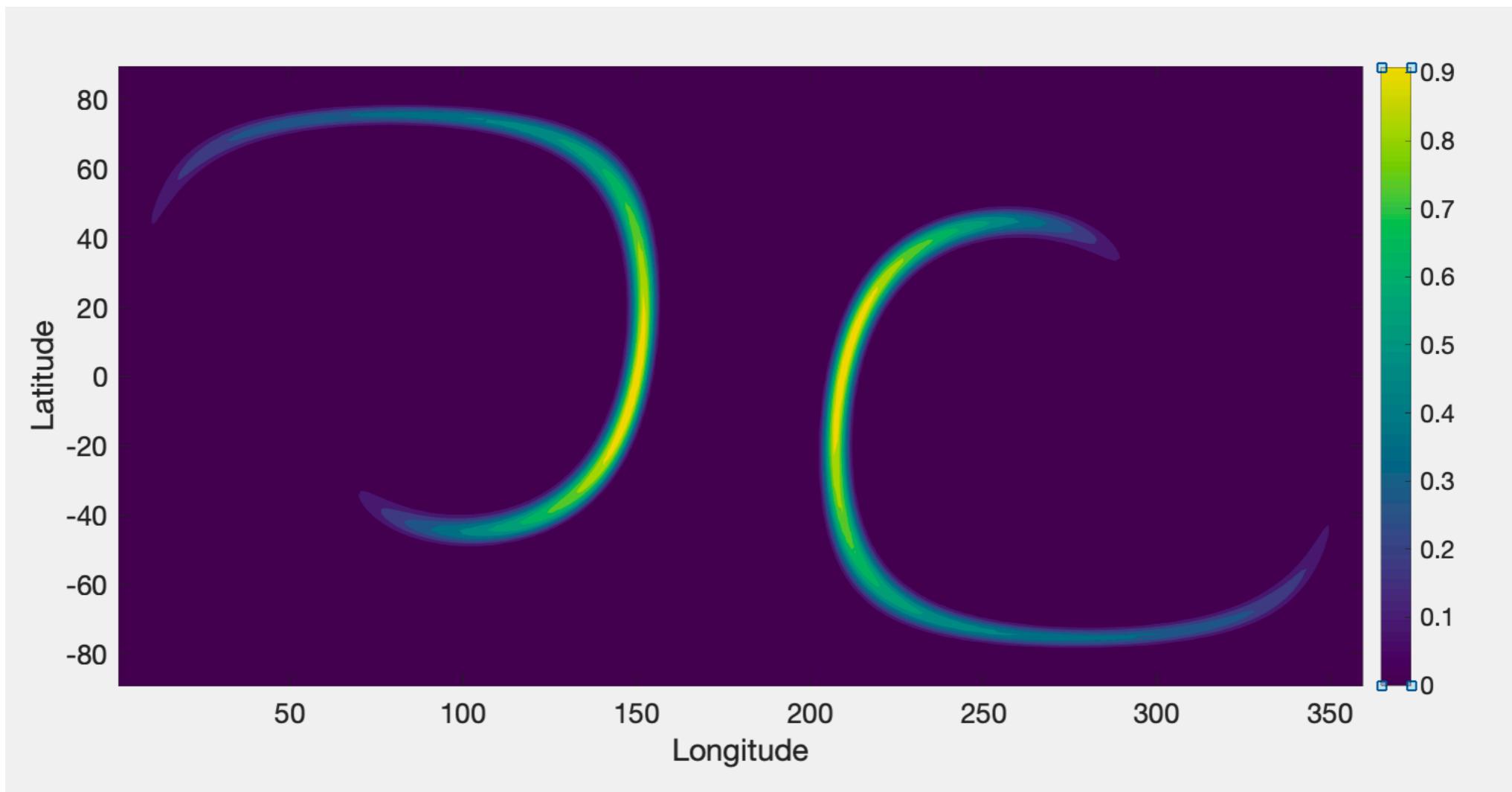


# Numerical Solutions to the Advection-Diffusion Equations

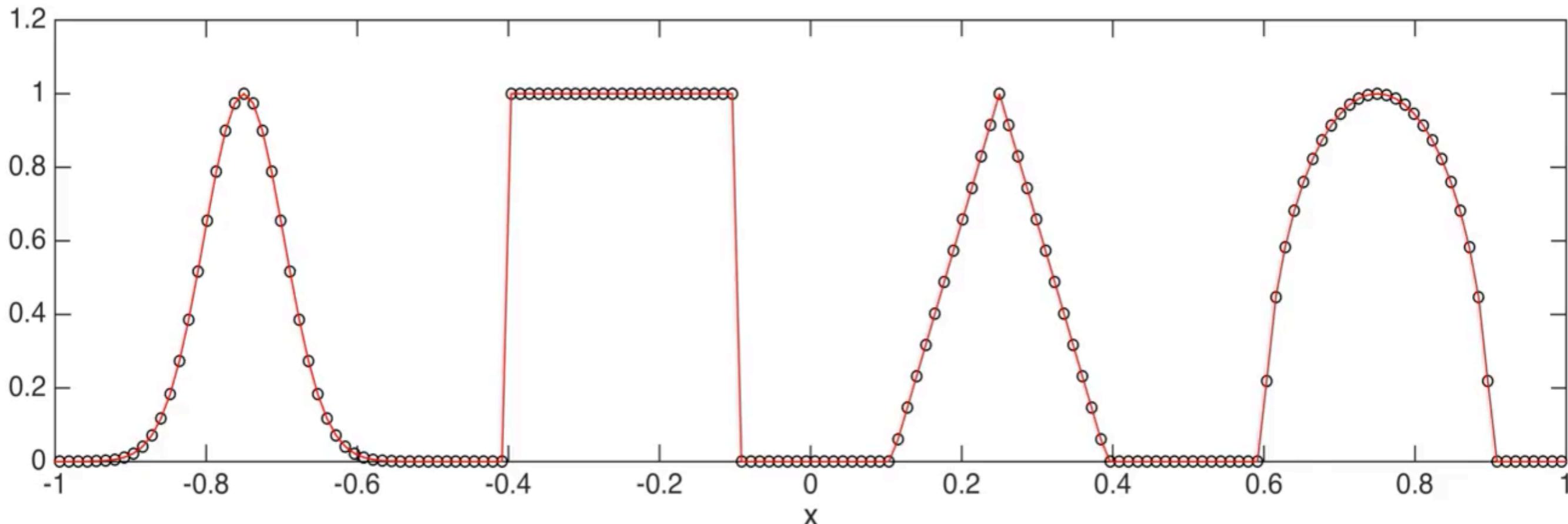


## Outline

- **The linear advection equation**
- **Why simple Finite difference methods do not work**
- **Introduction to Finite volume methods**
- **Upwind and central flux**
- **Reconstruction, introduction slope limiting**

# Advection of four shapes in 1D

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$$



**Gaussian**

Smooth

**Square**

Discontinuity

**Triangle**

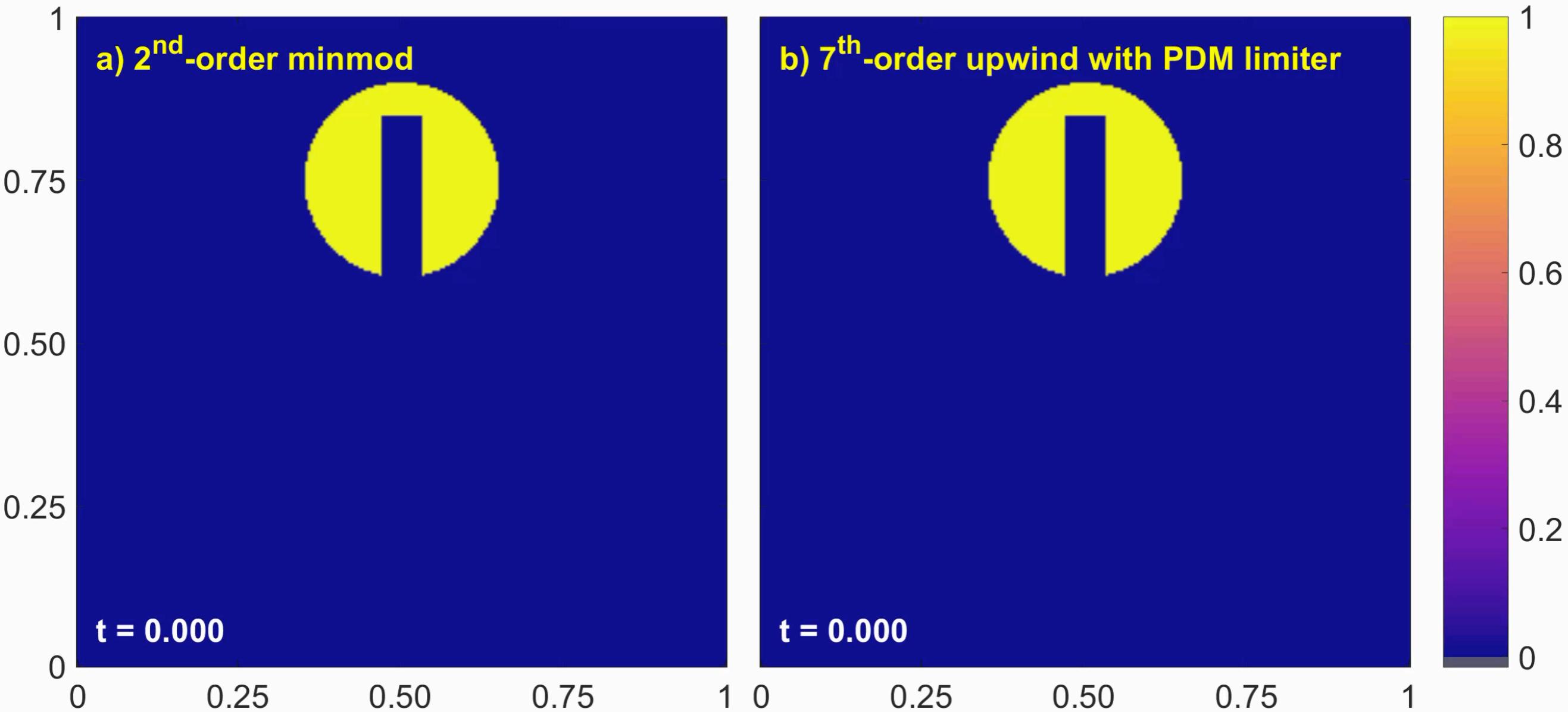
Discontinuity in  
1st derivative

**Half-circle**

Steep changes  
in derivatives

# Advection of a slotted cylinder in 2D

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_0 \cdot \nabla Q = 0$$



# A simple Central-Difference Method

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)_i \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}$$

Central difference

## Linear Advection Equation

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$$

Forward  
difference

Central  
difference

Euler Time-  
Stepping

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=t_n} = \frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{x=x_i} = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$

Combine the two numerical derivatives

$$\frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} = -u_0 \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$$

Forward Euler method

$$Q_i^{n+1} \approx Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{2\Delta x} (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

Values on step n (known)

We know this scheme is unstable, the question is why

# Recall - Finite Difference for 1D MHD

1-D MHD equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u_x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} = - u_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \left( - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - J_z B_y \right)$$

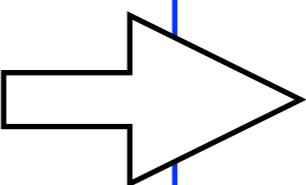
$$\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t} = - u_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} J_z B_{x0}$$

