, while Subsection 2.4.2 introduces a different approach to ensure the monotonicity of parabolas. Section 2.5 focuses on the description and investigation of the PPM flux computation. Section 2.6 presents numerical results using the PPM scheme for the advection equation. Finally, Section 2.7 presents some concluding remarks. The application of PPM to solve two-dimensional problems will be addressed in Chapter 3.

## 2.1 One-dimensional advection equation in integral form

### 2.1.1 Notation

Before introducing the FV-SL schemes, let us establish some notation by introducing the concepts of a  $\Delta x$ -grid, a  $\Delta t$ -temporal grid, and the  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization, as well as the concept of grid function/winds. In this Chapter, we will use the notation  $\Omega = [a, b]$  to represent the interval under consideration, and  $\nu$  to represent a non-negative integer indicating the number of ghost cell layers in each boundary. We also use the notations  $\mathbb{R}_\nu^N := \mathbb{R}^{N+2\nu}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_\nu^{N+1} := \mathbb{R}^{N+1+2\nu}$ .

**Definition 2.1** ( $\Delta x$ -grid). *For a given interval  $\Omega$  and a positive real number  $\Delta x$  such that  $\Delta x = (b - a)/N$  for some positive integer  $N$ , we say that  $\Omega_{\Delta x} = \{X_i\}_{i=-\nu+1}^{N+\nu}$  is a  $\Delta x$ -grid for  $\Omega$*

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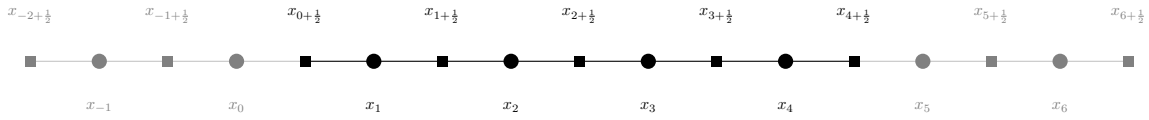
$$X_i = [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}] = [a + (i-1)\Delta x, a + i\Delta x],$$

and  $\Delta x = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Each  $X_i$  is referred to as a control volume or cell, and  $x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  are the edges of the control volume  $X_i$ . The cell centroid is defined by

$$x_i = \frac{1}{2}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}), \quad \forall i = -v + 1, \dots, N + v,$$

and  $\Delta x$  is the cell length.

**Remark 2.1.** If  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , we refer to  $i$  as an interior index; otherwise,  $i$  is considered a ghost cell index and we say the  $X_i$  is a ghost cell.



**Figure 2.1:** Illustration of a  $\Delta x$ -grid with  $N = 4$  cells in its interior (in black) and  $v = 2$  ghost cell layers (in gray). The edges are denoted by squares and the cell centroids are denoted using circles.

**Definition 2.2** ( $\Delta t$ -temporal grid). For a given interval  $[0, T]$  and a positive real number  $\Delta t$  such that  $\Delta t = T/N_T$  for some positive integer  $N_T$ , we say that  $T_{\Delta t} = \{T_n\}_{n=0}^{N_T}$  a  $\Delta t$ -temporal grid for  $[0, T]$  if

$$T_n = [t^n, t^{n+1}], \quad t^n = n\Delta t, \quad \Delta t = \frac{T}{N_T}, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T.$$

In this context, we also define  $t^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{t^n + t^{n+1}}{2}$ .

**Definition 2.3** ( $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization). Given  $\Omega \times [0, T]$  and positive real numbers  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$ , we say that  $(\Omega_{\Delta x}, T_{\Delta t})$  is a  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$  if  $\Omega_{\Delta x}$  is a  $\Delta x$ -grid for  $\Omega$ ,  $T_{\Delta t}$  is a  $\Delta t$ -temporal grid for  $[0, T]$ , and  $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} = \lambda$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Whenever we refer to a  $\Delta x$ -grid, a  $\Delta t$ -temporal grid, or a  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization,  $X_i$ ,  $N$ ,  $t^n$ , and  $N_T$  are assumed to be implicitly defined.

Next, we introduce the definitions of grid functions at cell centroids and edges.

**Definition 2.4** ( $\Delta x$ -grid function). For a  $\Delta x$ -grid, we say that  $Q$  is a  $\Delta x$ -grid function if  $Q = (Q_{-v+1}, \dots, Q_{N+v}) \in \mathbb{R}_v^N$ .

**Definition 2.5** ( $\Delta x$ -grid wind). For a  $\Delta x$ -grid, we say that  $u$  is a  $\Delta x$ -grid wind if  $u = (u_{-v+\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, u_{N+v+\frac{1}{2}}) \in \mathbb{R}_v^{N+1}$ .

The definition of a  $\Delta x$ -grid wind is based on the Arakawa grids (Arakawa & Lamb, 1977). Considering functions  $q, u : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ , we introduce the grid functions  $q^n \in \mathbb{R}_v^N$  and  $u^n \in \mathbb{R}_v^{N+1}$ . Here,  $q_i^n = q(x_i, t^n)$  and  $u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t^n)$ . These grid functions represent the discrete values of  $q$  and  $u$  at the cell centroids and edges, respectively, for each time level  $t^n$  (Figure 2.2).

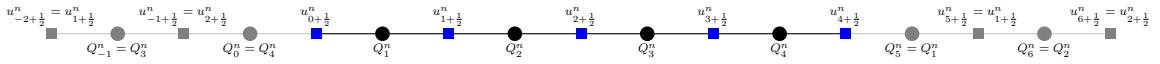
In this Chapter, our focus lies on periodic grid functions. We define a  $\Delta x$ -grid function  $Q$  as periodic if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i &= Q_{N+i}, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, 0, \\ Q_i &= Q_{i-N}, & i &= N + 1, \dots, N + \nu. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we define a  $\Delta x$ -grid wind as periodic if it meets the following requirements:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i-\frac{1}{2}} &= u_{N+i+\frac{1}{2}}, & i &= -\nu, \dots, -1, \\ u_{i+\frac{1}{2}} &= u_{i+\frac{1}{2}-N}, & i &= N + 1, \dots, N + \nu. \end{aligned}$$

We use the notation  $\mathbb{P}_\nu^N$  and  $\mathbb{P}_\nu^{N+1}$  to represent the spaces of periodic  $\Delta x$ -grid functions and winds, respectively.



**Figure 2.2:** Illustration of  $\Delta x$ -grid function  $Q$  (black circles) and a  $\Delta x$ -grid wind  $u$  (blue squares) and its ghost cell values (in gray) assuming periodicity.

Given  $Q \in \mathbb{P}_\nu^N$ , we define the  $p$ -norm as

$$\|Q\|_{p,\Delta x} = \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N |Q_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty, \\ \max_{i=1,\dots,N} |Q_i| & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

which is indeed a norm for periodic grid functions. Using a similar notation as in Engwirda and Kelley (2016), we define the stencil and a grid function evaluated on a stencil as follows.

**Definition 2.6** (Stencil). For a  $\Delta x$ -grid, and each  $i = 0, \dots, N$ , we define a stencil as a set of the form  $\mathcal{S}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \{i - r + 1, \dots, i - 1, i, i + 1, \dots, i + s\} \subset \{-\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu\}$ .

**Definition 2.7** (Grid function restricted to a stencil). For a  $\Delta x$ -grid, a stencil  $\mathcal{S}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ , and a  $\Delta x$ -grid function  $Q$ , we define  $Q(\mathcal{S}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) = (Q_k)_{k \in \mathcal{S}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

These definitions provide the necessary notation for describing grid functions and their evaluations on stencils. To achieve a more compact notation in some situations, we introduce the centered difference notation:

$$\delta_x g(x_i, t) = g(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t) - g(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, t), \quad (2.2)$$

for any function  $g : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Additionally, we introduce the average value of  $q$  in the  $i$ -th control volume at time  $t$ , denoted as  $Q_i(t)$ , defined by:

$$Q_i(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, t) dx. \quad (2.3)$$

Moreover, we define the  $\Delta x$ -grid function of average values as  $Q(t) = (Q_i(t))_{i=-\nu+1}^{N+\nu}$ . Here,

$Q_i(t)$  represents the average value of  $q$  in the  $i$ -th control volume at time  $t$ .

For the consideration of periodic boundary conditions, we can define spaces of periodic functions over the interval  $\Omega$  as follows:

$$S_p(\Omega) = \{q : \mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : q(x + b - a, t) = q(x, t), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geq 0\}.$$

Similarly, the space of  $k$ -times periodically differentiable functions  $C_p^k(\Omega)$  can be defined as:

$$C_p^k(\Omega) = S_p(\Omega) \cap C^k(\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty[),$$

where  $C^k(\mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty[)$  denotes the space of functions that are  $k$  times continuously differentiable in both the spatial and temporal variables. In summary,  $S_p(\Omega)$  represents the space of periodic functions, and  $C_p^k(\Omega)$  represents the space of  $k$ -times periodically differentiable functions over the interval  $\Omega$  subject to periodic boundary conditions.

### 2.1.2 The 1D advection equation

In this Section, we will derive the integral form of the 1D advection equation with periodic boundary conditions over the interval  $\Omega$ . What is going to be presented here follows LeVeque (1990, 2002) closely. The advection equation with periodic boundary conditions in its differential form is given by:

$$\begin{cases} [\partial_t q + \partial_x(uq)](x, t) = 0, & \forall (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ q(a, t) = q(b, t), & \forall t \geq 0, \\ q_0(x) = q(x, 0), & \forall x \in \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Here,  $q \in C_p^1(\Omega)$  represents the advected quantity, and  $u \in C_p^1(\Omega)$  represents the velocity or wind. We will focus on Equation (2.4) over the domain  $D = \Omega \times [0, T]$ , where  $T > 0$  is a finite time. A strong or classical solution to the advection equation is defined as a function  $q \in C_p^1(\Omega)$  and satisfies Equation (2.4). In order to deduce the integral form of Equation (2.4), we consider  $[x_1, x_2] \times [t_1, t_2] \subset D$ . Integrating Equation (2.5) over  $[x_1, x_2]$ , we obtain:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} q(x, t) dx = -((uq)(x_2, t) - (uq)(x_1, t)), \quad (2.5)$$

and integrating Equation (2.5) over  $[t_1, t_2]$ , we get

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} q(x, t_2) dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} q(x, t_1) dx - \left( \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (uq)(x_2, t) dt - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (uq)(x_1, t) dt \right). \quad (2.6)$$

The presented problem, Problem 2.1, aims to find a solution, called weak solution, to the advection equation in its integral form, considering the given initial condition (IC)  $q_0$  and velocity function  $u$ .

**Problem 2.1.** Given an IC  $q_0$  and a velocity function  $u$  we would like to find a weak solution

$q$  of the advection equation in the integral form:

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} q(x, t_2) dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} q(x, t_1) dx + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (uq)(x_1, t) dt - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (uq)(x_2, t) dt,$$

$\forall [x_1, x_2] \times [t_1, t_2] \subset \Omega \times [0, T]$ , and  $q(x, 0) = q_0(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \Omega$ ,  $q(a, t) = q(b, t)$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, T]$ .

We point out that, for Problem 2.1, the total mass in  $\Omega$  at time  $t$  defined by:

$$M_{[a,b]}(t) = \int_a^b q(x, t) dx,$$

remains constant over time, i.e.,

$$M_{[a,b]}(t) = M_{[a,b]}(0), \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

This conservation of total mass property is highly desirable for numerical schemes aiming to approximate general conservation law solutions accurately.

Applying the steps from Equation (2.4) to Equation (2.6) in reverse order, one can verify that if  $q$  is a weak solution and  $q \in C_P^1(\Omega)$ , then it satisfies Equation (2.4). Therefore, Equation (2.4) and Problem (2.1) are equivalent when  $q \in C_P^1(\Omega)$ . However, Problem (2.1) can be formulated for functions that are not  $C^1$  and have discontinuities. In fact, Problem (2.1) only requires that  $q$  and  $uq$  are locally integrable.

It is worth noting that Equation (2.6) holds for all  $x_1, x_2, t_1$ , and  $t_2$  such that  $[x_1, x_2] \times [t_1, t_2] \subset D$ . Therefore, let us consider a  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $D$  and rewrite Equation (2.6) in terms of this discretization. By replacing  $t_1, t_2, x_1$ , and  $x_2$  with  $t^n, t^{n+1}, x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ , respectively, in Equation (2.6), we obtain:

$$Q_i(t^{n+1}) = Q_i(t^n) - \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t) dt - \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, t) dt \right), \quad (2.7)$$

$$\forall i = 1, \dots, N, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1.$$

To achieve a more compact notation, we use the centered difference notation and then Equation (2.7) can be rewritten as:

$$Q_i(t^{n+1}) = Q_i(t^n) - \frac{1}{\Delta x} \delta_x \left( \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_i, t) dt \right), \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1. \quad (2.8)$$

Now we can define a discretized version of Problem 2.1 as Problem 2.2.

**Problem 2.2.** *Let us consider the framework of Problem 2.1 and a  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ . Since we are operating within the framework of Problem 2.1, the following relationship holds:*

$$Q_i(t^{n+1}) = Q_i(t^n) - \lambda \delta_x \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_i, t) dt \right), \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1, \quad (2.9)$$



where  $Q_i(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, t) dx$ . Our objective now is to determine the values  $Q_i(t^n)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1$ , given the initial values  $Q_i(0)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ . In other words, we aim to find the average values of  $q$  in each control volume  $X_i$  at the specified time instances.

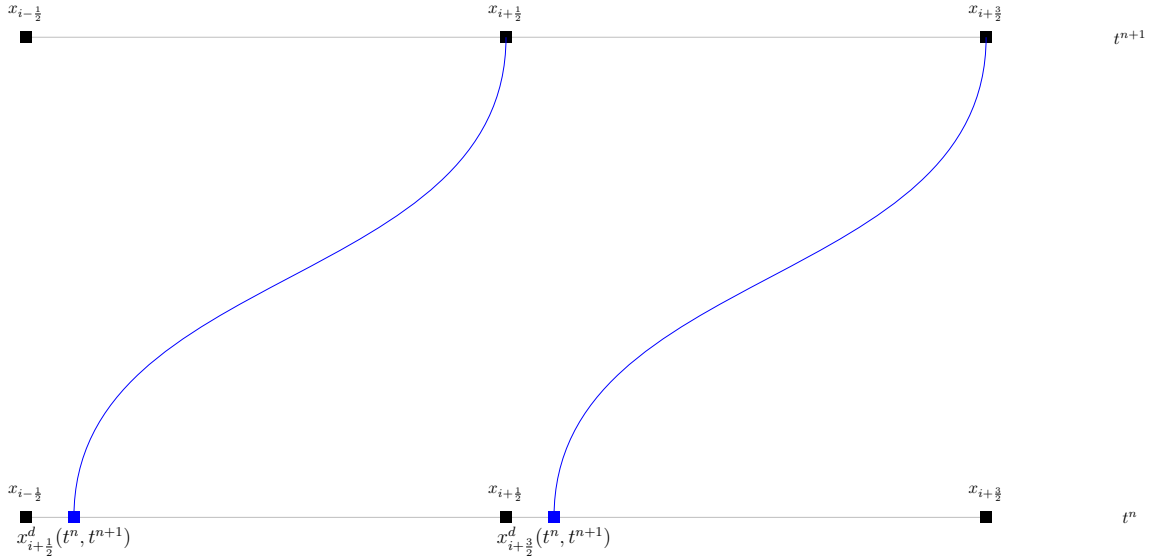
It is important to note that no approximations have been made in problems (2.1) and (2.2). In Equation (2.9), we divided and multiplied by  $\Delta t$  to interpret  $\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}, t) dt$  as a time-averaged flux. This interpretation is useful for deriving finite-volume schemes.

In Problem 2.2, we need to approximate the time-averaged flux at the cell edges  $x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$  to derive a finite-volume scheme. This flux, in principle, requires knowledge of  $q$  over the entire interval  $[t^n, t^{n+1}]$ . To overcome this, we can express the temporal integral as a spatial integral at time  $t^n$ . This approach avoids the need for information about  $q$  throughout the entire interval  $[t^n, t^{n+1}]$ . Furthermore, this spatial integral domain is closely related to the definition of the departure point.

To introduce the definition of departure point, for each  $s \in [t^n, t^{n+1}]$ , we consider the following Cauchy problem backward in time:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s) = u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t), & t \in [t^n, s] \\ x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(s, s) = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}. \end{cases} \quad (2.10)$$

The point  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, s)$  is called departure point at time  $t^n$  of the point  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  at time  $s$ . In Figure 2.3 we illustrate the departure point idea.



**Figure 2.3:** Illustration of the departure point of the cell edges from time  $t^{n+1}$  to  $t^n$ .

Integrating Equation (2.10) over the interval  $[t, s]$ , we get:

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s) = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \int_t^s u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s), \theta) d\theta. \quad (2.11)$$

In the following Proposition, we show how the time-averaged flux is related to a spatial integral over a interval depending on departure points.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Assume the framework of Problem 2.2. If  $q$  and  $u$  are  $C^1$  functions, then:*

$$\int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, s) ds = \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, t^n) dx \quad (2.12)$$

*Proof.* Using the Leibniz rule for integration (Theorem A.3 with  $f(s, \theta) = u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s), \theta)$ ), in Equation (2.11), it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_s x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s) &= -\left(u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, s) + \int_t^s \partial_s u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s), \theta) d\theta\right) \\ &= -u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, s) - \int_t^s \partial_x u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s), \theta) \partial_s x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s) d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $t$  of Equation (2.13), we have:

$$\partial_t \partial_s x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s) = \partial_x u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t) \partial_s x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s). \quad (2.14)$$

Using standard ODE's techniques, we get that  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d$  that solves Equations (2.13) and (2.14) is given by:

$$\partial_s x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s) = -\exp\left(\int_t^s \partial_x u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s), \theta) d\theta\right) u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, s). \quad (2.15)$$

Computing  $q$  on the trajectory give by  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s)$  and taking its time derivative, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t) &= \partial_t q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t) + (u \partial_x q)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t) \\ &= -\partial_x u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t) q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t), \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where we used that  $q$  satisfies the linear advection equation on its differential (2.4) form and that  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s)$  solves Equation (2.10). Using again standard ODE techniques, we get that  $q$  that solves Equation (2.16) is given by:

$$q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s), t) = \exp\left(-\int_t^s \partial_x u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, s), \theta) d\theta\right) q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, s). \quad (2.17)$$

Notice that if  $u$  does not depend on  $x$ , then  $q$  is constant along the trajectory  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, s)$ .

Let us consider the mapping  $s \in [t^n, t^{n+1}] \rightarrow x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, s)$ . Integrating  $q$  over all departure points at time  $t^n$  from  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  at time  $s$ , we have

$$\int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^n)} q(x, t^n) dx = \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, s), t^n) \partial_s x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, s) ds, \quad (2.18)$$

where we are just using the variable change integration formula. Then, it follows from

Equations (2.15) and (2.17) with  $t = t^n$  that:

$$\int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})} q(x, t^n) dx = - \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, s) ds, \quad (2.19)$$

which is the desired formula.  $\square$

With the aid of Proposition 2.1, we can rewrite Problem 2.2 in terms of the departure point, avoiding the need for knowledge about  $q$  over the entire interval  $[t^n, t^{n+1}]$ . This is described in Problem 2.3:

**Problem 2.3.** Assume the framework of Problem 2.1 and a  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ . Since we are in the framework of Problem 2.1, it follows that:

$$Q_i(t^{n+1}) = Q_i(t^n) - \lambda \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{X(t^n, t^{n+1}; x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, t^n) dx - \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, t^n) dx \right), \quad (2.20)$$

$$\forall i = 1, \dots, N, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1,$$

where  $Q_i(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, t) dx$ . Our problem now consists of finding the values  $Q_i(t^n)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1$ , given the initial values  $Q_i(0)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ . In other words, we would like to find the average values of  $q$  in each control volume  $X_i$  at the considered time instants.

At each time step  $t^n$ , we compute the values of  $Q_i(t^{n+1})$  based on  $Q_i(t^n)$  and the integrals of  $q(x, t^n)$  over specific intervals. These intervals are defined by the departure points  $X(t^n, t^{n+1}; x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $X(t^n, t^{n+1}; x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$ . To perform the computations, we need to determine the departure points from the edges of all control volumes and calculate the required integrals. This idea serves as the motivation for defining finite-volume Semi-Lagrangian schemes. These schemes involve estimating the departure points and reconstructing the function  $q$  at time  $t^n$  using its average values  $Q_i(t^n)$ , which enables us to compute the necessary integrals.

## 2.2 The finite-volume Semi-Lagrangian approach

Finally, we define the 1D FV-SL scheme problem as follows in Problem 2.3.

**Problem 2.4** (1D FV-SL scheme). Assume the framework defined in Problem 2.3. The finite-volume Semi-Lagrangian approach of Problem 2.3 consists of finding a scheme of the form:

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \lambda(F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n), \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1, \quad (2.21)$$

where  $Q^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$  is intended to be an approximation of  $Q(t^n) \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$  in some sense. We define  $Q_i^0 = Q_i(0)$  or  $Q_i^0 = q_i^0$ . The terms  $F_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^n$  are known as numerical flux and are given by

$$F_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^n = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{\tilde{x}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^n}^{x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}} \tilde{q}(x; Q^n) dx, \quad (2.22)$$

where  $\tilde{x}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^n$  is an estimate of the departure point  $x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})$ , and  $\tilde{q}$  is a reconstruction function for  $q$  built with the values  $Q^n$ . Thus,  $F_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^n$  approximates  $\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}^n} q(x, t^n) dx$ .

For a 1D FV-SL the discrete total mass at the time-step  $n$  is given by

$$M^n = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^n. \quad (2.23)$$

Therefore, the discrete total mass is constant for a 1D-FV scheme, which follows from a straightforward computation:

$$M^{n+1} = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i^{n+1} = M^n - \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^N (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) = M^n - \Delta t (F_{N+\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{\frac{1}{2}}^n) = M^n,$$

where we are using that  $F_{N+\frac{1}{2}}^n = F_{\frac{1}{2}}^n$ , since we are assuming periodic boundary conditions.

We would like to highlight an important relationship between the average values of  $q$  and its values at the cell centroids. In Problem 2.4, we mentioned that the IC can be represented as  $q_i^0$  instead of  $Q_i(0)$ . Moreover, when analyzing the convergence of a FV-SL scheme, it is useful to compare  $Q_i^n$  with  $q_i^n$  since computing  $Q_i(t^n)$  requires evaluating an analytical integral, which can be challenging in certain cases. In Proposition 2.2, we provide a simple proof that  $q_i^n$  approximates  $Q_i(t^n)$  with second-order error when  $q$  is twice continuously differentiable.

