Numerical Methods for Conservation Laws

Assignment 1 (Scalar Laws)

Use the fluctuation/ flux difference splitting algorithm in (i) first-order upwind (ii) second-order central form to numerically solve for scalar hyperbolic conservation laws given below with initial data

$$u(x,0) = 2, |x| < 1/3$$
 (1)

$$u(x,0) = 1, \quad elsewhere$$
 (2)

in the domain [-1,1] and periodic boundary conditions. Discretize domain both with 40 and 80 points and use $\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}=0.8$.

- 1. $u_t + u_x = 0$, plot u(x, 0), u(x, 2), u(x, 4).
- 2. $u_t + (u^2/2)_x = 0$, plot u(x, 0.3).
- 3. $u_t + [u(1-u)]_x = 0$, plot u(x, 0.3).