$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x}$$

$$E_z = - u_x B_y + u_y B_{x0}$$

$$J_z = \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x}$$

$$p = \frac{\beta_0}{2} \rho^\gamma$$



Finite-Difference Approximations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}|_i = \frac{u_{x,i+1}^n \rho_{i+1}^n - u_{x,i-1}^n \rho_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t}|_i = & - u_{x,i} \frac{u_{x,i+1}^n - u_{x,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} \\ & + \frac{1}{\rho_i^n} \left( \frac{p_{i+1}^n - p_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} - J_{z,i}^n B_{y,i}^n \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t}|_i = - u_{x,i} \frac{u_{y,i+1}^n - u_{y,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} + \frac{1}{\rho_i^n} J_{z,i}^n B_{x0}$$

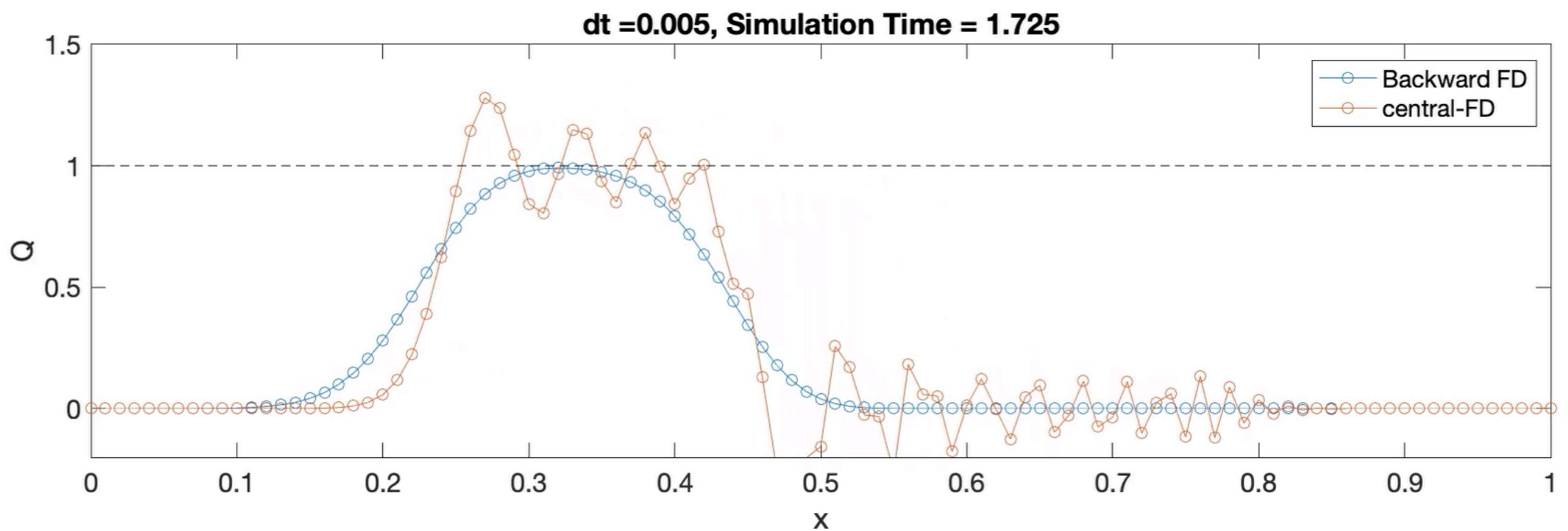
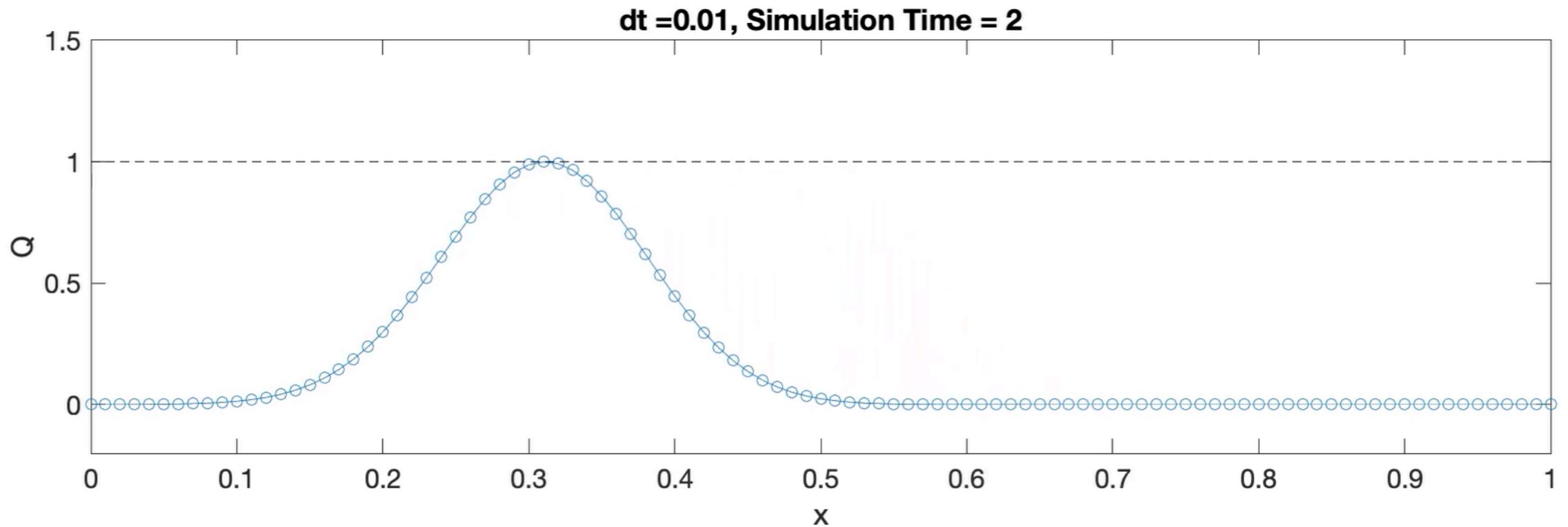
$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t}|_i = - \frac{E_{z,i+1}^n - E_{z,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$$

$$E_{z,i}^n = - u_{x,i}^n B_{y,i}^n + u_{y,i}^n B_{x0}$$

$$J_{z,i}^n = \frac{B_{y,i+1}^n - B_{y,i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$$

$$p_{z,i}^n = \frac{\beta_0}{2} (\rho_i^n)^\gamma$$

# Results form Central-Difference Method



# Recall the Upwind Method

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)_i \approx \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

Backward difference

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$$

Forward difference      Backward difference

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=t_n} = \frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$$

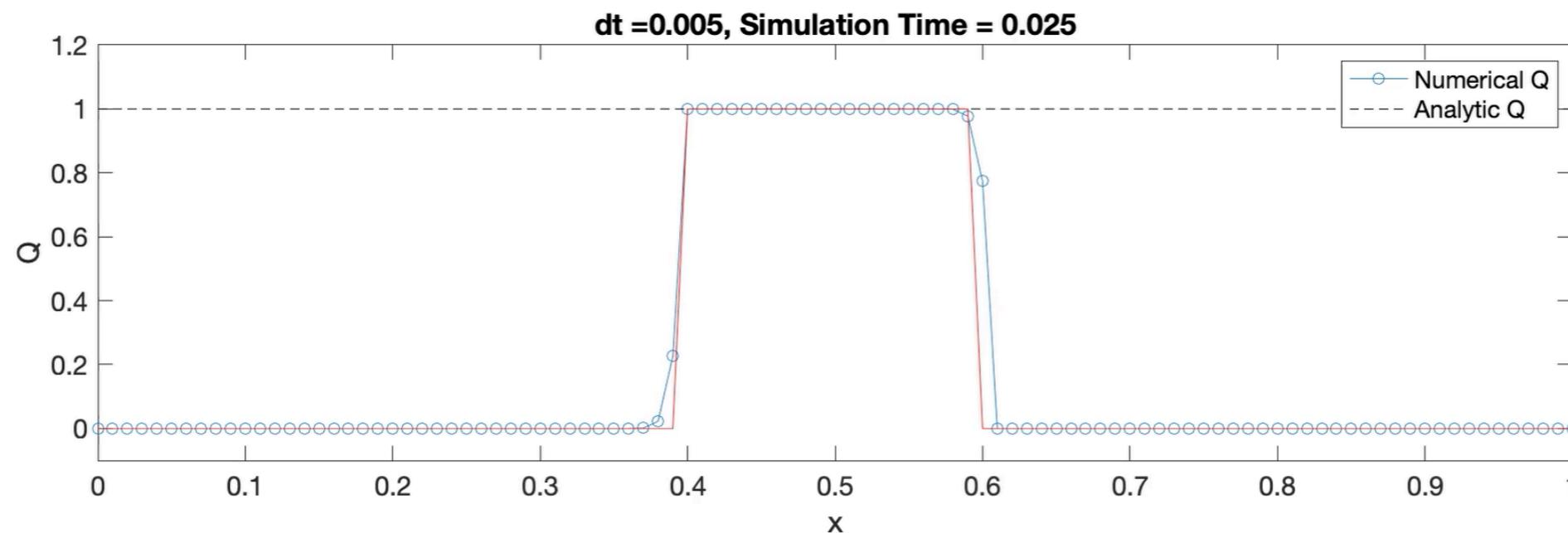
$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{x=x_i} = \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)$$

Now use the backward spatial difference:

$$\frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{\Delta t} = u_0 \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$$

**Backward Euler method**

$$Q_i^{n+1} \approx Q_i^n + \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