**Proposition 2.2.** *If  $q \in C_p^2(\Omega)$ , then  $Q_i(t^n) - q_i^n = C_1 \Delta x^2$ , where  $C_1 = \frac{1}{24} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}(\eta, t^n)$ ,  $\eta \in X_i$ .*

*Proof.* Just apply Theorem A.4 for the function  $q(x, t^n)$ . □

Hence, 1D FV-SL schemes may be conceptualized as schemes that update the centroid values. The Problem of the convergence of 1D FV-SL schemes is addressed in Section A.3. Now we are going to address the problem of the departure point estimation and the reconstruction problem.

## 2.3 Departure point computation

Before presenting estimates for the departure point, let us recall the definition of the CFL number.

**Definition 2.8.** *For Problem 2.4, the CFL number at an edge  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  and at a time level  $t^n$  is defined by*

$$c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n. \quad (2.24)$$

The CFL number is the maximum of the values  $c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ . The CFL number at edges and at time levels  $n + \frac{1}{2}$  is defined in the same manner. The problem of estimating the departure point is very common in Semi-Lagrangian schemes, which are quite popular in atmospheric

modeling. For a review of departure point calculation methods, we refer to Tumolo (2011, Chapter 3) and the references therein. There are different approaches to compute the departure point, such as integrating the ODE from Equation (2.1) using different time integrators (D. Durran, 2011) backward in time. The Runge-Kutta methods are a possible choice to compute the departure point (cf. e.g. Guo et al. (2014), Lu et al. (2022)).

Equation (2.11) enables us to compute or estimate the departure point. For instance, if  $u$  is constant, the departure point at time  $t^n$  for the point  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  at time  $t^{n+1}$  is given by:

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1}) = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u\Delta t. \quad (2.25)$$

In general, the estimated departure point, denoted by  $\tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ , takes the form:

$$\tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta t, \quad (2.26)$$

where  $\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  represents the time-averaged wind and approximates:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta) d\theta. \quad (2.27)$$

The departure point  $\tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  is said to be  $p$ -order accurate if:

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1}) - \tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^p). \quad (2.28)$$

### 2.3.1 DP1 scheme

One possible way of estimating the time-averaged wind is by using:

$$\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (2.29)$$

as in FV3 papers (Lin & Rood, 1996; Putman & Lin, 2007). In this case, the time-averaged CFL is given by:

$$\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (2.30)$$

For simplicity, in this Chapter, we shall assume that the wind is known for all time instants needed. This scheme will be referred to as **DP1**. In FV3, the wind is at time level  $n + \frac{1}{2}$  is obtained by solving the horizontal dynamics on a C-grid as an intermediate step (Lin, 2004; Lin & Rood, 1997). Our objective now is to determine the value of  $p$  in Equation (2.28) in the following proposition. It is useful to introduce the concept of a material derivative beforehand:

$$\frac{Dh}{Dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial h}{\partial x},$$

where  $h$  is a function belonging to  $C^1$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *If  $u \in C^1$  and the time-averaged wind is computed using Equation (2.29),*

then the departure point from Equation (2.26) satisfies:

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1}) - \tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2), \quad (2.31)$$

for a constant  $C$  that depends on  $u$ .

*Proof.* Using the midpoint rule (Theorem A.4) for the function  $f(t) = u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, t^{n+1}), t)$  in Equation (2.11), we obtain:

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1}) = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, t^{n+1}), t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) \Delta t - \frac{1}{24} \frac{D^2 u}{Dt^2}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta_1, t^{n+1}), \theta_1) \Delta t^2, \quad (2.32)$$

for  $\theta_1 \in [t^n, t^{n+1}]$ . Now observe that, from the intermediate value theorem for integrals and Equation (2.11), we have

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, t^{n+1}) = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{\Delta t}{2} u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta_2, t^{n+1}), \theta_2)$$

for  $\theta_2 \in [t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, t^{n+1}]$ . Combining this with a Taylor's expansion of  $u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t, t^{n+1}), t^{n+\frac{1}{2}})$  for  $t = t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$ , we have:

$$u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, t^{n+1}), t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) = u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(\theta_3, t^{n+1}), t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta_2, t^{n+1}), \theta_2) \frac{\Delta t^2}{2}, \quad (2.33)$$

for  $\theta_3 \in [t^n, t^{n+1}]$ . Substituting Equation (2.33) into Equation (2.32), we obtain the desired estimate.  $\square$

### 2.3.2 DP2 scheme

In this work, we shall consider a second-order Runge-Kutta method to compute the departure point, which we express in terms of  $\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  using the following equations (D. R. Durran, 2010):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} &= x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \frac{\Delta t}{2} = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \frac{\Delta x}{2}, \\ \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n &= u\left(\tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}, t^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

Notice that this scheme requires values of  $u$  at points that are not grid points, both in space. We overcome this using linear interpolation in space:

$$\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} (1 - \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) u_{i+\frac{1}{2}-k}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n u_{i+\frac{1}{2}-k}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0, \\ \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n u_{i+\frac{1}{2}-k}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + (1 - \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) u_{i+\frac{1}{2}-k}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.35)$$

where  $\frac{c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{2} = \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n + k$ ,  $k = \lfloor \frac{c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the floor function. This scheme leads to a third-order error in the departure point estimate (see e.g. D. R. Durran (2010, Section 7.1.2)). This scheme shall be referred to as **DP2**. Notice that for this scheme, we need ghost

values for the velocity, depending on how large the CFL number is. In particular, if the CFL number is less than 2, then  $k = 0$  and we need the ghost values  $u_{-1+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  and  $u_{N+\frac{3}{2}}^n$ . In this case, it is useful to work with the time-averaged CFL number:

$$\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{2}\right) c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{2} c_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0, \\ \frac{c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{2} c_{i+\frac{3}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + \left(1 - \frac{c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{2}\right) c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } c_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.36)$$

## 2.4 Reconstruction: the Piecewise-Parabolic Method

In this Section, we will review the Piecewise-Parabolic Method (PPM). The analysis of its accuracy will be presented in Section A.6. PPM was originally proposed by Colella and Woodward (1984) for gas dynamic simulations, and its applicability to atmospheric simulations has been demonstrated by Carpenter et al. (1990). This method is based on utilizing parabolas to reconstruct the function using its average values, ensuring both mass conservation and monotonicity. PPM is an extension of the Piecewise-Linear Method introduced by Van Leer (1977), and it is implemented in the FV3 model using the dimension splitting method developed by Lin and Rood (1996).

Let's consider a function  $q$  defined in  $\Omega = [a, b]$  and a  $\Delta x$ -grid covering  $\Omega$ . We assume that we are given the average values  $Q_i = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x) dx$  for each control volume  $X_i$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . In this context, it is convenient to define the  $\Delta x$ -grid function  $Q \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$  with the entries given by  $Q_i$ . To facilitate the discussion, we introduce the indicator function  $\chi_i(x)$  for each control volume  $X_i$ , defined as:

$$\chi_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in X_i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Drawing inspiration from Stoer and Bulirsch (2002, Chapter 1), we consider a family of functions  $\Phi(\xi; \mu)$  defined for  $\xi \in [0, 1]$ , depending on a parameter  $\mu = (\mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ . The reconstruction problem involves finding a piecewise function:

$$\tilde{q}(x; Q) = \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_i(x) q_i(x; Q), \quad (2.37)$$

where  $q_i(x; Q) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x}; \alpha_i\right)$  and  $\alpha_i = (\alpha_{i0}, \alpha_{i1}, \dots, \alpha_{id}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ . It is required that:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \tilde{q}(x; Q) dx = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q_i(x; Q) dx = \int_0^1 \Phi(\xi; \alpha_i) d\xi = Q_i,$$

which means that  $q_i(x; Q)$  preserves the mass within each control volume  $X_i$ .

Notice that, given  $q_i(x; Q) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x}; \alpha_i\right)$ , it is reasonable to expect that  $\Phi(0; \alpha_i)$  ap-

proximates  $q_i(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $\Phi(1; \alpha_i)$  approximates  $q_i(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$ . Additionally, if both  $q$  and  $\Phi$  are sufficiently differentiable,  $\Phi^{(l)}(0; \alpha_i)$  should approximate  $(\Delta x)^l q^{(l)}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $\Phi^{(l)}(1; \alpha_i)$  should approximate  $(\Delta x)^l q^{(l)}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$ , provided these derivatives exist.

One approach to estimating these values at the edges  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  using the average values  $Q$  is by employing a reconstruction method based on primitive functions (LeVeque, 2002, Chapter 17). It is worth noting that if we define:

$$Q(x) = \int_a^x q(\xi) d\xi, \quad (2.38)$$

we have  $Q^{(l)}(x) = q^{(l-1)}(x)$ . Specifically,  $Q^{(l)}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) = q^{(l-1)}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $Q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) = \Delta x \sum_{k=1}^i Q_k$ , for all  $i = 0, \dots, N$ . Therefore, we can employ finite-difference schemes to estimate  $q^{(l-1)}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$  using the  $\Delta x$ -grid function  $Q$ , given that it is assumed to be known.

Let us assume that the  $l$ -th derivative of  $Q$  at  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  is approximated using a stencil  $S_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(l)}$  and weights  $\beta_{k,i}^{(l)}$ , where  $k \in S_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(l)}$ . When  $d$  is odd, we can seek a parameter  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  that ensures mass conservation and approximates  $q$  and its derivatives at the edges by solving the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \int_0^1 \Phi(\xi; \alpha_i) d\xi &= Q_i, \\ \Phi^{(l)}(0; \alpha_i) &= (\Delta x)^l \sum_{k \in S_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{(l)}} \beta_{k,i}^{(l)} Q_k, \quad \text{for } l = 0, \dots, d-1. \end{cases} \quad (2.39)$$

If  $d$  is even, similarly we look for a parameter  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  that solves:

$$\begin{cases} \int_0^1 \Phi(\xi; \alpha_i) d\xi &= Q_i, \\ \Phi^{(l)}(0; \alpha_i) &= (\Delta x)^l \sum_{k \in S_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{(l)}} \beta_{k,i}^{(l)} Q_k, \quad \text{for } l = 0, \dots, \frac{d}{2} - 1, \\ \Phi^{(l)}(1; \alpha_i) &= (\Delta x)^l \sum_{k \in S_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(l)}} \beta_{k,i}^{(l)} Q_k, \quad \text{for } l = 0, \dots, \frac{d}{2} - 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.40)$$

The reconstruction problem becomes linear when  $\Phi(\xi; \mu)$  can be expressed as:

$$\Phi(\xi; \mu) = \sum_{k=0}^d \mu_k \Phi_k(\xi),$$

where  $\Phi_k$  are functions defined on  $[0, 1]$ . In this case, Equation (2.39) and Equation (2.40) form  $(d+1) \times (d+1)$  linear systems. It is common to assume that the  $\Phi_k$ 's are linearly independent. Therefore, we have described a method that allows us to reconstruct a function from its average values, preserving its mass in each control volume, and approximating  $q$  at the edges. This method works for functions  $\Phi_k$  as long as they are sufficiently differentiable. For example, choosing  $d = 0$  and  $\Phi_0(\xi) = 1$  gives us piecewise constant functions, as used in Godunov (1959). If we choose  $d = 1$ ,  $\Phi_0(\xi) = 1$ , and  $\Phi_1(\xi) = \xi$ , we obtain a piecewise linear reconstruction, similar to Van Leer (1977). For polynomial reconstruction schemes, we refer to Engwirda and Kelley (2016) and the references therein.

Hereafter, we are going the focus on the piecewise parabolic method from Colella and Woodward (1984) that uses  $d = 2$ ,  $\Phi_0(\xi) = 1$ ,  $\Phi_1(\xi) = \xi$ ,  $\Phi_2(\xi) = (1 - \xi)\xi$ . In order to follow



the notation from Colella and Woodward (1984), we write  $\alpha_{0i} = q_{L,i}$ ,  $\alpha_{1i} = \Delta q_i$  and  $\alpha_{2i} = q_{6,i}$ . Therefore, each  $q_i$  may be expressed as:

$$q_i(x; Q) = q_{L,i} + \Delta q_i z_i(x) + q_{6,i} z_i(x)(1 - z_i(x)), \quad \text{where } z_i(x) = \frac{x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x}, \quad x \in X_i, \quad (2.41)$$

where the values  $q_{L,i}$ ,  $\Delta q_i$  and  $q_{6,i}$  will be specified latter. Note that each  $z_i$  is just a normalization function that maps  $X_i$  onto  $[0, 1]$ . It is easy to see that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^+} q_i(x; Q) = q_{L,i}$ . If we define  $q_{R,i} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^-} q_i(x; Q)$ , then we have:

$$\Delta q_i = q_{R,i} - q_{L,i}. \quad (2.42)$$

The average value of  $q_i$  is given by:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q_i(x; Q) dx = \frac{(q_{L,i} + q_{R,i})}{2} + \frac{q_{6,i}}{6}. \quad (2.43)$$

Under the hypothesis of mass conservation, we have:

$$q_{6,i} = 6 \left( Q_i - \frac{(q_{L,i} + q_{R,i})}{2} \right). \quad (2.44)$$

Therefore, we have found the parameters  $\Delta q_i$  and  $q_{6,i}$  as functions of the parameters  $q_{L,i}$  and  $q_{R,i}$ , such that the parabola  $q_i$  from (2.37) guarantees mass conservation. To completely determine the parabola  $q_i$ , we need to set the values  $q_{L,i}$  and  $q_{R,i}$ , which, as we have seen, represent the limits of  $q_i$  when  $x$  tends to the left and right boundaries of  $X_i$ , respectively. Hence, it is natural to seek for  $q_{L,i}$  as an approximation of  $q(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$  and  $q_{R,i}$  as an approximation of  $q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$ . As we mentioned before in after introducing Equation (2.38), this is achieved using finite-differences.

### 2.4.1 hord0

This Subsection is dedicated to present the unlimited approximation of  $q(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$  presented in Colella and Woodward (1984). An explicit expression for the approximation of  $q(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$ , denoted by  $q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ , is given by (Colella & Woodward, 1984):

$$q_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_{i+1} + Q_i \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left( \delta Q_{i+1} - \delta Q_i \right), \quad (2.45)$$

where  $\delta Q_i$  is the average slope in the  $i$ -th control-volume:

$$\delta Q_i = \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_{i+1} - Q_{i-1} \right). \quad (2.46)$$

We notice that Formula (2.46) may be rewritten more explicitly as:

$$q_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{7}{12} \left( Q_{i+1} + Q_i \right) - \frac{1}{12} \left( Q_{i+2} + Q_{i-1} \right). \quad (2.47)$$

The Formula (2.47) is fourth-order accurate if  $q$  is at least  $C^4$  (Colella & Woodward, 1984). Indeed, we prove this later in Proposition A.1. The expression for the values of  $q_{R,i}$  and  $q_{L,i}$  are given by:

$$q_{R,i} = q_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2.48)$$

$$q_{L,i} = q_{i-\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (2.49)$$

During this work, we refer to this PPM scheme as **hord0**. This name is justified because in FV3, the 1D advection solver input is named “hord”.

### 2.4.2 hord8

This Subsection is dedicated to presenting a possible way of ensuring the creation of new extrema values in the PPM reconstruction. We are going to present an alternative scheme from Lin (2004), which was an attempt to reduce the diffusion of the original scheme Colella and Woodward (1984) and is currently employed in the FV3 dynamical core (L. Harris et al., 2021).

Similarly to Colella and Woodward (1984), Lin (2004) reduces numerical oscillations in the parabolas by defining the average slope as

$$\delta_m Q_i = \max(|\delta Q_i|, 2\delta Q_{\min,i}, 2\delta Q_{\max,i}) \cdot \text{sgn}(\delta Q_i) \quad (2.50)$$

where  $\delta Q_i = \frac{Q_{i+1} - Q_{i-1}}{2}$ ,  $\delta Q_{\min,i} = Q_i - \min(Q_{i+1}, Q_i, Q_{i-1})$ ,  $\delta Q_{\max,i} = \max(Q_{i+1}, Q_i, Q_{i-1}) - Q_i$ . We then initially compute an analogous version of Equation (2.45) as:

$$q_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_{i+1} + Q_i \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left( \delta_m Q_{i+1} - \delta_m Q_i \right). \quad (2.51)$$

The values  $q_{R,i}$  and  $q_{L,i}$  are then computed using Equations (2.48) and (2.49), respectively. The monotonicity is achieved by the following scheme:

$$q_{L,i} \leftarrow Q_i - \max(|\delta_m Q_i|, |q_{L,i} - Q_i|) \cdot \text{sgn}(\delta_m Q_i), \quad (2.52)$$

$$q_{R,i} \leftarrow Q_i - \max(|\delta_m Q_i|, |q_{R,i} - Q_i|) \cdot \text{sgn}(\delta_m Q_i). \quad (2.53)$$

This scheme may be further improved to reduce the diffusion even more, as described by Lin (2004), but we are not going to assess this approach here. This scheme is referred to as **hord8** because, in FV3, the parameter “hord” is set equal to 8 to use this scheme. At last, we point out that many other PPM reconstruction schemes are available in the literature and in FV3 (L. Harris et al., 2021; Lin et al., 2017), but for simplicity, we are just going to consider the schemes hord0 and hord8.

## 2.5 Flux

Let us consider the framework outlined in Problem 2.4. Assuming that  $Q^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$  is known, our objective is to compute the values  $Q^{n+1}$ . To accomplish this, we utilize a scheme similar to the one presented in Problem 2.4, taking into account the presence of a

reconstruction function  $\tilde{q}(x; Q^n)$  as discussed in Section 2.4, and an initial departure point estimation  $\tilde{x}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta t$  for a time-averaged wind  $\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  as explained in Section 2.3. The numerical flux function  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  is then suggested in Problem 2.4:

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n[Q^n, \tilde{u}^n] = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta t}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \tilde{q}(x; Q^n) dx. \quad (2.54)$$

Notice that if we define the averaged CFL number,

$$\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x},$$

where  $\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = k + \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ ,  $k = \lfloor \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \rfloor$ ,  $\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \in [0, 1[$ , we can express the numerical flux as (Y. Chen et al., 2017; Lin & Rood, 1996):

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n[Q^n, \tilde{u}^n] = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{cases} \Delta x \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} Q_{i-l} + \int_{x_{i-k+\frac{1}{2}} - \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta x}^{x_{i-k+\frac{1}{2}}} \tilde{q}(x; Q^n) dx, & \text{if } \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0, \\ \Delta x \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} Q_{i-l} - \int_{x_{i-k+\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i-k+\frac{1}{2}} - \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta x} \tilde{q}(x; Q^n) dx, & \text{if } \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.55)$$

where we used that  $\tilde{q}$  preserves the local mass.

We will provide explicit expressions for the integrals in Equation (2.55) when using the PPM method. For each control volume edge, denoted by  $i = 0, \dots, N$ , and  $y > 0$ , we define the following averages of the Piecewise-Parabolic approximation, as defined in Equation (2.37) for  $Q^n$  (Colella & Woodward, 1984):

$$F_{L,i+\frac{1}{2}}[Q^n, y] = \frac{1}{y} \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - y}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \tilde{q}(x; Q^n) dx, \quad (2.56)$$

and

$$F_{R,i+\frac{1}{2}}[Q^n, y] = \frac{1}{y} \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + y} \tilde{q}(x; Q^n) dx. \quad (2.57)$$

If  $y \leq \Delta x$ , then both of the above integral domains are constrained to a single control volume. Thus, it follows from a straightforward computation using Equation (2.41) that:

$$F_{L,i+\frac{1}{2}}[Q^n, y] = \frac{1}{y} \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - y}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q_i(x; Q^n) dx = q_{R,i} + \frac{(q_{6,i} - \Delta q_i)}{2\Delta x} y - \frac{q_{6,i}}{3\Delta x^2} y^2, \quad (2.58)$$

and

$$F_{R,i+\frac{1}{2}}[Q^n, y] = \frac{1}{y} \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + y} q_{i+1}(x; Q^n) dx = q_{L,i+1} + \frac{(q_{6,i+1} + \Delta q_{i+1})}{2\Delta x} y - \frac{q_{6,i+1}}{3\Delta x^2} y^2. \quad (2.59)$$

The numerical flux function for PPM is then defined by:

$$\mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{u}^n] = \begin{cases} F_{L,i+\frac{1}{2}}[Q^n, \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta x] & \text{if } \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0, \\ F_{R,i+\frac{1}{2}}[Q^n, -\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta x] & \text{if } \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.60)$$

and

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n[Q^n, \tilde{u}^n] = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \Delta x \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} Q_{i-l} + \Delta x \alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{u}^n] \right). \quad (2.61)$$

In particular, if the CFL number is less than one, then:

$$\mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^n] = \begin{cases} q_{R,i} + \left( \frac{q_{6,i} - \Delta q_i}{2} \right) \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \frac{q_{6,i}}{3} (\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n)^2, & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0, \\ q_{L,i+1} + \left( \frac{q_{6,i+1} + \Delta q_{i+1}}{2} \right) \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \frac{q_{6,i+1}}{3} (\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n)^2, & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.62)$$

and

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n[Q^n, \tilde{c}^n] = \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^n], \quad (2.63)$$

where we are expressing the flux in terms of the time-averaged CFL number  $\tilde{c}^n$ . Notice that this flux is upwind based, that is, it always computes the flux using the parabola in the upwind direction. Finally, for both **hord0** and **hord8** schemes,  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  uses the stencil  $\mathcal{S}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \{i-3, i-2, i-1, i, i+1, i+2, i+3\}$ , and therefore we need  $\nu = 3$  layers of ghost cells.

