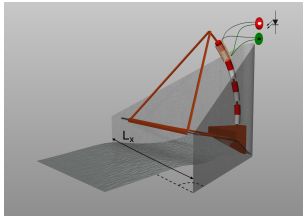


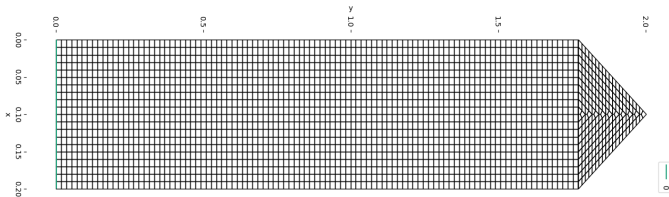
Numerical methods for fluid dynamics

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Outline: assessment

- ▶ Attendance at practical sessions.
- ▶ Three numerical exercises (on finite difference, finite volume and finite element methods); to be handed in individually but you may work as a team.
- ▶ Example programs (for use at your own risk) will be provided in Python. Python use is recommended.



Finite differences: θ -method

- θ -method will be explained for heat equation w. Dirichlet BCs:

$$\partial_t u = \partial_{xx} u \quad (1)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad (2)$$

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0. \quad (3)$$

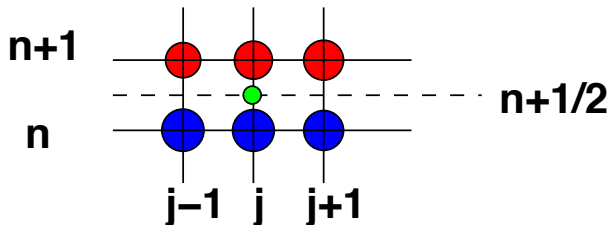
- ▶ Mesh points are $x_j = j\Delta x$; constant time step is used $t_n = n\Delta t$ for $j = 0, \dots, N_x$ and $n = 0, 1, \dots$.
- ▶ Time step can also be varied, in which case Δt_n varies and t_n is sum of time steps taken.
- ▶ Approximate values of $u(x, t)$ on mesh points are denoted by $U_j^n \approx u(x_j, t_n)$.
- ▶ Initial values are $U_j^0 = u_0(x_j)$; in general exact (why could there be an issue here?).

- By combining approximations with $\mu = \Delta t / \Delta x^2$, PDE (1) can be approximated on a 6-point stencil (see Fig.))

$$U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n + \mu \theta (U_{i-1}^{n+1} - 2U_i^{n+1} + U_{i+1}^{n+1}) + \mu(1 - \theta)(U_{i-1}^n - 2U_i^n + U_{i+1}^n). \quad (11b)$$

- Rewritten form with unknowns on the LHS and $0 < \theta < 1$

$$-\mu\theta U_{j-1}^{n+1} + (1 + 2\mu\theta)U_j^{n+1} - \mu\theta U_{j+1}^{n+1} = (1 - 2\mu(1 - \theta))U_j^n + \mu(1 - \theta)(U_{j-1}^n + U_{j+1}^n). \quad (12)$$



Finite difference methods: Fourier analysis

- ▶ To assess stability of scheme, Fourier analysis will be used. Substitute Fourier Ansatz $U_j^n = \lambda^n e^{ijk\Delta x}$ with imaginary number i satisfying $i^2 = -1$, amplification factor λ , and wavenumber k into discretization (11).
- ▶ In general λ is complex with real and imaginary parts such that $\lambda = \Re(\lambda) + i \Im(\lambda)$. Scheme is stable when $|\lambda| \leq 1$, which for complex λ implies that we need to take the modulus of λ .
- ▶ When $|\lambda| > 1$, approximation U_j^n will blow up over time since $|\lambda|^n$ becomes unbounded and the scheme is unstable.

$$-\theta\mu\lambda e^{-ik\Delta x} + (1 + 2\theta\mu)\lambda - \theta\mu\lambda e^{ik\Delta x} = 1 - 2(1 - \theta)\mu + (1 - \theta)\mu(e^{ik\Delta x} + e^{-ik\Delta x}) \quad (13)$$

$$\iff \lambda + \lambda\theta\mu(2 - e^{ik\Delta x} - e^{-ik\Delta x}) = 1 - (1 - \theta)\mu(2 - e^{ik\Delta x} - e^{-ik\Delta x}) \quad (14)$$

$$\iff \lambda = \frac{1 - 4(1 - \theta)\mu \sin^2(k\Delta x/2)}{1 + 4\theta\mu \sin^2(k\Delta x/2)}. \quad (15)$$

Finite volume: example conservation laws

Examples:

- Euler equations in 2D:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ E \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho uv \\ u(E + p) \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \begin{pmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho uv \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ v(E + p) \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (21)$$

with u and v velocity components in x and y , p pressure and E total energy. EOS: $p = (\gamma - 1)(E - \frac{1}{2}\rho(u^2 + v^2))$.