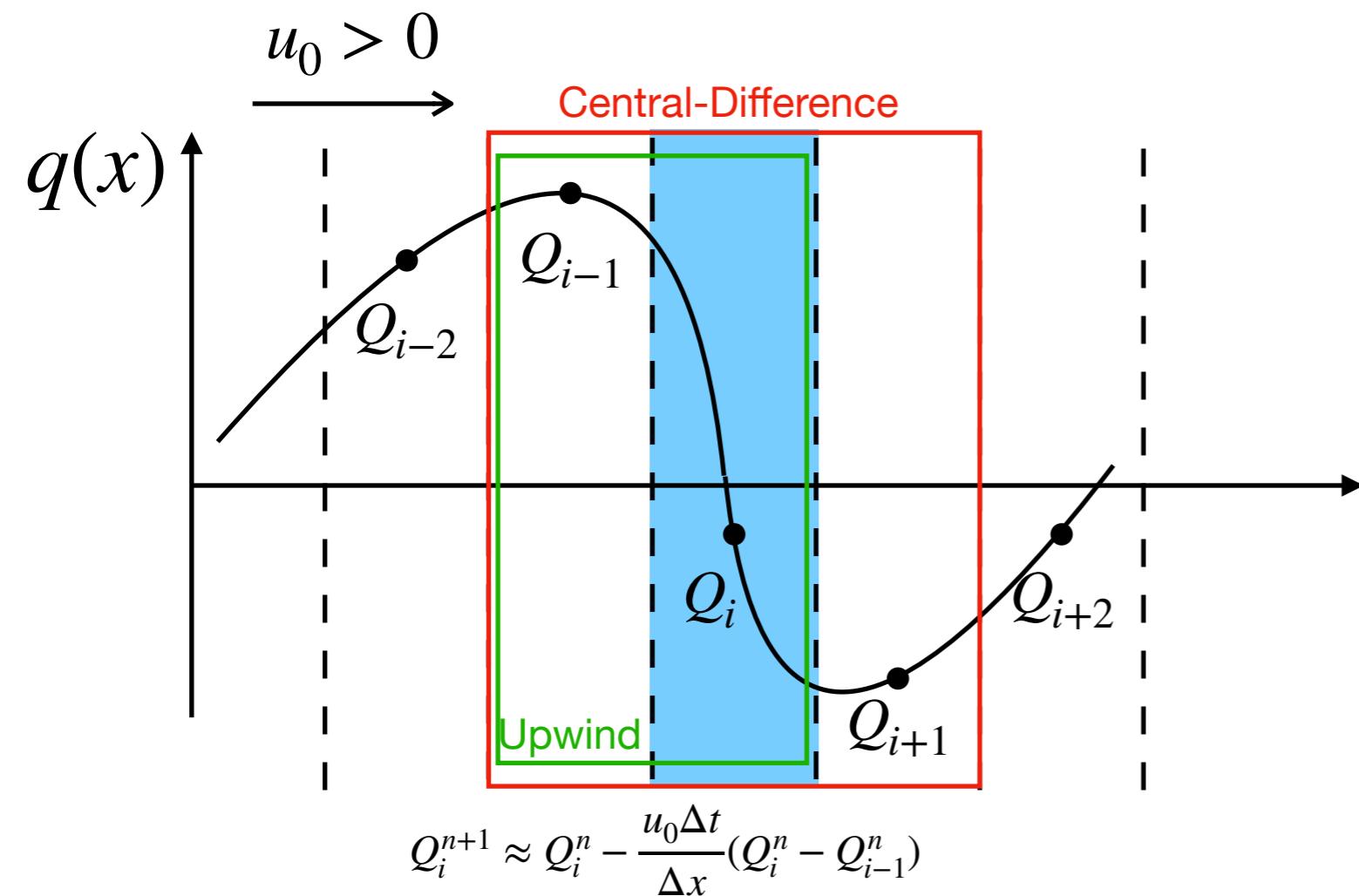


# Physical Necessity of Upwinding

Wave propagation

The 1-D linear advection equation  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$  has an analytical solution:

$$Q(x, t) \sim f(x - u_0 t)$$

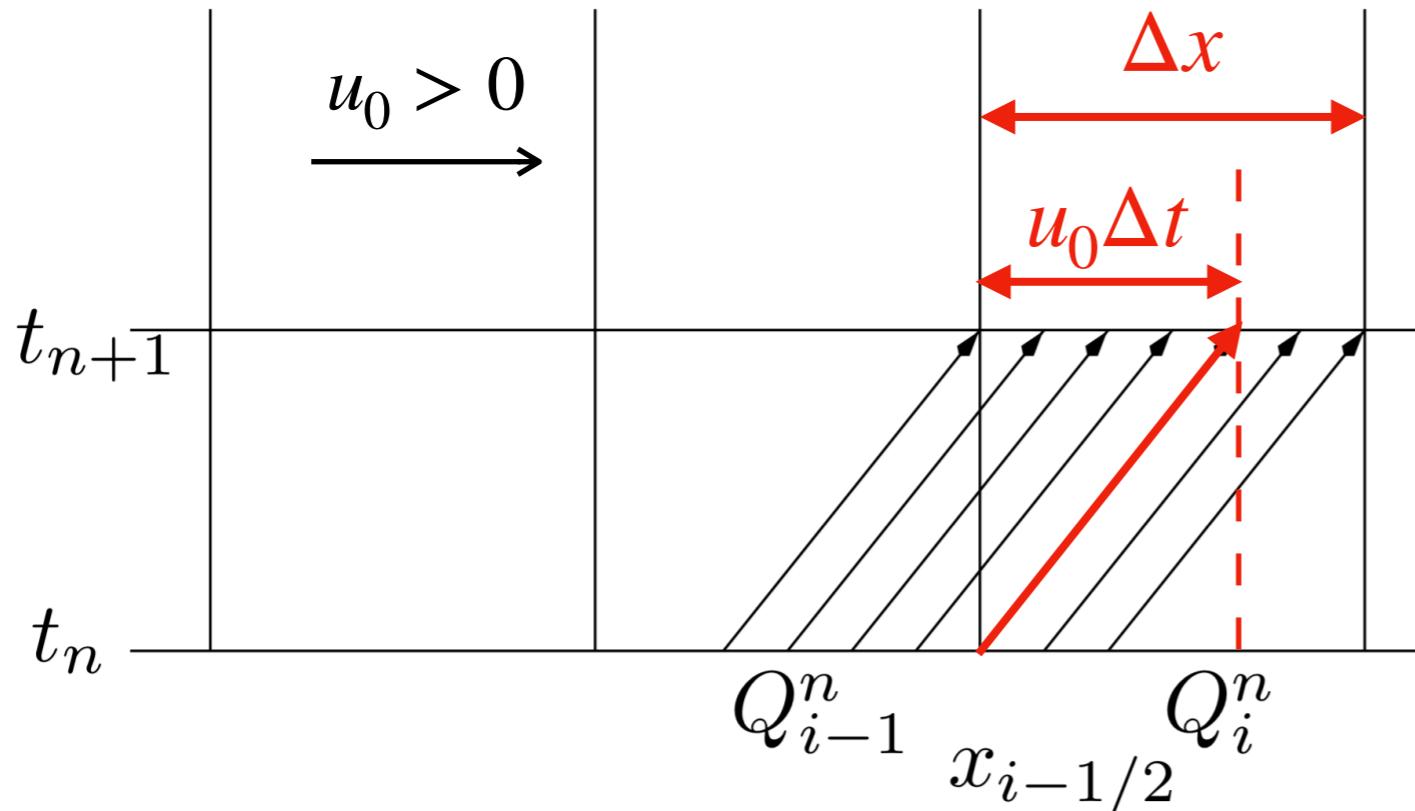


Wave propagates towards right

- Information only goes from left to right
- Solution of  $Q_i$  is only affected by  $Q_{i-1}$
- Solution of  $Q_i$  has nothing to do with any cell on the right side of  $i$
- The central difference uses information from cell  $i+1$  which is non-physical
- The upwind solution is physical

# The CFL Stability Condition

How the waves propagate CFL

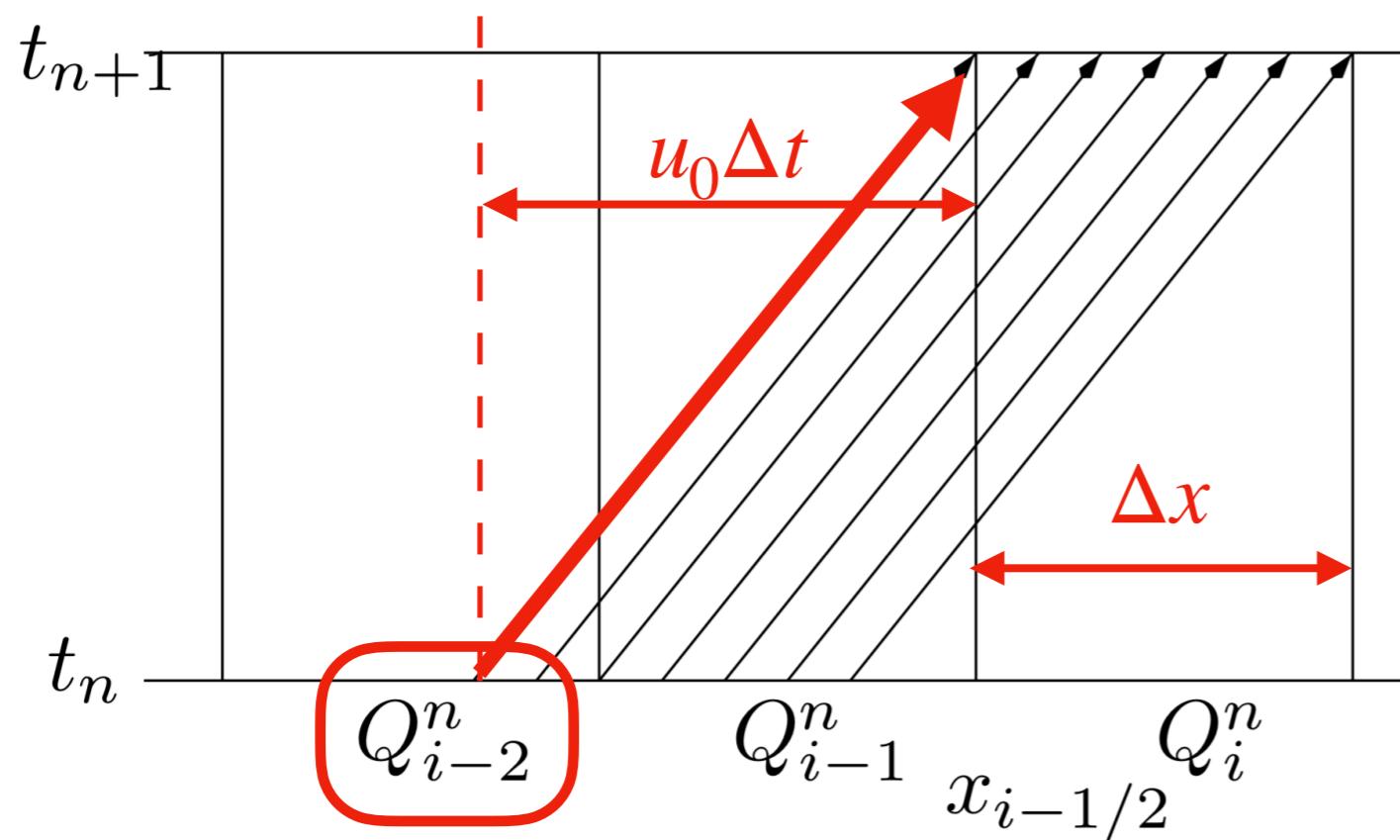


- Solution of  $Q_i$  is only affected by  $Q_{i-1}$  and  $Q_i$

$$Q_i^{n+1} \approx Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

Requires  $u_0 \Delta t \leq \Delta x$

What if  $u_0 \Delta t > \Delta x$  ?