In FV3, the 1D flux is computed based on the perturbation values (L. Harris et al., 2021) given by:

$$b_{L,i} = q_{L,i} - Q_i^n, \quad (2.64)$$

$$b_{R,i} = q_{R,i} - Q_i^n. \quad (2.65)$$

Then, Equation (2.62) becomes:

$$\mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^n] = \begin{cases} Q_i^n + (1 - \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n)(b_{R,i} - \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(b_{L,i} + b_{R,i})), & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \geq 0, \\ Q_{i+1}^n + (1 + \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n)(b_{L,i+1} + \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(b_{L,i+1} + b_{R,i+1})), & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n < 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.66)$$

which is the formula implemented in FV3. Finally, the average value update is implemented in FV3 as

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - (\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^n] - \tilde{c}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^n]), \quad (2.67)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Therefore, at each time-step, we need to:

1. Compute  $\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  (for  $i = 0, \dots, N$ ) using the schemes DP1 or DP2;
2. Compute  $q_{L,i}$  and  $q_{R,i}$  (for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) using hord0 or hord8;
3. Evaluate the perturbation values (for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) using Equations (2.64) and (2.65);
4. Evaluate the fluxes  $\mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM}$  (for  $i = 0, \dots, N$ ) using Equation (2.66);
5. Update the  $Q^{n+1}$  using Equation (2.67).

## 2.6 Numerical experiments

This Section is dedicated to presenting the numerical results of the PPM and its variations discussed here. We will consider the reconstruction schemes **hord0** (Subsection

2.4.1) and **hord8** (Subsection 2.4.2), as well as the departure point schemes **DP1** (Subsection 2.3.1) and **DP2** (Subsection 2.3.2). The code used in this Section can be found in Appendix B.

For all the simulations presented here, we will consider the spatial domain  $[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}]$ , and the time interval  $[0, T]$ , where  $L = \frac{\pi}{2}R$ ,  $R = 6.371 \times 10^6$  meters is the Earth's radius and  $T = 1036800$  seconds, equivalent to 12 days. The spatial domain spans approximately  $10^4$  kilometers, which corresponds to approximately the length of a cubed-sphere panel, as shall be seen in Chapter 4. The relative change at time step  $n$  in the mass is computed as:

$$\frac{|M^n - M^0|}{|M_0|},$$

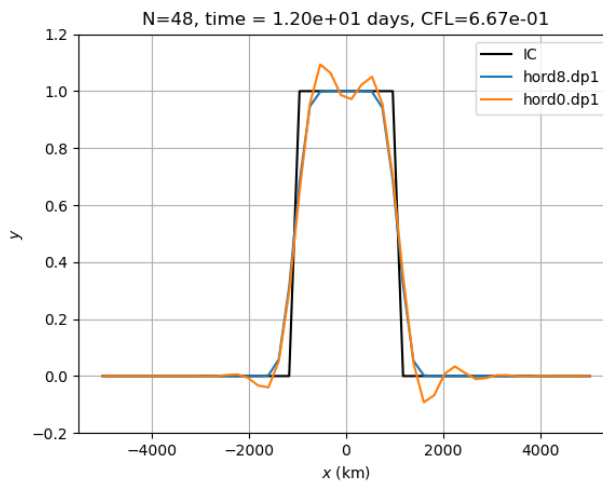
where  $M^n$  is given by Equation (2.23). For all the simulations, the mass is preserved with machine precision. Furthermore, we compute the initial average values  $Q_i(0)$  using the initial values of  $q_i^0$  at the control volume centroids for all simulations, which is second-order accurate by Proposition 2.2. In the error calculation, only when  $q_0$  is given by Equation (2.70), we replace  $Q_i(t^n)$  by its centroid value  $q_i(t^n)$ , which again gives a second-order approximation by Proposition 2.2.

### 2.6.1 Square wave with constant wind advection

As a first numerical experiment, we consider a discontinuous IC given by:

$$q_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [-0.1L, 0.1L], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2.68)$$

for the linear advection equation with constant velocity, which we adopt as  $u = \frac{L}{T}$ .



**Figure 2.4:** Linear advection experiment using the IC given by Equation (2.68) (black curve) with constant velocity. These figures show the advected profile after 12 days (one time period). Reconstruction schemes employed: hord0 (blue curve) and hord8 (orange curve).

It is easy to check that the exact solution of Problem 2.1 is given by  $q_0(x - ut)$  and

that the solution returns to its initial position after 12 days. We will employ a time step of 14400 seconds and set  $N = 48$ , resulting in a CFL number approximately equal to 0.67. The departure schemes **DP1** and **DP2** compute the departure point exactly in this case, so we will only use the **DP1** scheme.

In Figure 2.4, we present the obtained results. It is evident that the monotonic scheme hord8 exhibit a significant advantage. This scheme effectively prevent the strong oscillations observed in the hord0 scheme, as well as the generation of new extrema, which aligns with our expectations.

### 2.6.2 Flow deformation with divergent wind

As a second experiment, we shall investigate the how the PPM schemes behave when the velocity is variable. This cases is useful to assess the departure point schemes, which shall not be exact as in the previous test. We are going to consider the velocity

$$u(x, t) = u_0 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{T}\right) \cos^2\left(\pi\left(\frac{x}{L} - \frac{t}{T}\right)\right) + u_1. \quad (2.69)$$

We adopt the parameters  $T = 12$  days and  $u_0 = u_1 = \frac{L}{T}$ . Following the approach in Trefethen (2000), we initialize the periodic Gaussian profile defined as:

$$q(x) = \exp\left(-10 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)\right), \quad x \in \left[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}\right]. \quad (2.70)$$

The velocity function given by Equation (2.69) is based on the deformational flow test case in Nair and Lauritzen (2010), where we add a constant wind  $u_1$  to prevent error cancellations. As the velocity is variable, we utilize the departure point schemes DP1 and DP2. In this case, the solution exhibits a period of 12 days, meaning that the profile deforms and returns to its initial shape and position after 12 days, allowing us to compute the error. Indeed, in Figure 2.5, we show how the solution behaves using a high-resolution ( $N = 768$ ), the hord8 scheme and the DP1 departure point scheme.

To investigate the error convergence, we employ  $(\Delta x^{(k)}, \Delta t^{(k)}, \lambda)$ -discretizations with  $\Delta x^{(k)} = \frac{L}{N^{(k)}}$ ,  $N^{(k)} = 48 \times 2^k$ ,  $\Delta t^{(k)} = \frac{7200}{2^k}$ , for  $k = 0, \dots, 4$ . To measure the accuracy, we consider the relative error in the maximum norm as follows:

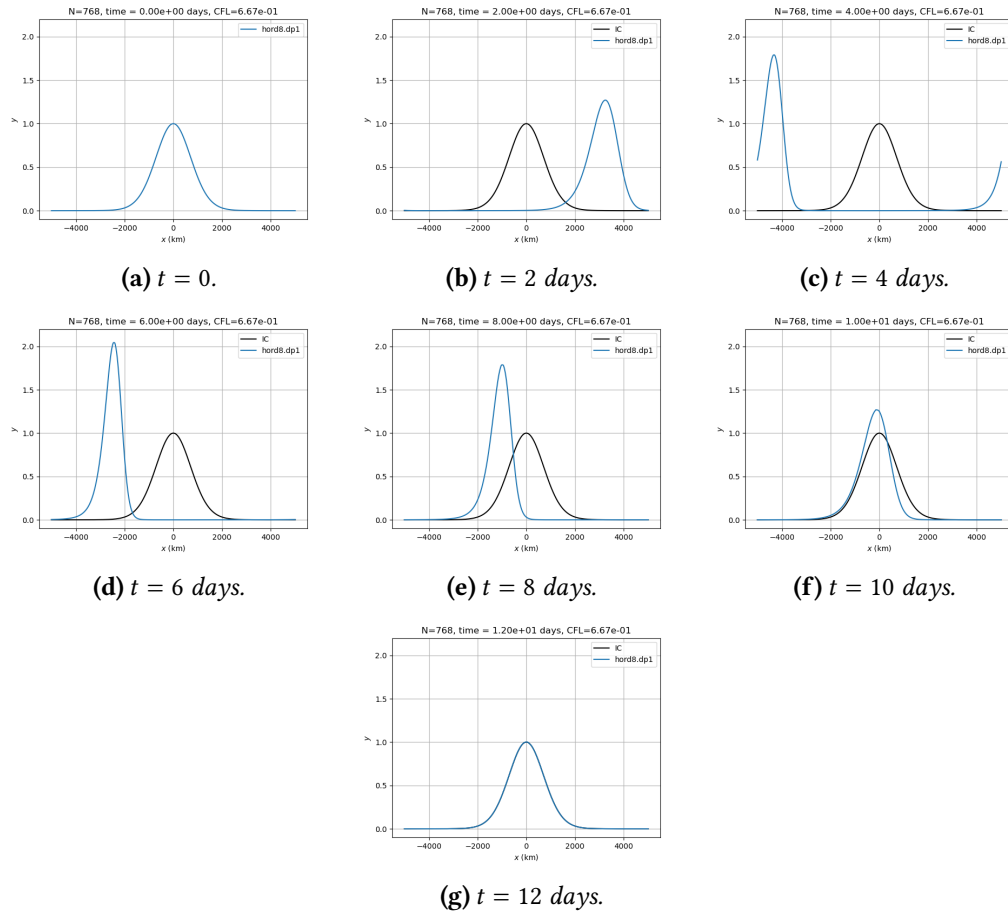
$$E_k = \frac{\|Q^{N_T} - Q^0\|_{\infty, \Delta x}}{\|Q^0\|_{\infty, \Delta x}}.$$

The convergence rate is defined by

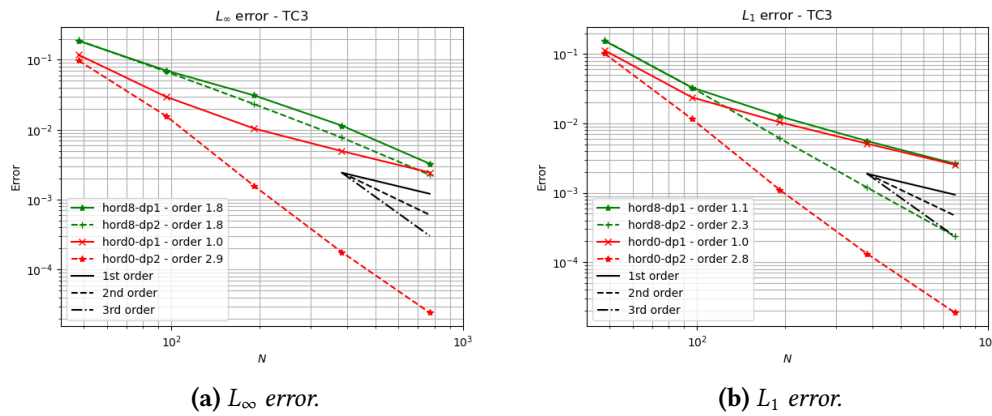
$$CR_k = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{E_k}{E_{k-1}}\right)}{\ln 2}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, 4.$$

The difference between the DP1 and DP2 schemes becomes clear when observing the relative error in Figure 2.6. In the  $L_\infty$  norm (Figure 2.6a), for hord0, the DP1 scheme results in a first-order error in the departure point, which dominates the total error. This

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**Figure 2.5:** Linear advection experiment using the velocity from Equation (2.70), a CFL number equal to 0.67,  $N = 768$  cells, and the IC is given by Equation (2.70) (2.5a). These figures show the advected profile at 2 (2.5b), 4 (2.5c), 6 (2.5d), 8 (2.5e), 10 (2.5f), and 12 (2.5g) days. We are using the hord8 scheme with the DP1 departure point scheme.



**Figure 2.6:** Relative error for hord0 (red lines) and hord8 (green lines) schemes in  $L_\infty$  (Figure 2.6a) and  $L_1$  norms (Figure 2.6b). Results using DP1 scheme uses solid lines and DP2 results uses dashed lines. The IC given by Equation (2.70) and the variable velocity given by Equation (2.69).

observation is in agreement with the discussion in Section 2.3. On the other hand, when employing the DP2 scheme, we can achieve third-order accuracy for hord0. For hord8, the DP2 slightly reduces the  $L_\infty$  error.

However, in the  $L_1$  norm, as shown in Figure 2.6b, for both hord0 and hord8, we observe that DP1 results in a 1st order accuracy, while DP2 results in schemes with an order greater than 2. This experiment illustrates the impact of departure point calculation errors on the overall error and the benefit of using DP2.

## 2.7 Concluding remarks

In this Chapter, we provided a general overview of 1D FV-SL schemes for the advection equation. We discussed the three essential tasks involved in these schemes. The first task is the reconstruction of a function from its average values. We employed the PPM method introduced by Colella and Woodward (1984) (hord0) and its monotonic variant such as the one from Lin (2004) (hord8). The second task involves computing the departure point of the control volume edges. For this purpose, we utilized the first-order departure point calculation using a time-centered wind in an approach known as DP1. Additionally, we explored a second-order approach by employing a two-stages Runge-Kutta scheme to integrate the departure point ODE. Lastly, the third task entails computing the flux, which involves integrating the reconstructed function over a domain determined by the departure point.

The difference between the departure point schemes became apparent when we performed a test with variable velocity. The simulation using the DP1 scheme with hord0 resulted in a final first-order error, despite the scheme having third-order accuracy in space. However, the DP2 scheme with hord0 preserved third-order accuracy despite being only second-order accurate. We expect that, in general, combining PPM with the DP2 scheme should result in at least second-order accuracy. The DP2 scheme also showed to lead to a more accurate result when combined with hord8, especially in the  $L_1$  norm.

Clearly, the DP2 scheme is more computationally expensive since it requires linear interpolation of the velocity field. One possible way to reduce its cost would be to use larger CFL numbers allowed by the FV-SL schemes, as discussed in Section 2.5.



## Chapter 3

# Two-dimensional finite-volume methods

In Chapter 2, we addressed the problem of solving the one-dimensional linear advection equation using the finite-volume method based on PPM. In this Chapter, our focus shifts to solving the two-dimensional linear advection equation using the finite-volume method. This step is crucial in our work since, as we will explore in Chapter 5, solving the linear advection equation on the cubed-sphere relies on solving two-dimensional linear advection equations at each cube face, with interpolation between adjacent panels, which are described in Chapter 4.

A natural approach to develop a finite-volume method for the two-dimensional linear advection equation would involve extending PPM to two dimensions. Indeed, Rančić (1992) proposed a piecewise bi-parabolic extension of PPM using a semi-Lagrangian temporal discretization. Further, this type of method can be extended to the cubed-sphere (Lauritzen et al., 2010). However, this method suffers from a significant drawback—its computationally expensive nature. As a popular alternative, dimension-splitting methods are often used, which replace the two-dimensional problem with a sequence of one-dimensional problems. For example, we can solve the two-dimensional linear advection equation by solving a series of one-dimensional linear advection equations using the PPM from Chapter 2. Moreover, in principle, we can employ any numerical method that solves the one-dimensional linear advection equation.

A comparison between two-dimensional and dimension-splitting semi-Lagrangian schemes on a plane was investigated by Y. Chen et al. (2017), utilizing the PPM as the one-dimensional solver and distorted two-dimensional grids. Their main conclusion was that dimension-splitting schemes are more sensitive to grid distortions, but they are computationally cheaper and more accurate than two-dimensional methods, particularly when dealing with large CFL numbers.

The primary objective of this Chapter is to provide a comprehensive explanation of the dimension splitting method proposed by Lin and Rood (1996). This method is currently utilized in the FV3 dynamical core and is applied to the two-dimensional linear advection equation using the one-dimensional finite-volume schemes described in Chapter 2. To

begin, similar to Chapter 2, we start this Chapter with a review of the integral form of the two-dimensional advection equation in Section 3.1. Following this, in Section 3.2, we establish the framework for general two-dimensional finite-volume schemes. Subsequently, the dimension splitting method is presented in Section 3.3, where we delve into its intricacies. Finally, we showcase numerical experiments in Section 3.4 to illustrate the practical application of the dimension splitting approach.

## 3.1 Two-dimensional advection equation in integral form

### 3.1.1 Notation

This Section is dedicated to extending the notation of Section 2.1.1. Based on definitions 2.1 and 2.3, we introduce the concepts of a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid and  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$  discretization. Throughout this Chapter, we will use the notation  $\Omega = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  and  $\nu$  to represent a non-negative integer indicating the number of ghost cell layers in each boundary. We also use the notations  $\mathbb{R}_\nu^{N \times M} := \mathbb{R}^{(N+2\nu) \times (M+2\nu)}$  and  $\mathbb{R}_\nu^{(N+1) \times M} := \mathbb{R}^{(N+1+2\nu) \times (M+2\nu)}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_\nu^{N \times (M+1)} := \mathbb{R}^{(N+2\nu) \times (M+1+2\nu)}$ .

**Definition 3.1** ( $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid). *Given  $\Omega$  and positive real numbers  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  such that  $\Delta x = (b - a)/N$ ,  $\Delta y = (d - c)/M$ , for positive integers  $N$  and  $M$ , we say that  $\Omega_{\Delta x, \Delta y} = (\Omega_{ij})_{i=-\nu+1, \dots, N+\nu}^{j=-\nu+1, \dots, M+\nu}$  is a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid for  $\Omega$  if*

$$\Omega_{ij} = [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}] \times [y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}] = [a + (i-1)\Delta x, a + i\Delta x] \times [c + (j-1)\Delta x, c + j\Delta x],$$

$\Delta x = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\Delta y = y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Each  $\Omega_{ij}$  is called control volume or cell. The cell centroids  $(x_i, y_j)$  are defined by

$$x_i = \frac{1}{2}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}), \quad y_j = \frac{1}{2}(y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} + y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}).$$

**Remark 3.1.** *If  $1 \leq i \leq N, 1 \leq j \leq M$ , we refer to  $(i, j)$  as an interior index; otherwise,  $(i, j)$  is considered a ghost cell index and we say the  $\Omega_{ij}$  is a ghost cell.*

**Definition 3.2** ( $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization). *Given  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ , and positive real numbers  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$  and  $\Delta t$ , we say that  $(\Omega_{\Delta x, \Delta y}, T_{\Delta t})$  is a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$  if  $\Omega_{\Delta x, \Delta y}$  is a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$  grid for  $\Omega$  and  $T_{\Delta t}$  is a  $\Delta t$ -temporal grid for  $[0, T]$ ,  $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} = \lambda$  and  $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} = \lambda$ .*

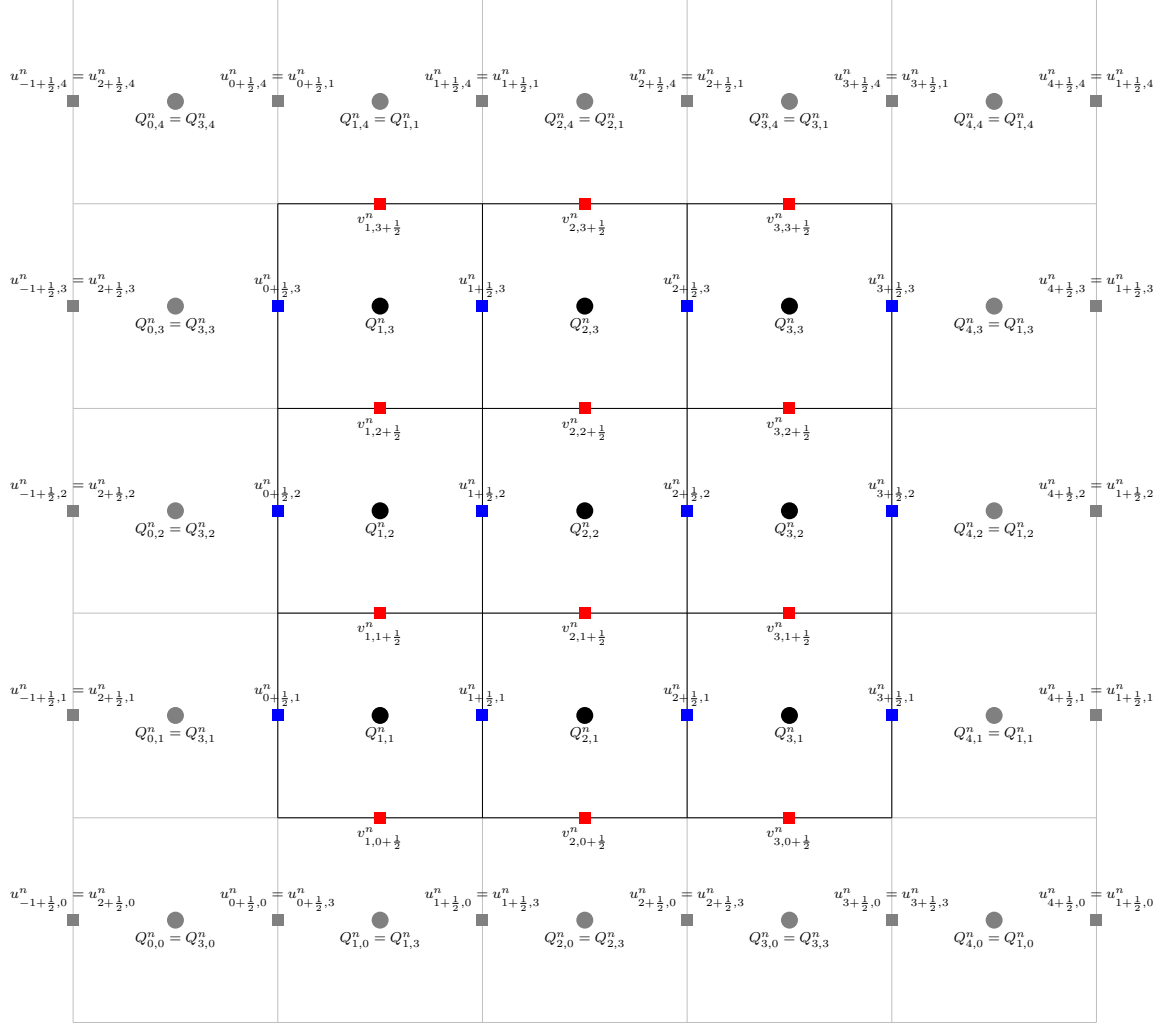
**Remark 3.2.** *Whenever we mention a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid, or a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization, then  $\Omega_{ij}$ ,  $N$  and  $M$  are implicitly defined.*

Next, we introduce the definitions of grid functions at cell centroids and C-grid functions.

