

Assignment 02

"Traffic Dynamics - Macroscopic Models"

Preamble (as discussed in the class)

I \Rightarrow

$$\rho_t + j(\rho)_x = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0$$

$$\rho(x, 0) \equiv \rho_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + j'(\rho) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\rho(x, 0) = \rho_0(x)$$

II \Rightarrow

Characteristics Base Curve Equation

$$x'(t) = j'(\rho_0(x_0)), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

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III \Rightarrow

$$\rho(x, t) = \rho_0(x_0)$$

\Downarrow

$$\rho(x, t) = \rho_0(x(t) - j'(\rho_0(x_0))t)$$

$\frac{1}{W} \Rightarrow$

Green Light Problem

$$j(t) = \begin{cases} t(1-t), & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0, & t > 1 \end{cases}$$

($t_{\max} = 1$)

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 0 \\ 0, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$\frac{1}{V} \Rightarrow$

Rarefaction fan - Rarefaction waves

\Downarrow

$$f(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > t \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{t}\right), & -t < x \leq t \\ 1, & x \leq -t \end{cases}$$

Question 1

Draw the plot using MATLAB/Python for the above solution for $x \in [-4, 4]$, $t \in [0, 3]$.

Question 2

Show that if

$$f(x, t) = f\left(\frac{x - x_0}{t}\right)$$

satisfies the conservation law

$$f_t + j'(f) f_x = 0 \text{ with } f_0(x) = \begin{cases} f_l, & x \leq x_0 \\ f_r, & x > x_0 \end{cases}$$

then f must be the right inverse of

$$j'. \text{ That is } j'(f(y)) = y \text{ for all } y \in [j'(f_l), j'(f_r)].$$

Question 3

Suppose j' is continuous and monotone on its domain. Show that f takes the

values f_l and f_r on the two edges of the cone between the characteristic base curves

$$x_l := x_0 + j'(f_l)t \text{ and } x_r := x_0 + j'(f_r)t$$

$\bar{v}_1 \Rightarrow$

Intersecting characteristics
- Shock waves

$$j(p) = 4p(2-p)$$

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 < x \leq 3 \\ \frac{3}{2}, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

Question 4

Construct the rarefaction wave solution emerging from $x=1$ and show that

$$f(x,t) = 1 - \frac{x-1}{8t}$$

Question 5

Construct the shock solution for $t > 2$ and show that

$$f(x,t) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 5-2t \\ \frac{3}{2}, & x > 5-2t \end{cases}$$

Question 6

Plot, using MATLAB/PYTHON, the complete solution of the above problem (as discussed in the class) for $x \in [-4, 4]$, and $t \in [0, 3]$

Question 7

Consider $j(f) = 2f - f^2$ with initial condition

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2, & x \leq 0 \\ 5/4, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Show that this leads to a shock wave propagating in the traffic flow and determine the shock speed.

$\bar{v}'' \Rightarrow$

Numerical Schemes

h - space step size

k - time step size

1. Upwind Method:

If $j'(t) > 0$

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^n - \frac{k}{h} (j(f_i^n) - j(f_{i-1}^n))$$

If $j'(t) < 0$

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^n - \frac{k}{h} (j(f_{i+1}^n) - j(f_i^n))$$

2. Lax - Friedrichs Scheme:

$$f_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (f_{i+1}^n + f_{i-1}^n) - \frac{k}{2h} (j(f_{i+1}^n) - j(f_{i-1}^n))$$

3. Richtmyer Two-Step Lax - Wendroff Scheme:

$$f_i^* = \frac{1}{2} (f_i^n + f_{i+1}^n) - \frac{k}{h} (j(f_{i+1}^n) - j(f_i^n))$$

$$f_i^{n+1} = f_i^n - \frac{k}{h} (j(f_i^*) - j(f_{i-1}^*))$$

4. Mac-Cornack Scheme :

$$\begin{cases} \phi_i^* = \phi_i^n - \frac{\kappa}{h} (j(\phi_{i+1}^n) - j(\phi_i^n)) \\ \phi_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (\phi_i^n + \phi_i^*) - \frac{\kappa}{h} (j(\phi_i^*) - j(\phi_{i-1}^*)) \end{cases}$$

5. Gudonov Method :

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{if } j'(t) \geq 0 \text{ and } j'(\phi_{i+1}^n) \geq 0 \\ \phi_i^* = \phi_i^n \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{if } j'(t) < 0 \text{ and } j'(\phi_{i+1}^n) < 0 \\ \phi_i^* = \phi_{i+1}^n \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{if } j'(t) \geq 0 \text{ and } j'(\phi_{i+1}^n) < 0 \\ \phi_i^* = \begin{cases} \phi_i^n & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ \phi_{i+1}^n & \text{if } s < 0 \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$$

where s_{i+1} speed of the shock

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{if } j'(t) < 0 \text{ and } j'(\phi_{i+1}^n) \geq 0 \\ \phi_i^* \text{ is the unique soln. of } j'(\phi_i^*) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \phi_i^{n+1} = \phi_i^n - \frac{\kappa}{h} (j(\phi_i^*) - j(\phi_{i-1}^*)) \right.$$

Question 8

Implement all the above mentioned 5 methods
for (i) Green Light Problem and
(ii) Intersecting characteristics Problem
as given earlier.

Which method performs better? Compare the
solution with the explicit solution (as
given in the class)

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