- Solution of  $Q_i$  is not just affected by  $Q_{i-1}$  and  $Q_i$ , information from  $Q_{i-2}$  also affects the solution

Which means the scheme is UNSTABLE

This is the so-called CFL condition

# Why simple finite difference won't work

Mathematical reason:

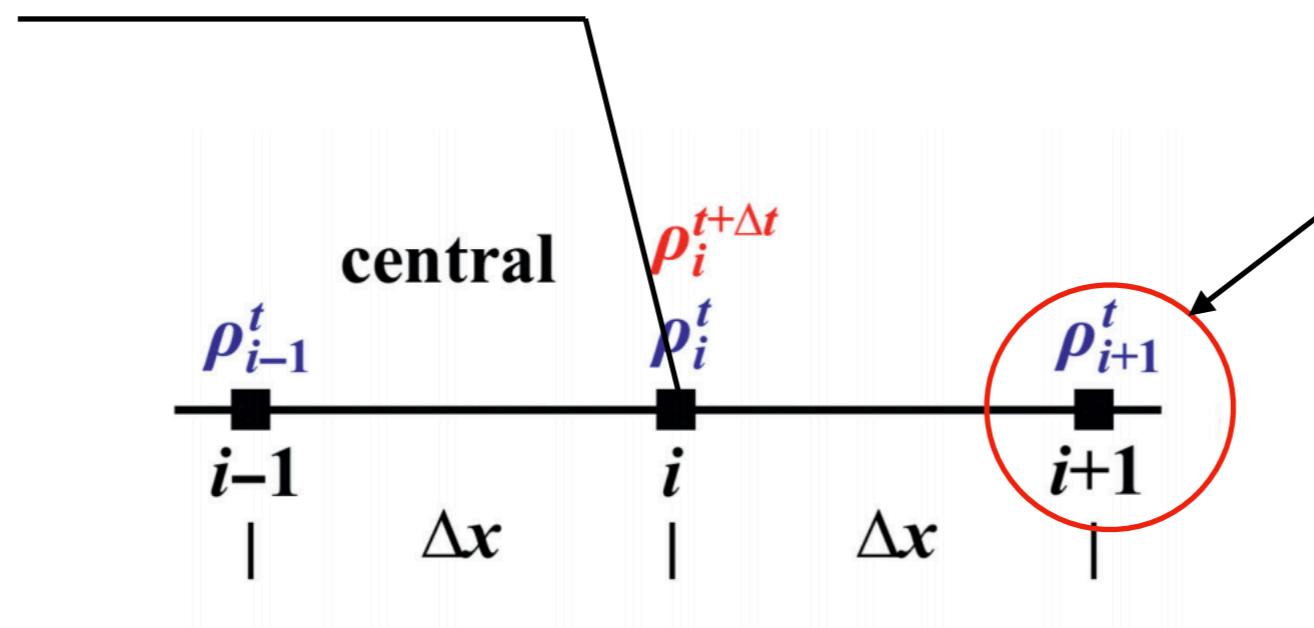
Central difference

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_i = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} - \frac{1}{6}\Delta x^2 \left( \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \right)_i + \dots$$

This term is huge when  $u$  is discontinuous!

Physical reason:

$\rightarrow \mathbf{v}_x$



Information from this cell is non-physical for wave propagation

# A few things about the modified equation

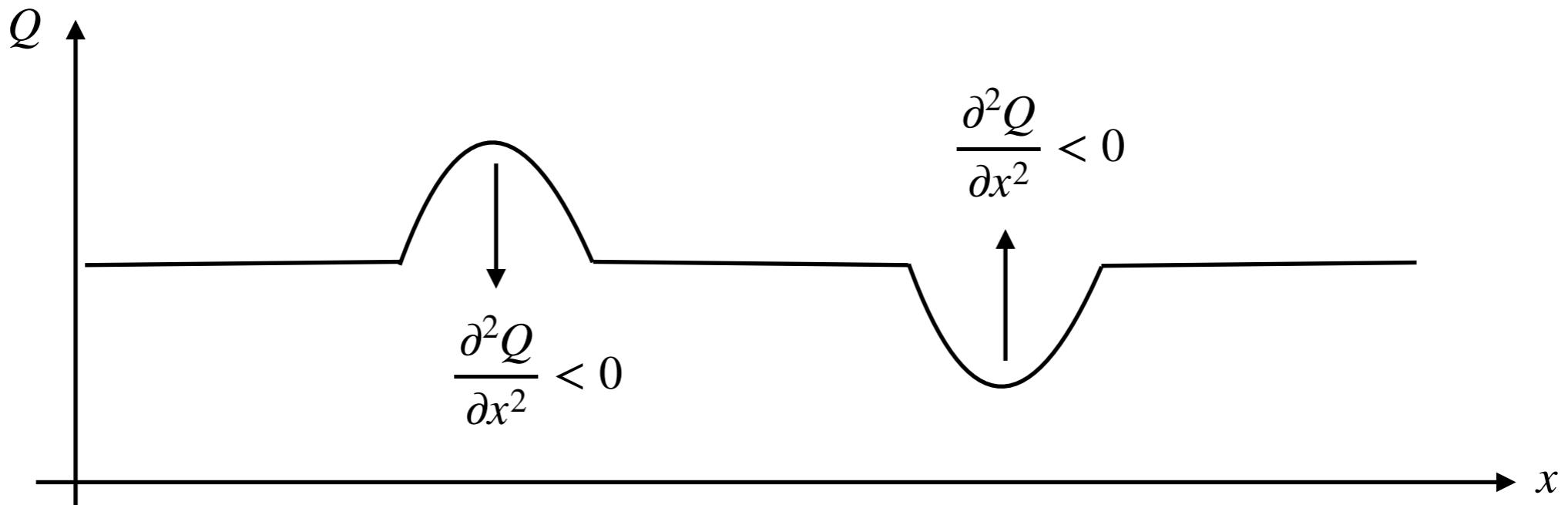
Upwind method

Original Equation	Numerical Approximation	Modified Equation
$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$	$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$	$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$

Lessons learned from the above analysis:

- The upwind scheme is an approximation to the advection equation
- The leading error term is delta x
- The upwind scheme is equivalent to an advection-diffusion equation
- The diffusion coefficient is beta\_xx which is large:
  - If  $\frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} = 1 \longrightarrow \beta_{xx} = \frac{1}{2} u_0 \Delta x \left(1 - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x}\right) = 0$  NO diffusion!
  - If  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \longrightarrow \beta_{xx} \rightarrow 0$  Converged solution
  - If  $0 < \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} < 1 \longrightarrow \beta_{xx} > 0$  Always have numerical diffusion

# What is Numerical Diffusion?



$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$$

Analytical solutions to the advection diffusion equation goes like

$$q(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\xi - u_0 t) e^{-\frac{(\xi - x)^2}{\beta_{xx}}} d\xi$$

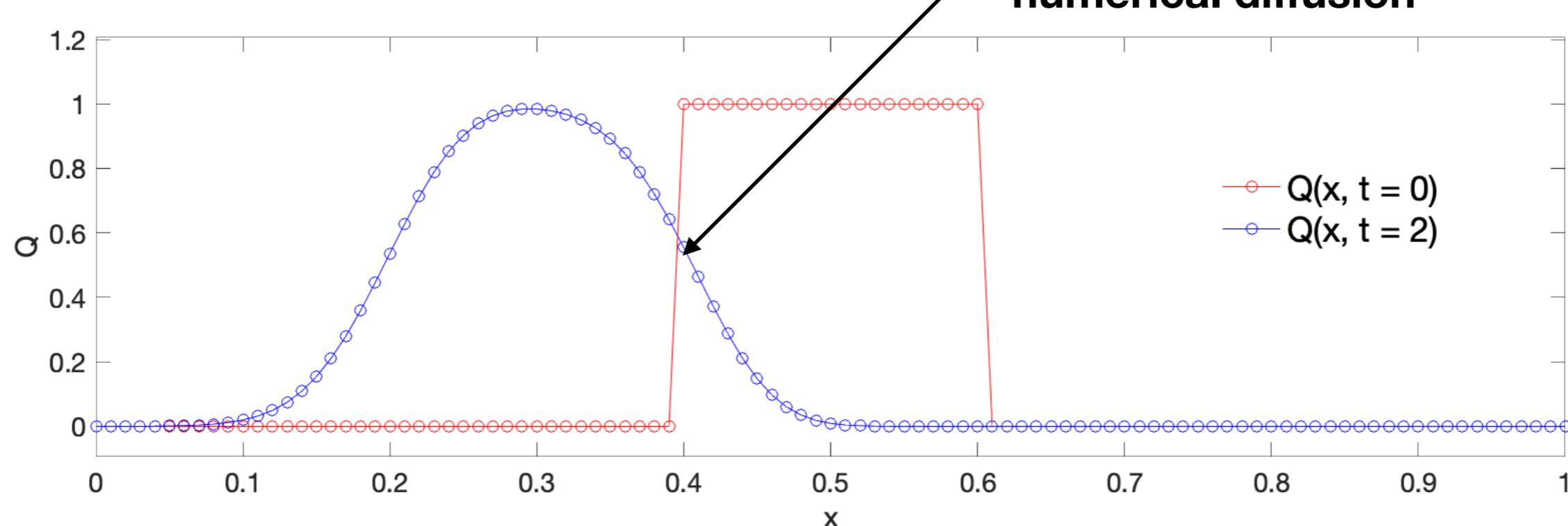
- b) Run the linear\_adv\_lec\_2.m code with a square wave as the initial profile:  $Q=1.0$  for  $0.4 < x < 0.6$  and  $Q = 0.0$  otherwise. Compare the final profile of  $Q$  with the initial condition and describe your result.

To setup a square wave for the initial  $Q$  profile, simply use:

```
Q = x*0;
Q(abs(x-0.5)<0.1)=1;
Q_init = Q; % save the initial profile for the final plot
```