**Definition 3.3** ( $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function). *For a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid, we say that  $Q = (Q_{ij})_{i=-\nu+1, \dots, N+\nu}^{j=-\nu+1, \dots, M+\nu} \in \mathbb{R}_\nu^{N \times M}$  is a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function.*

**Definition 3.4** ( $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -C grid wind). *For a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid, we say that  $(u, v)$  is a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -C grid wind if  $u = (u_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j})_{i=-\nu, \dots, N+\nu}^{j=-\nu+1, \dots, M+\nu} \in \mathbb{R}_\nu^{(N+1) \times M}$ ,  $v = (v_{i, j+\frac{1}{2}})_{i=-\nu+1, \dots, N+\nu}^{j=-\nu, \dots, M+\nu} \in \mathbb{R}_\nu^{N \times (M+1)}$ .*

Considering a function  $q : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a vector field  $\mathbf{u} : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$ , a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ , we introduce the grid functions  $q^n \in \mathbb{R}_v^{N \times M}$ ,  $u^n \in \mathbb{R}_v^{(N+1) \times M}$ ,  $v^n \in \mathbb{R}_v^{N \times (M+1)}$ . Here,  $q_{ij}^n = q(x_i, y_j, t^n)$ ,  $u_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j}^n = u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j, t^n)$ ,  $v_{i, j+\frac{1}{2}}^n = v(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}, t^n)$ . These grid functions represent the discrete values of  $q$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  at the cell centroids and edges, respectively, for each time level  $t^n$  (Figure 2.2). We shall also use the notations  $q_{i+\frac{1}{2}, j}^n = q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_j, t^n)$  and  $q_{i, j+\frac{1}{2}}^n = q(x_i, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}, t^n)$ .



**Figure 3.1:** Illustration of  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function  $Q$  (black circles) and a  $(\Delta x \Delta y)$ -C grid wind  $u$  (blue squares) and  $v$  (red squares) and its ghost cell values (in gray) assuming biperiodicity.

We denote by  $\nabla \cdot (qu)$  the divergence operator:

$$\nabla \cdot (qu)(x, y, t) = [\partial_x(uq) + \partial_y(vq)](x, y, t). \quad (3.1)$$

We recall that we say the  $\mathbf{u}$  is **non-divergent** if  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ . We define the  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function  $\delta^n$  as the exact divergence of  $qu$  at the cell centers, namely

$$\delta_{ij}^n = \nabla \cdot (uq)(x_i, y_j, t^n). \quad (3.2)$$

In this Chapter, our focus also lies on periodic grid functions. We define a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function  $Q$  as periodic if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{i,j} &= Q_{N+i,j}, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, 0, & j &= -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu, \\ Q_{i,j} &= Q_{i-N,j}, & i &= N + 1, \dots, N + \nu, & j &= -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu, \\ Q_{i,j} &= Q_{i,M+j}, & j &= -\nu + 1, \dots, 0, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu, \\ Q_{i,j} &= Q_{i,j-M}, & j &= M + 1, \dots, M + \nu, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu. \end{aligned}$$

We use the notation  $\mathbb{P}_\nu^{N \times M}$  represent the spaces of periodic  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid functions. Similarly, we define a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid wind  $(u, v)$  as periodic if it meets the following requirements:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i-\frac{1}{2},j} &= u_{N+i+\frac{1}{2},j}, & i &= -\nu, \dots, -1, & j &= -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu, \\ u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} &= u_{i+\frac{1}{2}-N,j}, & i &= N + 1, \dots, N + \nu, & j &= -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu, \\ u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} &= u_{i+\frac{1}{2},M+j}, & i &= -\nu, \dots, N + 1 + \nu, & j &= -\nu + 1, \dots, 0, \\ u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} &= u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j-M}, & i &= -\nu, \dots, N + 1 + \nu, & j &= M + 1, \dots, M + \nu, \\ v_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}} &= v_{i,M+j+\frac{1}{2}}, & j &= -\nu, \dots, -1, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu, \\ v_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} &= v_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}-M}, & j &= M + 1, \dots, M + \nu, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu, \\ v_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} &= v_{N+i,j+\frac{1}{2}}, & j &= -\nu, \dots, M + 1 + \nu, & i &= -\nu + 1, \dots, 0, \\ v_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} &= v_{i-N,j+\frac{1}{2}}, & j &= -\nu, \dots, N + 1 + \nu, & i &= N + 1, \dots, N + \nu. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, we use the notation  $u \in \mathbb{P}_\nu^{(N+1) \times M}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{P}_\nu^{N \times (M+1)}$ .

For a grid function  $Q$  we also use the notations:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\times,j} &:= (Q_{-\nu+1,j}, \dots, Q_{N+\nu,j}) \in \mathbb{R}_\nu^N, \\ Q_{i,\times} &:= (Q_{i,-\nu+1}, \dots, Q_{i,M+\nu}) \in \mathbb{R}_\nu^M. \end{aligned}$$

Given  $Q = (Q_{ij}) \in \mathbb{P}_{\nu,P}^{N \times M}$ , we define the  $p$ -norm by

$$\|Q\|_{p,\Delta x \times \Delta y} = \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M |Q_{ij}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty, \\ \max_{i=1,\dots,N,j=1,\dots,M} |Q_{ij}| & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

We also introduce the centered difference notation:

$$\delta_x h(x_i, y, t) = h(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y, t) - h(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y, t), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\delta_y h(x, y_j, t) = h(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}, t) - h(x, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, t), \quad (3.5)$$

for any function  $h : \Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Additionally, we introduce the average value of  $q$  in

the control volume  $\Omega_{ij}$  at time  $t$ , denoted as  $Q_{ij}(t)$ , defined by:

$$Q_{ij}(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, y, t) dx. \quad (3.6)$$

Moreover, we define the  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function of average values as  $Q(t) = (Q_{ij}(t))_{i=-\nu+1, \dots, M+\nu}^{j=-\nu+1, \dots, N+\nu}$ .

For the consideration of periodic boundary conditions, we can define spaces of periodic functions over the interval  $\Omega$  as follows:

$$S_p(\Omega) = \{q : \mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, +\infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : q(x+b-a, y+d-c, t) = q(x, y, t), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \geq 0\}.$$

Similarly, the space of  $k$ -times periodically differentiable functions  $C_p^k(\Omega)$  can be defined as:

$$C_p^k(\Omega) = S_p(\Omega) \cap C^k(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, \infty[),$$

where  $C^k(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, +\infty[)$  denotes the space of functions that are  $k$  times continuously differentiable in both the spatial and temporal variables. In summary,  $S_p(\Omega)$  represents the space of periodic functions, and  $C_p^k(\Omega)$  represents the space of  $k$ -times periodically differentiable functions over  $\Omega$  subject to periodic boundary conditions.

### 3.1.2 The 2D advection equation

Let us consider a velocity field given by  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$ , where  $u$  is the velocity in  $x$ -direction and  $v$  is the velocity in  $x$  and  $y$  direction and  $u, v \in C_p^1(\Omega)$ . The two-dimensional advection equation in its differential form in a domain  $\Omega$  associated to the velocity field or wind  $\mathbf{u}$  and assuming bi-periodic boundary conditions is given by:

$$\begin{cases} [\partial_t q + \partial_x(uq) + \partial_y(vq)](x, y, t) = 0, & \forall (x, y, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ q(a, y, t) = q(b, y, t), & \forall y \in [c, d], \quad \forall t \geq 0, \\ q(x, c, t) = q(x, d, t), & \forall x \in [a, b], \quad \forall t \geq 0, \\ q_0(x) = q(x, y, 0), & \forall (x, y) \in \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (3.7)$$

A classical or strong solution to the two-dimensional advection equation is a  $C_p^1(\Omega)$  function  $q$  satisfying Equation (3.7). As we did in Section 2.1, our goal is to deduce an integral form of Equation (3.7). Thus, let us consider  $[x_1, x_2] \times [y_1, y_2] \subset \Omega$  and  $[t_1, t_2] \subset [0, +\infty[$ . Integrating Equation (3.7) over  $[x_1, x_2] \times [y_1, y_2]$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} q(x, y, t) dx dy \right) &= - \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \left( (uq)(x_2, y, t) - (uq)(x_1, y, t) \right) dy \\ &\quad - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left( (vq)(x, y_2, t) - (vq)(x, y_1, t) \right) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Integrating Equation (3.8) over the time interval  $[t_1, t_2]$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} q(x, y, t_{n+1}) dx dy &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} q(x, y, t_n) dx dy \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \left( (uq)(x_2, y, t) - (uq)(x_1, y, t) \right) dy dt \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left( (vq)(x, y_2, t) - (vq)(x, y_1, t) \right) dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Equation (3.9) is the integral form of Equation (3.7). We say that  $q$  is a weak solution to the advection equation (3.7) if  $q$  satisfies the integral form (3.9),  $\forall [x_1, x_2] \times [y_1, y_2] \subset \Omega^0$  and  $\forall [t_1, t_2] \subset [0, +\infty[$ . We summarize the weak version of Equation (3.7) in Problem (3.1).

**Problem 3.1.** *Given an initial condition  $q_0$  and a velocity function  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$  we would like to find a weak solution  $q$  of the two-dimensional advection equation in its integral form:*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} q(x, y, t) dx dy &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} q(x, y, t) dx dy \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \left( (uq)(x_2, y, t) - (uq)(x_1, y, t) \right) dy dt \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left( (vq)(x, y_2, t) - (vq)(x, y_1, t) \right) dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

$\forall [x_1, x_2] \times [y_1, y_2] \times [t_1, t_2] \subset \Omega \times [0, T]$ , and  $q(x, y, 0) = q_0(x, y)$ ,  $\forall (x, y) \in \Omega$ ,  $q(a, y, t) = q(b, y, t)$ ,  $\forall y \in [c, d]$ ,  $\forall t \geq 0$ ,  $q(x, c, t) = q(x, d, t)$ ,  $\forall x \in [a, b]$ ,  $\forall t \geq 0$ .

Similarly to Section 2.1, Equation (3.7) and Problem (3.1) are equivalent when  $q, \mathbf{u} \in C_p^1(\Omega)$ . For Problem 3.1, the total mass in  $\Omega$  is defined by:

$$M_\Omega(t) = \int_{\Omega} q(x, y, t) dx dy, \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \quad (3.10)$$

and is conserved within time:

$$M_\Omega(t) = M_\Omega(0), \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (3.11)$$

Considering a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$  discretization of  $D = \Omega \times [0, T]$  and substituting  $t_1, t_2, x_1, x_2, y_1$  and  $y_2$  by  $t_n, t_{n+1}, x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}$ , respectively, in Equation (3.9), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{ij}(t_{n+1}) &= Q_{ij}(t_n) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x \Delta y} \delta_x \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} (uq)(x_i, y, t) dy dt \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x \Delta y} \delta_y \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (vq)(x, y_j, t) dx dt \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

where we are using the centered finite-difference notation. Now we can define a discretized version of Problem 3.1 as Problem 3.2.

**Problem 3.2.** *Assume the framework of Problem 3.1 and consider a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -*

discretization of  $\Omega \times [0, T]$ . Since we are in the framework of Problem 3.1, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{ij}(t_{n+1}) = Q_{ij}(t_n) - \lambda \delta_x \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t \Delta y} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} (uq)(x_i, y, t) dy dt \right) \\ - \lambda \delta_y \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t \Delta x} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (vq)(x, y_j, t) dx dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q_{ij}(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, y, t) dx dy$ . Our problem now consists of finding the values  $Q_{ij}(t_n)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\forall j = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $\forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1$ , given the initial values  $Q_{ij}(0)$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\forall j = 1, \dots, M$ . In other words, we aim to find the average values of  $q$  in each control volume  $\Omega_{ij}$  at the specified time instances.

It is important to note that no approximations have been made in Problems (3.1) and (3.2).

## 3.2 The finite-volume approach

Finally, we define the 2D-FV scheme problem as follows in Problem 3.3.

**Problem 3.3** (2D-FV scheme). Assume the framework defined in Problem 3.2. The finite-volume approach of Problem 3.1 consists of a finding a scheme of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{ij}^{n+1} = Q_{ij}^n - \lambda \delta_i F_{ij}^n - \lambda \delta_j G_{ij}^n, \\ \forall i = 1, \dots, N, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, M, \quad \forall n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

where  $\delta_i F_{ij}^n = F_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n - F_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^n$ ,  $\delta_j G_{ij}^n = G_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - G_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^n$  and  $Q^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^{N \times M}$  is intended to be an approximation of  $Q(t_n) \in \mathbb{P}_v^{N \times M}$  in some sense. We define  $Q_{ij}^0 = Q_{ij}(0)$  or  $Q_{ij}^0 = q_{ij}^0$ .

The term  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n$  is known as numerical flux in the  $x$  direction and it approximates  $\frac{1}{\Delta t \Delta y} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} (uq)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y, t) dy dt$ ,  $\forall i = 0, 1, \dots, N$ , and  $G_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  is known as numerical flux in the  $y$  direction and it approximates  $\frac{1}{\Delta t \Delta x} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} (vq)(x, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}, t) dx dt$ ,  $\forall j = 0, 1, \dots, M$ , or, in other words, they estimate the time-averaged fluxes at the control volume  $\Omega_{ij}$  boundaries.

**Remark 3.3.** For Problem 3.3, we define the CFL number in the  $x$  and  $y$  direction by  $\max\{u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n\} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$  and  $\max\{v_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n\} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y}$ , respectively. The CFL number is maximum between these numbers and we say that the CFL condition is satisfied if the CFL number is less than one.

For a 2D-FV the discrete total mass at the time-step  $n$  is given by

$$M^n = \Delta x \Delta y \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M Q_{ij}^n.$$

Therefore, the discrete total mass is constant for a 2D-FV scheme, which follows from a

straightforward computation:

$$\begin{aligned} M^{n+1} &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M Q_{ij}^{n+1} = M^n - \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M (F_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n - F_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^n) - \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M (G_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - G_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^n) \\ &= M^n - \Delta t \sum_{j=1}^M (F_{N+\frac{1}{2},j}^n - F_{\frac{1}{2},j}^n) - \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^N (G_{i,M+\frac{1}{2}}^n - G_{i,\frac{1}{2}}^n) = M^n, \end{aligned}$$

where we are using that  $F_{N+\frac{1}{2},j}^n = F_{\frac{1}{2},j}^n$ ,  $G_{i,M+\frac{1}{2}}^n = G_{i,\frac{1}{2}}^n$  since we are assuming bi-periodic boundary conditions.

As we mentioned in Problem 3.3, the initial condition may be assumed as  $q_{ij}^0$  or  $Q_{ij}(0)$ . For two-dimensional simulations, we are going to assume  $q_{ij}^0$  as initial data to avoid the computation of integrals. Furthermore, the errors will be calculated using the values  $q_{ij}^n$  instead of  $Q_{ij}(t_n)$ . Similarly to Proposition 2.2, we have that the centroid value approximates the average value with second order, as Proposition 3.1 shows.

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $q \in C^2$ , then  $|Q_{ij}(t^n) - q_{ij}^n| = C_1 \Delta x^2 + C_2 \Delta x \Delta y + C_3 \Delta y^2$ , where  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are constants.*

*Proof.* Just apply Theorem A.5 for the function  $q(x, y, t^n)$ . □

In order to check the consistency of 2D-FV, it is useful to use the notion of discrete divergence.

**Definition 3.5** (Discrete divergence). *For Problem 3.3, we define the discrete divergence as a  $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ -grid function  $\mathbb{D}^n(Q^n, u^n, v^n) \in \mathbb{P}_v^{N \times M}$  given by:*

$$\mathbb{D}_{ij}^n(Q^n, u^n, v^n) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \frac{\delta_i F_{ij}^n}{\Delta x} + \frac{\delta_j G_{ij}^n}{\Delta y} \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad j = 1, \dots, M. \quad (3.14)$$

With the aid of the discrete divergence, we may rewrite Equation (3.13) as:

$$Q^{n+1} = Q^n - \Delta t \mathbb{D}^n(Q^n, u^n, v^n), \quad (3.15)$$

Notice that if we replace  $Q^n$  by the exact solution  $Q(t^n)$  in Equation (3.15), we have

$$Q(t^{n+1}) = Q(t^n) - \Delta t \mathbb{D}^n(Q(t^n), u^n, v^n) - \Delta t \tau^n, \quad (3.16)$$

where  $\tau^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^{N \times M}$  is the local truncation error (LTE). Rearranging the terms of Equation (3.16), we obtain:

$$\tau^n = \frac{Q(t^{n+1}) - Q(t^n)}{\Delta t} - \mathbb{D}^n(Q(t^n), u^n, v^n). \quad (3.17)$$

We define the consistency of the 2D-FV scheme as follows.

**Definition 3.6** (Consistency). *Let us consider the framework of Problem 3.3. A 2D-FV scheme is said to be consist in the  $p$ -norm if for any sequence of  $(\Delta x^{(k)}, \Delta y^{(k)}, \Delta t^{(k)}, \lambda)$ -discretizations,*



$k \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta x^{(k)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta y^{(k)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta t^{(k)} = 0$ , we have:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)} \times \Delta y^{(k)}} \right] = 0,$$

and it is said to be consistent with order  $d$  in the  $p$ -norm if

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)} \times \Delta y^{(k)}} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^d).$$

The relationship between consistency and convergence is explained in Section A.4. If  $q$  satisfies Equation (3.7), it can be observed that consistency is equivalent to the following:

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|\delta^n - \mathbb{D}^n(Q^n, u^n, v^n)\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)} \times \Delta y^{(k)}} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^d),$$

where  $\delta^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^{N \times M}$  is defined in Equation (3.2). Therefore, we can determine whether a 2D-FV scheme is consistent by comparing the discrete divergence to the exact divergence.

### 3.3 Dimension splitting

This Section aims to demonstrate how a 2D-FV scheme, such as the one presented in Problem 3.3, can be constructed using 1D-FV schemes through a technique known as dimension splitting. Before introducing the dimension splitting scheme proposed by Lin and Rood (1996), it is helpful to examine general operator splitting schemes, as the dimension splitting technique is a specific instance of operator splitting methods.

For a given time interval  $[0, T]$ , we utilize a  $\Delta t$ -temporal grid. Let us consider the abstract Cauchy problem.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dq}{dt}(t) &= Aq(t), \quad t \in [t^n, t^{n+1}], \\ q(t^n) &= q_n, \end{cases}$$

for  $n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1$ , where  $q(t) \in \mathcal{B}$  for some Banach space  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $A : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a linear operator following the framework of Richtmyer and Morton (1968, Chapter 3). We are interested in finding  $q(t^{n+1})$  given  $q_n$ . Assuming that  $A = A_1 + A_2$  for two linear operators  $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ , we consider the following abstract Cauchy sub-problems:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dq^1}{dt}(t) &= A_1 q(t), \quad t \in [t^n, t^{n+1}], \\ q^1(t^n) &= q_n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dq^{21}}{dt}(t) &= A_2 q(t), \quad t \in [t^n, t^{n+1}], \\ q^{21}(t^n) &= q^1(t^{n+1}). \end{cases}$$

Then we can approximate  $q(t_0 + \Delta t)$  as  $q^{21}(t^n + \Delta t)$  with an error of  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$  if  $A_1$  and  $A_2$

do not commute. Otherwise, this method is exact. This approach is known as Lie-Trotter splitting. It's worth noting that the Lie-Trotter splitting can also be performed in reverse order when solving the sub-problems:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dq^2}{dt}(t) &= A_2 q(t), \quad t \in [t^n, t^{n+1}], \\ q^2(t^n) &= q_n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dq^{21}}{dt}(t) &= A_1 q(t), \quad t \in [t^n, t^{n+1}], \\ q^{12}(t^n) &= q^1(t^{n+1}), \end{cases}$$

and again we estimate  $q(t^{n+1})$  by  $q^{12}(t^{n+1})$  with error  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$ . As noted by Strang (1968), we can consider the following equation to approximate  $q(t^{n+1})$  using a second-order ( $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$ ) symmetric scheme:

$$q^*(t^{n+1}) = \frac{q^{21}(t^{n+1}) + q^{12}(t^{n+1})}{2}, \quad (3.18)$$

This scheme is referred to as the average Lie-Trotter splitting (Holden et al., 2010). The process of averaging two Lie-Trotter splittings is a specific case of methods known as weighted sequential splitting methods in the literature. Furthermore, this scheme averaging process can be extended to achieve higher-order schemes (Jia & Li, 2011). For an analysis of the accuracy of weighted sequential splitting methods, we recommend referring to Csomós et al. (2005).

It is worth noting that one of the most commonly used second-order splitting schemes in the literature is the Strang splitting (Strang, 1968). This scheme requires solving three sub-problems per time-step, with one of them at time  $t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}$ . In contrast, the average Lie-Trotter splitting requires solving four sub-problems per time-step. Consequently, the Strang splitting is computationally more efficient. However, as we will observe in this Chapter, when applied to the linear advection equation, the average Lie-Trotter splitting allows for a modification that eliminates a splitting error arising from considering a constant scalar field and non-divergent velocity (Lin & Rood, 1996).

### 3.3.1 Lie-Trotter splitting using PPM

To move towards the scheme from Lin and Rood (1996), let us consider Problem 3.1 in its differential form (Equation (3.7)). We are going to consider  $N + 2\nu$  one-dimensional advection equations in the  $x$ -direction:

$$[\partial_t q^x + \partial_x(uq^x)](x, y_j, t) = 0,$$

for  $j = -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu$ , and the  $N + 2\nu$  one-dimensional advection equations in the  $y$ -direction

$$[\partial_t q^y + \partial_y(vq^y)](x_i, y, t) = 0,$$

for,  $i = -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu$ .

We shall assume that these problems are solved using a 1D-FV scheme as in Problem 2.4

with the PPM numerical flux functions  $\mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{PPM,x}[Q_{\times,j}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}]$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,y}[Q_{i,\times}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}]$ , respectively, where  $\tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n}$  is the time-averaged CFL used in the departure point estimation in the  $x$  direction and  $\tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n}$  is the time-averaged CFL used in the departure point estimation in the  $y$  direction, assuming that the CFL number is less than one (see Equation (2.66)). The time-averaged CFL numbers are computed using the schemes **DP1** (Subsection 2.3.1) and **DP2** (Subsection 2.3.2), applied separately in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions.

The values  $q_{L,ij}^x$ ,  $q_{R,ij}^x$ ,  $q_{L,ij}^y$ , and  $q_{R,ij}^y$ , which approximate values of  $q$ , namely  $q_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}$ ,  $q_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}$ ,  $q_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $q_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}$ , respectively, are computed using one of the schemes **hord0** and **hord8** as described in Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2, again applied separately in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. These approximations are expected to be second-order accurate because the given average values are computed on the 2D control volume  $\Omega_{ij}$  instead of the 1D control volumes  $X_i$  or  $Y_j$ .