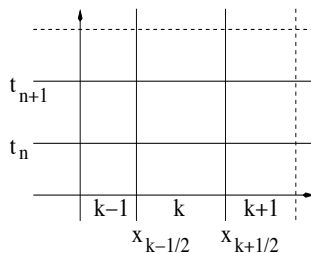
- Shallow-water equations in 1D:

$$\partial_t h + \partial_x(hu) = 0, \partial_t(hu) + \partial_x(hu^2 + \frac{1}{2}gh^2) = 0 \quad (22)$$

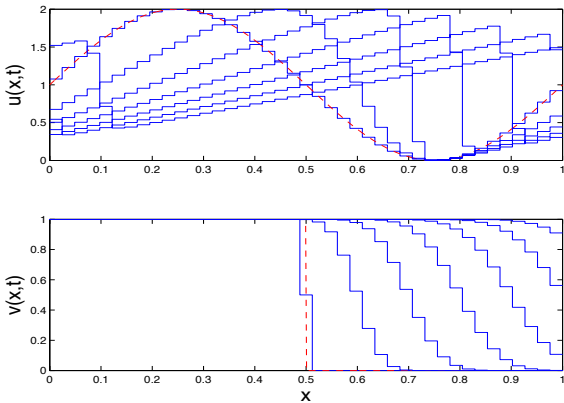
with water depth $h(x, t)$ and depth-averaged velocity $u(x, t)$.

Godunov method example: Step-2

- *Step 2:* Define space-time mesh with N “finite volumes” on domain $x \in [0, L]$ in time interval $I_n = [t_n, t_{n+1}]$ (Fig. 22).
- Cell k occupies $x_{k-1/2} < x < x_{k+1/2}$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$.
- $N + 1$ cell boundaries $x_{1/2}, \dots, x_{N-1/2}, x_{N+1/2}$. Cell lengths $h_k = x_{k+1/2} - x_{k-1/2}$ and time step $\Delta t_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$ may vary.
- There are $n = 0, \dots, N_t$ time intervals I_n , where $t = t_n$ is the time after n time steps, initial conditions at $t = t_0 = 0$.



Godunov method example: Step-3



Godunov method example: Step-4

- ▶ *Step 4:* Calculate numerical fluxes $F_{k+1/2}(U_k^n, U_{k+1}^n)$ in (32) at all nodes $x_{k+1/2}$ for $k = 0, 2, \dots, N$.
- ▶ There are various strategies to find (32), usually involving an approximation.
- ▶ Consider classical Godunov strategy based on the Riemann solution.
- ▶ Calculate $F_{k+1/2}(t)$ in (32) exactly over $t_n < t < t_{n+1}$ in (29), only feasible for piecewise constant approximation U_k^n at time t_n and starting with projected initial condition U_k^0 , instead of smoother initial condition.
- ▶ Solution of Riemann problem in new coordinates, i.e. with $u = u(x', t')$ and $f = f(u(x', t'))$, provides such exact solution.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem

- The Riemann problem is defined as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t'} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} = 0 \quad (33)$$

for special initial conditions

$$u(x', t' = 0) = \begin{cases} u_{left} = u_l = U_k^n & \text{for } x' < 0 \\ u_{right} = u_r = U_{k+1}^n & \text{for } x' \geq 0 \end{cases} \cdot \quad (34)$$

- Riemann solution such that $u(x', t')$ constant along characteristics $x' = x'_0 + C t'$ for some C depending on $u_{l,r}$.
- $f_{k+1/2}(t) = f_{k+1/2}(u(x_{k+1/2}, t))$ is constant; (32) can be integrated exactly —note that $u(x' = 0, t') = u(x_{k+1/2}, t)$ due to coordinate change.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem

NB:

- ▶ While formula (29) exact, numerical approximation occurs because we continue from a piecewise constant profile with value U_k^n in cell k at a certain time t_n .
- ▶ At cell boundary $x_{k+1/2}$ between cells k and $k + 1$, adjacent values are U_k^n and U_{k+1}^n .
- ▶ When other cell boundaries $x_{k-1/2}$ and $x_{k+3/2}$ are “far away” in sense that time step Δt is “small enough”, we are locally dealing with a Riemann problem around cell boundary $x_{k+1/2}$.
- ▶ Although Riemann solution no longer piecewise constant within each cell at end of time step, we continue only with information stored in the mean values U_k^{n+1} .
- ▶ This is the approximation made.

Godunov method: studying

From Leveque's book *Finite volume methods*:

- ▶ Study §3.5 (Riemann problem), §3.6 (shock speed).
- ▶ Study §13.2 (Godunov method), §13.5 (Godunov for scalar conservation laws); read Chap. 9.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem

The Riemann problem for the uncoupled system (26) special: consists of separate Riemann problems for two equations.

- Solution of Riemann problem for linear advection equation:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t'} + \frac{\partial(a v)}{\partial x'} = 0 \quad (37)$$

with constant $a > 0$.

- NB: piecewise constant initial conditions

$$v(x', t' = 0) = \begin{cases} v_{left} = v_l = V_k^n & \text{for } x' < 0 \\ v_{right} = v_r = V_{k+1}^n & \text{for } x' \geq 0 \end{cases} \cdot \quad (38)$$

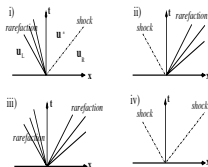
- For $a > 0$ all characteristics are $x' = x_0 + a t'$. Solution $v(x' = 0, t') = v(x_{k+1/2}, t) = v_l^n$ with $f(v(x_{k+1/2}, t)) = a v_l^n$ within a sufficiently small time interval.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem

Linear advection equation: Integral (32) straightforward to evaluate; Godunov scheme (31) becomes

$$V_k^{n+1} = V_k^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h_k} a (V_k^n - V_{k-1}^n). \quad (39)$$

- Correspondence of (39) with upwind finite difference discretization is clear (Chapter 4 in M&M), but V_k^n is mean value of $v(x, t_n)$ over cell k and not a grid point value.



Godunov method example: CFL condition

- Application of maximum principle to (39) yields, by imposing that all coefficients 1, $(1 - \Delta t a / h_k)$ and $a \Delta t / h_k$ of V_k^{n+1} , V_k^n , V_{k-1}^n are larger than zero (and $a > 0$):

$$V_k^{n+1} = (1 - \frac{\Delta t}{h_k} a) V_k^n + \frac{\Delta t}{h_k} a V_{k-1}^n \quad (40)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{h_k} a > 0 \iff \Delta t < \frac{h_k}{a}. \quad (41)$$

- The well-known Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy or CFL condition.
- When $a < 0$, the upwind discretization should be:

$$V_k^{n+1} = V_k^n + \frac{\Delta t}{h_k} |a| (V_{k+1}^n - V_k^n). \quad (42)$$

- For general a , the CFL condition thus reads $\Delta t < h_k / |a|$, which also makes sense dimensionally since a is a “wind” speed.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem

- Burgers' equation allows discontinuous or shock solutions, where $u(x, t)$ obtains different limiting values.
- Discontinuity resides at position $x = x_b(t)$ and moves with shock speed $s \equiv dx_b/dt$.
- Integrate Burgers' equation in (26) around $x_b(t)$, and let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{x_b - \epsilon}^{x_b + \epsilon} \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} dx + \int_{x_b - \epsilon}^{x_b + \epsilon} \frac{\partial (u^2/2)}{\partial x} dx = 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{x_b(t) - \epsilon}^{x_b(t) + \epsilon} u(x, t) dx - \frac{dx_b(t)}{dt} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} u(x, t) \Big|_{x_b(t) - \epsilon}^{x_b(t) + \epsilon} + [u^2/2] = 0 \quad (43) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & -\frac{dx_b(t)}{dt} [u] + [u^2/2] = 0 \Leftrightarrow s = \frac{dx_b(t)}{dt} = \frac{[u^2/2]}{[u]} = \frac{1}{2} (u_l + u_r)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $[u] = u_r - u_l$, $[u^2/2] = (u_r^2 - u_l^2)/2$, $u_r = u(x, t)|_{x \downarrow x_b}$ and $u_l = u(x, t)|_{x \uparrow x_b}$.