After the simulation, plot  $Q$  and  $Q_{\text{init}}$  in the same plot

**Square wave “smeared” by numerical diffusion**



```
% plot the initial and final profiles of Q
figure('position',[442 668 988 280]) % create a blank figure to show the advection results
plot(x,Q_init,'-ro'); hold on
plot(x,Q,'-bo')
xlabel('x')
ylabel('Q')
ylim([-0.1 1.2])
set(gca,'fontsize',14)
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So the numerical solution of  $Q$  “spreads” in the  $x$ -direction - it deforms from a square function into something like a Gaussian function (mathematically it's the error function”

# The Advection Nature of the equation

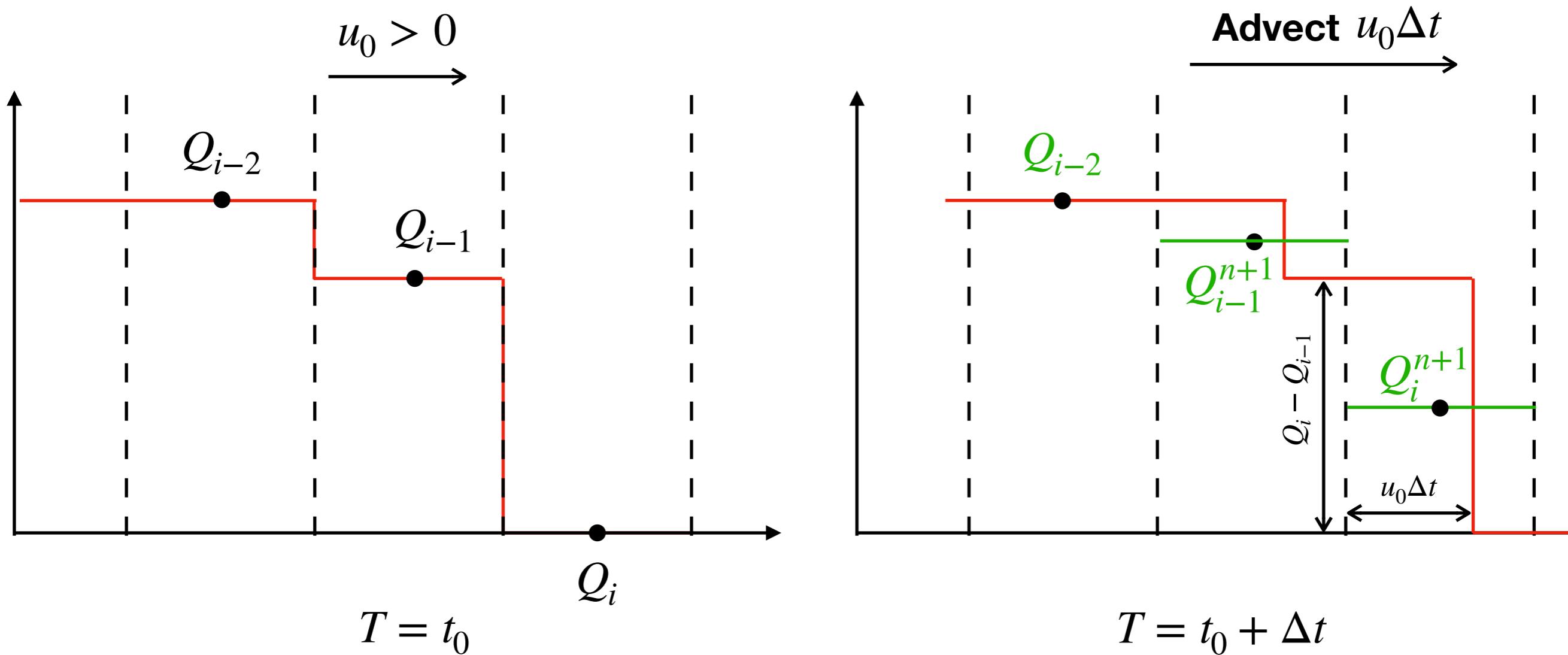
The REA framework

The upwind scheme can be written as

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)}{\Delta x}$$

Density change  
within one step

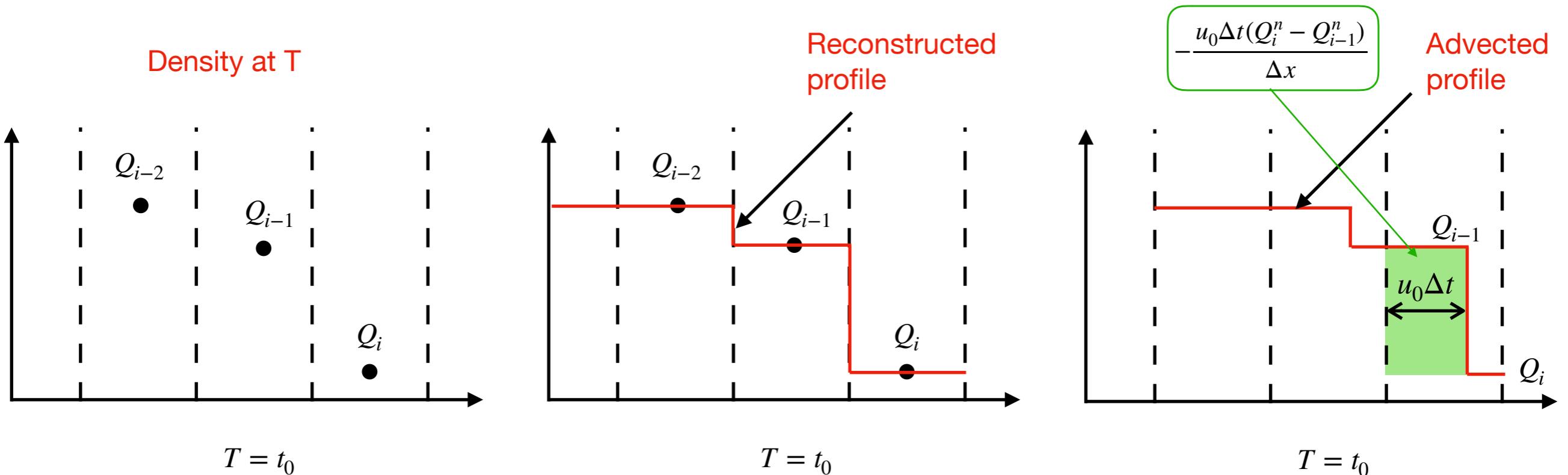
$u_0 \Delta t$  is the distance advected,  $(Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$  is the density difference between the cells



# The Advection Nature of the equation

The REA framework

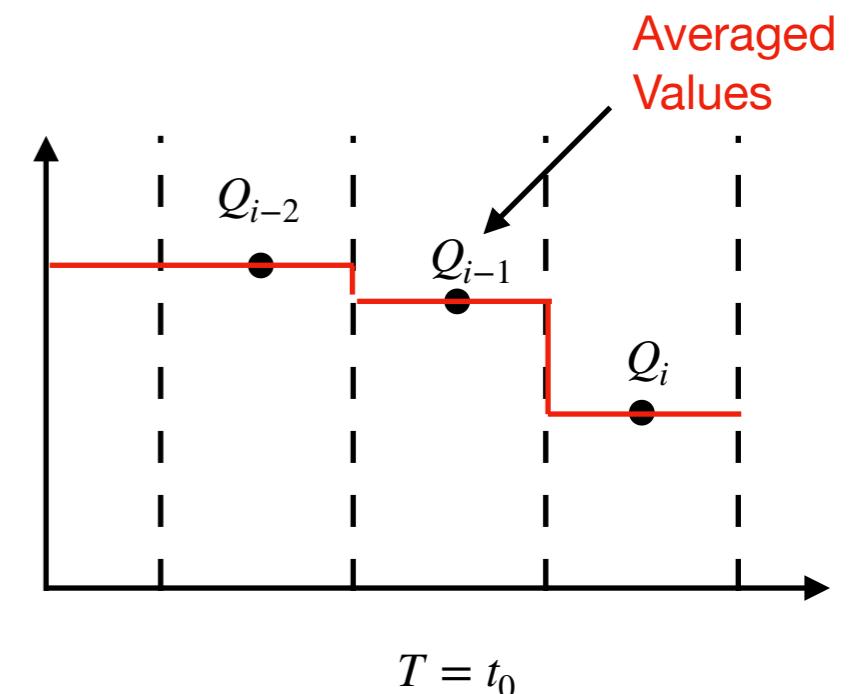
So the upwind scheme is basically an advection



Here's what happened in the upwind method:

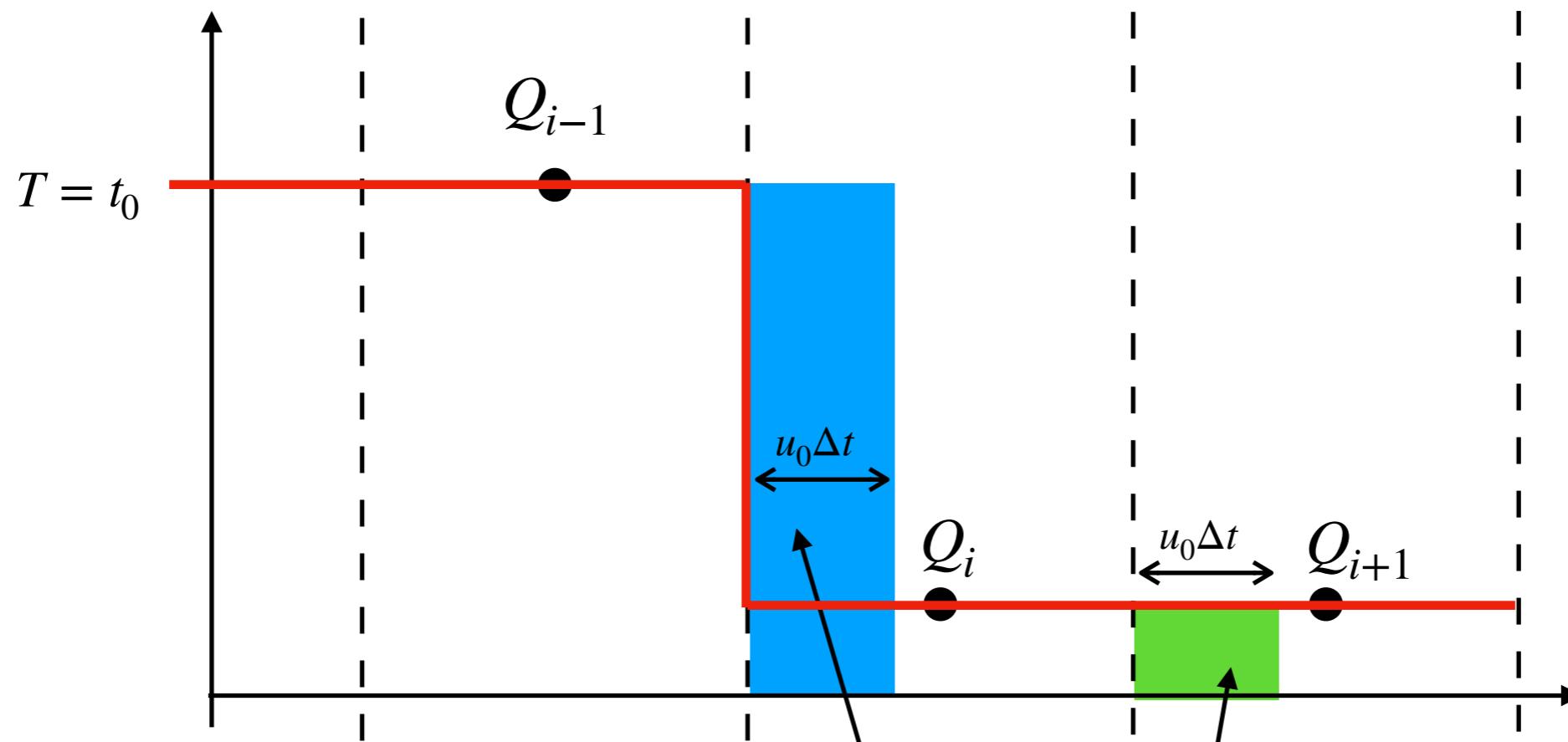
1. From  $Q_i$ , do a piecewise-constant reconstruction;
2. Move the reconstructed profile by  $u^* \Delta t$
3. Average the shifted profile in each cell to get new  $Q_i$

**Reconstruct - Evolve - Average** (REA framework)



# The Transport Nature of the equation

The flux balance interpretation



$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)}{\Delta x} = Q_i^n + \left( \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} Q_{i-1}^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} Q_i^n \right) \in (Q_{i-1}, Q_i)$$

Mass entering cell i      Mass leaving cell i

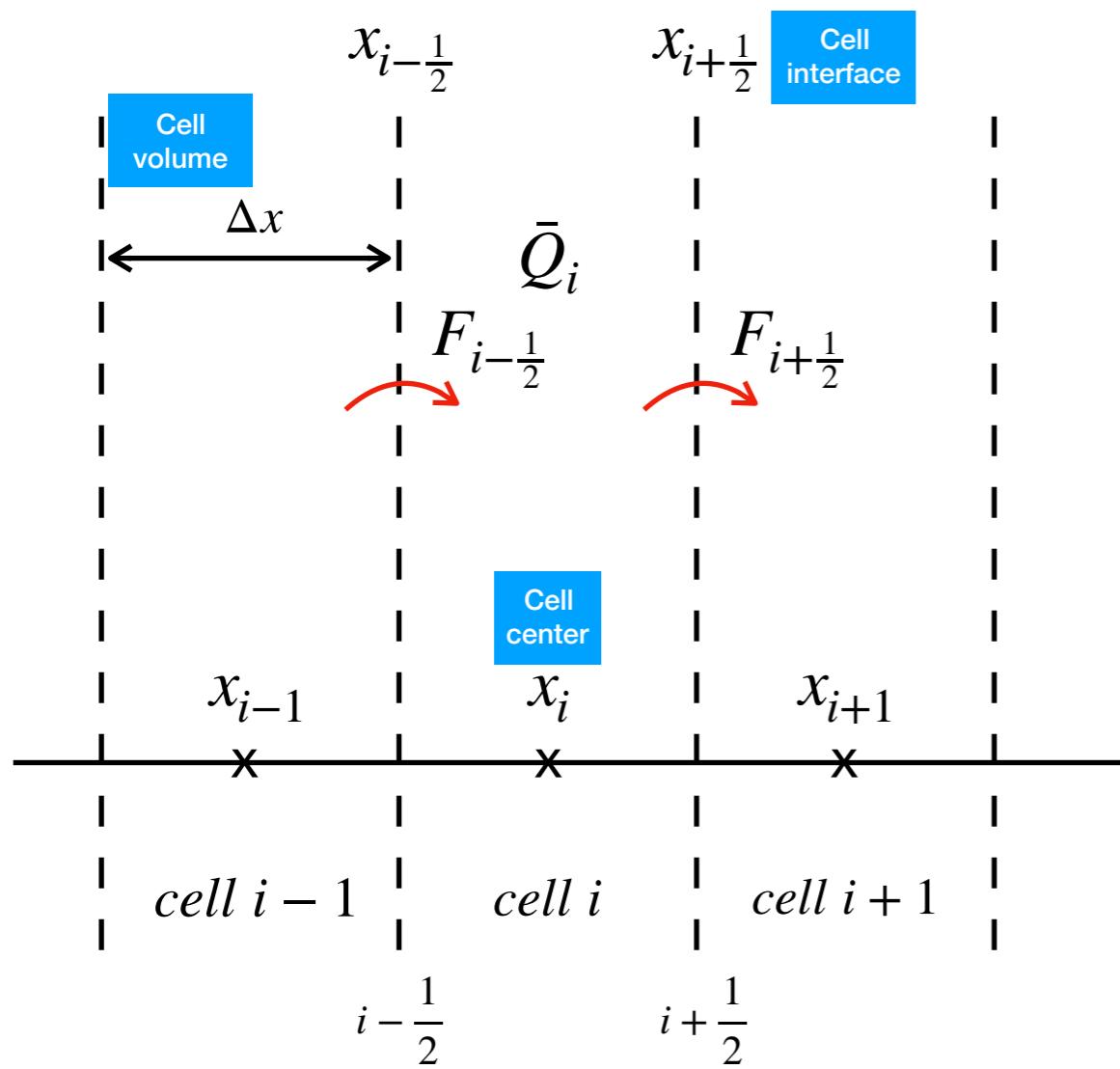
# Finite Volume Methods

## Basic form

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{re-write}} \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(Q)}{\partial x} = 0 \quad F(Q) = u_0 Q \quad \text{for linear advection}$$