As in Section 2.5, in Equations (2.64) and (2.64), we define the perturbation values in the  $x$  direction as:

$$b_{L,i,j}^x = q_{L,i,j}^x - Q_{ij}^n, \quad (3.19)$$

$$b_{R,i,j}^x = q_{R,i,j}^x - Q_{ij}^n, \quad (3.20)$$

and the perturbation values in the  $y$  direction as:

$$b_{L,i,j}^y = q_{L,i,j}^y - Q_{ij}^n, \quad (3.21)$$

$$b_{R,i,j}^y = q_{R,i,j}^y - Q_{ij}^n. \quad (3.22)$$

Then, we may express the 1D fluxes in  $x$  direction as in Equation (2.66), namely:

$$\mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{PPM,x}[Q_{\times,j}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] = \begin{cases} Q_{ij}^n + (1 - \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n})(b_{R,i,j}^x - \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n}(b_{L,i,j}^x + b_{R,i,j}^x)), & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n} \geq 0, \\ Q_{i+1,j}^n + (1 + \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n})(b_{L,i+1,j}^x + \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n}(b_{L,i+1,j}^x + b_{R,i+1,j}^x)), & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n} < 0, \end{cases} \quad (3.23)$$

for  $i = 0, \dots, N$ ,  $j = -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu$ , and the 1D fluxes in  $y$  direction reads

$$\mathfrak{F}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,y}[Q_{i,\times}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] = \begin{cases} Q_{ij}^n + (1 - \tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n})(b_{R,i,j}^y - \tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n}(b_{L,i,j}^y + b_{R,i,j}^y)), & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n} \geq 0, \\ Q_{i,j+1}^n + (1 + \tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n})(b_{L,i,j+1}^y + \tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n}(b_{L,i,j+1}^y + b_{R,i,j+1}^y)), & \text{if } \tilde{c}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n} < 0, \end{cases} \quad (3.24)$$

for  $i = -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, M$ . For both **hord0** and **hord8** schemes, we set  $\nu = 3$ .

We introduce the auxiliary grid functions **F** and **G**, both belonging to  $\mathbb{R}_\nu^{N \times M}$ , given by:

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] = -\frac{1}{|\Omega_{ij}|} \left( \mathcal{A}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^x \mathfrak{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{PPM,x}[Q_{\times,j}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] - \mathcal{A}_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^x \mathfrak{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^{PPM,x}[Q_{\times,j}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] \right),$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = -\nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu$ , and

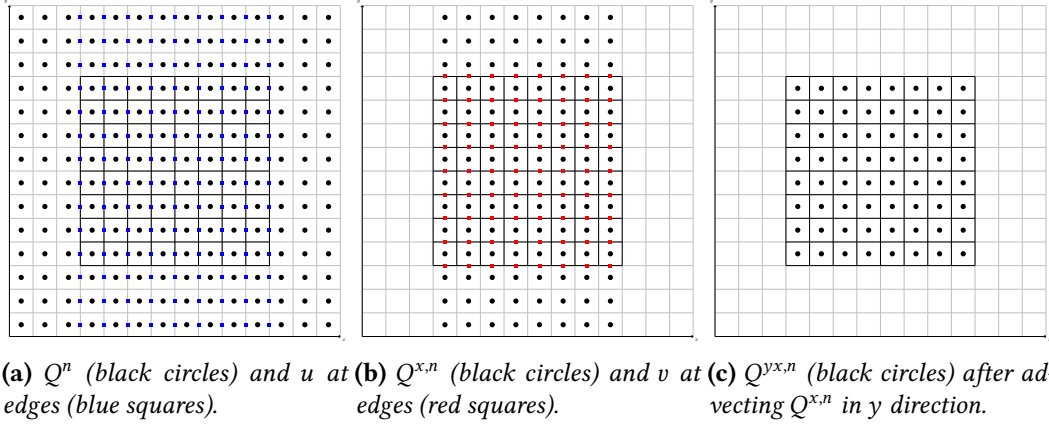
$$\mathbf{G}_{ij}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] = -\frac{1}{|\Omega_{ij}|} \left( \mathcal{A}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^y \mathfrak{F}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,y}[Q_{i,\times}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] - \mathcal{A}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^y \mathfrak{F}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,y}[Q_{i,\times}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] \right),$$

for  $i = -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu$   $j = 1, \dots, M$ . We are using the notations  $\Omega_{ij} = \Delta x \Delta y$  to represent the area of the control volume and

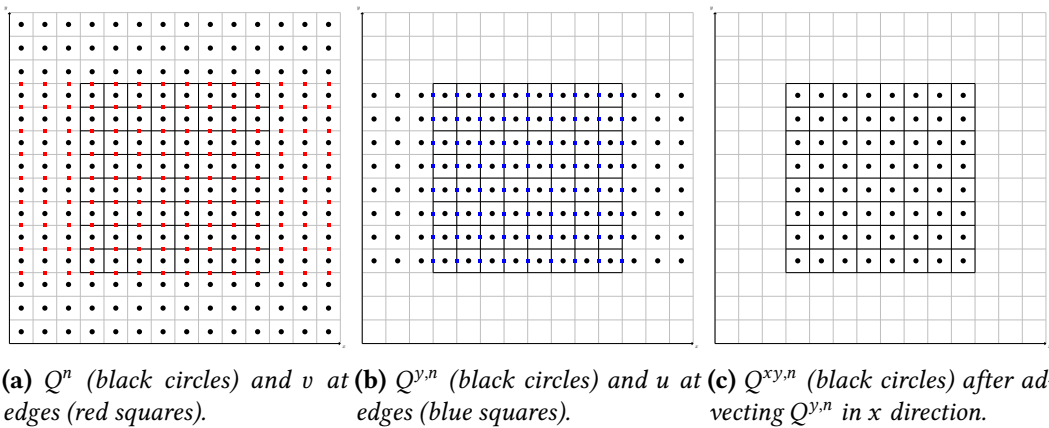
$$\mathcal{A}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^x = c_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^{x,n} \Delta x \Delta y,$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^y = c_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{y,n} \Delta x \Delta y.$$

This notation shall be useful when we consider these schemes on the cubed-sphere in Chapter 5. Hence, the operators  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  represent the numerical updates added to the average values at time level  $n$  to obtain their values at time level  $n + 1$  when solving the advection equation in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, respectively.



**Figure 3.2:** Illustration of the Lie-Trotter splitting applied in the  $x$  direction (operator  $\mathbf{F}$ ) and then in the  $y$  direction (operator  $\mathbf{G}$ ). Interior cells are depicted using black lines, while ghost cells are depicted using gray lines. All the winds shown are the ones used in the DP1 departure point scheme. If the DP2 scheme is used, an additional layer of wind ghost values should be added at each boundary in (a) and (b).



**Figure 3.3:** Similar to Figure 3.2 but considering the Lie-Trotter splitting in reverse order.

The Lie-Trotter splitting is obtained by solving the advection in the  $x$  direction

$$Q_{ij}^{x,n} = Q_{ij}^n + \mathbf{F}_{ij}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}],$$

for  $j = \nu + 1, \dots, M + \nu$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  (Figure 3.2b), and then we advect in the  $y$  direction with initial data  $Q^{x,n}$

$$Q_{ij}^{yx,n} = Q_{ij}^{x,n} + G_{ij}[Q^{x,n}, \tilde{c}^{y,n}],$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  (Figure 3.2c). To get the average Lie-Trotter splitting we repeat the process in the reverse order by solving the advection equation in the  $y$  direction

$$Q_{ij}^{y,n} = Q_{ij}^n + G_{ij}[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}],$$

for  $i = -\nu + 1, \dots, N + \nu$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$  (Figure 3.3b), and then we advect in the  $x$ -direction with initial data  $Q^{y,n+1}$

$$Q_{ij}^{xy,n} = Q_{ij}^{y,n} + F_{ij}[Q^{y,n}, \tilde{c}^{x,n}],$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$  (Figure 3.3c) and thus we have the average Lie-Trotter solution:

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{n+1} = \frac{(Q^{xy,n} + Q^{yx,n})}{2} &= Q^n + \frac{1}{2}F[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] + \frac{1}{2}G[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}F\left[Q^n + G[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}], \tilde{c}^{x,n}\right] + \frac{1}{2}G\left[Q^n + F[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}], \tilde{c}^{y,n}\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

This scheme shall be referred to in this work as the average Lie-Trotter (LT) scheme. Finally, we point out that this scheme could be built using any other 1D numerical flux function, but we focus on PPM since this is what is used in FV3.

### 3.3.2 Elimination of splitting error for a constant scalar field and non-divergent wind

Let us, for an instant, assume that  $F$  and  $G$  are linear in their first input. This implies that Equation (3.25) may be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{n+1} &= Q^n + F[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] + G[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}F\left[G[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}], \tilde{c}^{x,n}\right] + \frac{1}{2}G\left[F[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}], \tilde{c}^{y,n}\right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

The numerical flux functions defined in Chapter 2 are indeed linear in the input  $Q$  if there are no monotonic constraints, that is, when we use hord0, implying that  $F$  and  $G$  are both linear in this case. We are going to consider Equation (3.26) even when there are monotonic constraints, to analyse the scheme when  $\mathbf{u}$  is non-divergent ( $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ ) and the scalar field is equal to a constant  $\bar{q}$ . Then the solution remains constant. Since the wind is non-divergent, it follows from the Helmholtz decomposition theorem that there exists a

stream function  $\psi \in C^2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, t) &= -\partial_y \psi(x, y, t), \\ v(x, y, t) &= \partial_x \psi(x, y, t). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we may compute the wind using centered-finite differences

$$\begin{aligned} u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n &= -\left( \frac{\psi_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \psi_{i+\frac{1}{2},j-\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta y} \right), \\ v_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n &= \frac{\psi_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \psi_{i-\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}}^n}{\Delta x}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus the following discrete divergence free condition holds

$$\frac{\delta_i u_{ij}^n}{\Delta x} + \frac{\delta_j v_{ij}^n}{\Delta y} = 0. \quad (3.27)$$

Notice that this identity holds for the time-averaged winds if we assume that that  $\tilde{u}^n$  and  $\tilde{v}^n$  are computed using DP1. If we use DP2, this identity is no longer valid. Now, using the fact that the scalar field is supposed to be constant, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{ij}[\bar{q}, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] &= -\bar{q}\lambda\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n, \\ \mathbf{G}_{ij}[\bar{q}, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] &= -\bar{q}\lambda\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n, \end{aligned}$$

recalling that  $\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y}$ . Applying **G** and **F** again, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_{ij}[\mathbf{F}[\bar{q}, \tilde{c}^{y,n}], \tilde{c}^{x,n}] &= \bar{q}\lambda^2 \left( \tilde{v}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,y}[\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] - \tilde{v}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,y}[\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] \right) \\ &= \bar{q}\lambda^2 \delta_i (\tilde{v}_{ij}^n \mathfrak{F}_{ij}^{PPM,y}[\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}]), \\ \mathbf{F}_{ij}[\mathbf{G}[\bar{q}, \tilde{c}^{x,n}], \tilde{c}^{y,n}] &= \bar{q}\lambda^2 \left( \tilde{u}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,x}[\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] - \tilde{u}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^n \mathfrak{F}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^{PPM,x}[\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] \right) \\ &= \bar{q}\lambda^2 \delta_j (\tilde{u}_{ij}^n \mathfrak{F}_{ij}^{PPM,x}[\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}]). \end{aligned}$$

However, if we compute the updated solution using Equation (3.26) we have that the error is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{ij}^{n+1} - \bar{q} &= -\Delta t \left( \frac{\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n}{\Delta x} + \frac{\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n}{\Delta y} \right) - \frac{\bar{q}}{2} \lambda^2 \left( \delta_j (\tilde{u}_{ij}^n \mathfrak{F}_{ij}^{PPM,x}[\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}]) + \delta_i (\tilde{v}_{ij}^n \mathfrak{F}_{ij}^{PPM,y}[\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}]) \right) \\ &= -\frac{\bar{q}}{2} \lambda^2 \left( \delta_j (\tilde{u}_{ij}^n \mathfrak{F}_{ij}^{PPM,x}[\delta_j \tilde{v}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}]) + \delta_i (\tilde{v}_{ij}^n \mathfrak{F}_{ij}^{PPM,y}[\delta_i \tilde{u}_{ij}^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}]) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

To eliminate this error, Lin and Rood (1996) proposed modifying the Equation (3.25) to

$$Q^{n+1} = Q^n + \frac{1}{2}F[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}] + \frac{1}{2}G[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}] + \frac{1}{2}F\left[Q^n + g[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n}], \tilde{c}^{x,n}\right] + \frac{1}{2}G\left[Q^n + f[Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n}], \tilde{c}^{y,n}\right], \quad (3.29)$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are called inner advective operators. In this work, we shall consider the inner advective operator proposed by Putman and Lin (2007) (hereafter referred to as **PL**). The PL scheme is currently used in the FV3 dynamical core. Also, notice that the LT scheme is equivalent to the PL scheme but uses  $f = F$  and  $g = G$ . All the expressions for each inner advective operator mentioned are shown in Table 3.1. It is easy to see that the PL operator

Scheme	$f_{ij}(Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n})$	$g_{ij}(Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n})$
LT	$F_{ij}(Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n})$	$G_{ij}(Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n})$
PL	$-Q_{ij}^n + \frac{Q_{ij}^n + F_{ij}(Q^n, \tilde{c}^{x,n})}{1 - \frac{1}{ \Omega_{ij} } (\mathcal{A}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^x - \mathcal{A}_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^x)}$	$-Q_{ij}^n + \frac{Q_{ij}^n + G_{ij}(Q^n, \tilde{c}^{y,n})}{1 - \frac{1}{ \Omega_{ij} } (\mathcal{A}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^y - \mathcal{A}_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^y)}$

**Table 3.1:** Expression of the inner advective operators considered in this work. LT stands for the average Lie-Trotter scheme, while PL stands for the scheme from Putman and Lin (2007).

eliminates the term multiplied by  $\lambda^2$  that appeared in Equation (3.28) when we apply these operators to a constant grid function  $Q^n$  and a non-divergent velocity field in Equation (3.28). Therefore, these inner advective operators eliminate the splitting error for a constant field and a non-divergent velocity field, making this scheme exact in this case if we use DP1 to compute the departure points. If we use DP2 with PL splitting, Equation (3.28) will introduce a first-order error since the discrete divergence-free condition (Equation (3.27)) for the time-averaged winds of DP2 does not hold in this case. We shall see this in the numerical experiments (Section 3.4). We point out that although the LT scheme has an error in Equation (3.28), it is a second-order error, since this scheme is generally second-order accurate (Holden et al., 2010), provided that the 1D flux is second-order, which shall be the case if we use the DP2 scheme as discussed in Chapter 2.

### 3.4 Numerical experiments

To assess the dimension-splitting schemes LT and PL introduced previously, we are going to consider the linear advection equation on the spatial domain  $[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}] \times [-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}]$  and in the time interval  $[0, T]$ , with biperiodic boundary conditions, where  $L = \frac{\pi}{2}R$ . Here,  $R = 6.371 \times 10^6$  meters, representing the Earth's radius, and  $T = 1036800$  seconds, equivalent to 12 days. The spatial domain spans approximately  $10^4$  kilometers in both directions, which correspond to approximately the lengths of a cubed-sphere panel, as shall be seen in Chapter 4.

For the 1D schemes, we will consider the FV-SL schemes **hord0** (Subsection 2.4.1) and **hord8** (Subsection 2.4.2), each tested with both departure point schemes **DP1** (Subsection 2.3.1) and **DP2** (Subsection 2.3.2). We employ  $(\Delta x^{(k)}, \Delta y^{(k)}, \lambda)$ -discretizations with  $\Delta x^{(k)} =$

$\Delta y^{(k)} = \frac{L}{N^{(k)}}$ ,  $N^{(k)} = 48 \times 2^k$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, 4$ . We introduce the relative error in the maximum norm:

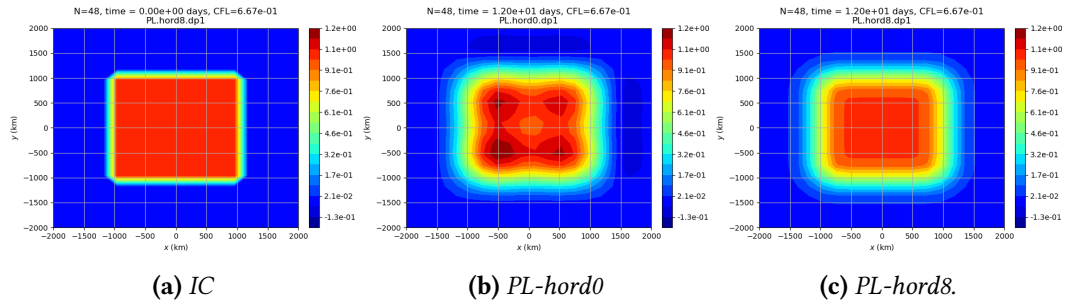
$$E_k = \frac{\|Q^n - Q^0\|_{\infty, \Delta x \times \Delta y}}{\|Q^0\|_{\infty, \Delta x \times \Delta y}}.$$

The convergence rate, as defined in Section 2.6, and the preservation of total mass variation with machine precision are considered in all experiments presented here. It is worth noting that in error computation, we employ centroid values instead of exact average values to avoid the computation of analytical integrals. This approximation, as discussed in Proposition 3.1, introduces a second-order error.

### 3.4.1 Square wave with constant wind advection

For the initial test, a constant velocity  $\mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{L}{T}, \frac{L}{T}\right)$  is considered. The IC is a rectangular profile (refer to Figure 3.4a) given by:

$$q_0(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in [-0.1L, 0.1L] \times [-0.1L, 0.1L], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.30)$$



**Figure 3.4:** Linear advection experiment using a constant velocity  $\mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{L}{T}, \frac{L}{T}\right)$ , a CFL number set to 0.67, and a grid resolution of  $N = M = 48$ . The initial condition is given by Equation (3.30). We run this test with the PL splitting combined with the schemes hord0 (b) and hord8 (c). The figures display the advected profile after 12 days (one time period). The initial condition is depicted in (a).

We will employ a time step of 14400 seconds and set  $N = M = 48$ , resulting in a CFL number approximately equal to 0.67. The exact solution of Problem 3.1 in this scenario is  $q_0((x, y) - \mathbf{u}t)$ . Due to the constant velocity field, all splitting schemes introduced in Section 3.3 are equivalent. Therefore, we only consider the PL splitting. Additionally, it is evident that the Lie-Trotter splitting is exact in this case (see, for example, LeVeque, 1990, p. 202-203), meaning no splitting error is introduced. For the 1D schemes, we utilize DP1 to compute the departure point, as this scheme is exact when the velocity is constant.

The conclusions drawn from this test closely resemble those of the first 1D test discussed in Section 2.6.1. This similarity arises because no splitting error is introduced when the velocity remains constant. Figure 3.4c illustrates that PL splitting maintains monotonicity, particularly noticeable when using the monotonic 1D scheme hord8.

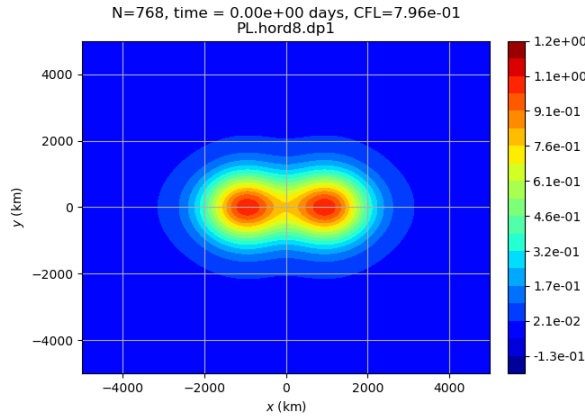


### 3.4.2 Flow deformation with nondivergent wind

For a first variable velocity testing, we consider two Gaussian hills given by:

$$q_0(x, y) = \exp \left( -10 \sin^2 \left( \pi \left( \frac{x}{L} - 0.1 \right) \right) \right) \exp \left( -10 \sin^2 \left( \pi \frac{y}{L} \right) \right) + \exp \left( -10 \sin^2 \left( \pi \left( \frac{x}{L} + 0.1 \right) \right) \right) \exp \left( -10 \sin^2 \left( \pi \frac{y}{L} \right) \right), \quad (3.31)$$

defined in  $[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}] \times [-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}]$ , whose graph is shown in Figure 3.5.



**Figure 3.5:** Two Gaussian hills IC (Equation (3.31)).

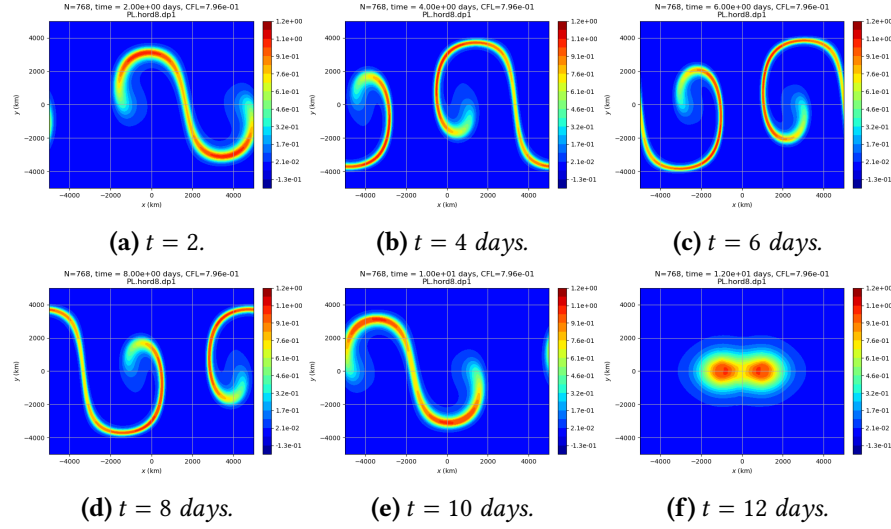
We consider the Cartesian version of the deformational flow test case on the sphere from Nair and Lauritzen (2010) proposed by Y. Chen et al. (2017). The velocity is given by:

$$\begin{cases} u(x, y, t) &= -c \frac{L}{T} \sin^2(\alpha_1) \sin \left( \frac{\pi y}{L} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\pi y}{L} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\pi t}{T} \right) + \frac{L}{T}, \\ v(x, y, t) &= -2c \frac{L}{T} \sin(\alpha_1) \cos(\alpha_1) \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi y}{L} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\pi t}{T} \right), \end{cases} \quad (3.32)$$

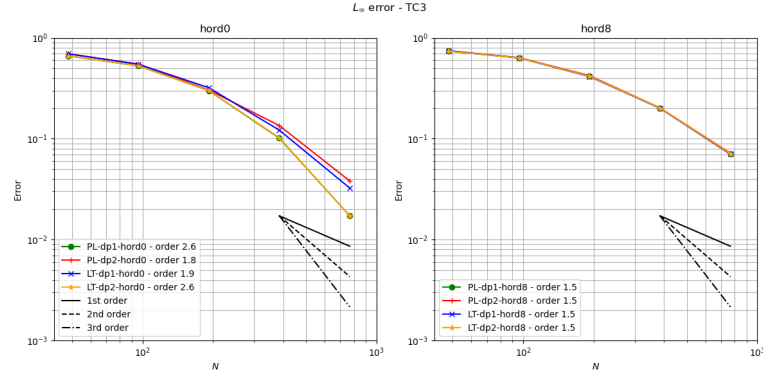
where  $\alpha_1 = 2\pi \left( \frac{x}{L} - \frac{t}{T} \right)$ ,  $c = 10$ . Y. Chen et al. (2017) uses periodic boundary conditions in the  $x$ -direction and zero-gradient in the  $y$ -direction. However, we will employ bi-periodic boundary conditions to simplify the problem. This velocity field is divergence-free, and deforms the initial condition. After  $T$  time units (12 days in our case), the scalar field returns to its initial position and shape, allowing us to compute the error. Notice that in Equation (3.32), we have added a constant wind  $\frac{L}{T}$  in the component  $u$  to prevent error cancellation, as discussed by Nair and Lauritzen (2010).