- In literature, approximate numerical fluxes are found such as Roe solvers and kinetic fluxes.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem Burgers

- ▶ *Exercise-Burgers:* (i) Derive the Riemann solution for the Riemann problem of the Burgers' equation.
- ▶ *Exercise-Burgers:* (ii) Complete the Godunov method for the Burgers' equation using this Riemann solution.
- ▶ See also
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izMsj639hGI> and
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goL8_rET1H0

Provide both the actual solution in formula form as well as the solution in graphical form in the characteristic t, x -plane (or t', x' -plane).

Godunov method example: Riemann problem Burgers

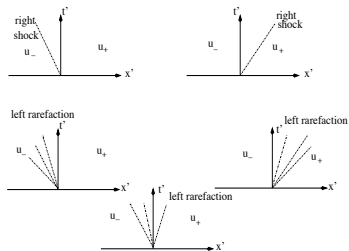


Figure: Graphical solution of Riemann problem for Burgers' equation. $u_l > u_r$: shock wave with shock speed $s = (u_l + u_r)/2$. $u_l \leq u_r$: rarefaction wave results with solution x'/t' in the interval $u_l t' < x' < u_r t'$. u_l and u_r : initial condition in definition Riemann problem.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem Burgers

- Solution is constant along each characteristic by differentiating solution along the characteristic:

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(x(t), t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x(t), t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x(t), t) \frac{dx}{dt} = u_t + uu_x = 0.$$

- If solution is smooth then it can be constructed by backtracking characteristics to initial solution as long as they do not cross each other: For each (x, t) we can solve the following equations for ξ :

$$u = u_0(\xi) = u(\xi, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad x = \xi + u(\xi, 0)t$$

after which we can determine the solution at time t :

$$u(x, t) = u(\xi, 0).$$

- Hence, the implicit solution of Burgers' equation is $u(x, t) = u_0(x - u(x, t)t)$, since

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} u(x(t), t) = \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\partial_x u = u'_0(1 - t \partial_x u) \implies \partial_x u = \frac{u'_0}{1 + tu'_0}$$

with u'_0 the derivative of u_0 with respect to its argument.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem Burgers

- ▶ The solution to the Riemann problem is either a shock wave or a rarefaction wave.
- ▶ It is a shock wave when $u_l > u_r$ and a rarefaction wave when $u_l < u_r$, which follows from considering the characteristics $dx/dt = u$ in the x - t -plane.
- ▶ The shock wave has shock speed $s = (u_l + u_r)/2$ and its position is given by $x' = s t'$; to the left of the shock $u(x', t) = u_l$ and to the right $u(x', t) = u_r$.
- ▶ Since the numerical flux is evaluated at $x' = 0$ (i.e. at $x = x_{k+1/2}$), the flux $u^2/2$ is thus either $u_l^2/2 = (U_k^n)^2/2$ when $s > 0$, or $u_r^2/2 = (U_{k+1}^n)^2/2$ when $s < 0$ for the shock wave case.

Godunov method example: Riemann problem Burgers

- Numerical flux function F at each face $x_{k+1/2}$ is defined as:

$$F(U_k^n, U_{k+1}^n) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \frac{1}{2} \left(u^\dagger(U_k^n, U_{k+1}^n) \right)^2 dt \quad (45)$$

with $u^\dagger(U_k^n, U_{k+1}^n) = u(x_{k+1/2}, t)$ for the special piecewise constant data at time t_n .

- Finally, we need to evaluate the integral (45) by combining these shock wave and rarefaction wave solutions for $u_l > u_r$ and $u_l < u_r$ respectively.
- Note that the solution is constant at $x' = x - x_{k+1/2} = 0$, which simplifies the time integration in (45).

Godunov method example: Firedrake implementation

- ▶ The finite volume or Godunov method can be implemented in Firedrake as a discontinuous Galerkin finite element method (“DGFEM”) of order 0, abbreviated as DG0.
- ▶ Rather than implementing each finite-volume discretisation, equation by equation for each volume, Firedrake implements the system of equations in one go.
- ▶ In either case, note that in 1D there are N_K volumes but $N_K + 1$ numerical fluxes (for inflow/outflow) and that each flux $F_{k+1/2}$ is used twice, once as influx in cell $K + 1$ and once as outflux in cell K .
- ▶ Hence, a loop to establish the fluxes before a loop over the cells avoids calculating the fluxes twice.