Let's discretize the solution domain:

Integrate the PDE in cell i



$$\int_{i-\frac{1}{\gamma}}^{i+\frac{1}{2}} dx \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(Q)}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

$$\longrightarrow \int_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} dx = - \int_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{i+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial F(Q)}{\partial x} dx$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{i+\frac{1}{2}} Q dx = - F(Q) \Big|_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$

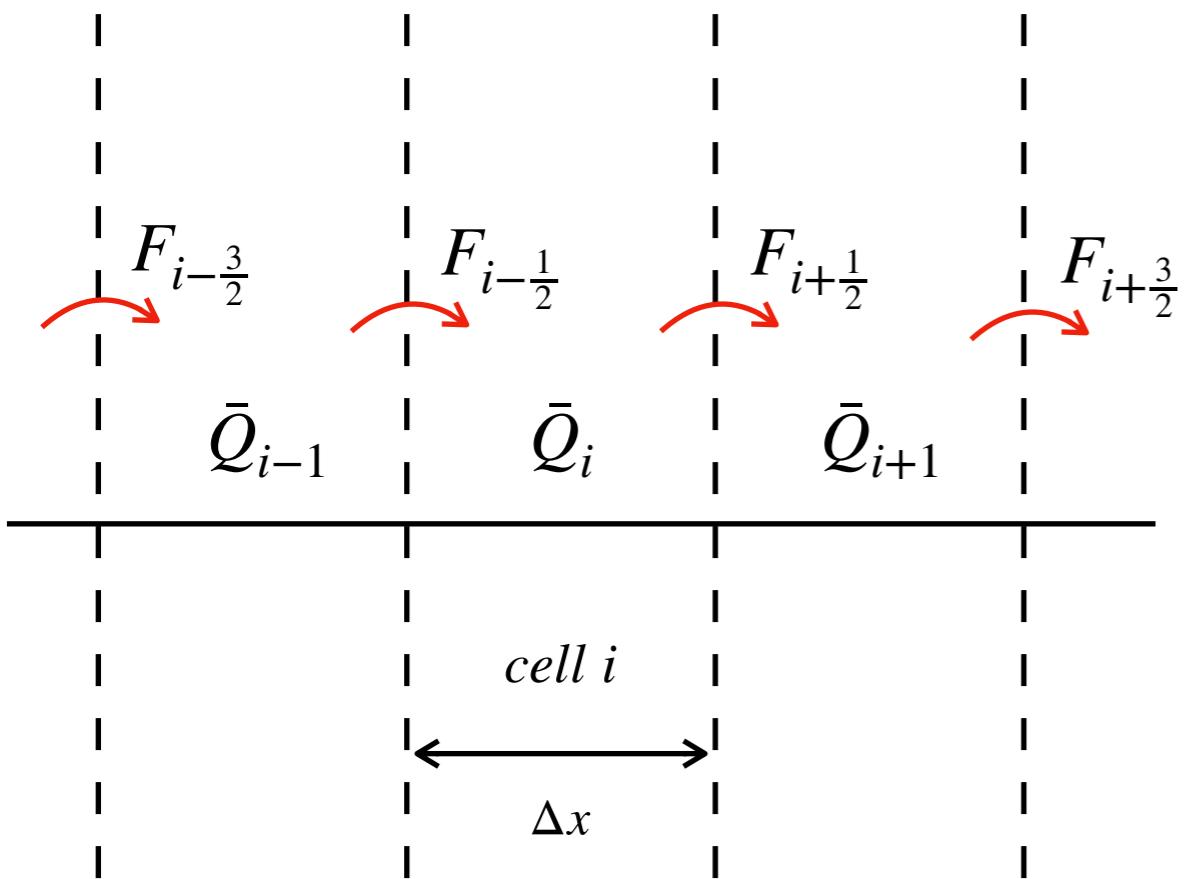
$$\longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{Q} \Delta x = - F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Rate of mass change

## Flux in & out of cell i

# Finite Volume Methods

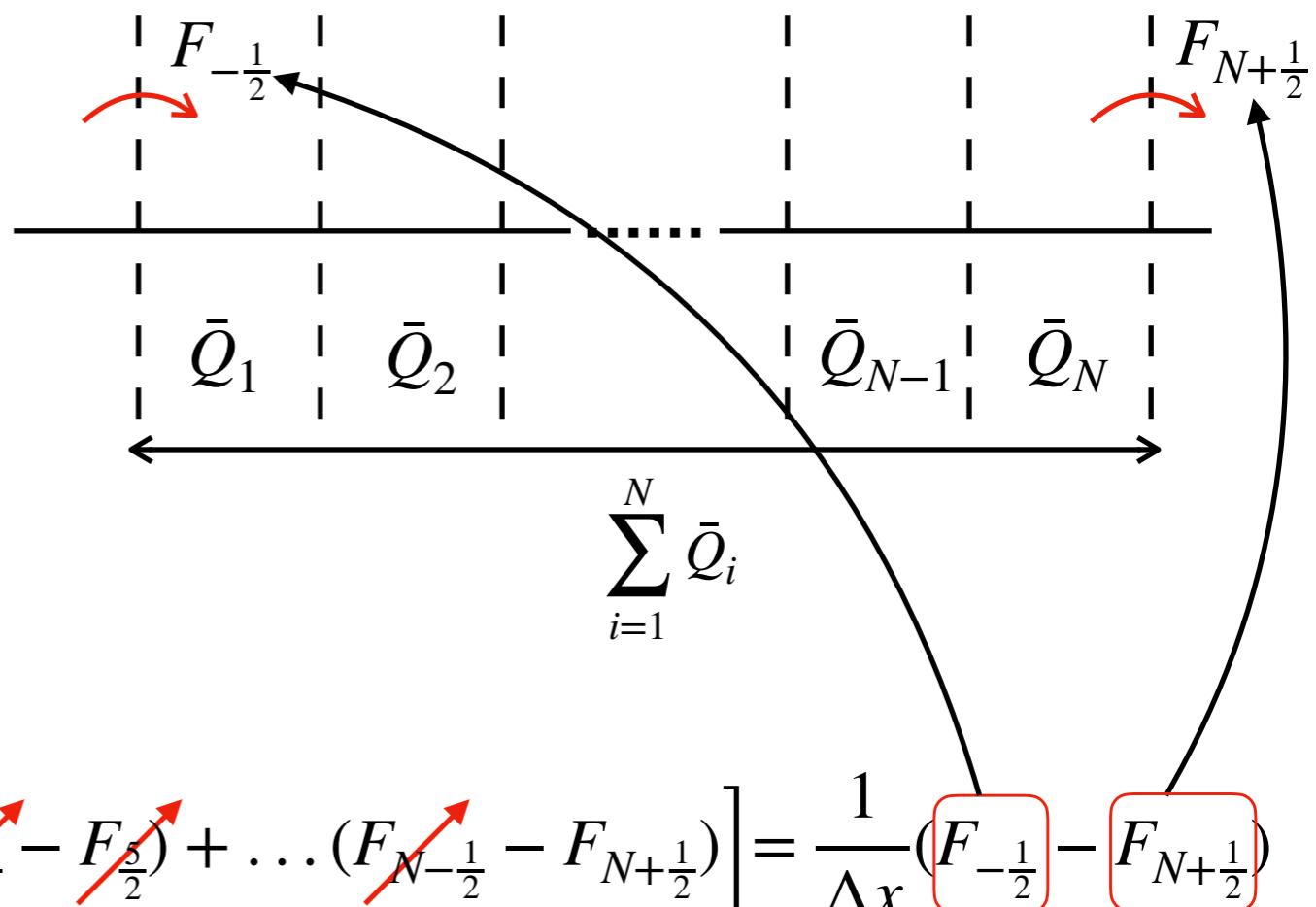
Conservation nature



$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{Q}_i &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{Q}_i = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \sum_{i=1}^N (F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[ (F_{-\frac{1}{2}} - F_{\frac{1}{2}}) + (F_{\frac{1}{2}} - F_{\frac{3}{2}}) + (F_{\frac{3}{2}} - F_{\frac{5}{2}}) + \dots + (F_{N-\frac{1}{2}} - F_{N+\frac{1}{2}}) \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta x} (F_{-\frac{1}{2}} - F_{N+\frac{1}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{Q}_i = - \frac{1}{\Delta x} (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$$

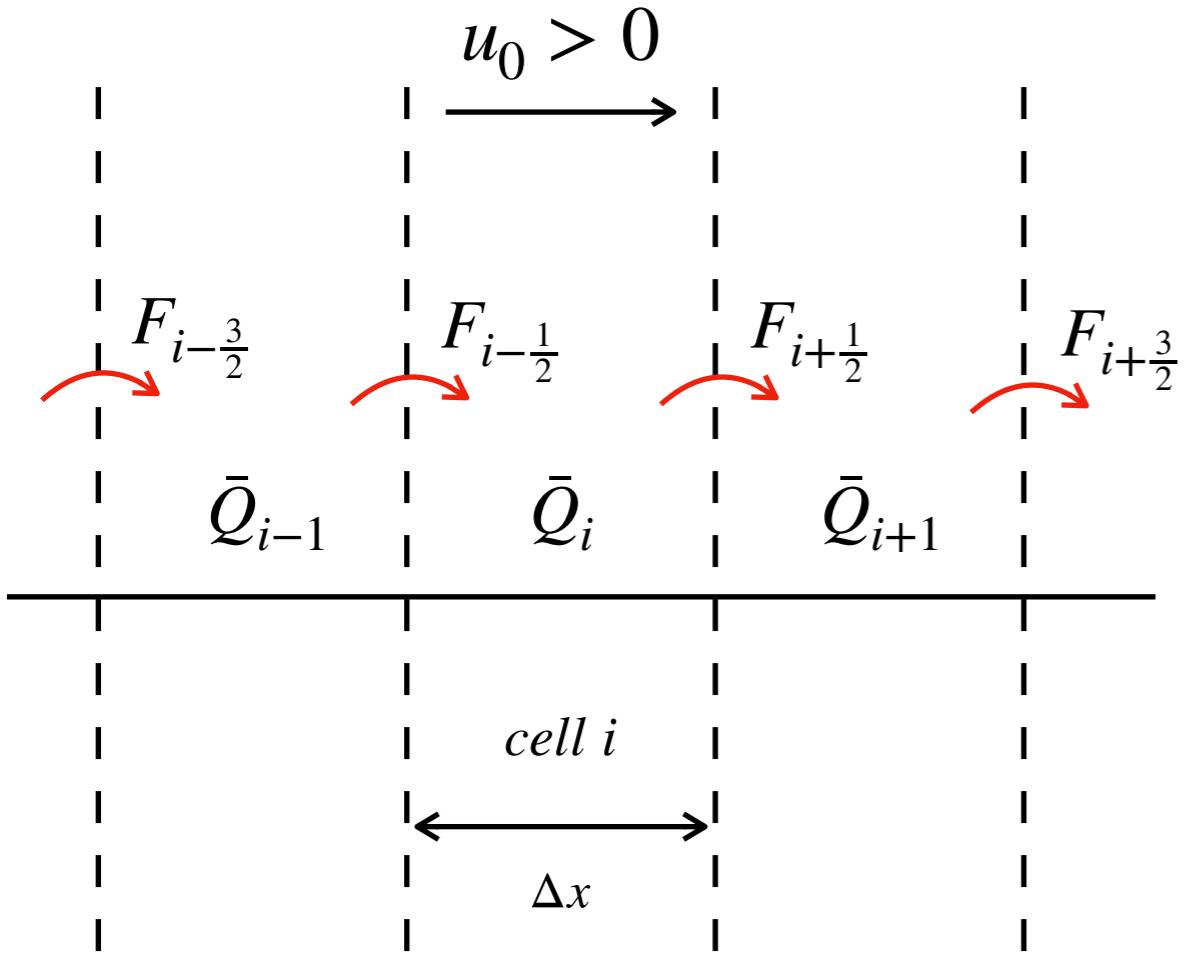
Sum over all the cells:



If the flux at  $i=-1/2$  and  $i=N+1/2$  is zero, then the total mass is not going to change

# Finite Volume Methods

The upwind method in the FV framework



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{Q}_i = -\frac{1}{\Delta x} (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$$