Figure 3.6 illustrates the results obtained using two Gaussian hills and the velocity field from Equation (3.32). We employed a high-resolution grid with  $N = 768$ , along with the PL-DP1-hord8 scheme, to demonstrate the behavior of the test. The Figure shows the deformation of the scalar field over time, eventually returning to its initial position.

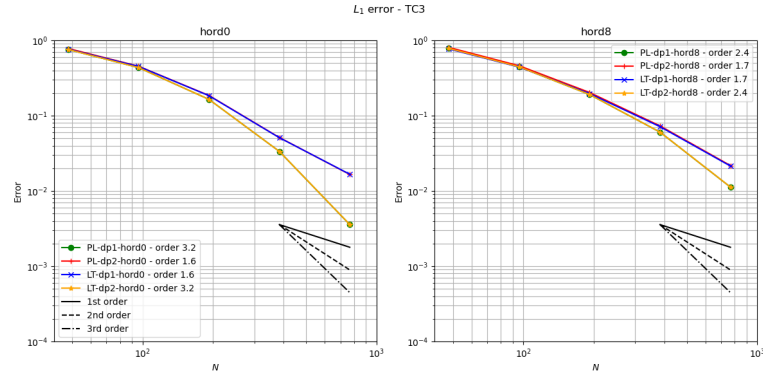
To investigate the error convergence, we employ time steps  $\Delta t^{(k)} = \frac{5400}{2^k}$  for  $k = 0, \dots, 4$ , and the spatial discretization as described at the beginning of Section 3.4, resulting in a CFL number approximately equal to 0.79.



**Figure 3.6:** Linear advection experiment using the velocity from Equation (3.32), a CFL number equal to 0.79,  $N = 768$  cells, and the IC is given by Equation (3.31). These figures show the advected profile at 2 (3.6a), 4 (3.6b), 6 (3.6c), 8 (3.6d), 10 (3.6e), and 12 (3.6f) days. We are using the PL-DP1-hord8 scheme.



**Figure 3.7:**  $L_\infty$  error for the two Gaussian hills (Equation 3.31) with the velocity from Equation (3.32). Schemes using hord0 are on the left, and hord8 are on the right. The PL scheme with DP1 is in green, and with DP2 is in red. The LT scheme with DP1 is in blue, and with DP2 is in yellow.



**Figure 3.8:** Similar to Figure 3.7 but considering the  $L_1$  error.

We can observe from Figure 3.7 that for hord0, PL-DP1 and LT-DP2 have smaller error and higher convergence order than PL-DP2 and LT-DP1. However, when considering the hord8 scheme, all the schemes have the same error in  $L_\infty$  norm. The errors in  $L_1$  norm (Figure 3.8) exhibit a similar behavior; the only difference is that PL-DP1 and LT-DP2 have smaller errors than PL-DP2 and LT-DP1, along with higher convergence order.

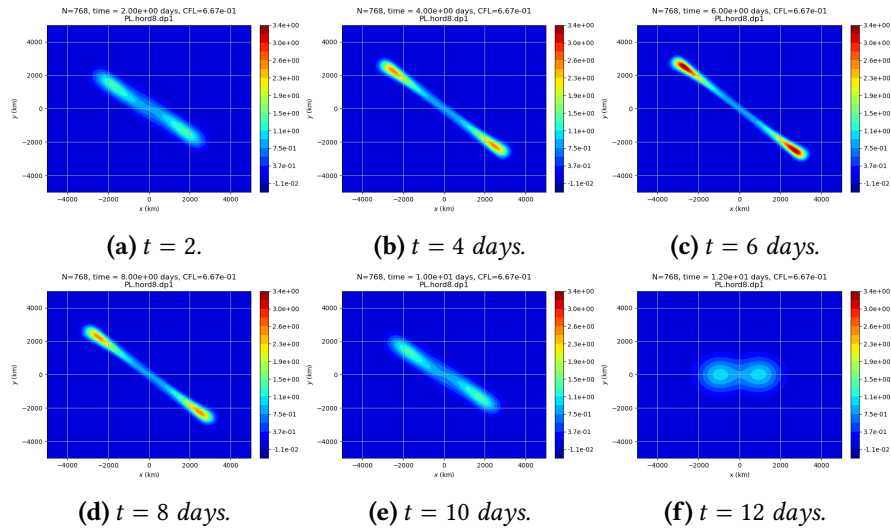
### 3.4.3 Flow deformation with divergent wind

For a second variable velocity testing, we consider two Gaussian hills given by Equation (3.31) and the following wind:

$$\begin{cases} u(x, y, t) &= -\frac{L}{T} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi y}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{T}\right), \\ v(x, y, t) &= -\frac{L}{T} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi y}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{T}\right). \end{cases} \quad (3.33)$$

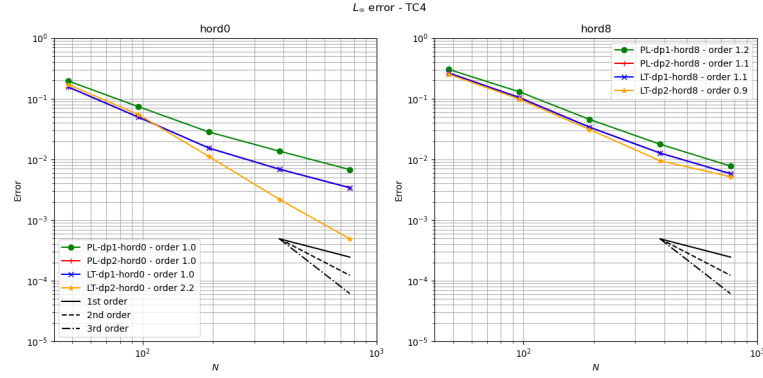
This test is based on the planar test from Nair and Lauritzen (2010), but we adapt it to make the wind divergent. Figure 3.9 illustrates the results obtained using two Gaussian hills and the velocity field from Equation (3.33), similarly to Figure 3.6. Again, the IC returns to its initial position after 12 days, allowing us to compute the error.

We employ time steps  $\Delta t^{(k)} = \frac{14400}{2^k}$  for  $k = 0, \dots, 4$ , to analyse the error convergence, along with the spatial discretization as described at the beginning of Section 3.4, resulting in a CFL number approximately equal to 0.67.

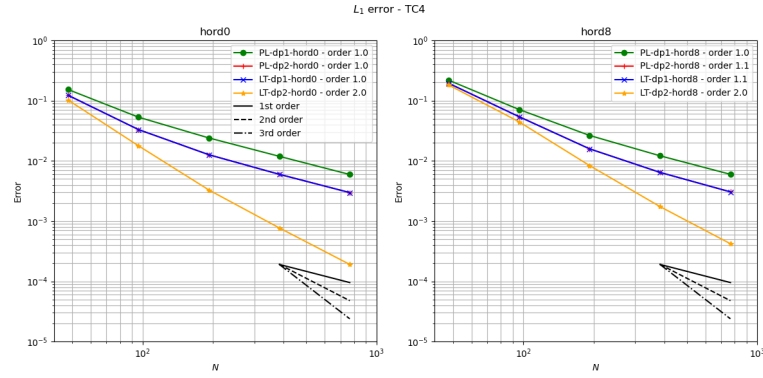


**Figure 3.9:** Similar to Figure 3.6 but using the wind from Equation (3.33).

We can observe from Figure 3.10 that for hord0, PL-DP1 has the bigger error, while LT-DP2 has the smaller error and the highest convergence rate. However, when considering the hord8 scheme, all the schemes have almost the same error in  $L_\infty$  norm. Regarding the error in  $L_1$  norm (Figure 3.11), we can see that for hord8, LT-DP2 achieves second-order accuracy, while PL-DP1 achieves only first order. Finally, the schemes PL-DP2 and LT-DP1 have the same errors for both hord0 and hord8, in both  $L_\infty$  and  $L_1$  norms.



**Figure 3.10:** Similar to Figure 3.7 but using the wind from Equation (3.33).



**Figure 3.11:** Similar to Figure 3.10 but considering the  $L_1$  error.

### 3.5 Concluding remarks

In this Chapter, we introduced the dimension-splitting method, which replaces the solution of the 2D advection equation with the solution of multiple 1D advection equations, resulting in more cost-effective 2D-FV schemes. For our simulations, we adopted the 1D FV-SL scheme based on PPM to solve the 1D equations.

We modified the average of two Lie-Trotter splittings, which is second-order accurate, to ensure the preservation of a constant scalar field with a divergence-free velocity, following the works of Lin and Rood (1996) and Putman and Lin (2007). This modification addresses the limitation of the classical averaging Lie-Trotter splitting and follows the methodology used in FV3.

Based on the simulation with constant velocity, we concluded that all the splitting schemes are equivalent and do not introduce any splitting errors. In fact, the splittings are exact in this case. We observed that all the conclusions from the 1D simulations hold true in the 2D case as well, with mass conservation and monotonicity being preserved when using the monotonic limiters in the 1D subproblems.

In the simulation with variable velocity, we conducted two flow deformation test cases. For the divergence-free test, the schemes PL-DP1 and LT-DP2 showed similar behavior and performed better than PL-DP2 and LT-DP1 in all error metrics analyzed here. However,

for the velocity with non-zero divergence, we observed that the scheme PL-DP1 achieved only first-order accuracy and had larger errors than PL-DP2 and LT-DP1. This limitation is because the PL-DP1 method is designed to be accurate for divergence-free winds. This test highlights this limitation because we have divergence. The scheme LT-DP2 showed better error performance, achieving second-order accuracy regardless of the non-divergence-free condition in the wind. LT-DP2 also showed second-order accuracy in the  $L_1$  norm when we employed the monotonic 1D flux, while PL-DP1 achieved first order.

In summary, the scheme PL-DP1, which is currently used in FV3 as the 2D advection solver, showed second-order accuracy for divergence-free winds, with LT-DP2 exhibiting similar behavior. However, for non-divergent free winds, LT-DP2 demonstrated second-order accuracy, while PL-DP1 achieved only first order.



# Chapter 4

## Cubed-sphere grids

So far, we have described the dimension-splitting technique in Chapter 3 for solving the advection equation on the plane. Our current goal is to apply these schemes to solve the advection equation on the sphere. Consequently, we need to introduce a grid over the sphere. In order to facilitate the extension of dimension-splitting techniques onto the sphere, we require a logical Cartesian coordinate system, at least locally.

We point out that dimension-splitting schemes could be formulated in unstruced grids (see for instance Herzfeld and Engwirda (2023)). A good reason to use a locally Cartesian grid is to avoid problems, such as the lack of convergence of the divergence operator among others, that may arise in some grid cells within those grids (P. Peixoto, 2016; P. Peixoto & Barros, 2013; Weller, 2012). Also, a logical Cartesian coordinate system eases the process of higher-order interpolation, which can be more complicated on a spherical unstructured grid, requiring tangent plane approximations (P. S. Peixoto & Barros, 2014; Skamarock & Gassmann, 2011).

The scheme proposed by Lin and Rood (1996) was originally implemented on latitude-longitude grids, and the FV dynamical core was elucidated in Lin (2004). The latitude-longitude grids exhibit convergence of meridians at the poles, necessitating the utilization of the Semi-Lagrangian formulation of PPM for larger CFL numbers, as discussed in Section 2.5, to overcome the CFL restriction imposed by the poles. However, this approach needs the processes in a parallel domain decomposition of the latitude-longitude grid to utilize more data at the poles, resulting in non-parallel efficiency. Therefore, Putman and Lin (2007) proposed considering the cubed-sphere (CS, hereafter) instead. The CS grid is more uniform, thus not exhibiting a strong CFL condition anywhere. This eliminates the need for the Semi-Lagrangian formulation of PPM, which is better to parallel efficiency, and led to the development of the FV3 core.

The CS grid was originally proposed by Sadourny (1972) and was reinvestigated by Ronchi et al. (1996) and Rančić et al. (1996). As is usual for Planotic grids, we start with a Platonic solid, in this case, a cube, which is circumscribed in a sphere. We then project its faces onto the sphere. The original CS, called the equidistant CS, was proposed by Sadourny (1972) but resulted in a non-uniform grid. To address this issue, a solution was proposed by introducing angular coordinates, leading to a quasi-uniform grid known as the

equiangular CS. The cubed sphere consists of six panels, each one having a local Cartesian coordinate system. As we pointed out before, this makes it easier to extend methods from the plane to the sphere. In fact, Putman and Lin (2007) extends the dimension splitting technique from Lin and Rood (1996), as presented in Chapter 3, to the CS.

There are essentially two major challenges when working with the CS grid:

1. The non-orthogonal grid system: This challenge is primarily related to the appearance of metric terms in the equations. It adds computational cost and often requires conversions between contravariant and covariant components of a velocity field.
2. The discontinuity of the coordinate system at the cube edges: This is perhaps the most problematic challenge. Computing stencils along the cube edges becomes challenging due to the discontinuous nature of the coordinate system.

One possible approach to compute stencils at the edges is to extend the local coordinate of each panel to its neighboring panels, adding ghost cells in the halo region. In the case of the equiangular CS, ghost cell values lie on the same geodesics containing the data from the neighboring panels. This allows for the use of one-dimensional high-order Lagrange interpolation to compute the stencils at the edges. This approach has been extensively used in the literature (X. Chen, 2021; Croisille, 2013; Katta et al., 2015a, 2015b) and was initially introduced by Ronchi et al. (1996). This approach is referred to as **duo-grid**, as named by X. Chen (2021). Alternatively, Putman and Lin (2007) uses extrapolation for the PPM reconstruction values near the cube edges. Another approach that avoids the need for interpolation or extrapolation near the edges is the conformal CS developed by Rančić et al. (1996). While this grid leads to an orthogonal and continuous coordinate system near the edges, it generates grid singularities near the cube corners, similar to the pole problem. An improved and more uniform conformal grid, called the Uniform Jacobian cubed sphere, was later proposed by Rančić et al. (2017). Each approach is likely to generate grid imprinting, and one of the goals of this work is to investigate the amount of grid imprinting produced by each method.

This chapter aims to review and investigate the geometrical properties of the CS. Besides that, we also aim to investigate the process of interpolating/extrapolating near the cube edges. We start with a basic review of the CS mappings in Section 4.1, while Section 4.2 investigates how we can apply 1D Lagrange interpolation using the adjacent panels data to obtain values of a scalar/vector field on ghost cells, as well different edge treatments when computing stencils near to the cube edges. Final thoughts are presented in Section 4.3.

## 4.1 Cubed-sphere mappings

## 4.2 Edges treatment

## 4.3 Concluding remarks



## Chapter 5

# Cubed-sphere finite-volume methods

In this chapter, we demonstrate the application of the dimension splitting method, presented in Chapter 3, to solve the advection equation on the cubed-sphere based on Putman and Lin (2007). One significant difference is that on the cubed-sphere, special attention must be given to the stencils near the cube edges. Additionally, when employing ghost cell layers, the flux at the cube edges is computed twice, requiring treatment to ensure a unique value in order to achieve mass conservation.



## **Chapter 6**

### **Cubed-sphere finite-volume shallow-water model**



# Appendix A

## Numerical Analysis

### A.1 Lagrange interpolation

Given real numbers, called nodes,  $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m$ , we define the  $k$ -th Lagrange polynomial by

$$L_k(x) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq k}^m \frac{x - x_j}{x_k - x_j}.$$

They satisfy  $L_k(x_j) = \delta_{kj}$ , where  $\delta_{kj}$  is the Kronecker delta. Given a function  $f$  defined at the nodes  $x_j$ , its interpolating polynomial of degree  $m$  is given by:

$$P_m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m f(x_k) L_k(x).$$

Indeed, this polynomial interpolates  $f$  since  $P_m(x_j) = f(x_j)$ . It is well known that  $P_m$  always exists and is unique. Besides that, we have the following error formula for Lagrange interpolation.

**Theorem A.1.** *Let  $f \in C^{m+1}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then, then there is  $\xi$  in the smallest interval containing  $x_0, \dots, x_m, x$  such that:*

$$f(x) - P_m(x) = \omega(x) \frac{f^{(m+1)}(\xi)}{(m+1)!}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $\omega(x) = (x - x_0)(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_m)$ .

*Proof.* See Stoer and Bulirsch (2002, Theorem 2.1.4.1. on p. 49). □

### A.2 Numerical integration

The following mean value theorem for integrals is a very useful tool when working with numerical integration errors.

**Theorem A.2** (Mean value theorem for integrals). *If  $f \in C([a, b])$ , and  $g$  is a integrable*

function in  $[a, b]$  whose sign does not change in  $[a, b]$ , then there exists  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = f(c) \int_a^b g(x) dx.$$

*Proof.* See Courant and John (1999, p. 143). □

**Theorem A.3** (Leibniz integral rule). *If  $f \in C^1$ , then*

$$\frac{d}{ds} \int_{s_0}^s f(s, \theta) d\theta = f(s, s) + \int_{s_0}^s \partial_s f(s, \theta) d\theta.$$

*Proof.* Let us define

$$F(s) = \int_{s_0}^s f(s, \theta) d\theta,$$

and take a sequence  $h_n$  of real numbers such that  $h_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ . Then

$$\frac{F(s + h_n) - F(s)}{h_n} = \frac{1}{h_n} \int_{s_0}^{s+h_n} f(s + h_n, \theta) d\theta - \frac{1}{h_n} \int_{s_0}^s f(s, \theta) d\theta \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left( \int_s^{s+h} f(s + h_n, \theta) d\theta + \int_{s_0}^s f(s + h_n, \theta) d\theta - \int_{s_0}^s f(s, \theta) d\theta \right). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

It follows from Theorem A.2 (with  $g = 1$ ) that there exists  $\theta_n$  between  $s$  and  $s + h$  such that:

$$\frac{1}{h_n} \int_{s_0}^{s+h_n} f(s + h_n, \theta) d\theta = f(s + h_n, \theta_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s, s), \quad (\text{A.4})$$

since  $\theta_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} s$ . From the mean value theorem, there exists  $s_n$  between  $s$  and  $s + h_n$  such that:

$$\int_{s_0}^s \left( \frac{f(s + h_n, \theta) - f(s, \theta)}{h} \right) d\theta = \int_{s_0}^s \partial_s f(s_n, \theta) d\theta \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{s_0}^s \partial_s f(s, \theta) d\theta, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where the last limit can be justified using the Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem (see Folland (1999, p. 54)). Using Equations (A.4) and (A.5) in Equation (A.3), we get the desired identity since the sequence  $h_n$  is any sequence that converges to 0. □

### A.2.1 Midpoint rule

When considering finite-volume schemes, it is useful to compare the average value on a control volume of a function with its value at the control volume centroid. In the following theorems, for the one and two dimensional cases, respectively, we show that the value of a function at the centroid of a control volume given a second-order approximation to its average value on the control volume.

**Theorem A.4.** If  $f \in C^2([x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}])$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x) dx - f(x_i) = C_1 \Delta x^2, \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where  $C_1$  is a constant that depends only on  $f$ , and  $x_i = \frac{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ ,  $\Delta x = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

*Proof.* From Taylor's expansion, it follows that, for  $x \in [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$ , we have:

$$f(x) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)(x - x_i) + f''(\xi) \frac{(x - x_i)^2}{2}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

for some  $\xi$  between  $x$  and  $x_i$ . Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x) dx - f(x_i) &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \left( f'(x_i)(x - x_i) + f''(\xi) \frac{(x - x_i)^2}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} f''(\xi) \frac{(x - x_i)^2}{2} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using the mean value theorem for integrals (see Theorem A.2), we have:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x) dx - f(x_i) = f''(\eta_i) \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{(x - x_i)^2}{2} dx = f''(\eta_i) \frac{\Delta x^2}{24}$$

for some  $\eta_i \in [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$ , from which the proposition follows with

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{24} f''(\eta_i). \quad (\text{A.8})$$

□

**Theorem A.5.** If  $f \in C^2([x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}] \times [y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}])$ , then

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y) dx dy - f(x_i, y_j) = C \Delta x^2, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

where  $C_1$  is a constants that depends only on  $f$ , where we assume  $x_i = \frac{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ ,  $y_i = \frac{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} + y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$ ,  $\Delta x = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\Delta y = y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $\Delta x = \Delta y$ .