Godunov method example: Firedrake implementation

- ▶ Godunov method for cell k (or K):

$$\Delta s_k (\bar{A}_k^{n+1} - \bar{A}_k^n) + \Delta t \left(F(A_{k+1}^n, A_k^n, s)|_{s=s_{k+1/2}} - F(A_k^n, A_{k-1}^n, s)|_{s=s_{k-1/2}} \right) = 0.$$

- ▶ Consider this as a DG0 discretisation with test function $w_k = w_K = 1$ in cell K and zero otherwise; multiply by w_K .
- ▶ Integral over cell K & boundary integral (“summation” 1D) over element “faces” Γ (points 1D):

$$\int_K w_k (\bar{A}_k^{n+1} - \bar{A}_k^n) dx + \int_{\partial K} w_k \Delta t \left(F(A_{k+1}^n, A_k^n, s)|_{s=s_{k+1/2}} - F(A_k^n, A_{k-1}^n, s)|_{s=s_{k-1/2}} \right) d\Gamma = 0.$$

Godunov method in Firedrake

Finite volume or DG0 in Firedrake:

- Sum over all cells:

$$\sum_K \int_K w_k (\bar{A}_k^{n+1} - \bar{A}_k^n) dx + \sum_K \int_{\partial K} w_k \Delta t \left(F(A_{k+1}^n, A_k^n, s)|_{s=s_{k+1/2}} - F(A_k^n, A_{k-1}^n, s)|_{s=s_{k-1/2}} \right) d\Gamma = 0.$$

- Transfer the sum over the elements for the fluxes into a sum over the faces and assign each flux contribution per face to two equations!

Godunov method in Firedrake: faces

- This transfer leads to two contributions (Ambati & B. 2007): one from the inside of that element and from the adjacent element to that face (outward normal used)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_K \int_{\partial K} w \hat{n} F d\Gamma &= \sum_{\Gamma} \int_{\Gamma} \hat{n}_l F^l w^l + \hat{n}_r F^r w^r d\Gamma \\
 &= \sum_{\Gamma} \int_{\Gamma} (\alpha F^l + \beta F^r) (\hat{n}_l w^l + \hat{n}_r w^r) + (\hat{n}_l F^l + \hat{n}_r F^r) (\beta w^l + \alpha w^r) d\Gamma \\
 &= \sum_{\Gamma} \int_{\Gamma} (\alpha F^l + \beta F^r) (\hat{n}_l w^l + \hat{n}_r w^r) d\Gamma \\
 &\approx \sum_{\Gamma} \hat{n}^l \hat{F}(U_l, U_r, \hat{n}_l) (w^l - w^r) d\Gamma
 \end{aligned} \tag{46a}$$

- given that $\hat{n}^l = -\hat{n}^r$ and the flux is continuous $F^l = F^r$ such that $\hat{n}_l F^l = -\hat{n}_r F^r$, wherein, $\alpha + \beta = 1$.
- Notation $(\cdot)^{l,r}$ is arbitrary also in 1D, since each face assigned “left” “right” or “ \pm ” side.
- NB Easiest to derive the above (46) going backwards!

Godunov for river kinematics: inflow Q_0

Base inflow $Q(s = 0, t) = Q_0(t)$ at $s = 0$, given depth H_0 :

- rectangular channel of width $w_0(s)$:

$$A_0 = w_0(0)H_0, \quad Q_0 = \frac{A_0^{5/3} \sqrt{-\partial_s b} / C_m}{P(A_0, 0)^{2/3}}; \quad (48)$$