Let's drop the bar and use  $Q$  in the following  
If the advection towards right ( $u_0 > 0$ ), a  
natural choice for the flux at interface is

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = u_0 Q_i^n \quad (F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = u_0 Q_{i-1}^n)$$

Now the updates becomes

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

Another natural choice of the interface flux is

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} (u_0 Q_i^n + u_0 Q_{i+1}^n) \quad F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} (u_0 Q_{i-1}^n + u_0 Q_i^n)$$

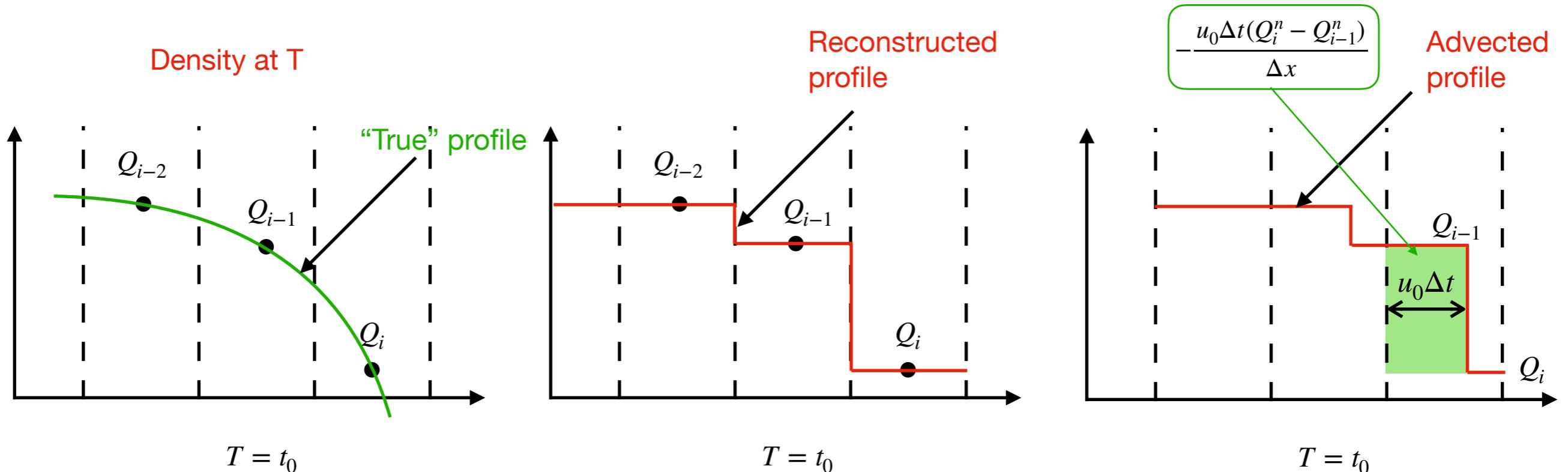
Which gives

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n) \quad \text{The UNSTABLE central scheme!}$$

# Finite Volume Methods

REA w/ the 1st-order upwind method

The upwind method is basically a piecewise constant reconstruction scheme



Which means we're assuming the density profile within cell  $i$  is constant:

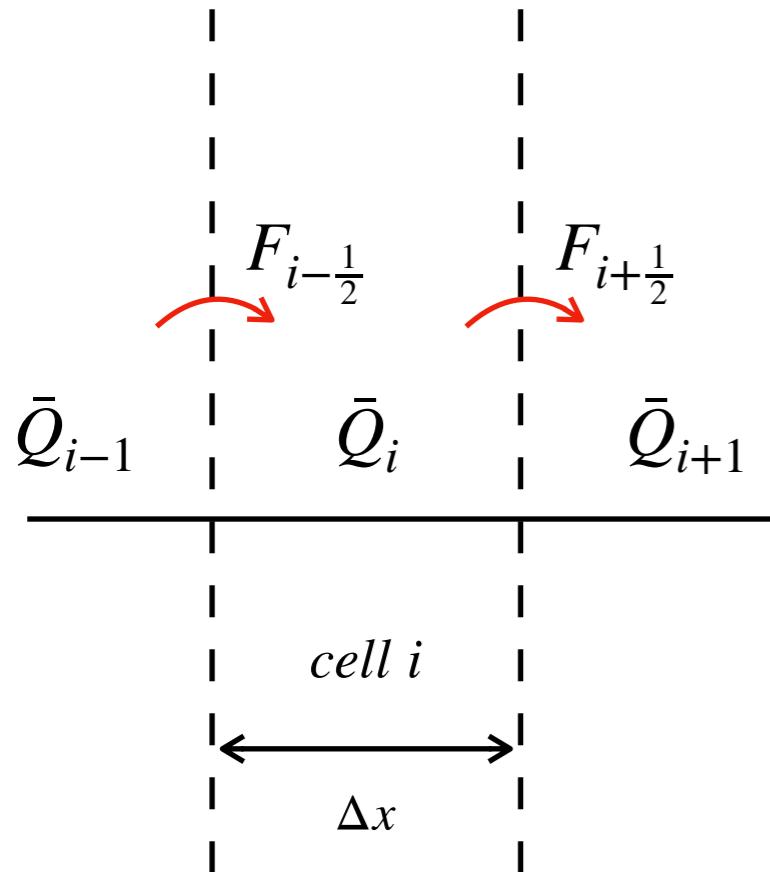
$$q(x) = Q_i, \quad x \in (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

By doing this, the modified equation has an explicit diffusion term  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$

This is because we are treating the initial profile  $Q(x)$  as step functions - possibly very far away from the "true" solution unless  $\Delta x$  is really small.

# The 1st-order upwind scheme is horrible

Flux of the 1st-order upwind method



**FV form:**

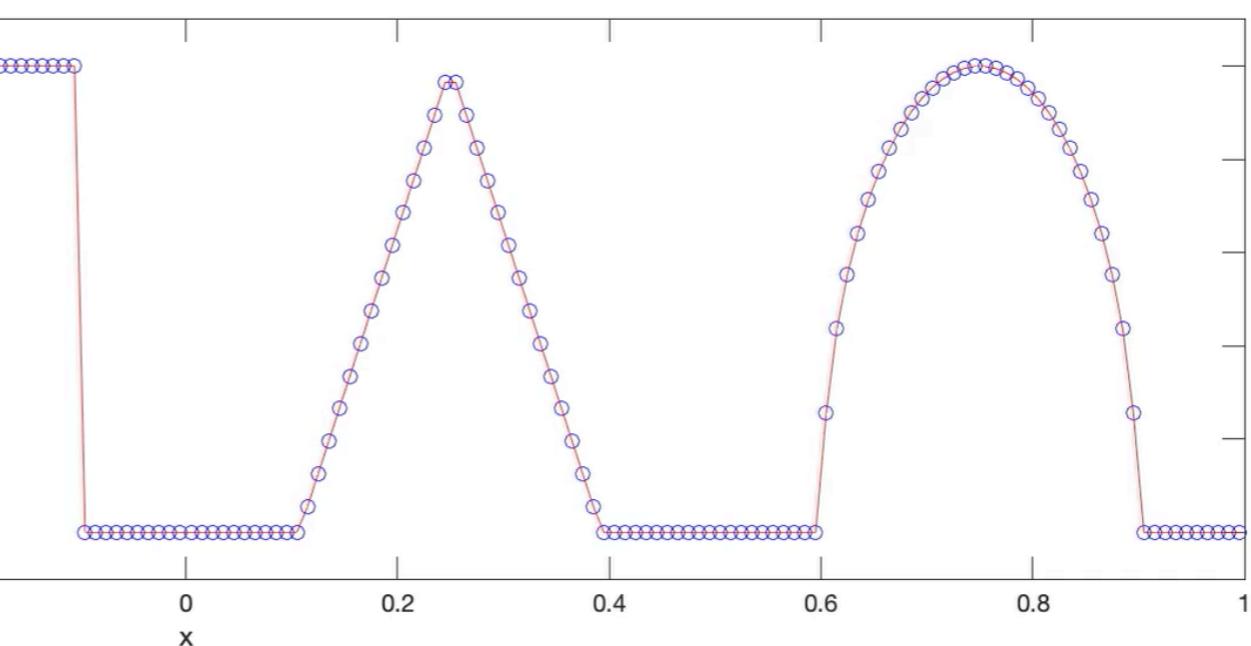
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Q_i = -\frac{1}{\Delta x} (F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$$

**Interface Flux:**

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_i, Q_{i+1}) = \frac{1}{2}(u_0 Q_i + u_0 Q_{i+1}) - \frac{1}{2} |u_0| (Q_{i+1} - Q_i)$$

**Alternatively:**

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_i, Q_{i+1}) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_i) + F(Q_{i+1})) - \frac{1}{2} |u_0| (Q_{i+1} - Q_i)$$

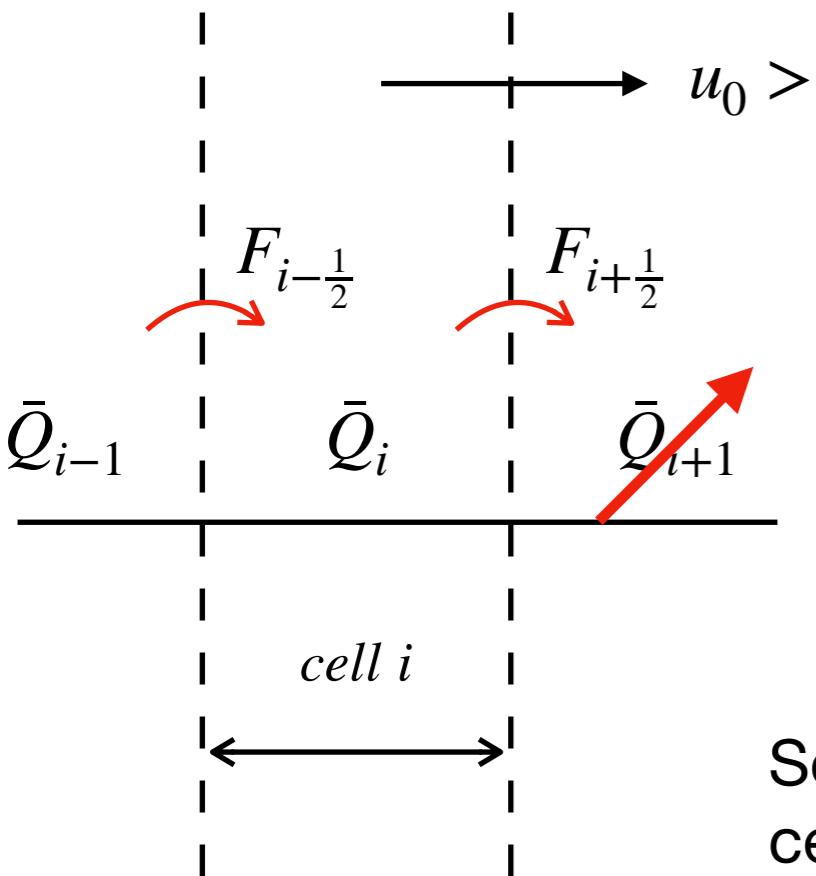