*Proof.* Applying Theorem A.4 in the  $y$  direction, we have

$$\int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y) dy = \Delta y f(x, y_j) + \frac{\Delta y^3}{24} \partial_y^2 f(x, \eta_j),$$

for  $\eta_j \in [y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}]$ . Hence:

$$\int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y) dx dy = \Delta y \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y_j) dx + \frac{\Delta y^3}{24} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \partial_y^2 f(x, \eta_j) dx.$$

Applying Theorem A.4 in the  $x$  direction for  $y = y_j$ , we get

$$\int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y_j) dx = \Delta x f(x_i, y_j) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{24} \partial_x^2 f(\xi_i, y_j) dx,$$

for  $\xi_i \in [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$ . From this, we obtain

$$\int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y) dx dy = \Delta x \Delta y f(x_i, y_j) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{24} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \partial_x^2 f(\xi_i, y_j) dx + \frac{\Delta y^3}{24} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \partial_y^2 f(x, \eta_j) dx.$$

Using Theorem A.2, we obtain the desired formula:

$$\int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y) dx dy = \Delta x \Delta y f(x_i, y_j) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{24} \Delta x \Delta y \partial_x^2 f(v_i, y_j) + \frac{\Delta y^2}{24} \Delta x \Delta y \partial_y^2 f(\theta_i, \eta_j),$$

where  $v_i, \theta_i \in [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$ , recalling that  $\Delta x = \Delta y$ . □

**Corollary A.1.** *If  $f \in C^2([a, b] \times [c, d])$ , and  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$  is written as the union of the uniformed-spaces control volumes  $[x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}] \times [y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}]$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ , with lengths  $\Delta x = \Delta y$ , we have*

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dx dy - \sum_{i,j=1}^N f(x_i, y_j) \Delta x \Delta y = C_1 \Delta x^2, \quad (\text{A.10})$$

where  $C_1$  depends only on  $f$ .

*Proof.* Using Theorem A.5, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dx dy &= \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^N f(x_i, y_j) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{24} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left( \partial_x^2 f(v_i, y_j) + \partial_y^2 f(v_i, y_j) \right). \end{aligned}$$

We notice that

$$\Delta x \Delta y \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left( \partial_x^2 f(v_i, y_j) + \partial_y^2 f(v_i, y_j) \right) = \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left( \partial_x^2 f(v_i, y_j) + \partial_y^2 f(v_i, y_j) \right)$$



and we also point that from the inequality

$$\min (\partial_x^2 f + \partial_y^2 f)(x, y) \leq \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left( \partial_x^2 f(v_i, y_j) + \partial_y^2 f(v_i, y_j) \right) \leq \max (\partial_x^2 f + \partial_y^2 f)(x, y),$$

and with the aid of the intermediate value theorem, we have

$$\frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \left( \partial_x^2 f(v_i, y_j) + \partial_y^2 f(v_i, y_j) \right) = (\partial_x^2 f + \partial_y^2 f)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

for some  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in [a, b] \times [c, d]$  from which the claim follows.  $\square$

## A.3 Convergence of 1D FV-SL schemes

### A.3.1 Consistency and convergence

Hereafter, we are going to use the notations introduced in Section 2.1.1. To move towards the convergence of 1D-FV schemes, for Problem 2.4 we introduce the local truncation error (LTE hereafter)  $\tau_i^n$  following LeVeque (2002):

$$Q_i(t^{n+1}) = Q_i(t^n) - \lambda \left( F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) \right) + \Delta t \tau_i^n. \quad (\text{A.11})$$

We the define  $\tau^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$ , which represent the LTEs at the time-step  $n$ . Notice the LTE is obtained by replacing the exact solution in Equation (2.21). Since  $Q_i(t^n)$  is the exact solution of Equation (2.9), the LTE may be rewritten as

$$\tau_i^n = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, t) dt - F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} (uq)(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, t) dt - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) \right) \right]. \quad (\text{A.12})$$

The LTE gives a measure of how well the 1D-FV scheme approximates the integral form of the considered conservation law. Another interpretation of the LTE is that the LTE gives the error obtained after applying the scheme for a single time-step using the exact solution. Now we can define consistency.

**Definition A.1** (Consistency). *Let us consider the framework of Problem 2.4. A 1D-FV scheme is said to be consistency in the  $p$ -norm if for any sequence of  $(\Delta x^{(k)}, \Delta t^{(k)}, \lambda)$ -discretizations,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta x^{(k)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta t^{(k)} = 0$ , we have:*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)}} \right] = 0,$$

and it is said to be consistent with order  $P$  in the  $p$ -norm if

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)}} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^P).$$

From Equation (A.12), it follows that we basically need to ensure that the numerical flux function  $\mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$  converges to the time-averaged flux at edges when  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  in order to guarantee consistency.

At last, we define the point-wise error at time-step  $n$  by:

$$E_i^n = Q_i(t^n) - Q_i^n, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

and we define the vector of errors by  $E^n \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$  with entries  $E_i^n$ .

**Definition A.2** (Convergence). *Let us consider the framework of Problem 2.4. A 1D-FV scheme is said to be convergent in the  $p$ -norm if for any sequence of  $(\Delta x^{(k)}, \Delta t^{(k)}, \lambda)$ -discretizations,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , with  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta x^{(k)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta t^{(k)} = 0$ , we have:*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|E^n\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)}} \right] = 0,$$

and it is said to converge with order  $P$  in the  $p$ -norm if

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq N_T^{(k)}} \|E^n\|_{p, \Delta x^{(k)}} = \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^P).$$

Subtracting Equation (2.21) from Equation (A.11) we get the following equation for the error:

$$\begin{aligned} E_i^{n+1} = E_i^n - \lambda \left[ \left( F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q^n, \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) \right) \right. \\ \left. - \left( F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q^n, \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) \right) \right] + \tau_i^n \Delta t. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

Notice that if  $q, u \in C^3$ , we can rewrite Equation (A.12) as:

$$\tau_i^n = \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\partial(uq)}{\partial x}(x, t) dx dt - \left( \frac{F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n)}{\Delta x} \right) \right].$$

Using the midpoint rule for integration (Theorem A.4) and the mean value theorem for integrals (Theorem A.2), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_i^n &= \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \left( \frac{\partial(uq)}{\partial x}(x_i, t) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{24} \frac{\partial^3(uq)}{\partial x^3}(\xi, t) \right) dt - \left( \frac{F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n)}{\Delta x} \right) \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \frac{\partial(uq)}{\partial x}(x_i, t) dt - \left( \frac{F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n)}{\Delta x} \right) \right] + \frac{\Delta x^2}{24} \frac{\partial^3(uq)}{\partial x^3}(\xi, \bar{t}), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

for  $\xi \in X_i$  and  $\bar{t} \in [t^n, t^{n+1}]$ . Therefore, if  $q, u \in C^3$  the scheme is consistent, if and only if,  $\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \frac{\partial(uq)}{\partial x}(x_i, t) dt$  is approximated by  $\frac{F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q(t^n), \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n)}{\Delta x}$ . This shall be very useful when we consider two-dimensional schemes, where we are going to use the discrete operators to estimate the divergence of velocity fields.

### A.3.2 Stability

In order to define the concept of stability, it is useful to introduce an operator representation of 1D-FV schemes. In the context of Problem 2.4, we define the operators  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n} : \mathbb{P}_v^N \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_v^N$  whose  $i$ -th entry is given by:

$$[\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q)]_i = Q_i - \lambda \left( F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q, \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n(Q, \tilde{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) \right), \quad (\text{A.15})$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1$ . Notice that the dependence on  $n$  is due to the velocity that may be allowed to vary with time. As it is usual, we are assuming periodicity in the entries of  $Q$  when we apply the operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$ . Thus, Equation (2.21) may be rewritten in a vector form by

$$Q^{n+1} = \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q^n),$$

and Equation (A.11) in a vector form reads

$$Q(t^{n+1}) = \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q(t^n)) + \Delta t \tau^n,$$

and the error equation (A.13) is given by

$$E^{n+1} = \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q(t^n)) - \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q^n) + \Delta t \tau^n. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

The stability theory focus on uniformly bounding the norm of  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q(t^n)) - \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q^n)$  (LeVeque, 2002). We define stability as follows.

**Definition A.3** (Stability). *In the context of Problem 2.4, a 1D-FV scheme is stable in the  $p$ -norm if for any  $(\Delta x, \Delta t, \lambda)$ -discretization of  $[a, b] \times [0, T]$  we have:*

$$\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q) - \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(P)\|_{p, \Delta x} \leq (1 + \alpha \Delta t) \|Q - P\|_{p, \Delta x}, \quad (\text{A.17})$$

for all  $Q, P \in \mathbb{R}_v^N$  and  $\alpha$  is a constant that does not depend neither on  $\Delta x$  nor on  $\Delta t$ .

Assuming that the scheme is stable in the  $p$ -norm, then it follows from Equation (A.16) that:

$$\begin{aligned} \|E^{n+1}\|_{p, \Delta x} &\leq \|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q(t^n)) - \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q^n)\|_{p, \Delta x} + \Delta t \max_{n=1, \dots, N_T} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x} \\ &\leq (1 + \alpha \Delta t) \|E^n\|_{p, \Delta x} + \Delta t \max_{n=1, \dots, N_T} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x} \\ &\leq (1 + \alpha \Delta t)^n \|E^0\|_{p, \Delta x} + \Delta t \max_{n=1, \dots, N_T} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 + \alpha \Delta t)^k \\ &\leq e^{\alpha T} (\|E^0\|_{p, \Delta x} + T \max_{n=1, \dots, N_T} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x}), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

where we used  $n\Delta t \leq T$ ,  $T = N\Delta t$  and the inequality  $e^t > 1 + t$ . When computing the initial average values using the value at the cell centroid, the initial error  $E^0$  converges to zero provided  $q$  is twice continuously differentiable by Proposition 2.2. Therefore, it follows that if the scheme is stable and consistent then it is convergent. Furthermore, if it is stable and consistent with order  $P$ , then the convergence order is at least equal to  $\min\{P, 2\}$ . In the case where both the conservation law and  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$  are linear, this result is a particular case of the Lax-Ritchmyer stability and the convergence is guaranteed by the Lax equivalence theorem (LeVeque, 2002). In this Chapter, we are interested only in the linear advection equation. However, as pointed in Section 2.5, the operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$  may become non-linear when monotonicity constraints are activated.

Notice that, if  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$  is linear, then stability is equivalent to require that

$$\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}\|_{p, \Delta x} \leq 1 + \alpha \Delta t,$$

where

$$\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}\|_{p, \Delta x} = \sup_{Q \in \mathbb{R}^{\Delta x}} \frac{\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q)\|_{p, \Delta x}}{\|Q\|_{p, \Delta x}},$$

is the operator  $p$ -norm.

For linear operators, we may use the discrete Fourier transform (Trefethen, 2000) to estimate the 2-norm of  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$ . This approach is known as Von Neumann stability analysis. We define the nodes  $\theta_i = i\frac{2\pi}{N}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\Delta\theta = \frac{2\pi}{N}$ ,  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_N)$ . The imaginary unit is denoted by  $\iota$ . We define  $\mathbb{C}_v^N$  similarly as  $\mathbb{P}_v^N$ . The Fourier modes  $e^{\iota k \theta} \in \mathbb{C}_v^N$  for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ , have entries are given by:

$$[e^{\iota k \theta}]_i = e^{\iota k \theta_i}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Each  $k$  is referred to wavenumber and  $\theta_k$  is called dimensionless wavenumber. The Fourier modes form an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{C}_v^N$  with respect to the inner product

$$\langle Q, P \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Q_i \overline{P_i},$$

for  $P, Q \in \mathbb{C}_v^N$  and  $\bar{z}$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $z$ . Given  $Q \in \mathbb{P}_v^N$ , we may express it in terms of the Fourier modes

$$Q = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k e^{\iota k \theta},$$

where  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}$ . The 2-norm of  $Q$  is then given by:

$$\|Q\|_{2, \Delta x} = \sqrt{N \sum_{k=1}^N |a_k|^2}.$$

The idea of Von Neumann stability analysis is to apply the operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$  on each Fourier mode and analyze how it modifies its amplitude. For ease of analysis, we assume that the

velocity is constant, which implies that the operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$  has constant coefficients and does not depend on  $n$ . For the general case, where the velocity is not constant, the stability can be ensured using the frozen coefficients method (Strikwerda, 2004, p. 59). This method boils down to performing multiple times the stability analysis with a constant velocity being equal to each one of the possible values of the velocity on the grid. If the scheme is stable for all the possible constant velocities, then stability is ensured. Since the operator is supposed to be linear with constant coefficients and we are assuming periodic boundaries conditions, we may write:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(e^{ik\theta}) = \rho(k)e^{ik\theta},$$

where the term  $\rho(k)$  is called amplification factor and it is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$ . The norm of  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q)$  is bounded by:

$$\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}(Q)\|_{2, \Delta x}^2 = N \sum_{k=1}^N |a_k|^2 |\rho(k)|^2 \leq \max_{k=1, \dots, N} |\rho(k)|^2 \|Q\|_{2, \Delta x}^2.$$

Therefore:

$$\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}\|_{2, \Delta x} \leq \max_{k=1, \dots, N} |\rho(k)|.$$

If we show that  $\max_{k=1, \dots, N} |\rho(k)| \leq 1 + \alpha \Delta t$ , with  $\alpha$  independent of  $\Delta t$ ,  $N$  and  $n$ , then we ensure the stability of  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, n}$ .

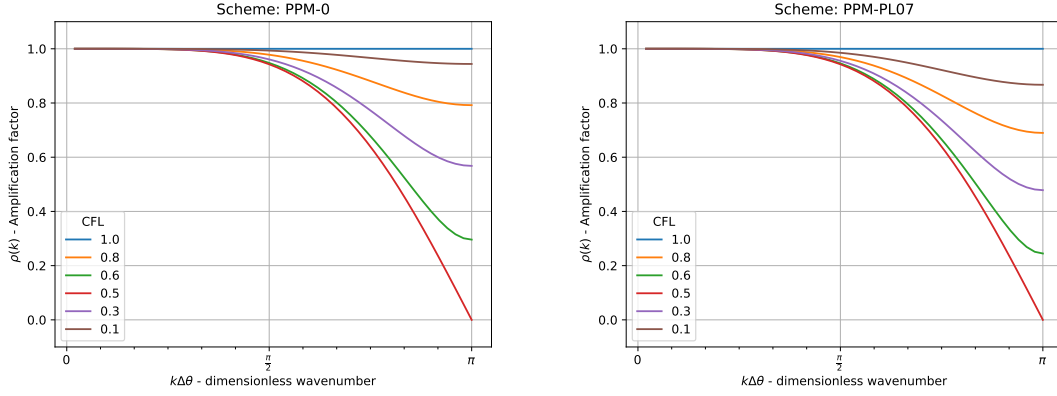
### A.3.3 Flux accuracy analysis

With the PPM operator, we can compute the amplification factor by applying it on each Fourier mode considering the PPM and the hybrid PPM schemes, both without monotonicization. We assume a constant velocity equal to one and  $N = 100$  (number of control volumes). In Figure A.1 we show the amplification factor for both PPM and hybrid PPM schemes considering different CFL numbers. We can observe that both schemes damp most of the Fourier modes for larger  $k$ , regardless of the CFL number. Besides that, the hybrid scheme is more effective when reducing the Fourier modes amplitude. We point out that both schemes are exact when the CFL number is equal to 1. From this analysis, we can conclude that the PPM and hybrid PPM schemes satisfy the Von Neumann stability criteria when the CFL restriction is respected. For an analysis of stability for larger time-steps, we refer to Lauritzen (2007).

## A.4 Convergence, consistency and stability of 2D-FV schemes

The notions of convergence, consistency and stability for a 2D-FV schemes are straightforward from these notions for 1D-FV schemes (see Subsections A.3.1 and A.3.2). Indeed, in the context of Problem 3.3, we define the operators  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n} : \mathbb{R}^{N \times M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$  whose  $(i, j)$  entry is given by:

$$[\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(Q)]_{ij} = Q_{ij} - \Delta t D_{ij}^n$$



**Figure A.1:** Amplification factor for the PPM (left) and hybrid PPM (right) schemes for different CFL numbers.

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $n = 0, \dots, N_T - 1$ . The 2D-FV is then expressed as

$$Q^{n+1} = \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(Q^n).$$

The local error truncation  $\tau^n \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$  is given by

$$Q(t^{n+1}) = \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(Q(t^n)) + \Delta t \tau^n.$$

The error equation is given by

$$E^{n+1} = \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(Q(t^n)) - \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(Q^n) + \Delta t \tau^n. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

The stability in the  $p$ -norm is defined as in the 1D case.

**Definition A.4.** A 2D-FV scheme is stable in the  $p$ -norm if

$$\|\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(Q) - \mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}(P)\|_{p, \Delta x \times \Delta y} \leq (1 + \alpha \Delta t) \|Q - P\|_{p, \Delta x \times \Delta y}, \quad (\text{A.20})$$

for all  $Q, P \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$  and  $\alpha$  is a constant that does not depend neither on  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ ,  $\Delta t$  nor on  $n$ .

If a 2D-FV scheme is stable in the  $p$ -norm, similarly to Equation (A.18) we have:

$$\|E^{n+1}\|_{p, \Delta x \times \Delta y} \leq e^{\alpha T} (\|E^0\|_{p, \Delta x \times \Delta y} + T \max_{n=1, \dots, N_T} \|\tau^n\|_{p, \Delta x \times \Delta y}).$$

Again, we point out that from Proposition 3.1, we have that the initial error  $E^0$  shall be second-order accurate. Consistency is defined as in Definition A.1 and convergence is defined as in Definition A.2.

The Von Neumann analysis can be applied when  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}$  is linear, since we are considering periodic boundary conditions. The idea is the same as in the one-dimensional case, we just apply the operator  $\mathcal{H}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, n}$  on the Fourier modes to obtain the amplification factor. We introduce the nodes  $\theta_i = i \frac{2\pi}{N}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $\Delta\theta = \frac{2\pi}{N}$ ,  $\theta_i = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_N)$ ,  $\phi_j = j \frac{2\pi}{M}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{M}$ ,  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_M)$ . For  $k_1 = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $k_2 = 1, \dots, M$ ,

the two-dimensional Fourier mode  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, k_2)$  from  $\mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$  has its  $(i, j)$  entry given by  $[e^{i\mathbf{k}\theta}]_{ij} = e^{ik_1\theta_i} e^{ik_2\phi_j}$ . For an analysis of stability for the dimension splitting method, we refer to Lauritzen (2007) and Lin and Rood (1996).

Notice that if  $q, u, v \in C^3$ , we can rewrite the LTE as:

$$\tau_{ij}^n = \left[ \frac{1}{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}q)(x, y, t) dy dx dt - \mathbb{D}_{ij}^n \right].$$

Using the midpoint rule for integration (Theorem A.5), the mean value theorem for integrals (Theorem A.2) and recalling the discrete divergence (Definition 3.5), we have:

$$\tau_{ij}^n = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}q)(x_i, y_j, t) dt - \mathbb{D}_{ij}^n + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta y^2). \quad (\text{A.21})$$

Therefore, in order to investigate the consistency, we may compare how well the discrete divergence approximates the divergence.

## A.5 Finite-difference estimates

This Section aims to prove all finite-difference error estimations used throughout this appendix. All the proves are very simple and consist of applying Taylor's expansions, as it is usual when computing the accuracy order of many numerical schemes.

**Lemma A.1.** *Let  $F \in C^5(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h > 0$ . Then, the following identity holds:*

$$F'(x_0) = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{F(x_0 + h) - F(x_0 - h)}{2h} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{F(x_0 + 2h) - F(x_0 - 2h)}{4h} \right) + C_1 h^4, \quad (\text{A.22})$$

where  $C_1$  is a constant that depends only on  $F$  and  $h$ .

*Proof.* Given  $\delta \in ]0, 2h]$ , then  $x_0 + \delta \in ]x_0, x_0 + 2h]$  and  $x_0 - \delta \in ]x_0 - 2h, x_0]$ . Then, we get using the Taylor expansion of  $F$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_0 + \delta) &= F(x_0) + F'(x_0)\delta + F^{(2)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^2}{2} + F^{(3)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^3}{3!} + F^{(4)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^4}{4!} + F^{(5)}(\theta_\delta)\frac{\delta^5}{5!}, \quad \theta_\delta \in [x_0, x_0 + \delta], \\ F(x_0 - \delta) &= F(x_0) - F'(x_0)\delta + F^{(2)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^2}{2} - F^{(3)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^3}{3!} + F^{(4)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^4}{4!} - F^{(5)}(\theta_{-\delta})\frac{\delta^5}{5!}, \quad \theta_{-\delta} \in [x_0 - \delta, x_0]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\frac{F(x_0 + \delta) - F(x_0 - \delta)}{2\delta} = F'(x_0) + F^{(3)}(x_0)\frac{\delta^2}{3!} + \left( F^{(5)}(\theta_\delta) + F^{(5)}(\theta_{-\delta}) \right) \frac{\delta^4}{2 \cdot 5!}, \quad (\text{A.23})$$

Applying Equation (A.23) for  $\delta = h$  and  $\delta = 2h$ , we get, respectively:

$$\frac{F(x_0 + h) - F(x_0 - h)}{2h} = F'(x_0) + F^{(3)}(x_0) \frac{h^2}{3!} + \left( F^{(5)}(\theta_h) + F^{(5)}(\theta_{-h}) \right) \frac{h^4}{2 \cdot 5!}, \quad \theta_h \in [x_0, x_0 + h], \quad \theta_{-h} \in [x_0 - h, x_0], \quad (\text{A.24})$$

and

$$\frac{F(x_0 + 2h) - F(x_0 - 2h)}{4h} = F'(x_0) + F^{(3)}(x_0) \frac{4h^2}{3!} + \left( F^{(5)}(\theta_{2h}) + F^{(5)}(\theta_{-2h}) \right) \frac{16h^4}{2 \cdot 5!}, \quad (\text{A.25})$$

$$\theta_{2h} \in [x_0, x_0 + 2h], \quad \theta_{-2h} \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0].$$

Using Equations (A.24) and (A.25), we obtain:

$$\frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{F(x_0 + h) - F(x_0 - h)}{2h} \right) = \frac{4}{3} F'(x_0) + F^{(3)}(x_0) \frac{4h^2}{3 \cdot 3!} + \left( F^{(5)}(\theta_h) + F^{(5)}(\theta_{-h}) \right) \frac{h^4}{2 \cdot 5!}, \quad (\text{A.26})$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{F(x_0 + 2h) - F(x_0 - 2h)}{4h} \right) = \frac{1}{3} F'(x_0) + F^{(3)}(x_0) \frac{4h^2}{3 \cdot 3!} + \left( F^{(5)}(\theta_{2h}) + F^{(5)}(\theta_{-2h}) \right) \frac{16h^4}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5!} \quad (\text{A.27})$$

Subtracting Equation (A.27) from Equation (A.26) we get the desired Equation (A.22) with

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{720} \left( 3F^{(5)}(\theta_h) + 3F^{(5)}(\theta_{-h}) - 16F^{(5)}(\theta_{2h}) - 16F^{(5)}(\theta_{-2h}) \right), \quad (\text{A.28})$$

where  $\theta_h \in [x_0, x_0 + h]$ ,  $\theta_{-h} \in [x_0 - h, x_0]$ ,  $\theta_{2h} \in [x_0, x_0 + 2h]$ ,  $\theta_{-2h} \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0]$ . Using the intermediate value theorem, we can express  $C_1$  in a more compact way as

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{720} \left( 6F^{(5)}(\eta_1) - 32F^{(5)}(\eta_2) \right), \quad (\text{A.29})$$

where  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 + 2h]$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma A.2.** Let  $F \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h > 0$ . Then, the following identity holds:

$$F''(x_0) = \frac{-2F(x_0 - 2h) + 15F(x_0 - h) - 28F(x_0) + 20F(x_0 + h) - 6F(x_0 + 2h) + F(x_0 + 3h)}{6h^2} + C_2 h^2, \quad (\text{A.30})$$

where  $C_2$  is a constant that depends only on  $F$  and  $h$ .