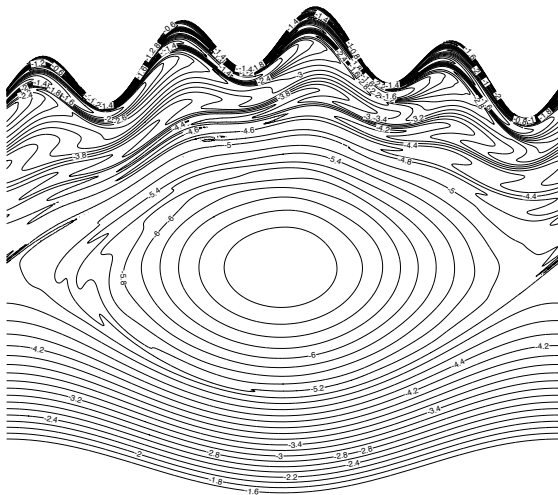
- narrow rectangular base channel of width w_b and height h_b within wider rectangular flood-plain channel with width $w_0(s)$:

$$A_0 = \begin{cases} w_b H_0 & H_0 < h_b, A_0 < w_b h_b \\ w_b h_b + w_0(s)(H_0 - h_b) & H_0 \geq h_b, A_0 \geq w_b h_b \end{cases}, \quad Q(s = 0^-) = Q_0 = \frac{A_0^{5/3} \sqrt{-\partial_s b} / C_m}{P(A_0, 0)^{2/3}}. \quad (49)$$

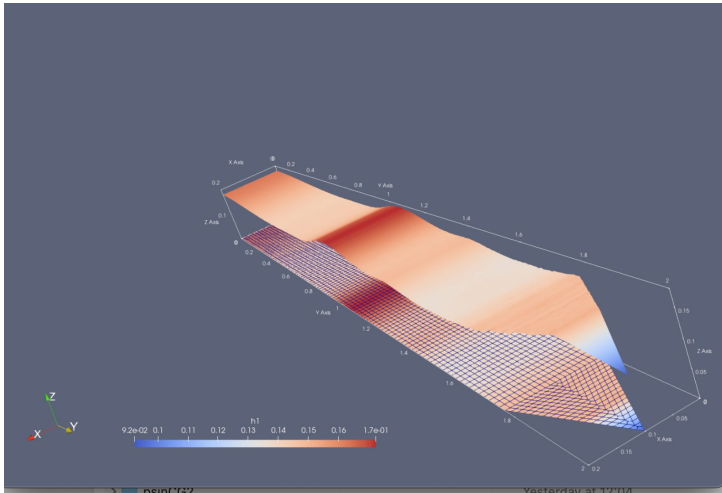
Godunov for river kinematics: code

- ▶ Split TC2 in two cases: with constant Q_0 and with a peak $Q_0(t)$. Test.
- ▶ Error in code 14-11-2025: use `fd.Constant(...)` for constants used in Firedrake-UFL.
- ▶ Sign up and use the Firedrake Slack channel to ask about these `fd.Constant`'s and such.
- ▶ There is also a Firedrake UoL Teams-page.

Finite Element Method

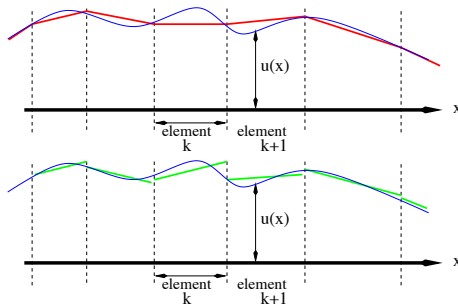


Finite Element Method



Two finite element methods will be presented (hybrid ones exist):

- (a) a (second-order) continuous Galerkin (CG) finite element method on triangular, quadrilateral or mixed meshes;
- (b) a (space) discontinuous Galerkin (DG) finite element method.



Finite Element Method: step-3 CGFEM, tris

or, in matrix notation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \zeta_1} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \zeta_2} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \zeta_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \zeta_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \zeta_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \zeta_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \zeta_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \zeta_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = JJ^{-1}.$$

Hence, gradients in \bar{x} transform as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_x V \\ \partial_y V \end{pmatrix} = (J^T)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\zeta_1} V \\ \partial_{\zeta_2} V \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det J_3} \begin{pmatrix} y_2 - y_0 & y_0 - y_1 \\ x_0 - x_2 & x_1 - x_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\zeta_1} V \\ \partial_{\zeta_2} V \end{pmatrix} \quad (70)$$

with determinant $\det J_3$ and $|J_3| = |\det J_3|$. Triangles have three faces or sides S_0, \dots, S_2 spanned by node pairs $(\bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1), \dots, (\bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_0)$. The faces S_0, \dots, S_2 correspond to $\zeta_2 = 0, \zeta_1 + \zeta_2 = 1$ and $\zeta_1 = 0$ in the reference element, respectively.