*Proof.* From the Taylor's expansion, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
F(x_0 - 2h) &= F(x_0) - 2F'(x_0)h + 2F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{8}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{16}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-2h})h^4, \\
F(x_0 - h) &= F(x_0) - F'(x_0)h + \frac{1}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{1}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{1}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-h})h^4, \\
F(x_0 + h) &= F(x_0) + F'(x_0)h + \frac{1}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{1}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{1}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_h)h^4, \\
F(x_0 + 2h) &= F(x_0) + 2F'(x_0)h + 2F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{8}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{16}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{2h})h^4, \\
F(x_0 + 3h) &= F(x_0) + 3F'(x_0)h + \frac{9}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{27}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{81}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{3h})h^4,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_{-2h} \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 - h]$ ,  $\theta_{-h} \in [x_0 - h, x_0]$ ,  $\theta_h \in [x_0, x_0 + h]$ ,  $\theta_{2h} \in [x_0 + h, x_0 + 2h]$ ,  $\theta_{3h} \in [x_0 + 2h, x_0 + 3h]$ . Multiplying these equations by their respective coefficients given in Equation (A.30), one get:

$$\begin{aligned}
-2F(x_0 - 2h) &= -2F(x_0) + 4F'(x_0)h - 4F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{16}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 - \frac{32}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-2h})h^4, \\
15F(x_0 - h) &= 15F(x_0) - 15F'(x_0)h + \frac{15}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{15}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{15}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-h})h^4, \\
-28F(x_0) &= -28F(x_0), \\
20F(x_0 + h) &= 20F(x_0) + 20F'(x_0)h + 10F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{20}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{20}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_h)h^4, \\
-6F(x_0 + 2h) &= -6F(x_0) - 12F'(x_0)h - 12F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - 8F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 - \frac{96}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{2h})h^4, \\
F(x_0 + 3h) &= F(x_0) + 3F'(x_0)h + \frac{9}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{27}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{81}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{3h})h^4.
\end{aligned}$$

Summing all these equations, we get the desired Formula (A.30) with  $C_2$  given by:

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{24} \left( 32F^{(4)}(\theta_{-2h}) - 15F^{(4)}(\theta_{-h}) - 20F^{(4)}(\theta_h) + 96F^{(4)}(\theta_{2h}) - 81F^{(4)}(\theta_{3h}) \right). \quad (\text{A.31})$$

Using the intermediate value theorem, we can express  $C_2$  in a more compact way as

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{24} \left( 128F^{(5)}(\eta_1) - 116F^{(5)}(\eta_2) \right), \quad (\text{A.32})$$

where  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 + 3h]$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma A.3.** Let  $F \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h > 0$ . Then, the following identity holds:

$$F^{(3)}(x_0) = \frac{F(x_0 - 2h) - 7F(x_0 - h) + 16F(x_0) - 16F(x_0 + h) + 7F(x_0 + 2h) - F(x_0 + 3h)}{2h^3} + C_3h, \quad (\text{A.33})$$

where  $C_3$  is a constant that depends only on  $F$  and  $h$ .

*Proof.* From the Taylor's expansion, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_0 - 2h) &= F(x_0) - 2F'(x_0)h + 2F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{8}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{16}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-2h})h^4, \\ F(x_0 - h) &= F(x_0) - F'(x_0)h + \frac{1}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{1}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{1}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-h})h^4, \\ F(x_0 + h) &= F(x_0) + F'(x_0)h + \frac{1}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{1}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{1}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_h)h^4, \\ F(x_0 + 2h) &= F(x_0) + 2F'(x_0)h + 2F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{8}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{16}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{2h})h^4, \\ F(x_0 + 3h) &= F(x_0) + 3F'(x_0)h + \frac{9}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{27}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{81}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{3h})h^4, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_{-2h} \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 - h]$ ,  $\theta_{-h} \in [x_0 - h, x_0]$ ,  $\theta_h \in [x_0, x_0 + h]$ ,  $\theta_{2h} \in [x_0 + h, x_0 + 2h]$ ,  $\theta_{3h} \in [x_0 + 2h, x_0 + 3h]$ . Multiplying these equations by their respective coefficients given in Equation (A.33), one get:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_0 - 2h) &= F(x_0) - 2F'(x_0)h + \frac{4}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{8}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{16}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-2h})h^4, \\ -7F(x_0 - h) &= -7F(x_0) + 7F'(x_0)h - \frac{7}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{7}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 - \frac{7}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{-h})h^4, \\ 16F(x_0) &= 16F(x_0), \\ -16F(x_0 + h) &= -16F(x_0) - 16F'(x_0)h - \frac{16}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{16}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 - \frac{16}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_h)h^4, \\ 7F(x_0 + 2h) &= 7F(x_0) + 14F'(x_0)h + \frac{28}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 + \frac{56}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 + \frac{112}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{2h})h^4, \\ -F(x_0 + 3h) &= -F(x_0) - 3F'(x_0)h - \frac{9}{2}F^{(2)}(x_0)h^2 - \frac{27}{6}F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 - \frac{81}{24}F^{(4)}(\theta_{3h})h^4. \end{aligned}$$

Summing all these equations, we have:

$$F(x_0 - 2h) - 7F(x_0 - h) + 16F(x_0) - 16F(x_0 + h) + 7F(x_0 + 2h) - F(x_0 + 3h) = 2F^{(3)}(x_0)h^3 - 2C_3h^4,$$

we get the desired Formula (A.33) with  $C_3$  given by:

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{48} \left( -16F^{(4)}(\theta_{-2h}) + 7F^{(4)}(\theta_{-h}) + 16F^{(4)}(\theta_h) - 112F^{(4)}(\theta_{2h}) + 81F^{(4)}(\theta_{3h}) \right). \quad (\text{A.34})$$

Using the intermediate value theorem, we can express  $C_3$  in a more compact way as

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{48} \left( 104F^{(5)}(\eta_1) - 128F^{(5)}(\eta_2) \right), \quad (\text{A.35})$$

where  $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 + 3h]$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

## A.6 PPM reconstruction accuracy analysis

In this Section, we are going to investigate the accuracy of the PPM reconstruction process. As we pointed out in Section 2.4.1, the approximation of  $q$  at the control volumes edges given by Equation (2.47) is fourth-order accurate when  $q \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ . This is proved as a Corollary of the following Proposition A.1.

**Proposition A.1.** *Let  $q \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h > 0$ . Then, the following identity holds:*

$$q(\bar{x}) = \frac{7}{12} \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}+h} q(x) dx + \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-h}^{\bar{x}} q(x) dx \right) - \frac{1}{12} \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+h}^{\bar{x}+2h} q(x) dx + \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-2h}^{\bar{x}-h} q(x) dx \right) + C_1 h^4, \quad (\text{A.36})$$

where  $C_1$  is a constant that depends on  $q$  and  $h$ .

*Proof.* We define  $Q(x) = \int_a^x q(\xi) d\xi$  for fixed  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  as in Equation (2.38). It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}+h} q(\xi) d\xi + \int_{\bar{x}-h}^{\bar{x}} q(\xi) d\xi &= Q(\bar{x}+h) - Q(\bar{x}-h), \\ \int_{\bar{x}+h}^{\bar{x}+2h} q(\xi) d\xi + \int_{\bar{x}-2h}^{\bar{x}-h} q(\xi) d\xi &= Q(\bar{x}+2h) - Q(\bar{x}-2h) - (Q(\bar{x}+h) - Q(\bar{x}-h)). \end{aligned}$$

Using these identities, Equation (A.36) may be rewritten as:

$$q(\bar{x}) = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{Q(\bar{x}+h) - Q(\bar{x}-h)}{2h} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{Q(\bar{x}+2h) - Q(\bar{x}-2h)}{4h} \right) + C_1 h^4, \quad (\text{A.37})$$

which consists of finite-difference approximations. Thus, Equation (A.36) follows from Lemma A.1 with:

$$C_1 = C_1(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \frac{1}{720} \left( 6q^{(4)}(\mu_1) - 32q^{(4)}(\mu_2) \right), \quad (\text{A.38})$$

where  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in [\bar{x} - 2h, \bar{x} + 2h]$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary A.2.** *It follows from Proposition A.1 with  $\bar{x} = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $h = \Delta x$  that  $q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$  given by Equation (2.47) satisfies:*

$$q(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) - q_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = C_1 \Delta x^4, \quad (\text{A.39})$$

with  $C_1$  given by Equation (A.38), whenever  $q \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ .

The parabolic function from (2.41) given with coefficients specified before approximates  $q$  with order 3 when  $q \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ . In order to check this, for  $x \in X_i$  we rewrite Equation (2.41) as:

$$q_i(x; Q) = q_{L,i} + \frac{(\Delta q_i + q_{6,i})}{\Delta x}(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{q_{6,i}}{\Delta x^2}(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^2 \quad (\text{A.40})$$

and we write  $q$  using its Taylor expansion assuming  $q \in C^4(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$q(x) = q(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) + q'(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{q''(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})}{2}(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^2 + \frac{q^{(3)}(\theta_i)}{6}(x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^3, \quad (\text{A.41})$$

where  $\theta_i \in X_i$ . Comparing Equation (A.40) with Equation (A.41), it is reasonable to seek to some bound to the expressions:

$$q'(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{(\Delta q_i + q_{6,i})}{\Delta x}, \quad (\text{A.42})$$

and:

$$\frac{q''(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})}{2} - \left( -\frac{q_{6,i}}{\Delta x^2} \right). \quad (\text{A.43})$$

We have seen that term  $q_{L,i}$  gives a fourth-order approximation to  $q(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$ . The Corollary A.3 shall prove that the term (A.42) has a bound proportional to  $\Delta x^2$ , and the Corollary A.4 shall prove that the term (A.43) is bounded by a constant times  $\Delta x$ .

Before proving the desired bounds, it is useful to rewrite some terms explicitly as functions of the values of the  $\Delta x$ -grid function  $Q$ . Combining Equation (2.44) with Equations (2.48) and (2.49), we may write  $q_{6,i}$  as:

$$q_{6,i} = \frac{1}{4} \left( Q_{i-2} - 6Q_{i-1} + 10Q_i - 6Q_{i+1} + Q_{i+2} \right). \quad (\text{A.44})$$

Recalling the definition of  $\Delta q_i$  from Equation (2.42), and applying Equations (2.48) and (2.49), we may express  $\Delta q_i$  as:

$$\Delta q_i = \frac{1}{12} \left( Q_{i-2} - 8Q_{i-1} + 8Q_{i+1} - Q_{i+2} \right). \quad (\text{A.45})$$

Finally, we combine Equations (A.44) and (A.45) and write their sum as:

$$\frac{(\Delta q_i + q_{6,i})}{\Delta x} = \frac{2Q_{i-2} - 13Q_{i-1} + 15Q_i - 5Q_{i+1} + Q_{i+2}}{6\Delta x}. \quad (\text{A.46})$$

The next Proposition A.2 proves that Equation (A.46) approximates  $q'(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$  with order 2.

**Proposition A.2.** Let  $q \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h > 0$ . Then, the following identity holds:

$$q'(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{6h} \left( \frac{2}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-2h}^{\bar{x}-h} q(x) dx - \frac{13}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-h}^{\bar{x}} q(x) dx + \frac{15}{h} \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}+h} q(x) dx - \frac{5}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+h}^{\bar{x}+2h} q(x) dx + \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+2h}^{\bar{x}+3h} q(x) dx \right) + C_2 h^2, \quad (\text{A.47})$$

where  $C_2$  is a constant that depends on  $q$  and  $h$ .

*Proof.* We consider again  $Q(x) = \int_a^x q(\xi) d\xi$  for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed as in Equation (2.38). Like in Proposition A.2, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{6h} \left( \frac{2}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-2h}^{\bar{x}-h} q(x) dx - \frac{13}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-h}^{\bar{x}} q(x) dx + \frac{15}{h} \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}+h} q(x) dx - \frac{5}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+h}^{\bar{x}+2h} q(x) dx + \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+2h}^{\bar{x}+3h} q(x) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{6h} \left( \frac{2}{h} (Q(\bar{x}-h) - Q(\bar{x}-2h)) - \frac{13}{h} (Q(\bar{x}) - Q(\bar{x}-h)) + \frac{15}{h} (Q(\bar{x}+h) - Q(\bar{x})) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{5}{h} (Q(\bar{x}+2h) - Q(\bar{x}+h)) + \frac{1}{h} (Q(\bar{x}+3h) - Q(\bar{x}+2h)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{6h^2} \left( -2Q(\bar{x}-2h) + 15Q(\bar{x}-h) - 28Q(\bar{x}) + 20Q(\bar{x}+h) - 6Q(\bar{x}+2h) + Q(\bar{x}+3h) \right), \end{aligned}$$

which consists of the finite-difference scheme from Lemma A.2. Therefore, Equation (A.47) follows from Lemma A.2 with:

$$C_2 = C_2(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \frac{1}{24} \left( 128q^{(3)}(\mu_1) - 116q^{(3)}(\mu_2) \right), \quad (\text{A.48})$$

where  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 + 3h]$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary A.3.** It follows from Proposition A.2 with  $\bar{x} = x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $h = \Delta x$  that  $\Delta q_i$  given by Equation (A.45) and  $q_{6,i}$  given by Equation (A.44) satisfy:

$$q'(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{(\Delta q_i + q_{6,i})}{\Delta x} = C_2 \Delta x^2, \quad (\text{A.49})$$

with  $C_2$  given by Equation (A.48), whenever  $q \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$ .

Now, we analyse the following expression:

$$-\frac{2q_{6,i}}{\Delta x^2} = -\frac{1}{2\Delta x^2} \left( Q_{i-2} - 6Q_{i-1} + 10Q_i - 6Q_{i+1} + Q_{i+2} \right). \quad (\text{A.50})$$

deduced from Equation (A.44) and we prove in Proposition A.3 that Equation (A.50) approximates  $q''(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$  with order 1.

**Proposition A.3.** Let  $q \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h > 0$ . Then, the following identity holds:

$$q''(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2h^2} \left( -\frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-2h}^{\bar{x}-h} q(x) dx + \frac{6}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-h}^{\bar{x}} q(x) dx - \frac{10}{h} \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}+h} q(x) dx + \frac{6}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+h}^{\bar{x}+2h} q(x) dx - \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+2h}^{\bar{x}+3h} q(x) dx \right) + C_3 h, \quad (\text{A.51})$$

where  $C_3$  is a constant that depends on  $q$  and  $h$ .

*Proof.* Similarly to Proposition A.2 using the same function  $Q$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2h^2} \left( -\frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-2h}^{\bar{x}-h} q(x) dx + \frac{6}{h} \int_{\bar{x}-h}^{\bar{x}} q(x) dx - \frac{10}{h} \int_{\bar{x}}^{\bar{x}+h} q(x) dx + \frac{6}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+h}^{\bar{x}+2h} q(x) dx - \frac{1}{h} \int_{\bar{x}+2h}^{\bar{x}+3h} q(x) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2h^2} \left( -\frac{1}{h} (Q(\bar{x}-h) - Q(\bar{x}-2h)) + \frac{6}{h} (Q(\bar{x}) - Q(\bar{x}-h)) - \frac{10}{h} (Q(\bar{x}+h) - Q(\bar{x})) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{6}{h} (Q(\bar{x}+2h) - Q(\bar{x}+h)) - \frac{1}{h} (Q(\bar{x}+3h) - Q(\bar{x}+2h)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2h^3} \left( Q(\bar{x}-2h) - 7Q(\bar{x}-h) + 16Q(\bar{x}) - 16Q(\bar{x}+h) + 7Q(\bar{x}+2h) - Q(\bar{x}+3h) \right), \end{aligned}$$

which consists of the finite-difference scheme from Lemma A.3. Therefore, Equation (A.51) follows from Lemma A.3 with:

$$C_3 = C_3(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \frac{1}{48} \left( 104q^{(3)}(\mu_1) - 128q^{(3)}(\mu_2) \right), \quad (\text{A.52})$$

where  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in [x_0 - 2h, x_0 + 3h]$ , which concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary A.4.** It follows from Proposition A.3 with  $\bar{x} = x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $h = \Delta x$  that  $q_{6,i}$  given by Equation (2.47) satisfies:

$$q''(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \left( -\frac{2q_{6,i}}{\Delta x^2} \right) = C_3 \Delta x, \quad (\text{A.53})$$

with  $C_3$  given by Equation (A.52), whenever  $q \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$ .

With the aid of Corollaries A.2, A.3, and A.4, we are able to prove that the PPM reconstruction approximates  $q$  with order 3. Indeed, we prove this on the follow up Proposition A.4.

**Proposition A.4.** Let  $q \in C^4([a, b])$ . Then, the Piecewise-Parabolic function given by Equation (2.41) with the parameters  $q_{R,i}$  and  $q_{L,i}$  obeying Equations (2.48) and (2.49) gives a third-order approximation to  $q$  on the control volume  $X_i$ . Namely, there exist constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that

$$|q(x) - q_i(x; Q)| \leq M_1 \Delta x^4 + M_2 \Delta x^3, \quad \forall x \in X_i.$$

*Proof.* For  $x \in X_i$ , from Equations (A.41) and (A.40), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) - q_i(x; Q) &= (q'(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - q_{L,i}) + \left( q'(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{(\Delta q_i + q_{6,i})}{\Delta x} \right) (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{q''(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})}{2} + \frac{q_{6,i}}{\Delta x^2} \right) (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^2 + \frac{q^{(3)}(\theta_i)}{6} (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^3. \end{aligned}$$

Using this fact with Corollaries A.2, A.3, and A.4, we have:

$$q(x) - q_i(x; Q) = C_1 \Delta x^4 + C_2 \Delta x^2 (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) + \frac{C_3}{2} \Delta x (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^2 + C_4 (x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})^3,$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are given by Equations (A.38), (A.48) and (A.52), respectively, and

$$C_4 = C_4(\theta_i) = \frac{q^{(3)}(\theta_i)}{6}. \quad (\text{A.54})$$

For  $x \in X_i$ , we have  $|x - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}| \leq \Delta x$ , thus:

$$|q(x) - q_i(x; Q)| \leq M_1 \Delta x^4 + M_2 \Delta x^3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \frac{38}{720} \sup_{\xi \in [a,b]} |q^{(4)}(\xi)|, \\ M_2 &= \left( \frac{244}{24} + \frac{232}{96} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \sup_{\xi \in [a,b]} |q^{(3)}(\xi)| = \frac{143}{12} \sup_{\xi \in [a,b]} |q^{(3)}(\xi)|, \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof.  $\square$

## A.7 Splitting analysis

$$x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(t^n, t^{n+1}) = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^n \Delta t, \quad (\text{A.55})$$

$$\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n(y) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} u(x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), y, \theta) d\theta. \quad (\text{A.56})$$

$$y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1}) = y_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - \tilde{v}_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^n \Delta t, \quad (\text{A.57})$$

$$\tilde{v}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n(x) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} v(x, y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta) d\theta. \quad (\text{A.58})$$

$$\mathbf{F}_i^E[q(x, y, t^n), \tilde{u}^n](y) = -\lambda \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, y, t^n) dx - \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, y, t^n) dx \right),$$

$$\mathbf{G}_j^E[q(x, y, t^n), \tilde{v}^n](x) = -\lambda \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \int_{y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, y, t^n) dy - \int_{y_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}} q(x, y, t^n) dy \right),$$

$$\mathbf{F}_i^E[\bar{q}, \tilde{u}^n](y) = -\lambda \bar{q} \delta_i \tilde{u}_i^n(y),$$

$$\mathbf{G}_j^E[\bar{q}, \tilde{v}^n](x) = -\lambda \bar{q} \delta_j \tilde{v}_j^n(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{ij}^E[-\lambda \bar{q} \delta_j \tilde{v}_j^n(x), \tilde{u}^n] &= -\lambda \bar{q} \mathbf{F}_{ij}^E[\delta_j \tilde{v}_j^n(x), \tilde{u}^n] \\ &= -\lambda^2 \bar{q} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \int_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \delta_j \tilde{v}_j^n(x) dx - \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \delta_j \tilde{v}_j^n(x) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{-\bar{q}}{\Delta x^2} \left( \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [\Psi(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta) - \Psi(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta)] - \right. \\ &\quad \left. [\Psi(x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta) - \Psi(x_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta)] d\theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_{ij}^E[-\lambda \bar{q} \delta_i \tilde{u}_i^n(y), \tilde{v}^n] &= -\lambda \bar{q} \mathbf{G}_{ij}^E[\delta_i \tilde{u}_i^n(y), \tilde{v}^n] \\ &= -\lambda^2 \bar{q} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left( \int_{y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \delta_i \tilde{u}_i^n(y) dy - \int_{y_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^d(t^n, t^{n+1})}^{y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}} \delta_i \tilde{u}_i^n(y) dy \right) \\ &= \frac{\bar{q}}{\Delta x^2} \left( \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} [\Psi(x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), y_{j+\frac{1}{2}}, \theta) - \Psi(x_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), y_{j-\frac{1}{2}}, \theta)] - \right. \\ &\quad \left. [\Psi(x_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), y_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta) - \Psi(x_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), y_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}^d(\theta, t^{n+1}), \theta)] d\theta \right) \end{aligned}$$



## Appendix B

### Code availability

The codes needed for this work have been built openly at GitHub. The PPM implementation for the one-dimensional advection equation used in Chapter 2 is available at [https://github.com/luanfs/FV3\\_adv\\_1D](https://github.com/luanfs/FV3_adv_1D).



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