# Upwind flux versus Central flux

We now know that the upwind scheme can be written as a combination of a second-order flux with a diffusion term:

$$F(Q) = u_0 Q$$

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_i, Q_{i+1}) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_i) + F(Q_{i+1})) - \frac{1}{2}|u_0|(Q_{i+1} - Q_i)$$



2nd-order flux

Diffusion term

why?

Let's difference the flux  $F_{i+1/2}$ :

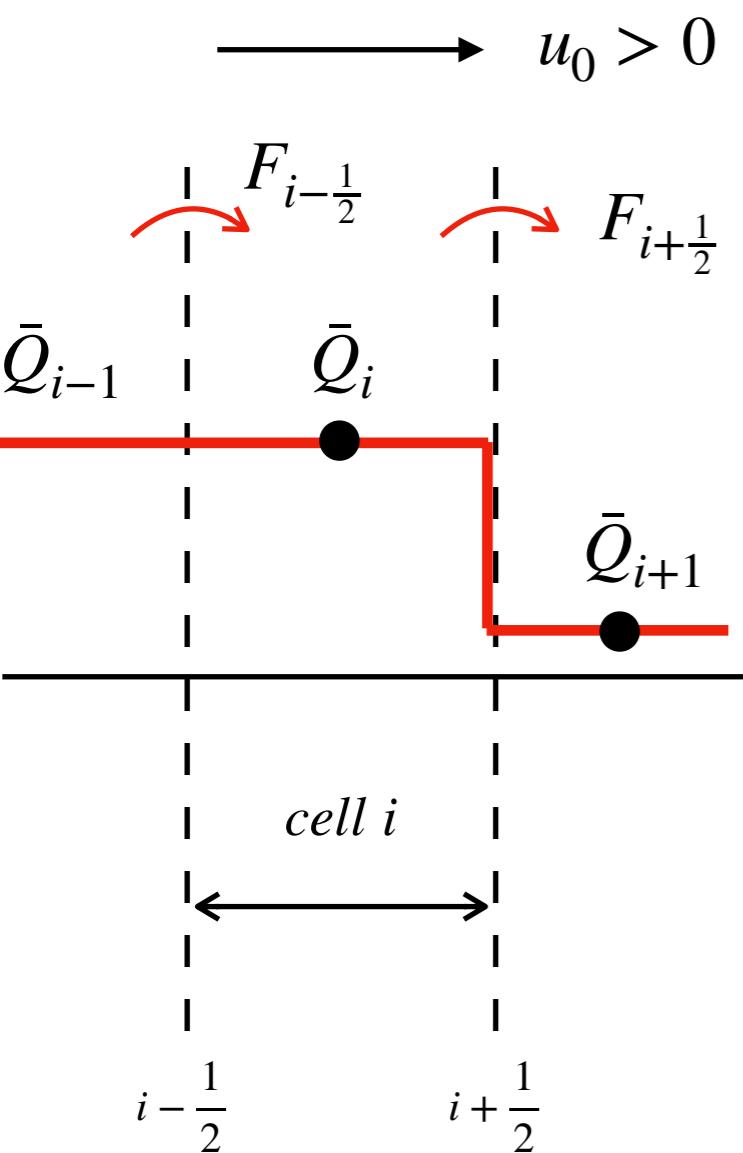
$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \sim -\frac{1}{2}|u_0|(Q_{i+1} - 2Q_i + Q_{i-1})$$
$$\sim \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2}$$

So upwind scheme basically cancels out the furthest downwind cell and make the flux one-sided

This leads to the so-called family of **central schemes**

Which means as long as we know the speed of the waves, we don't need to care about the direction of the propagation anymore

# Origin of Numerical diffusion in Upwind



**Upwind:**

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_i, Q_{i+1}) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_i) + F(Q_{i+1})) - \frac{1}{2}|u_0|(Q_{i+1} - Q_i)$$

So as long as  $Q_i$  is not equal to  $Q_{i+1}$ , numerical diffusion is introduced, which is described by the modified equation as

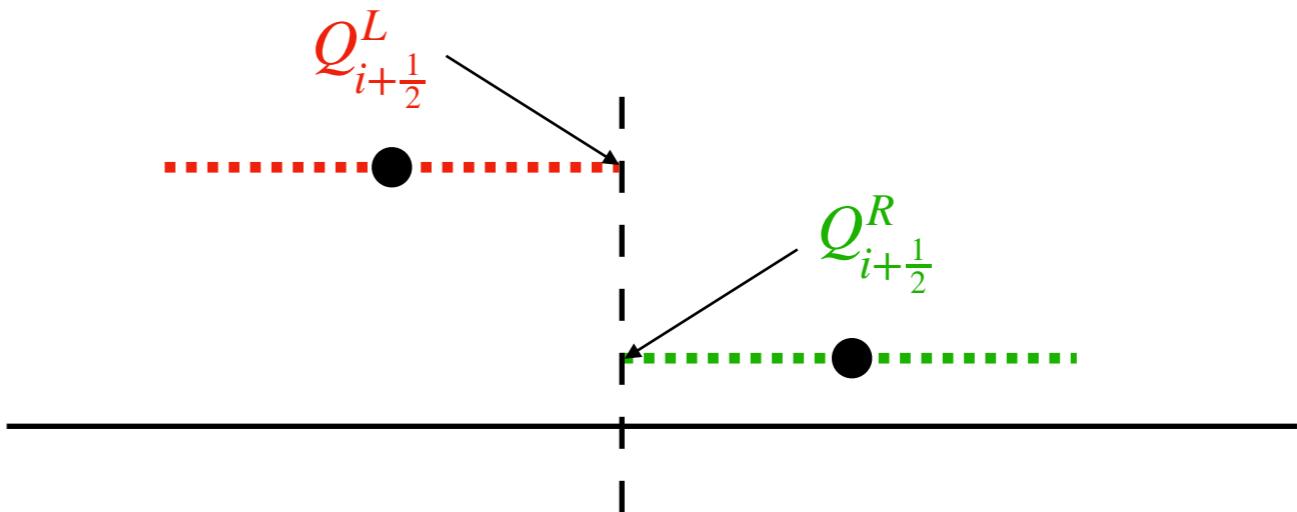
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$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$$

Numerical diffusion

Modified equation

If we regard  $Q_i$  and  $Q_{i+1}$  as zeroth-order reconstruction:

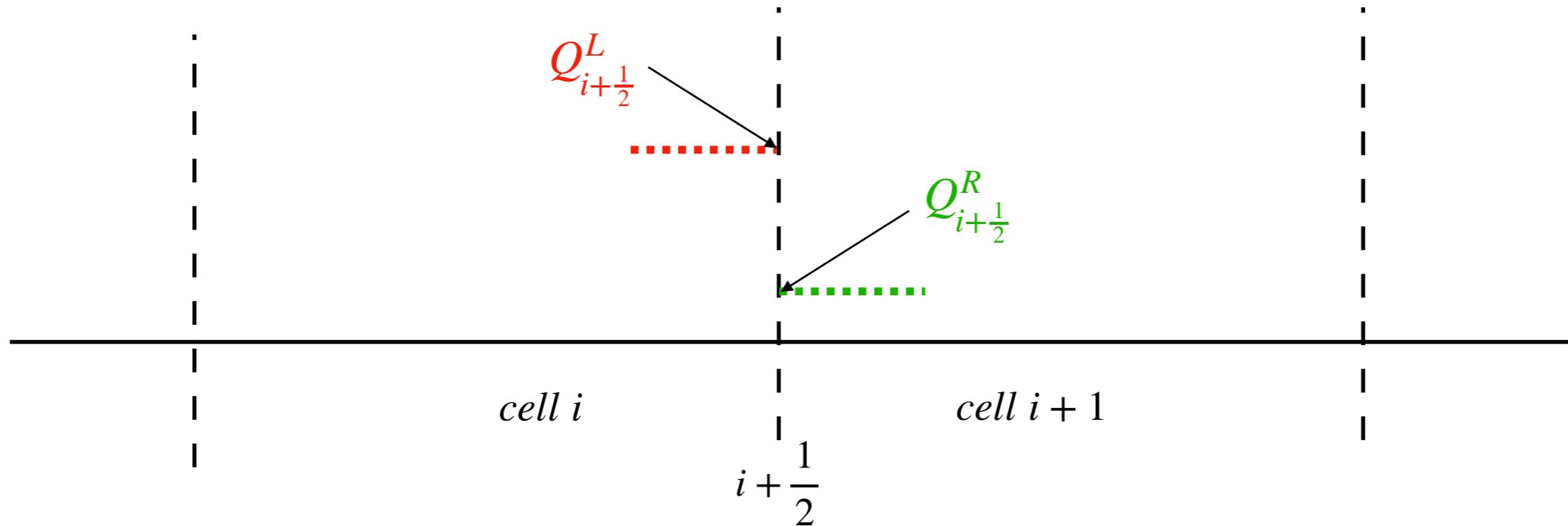


**Upwind Flux is basically:**  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L, Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L) + F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R)) - \frac{1}{2}|u_0|(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R - Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L)$

# Central Schemes

Interface states and wave speed

The use of upwind schemes require the knowledge of the wave speed and direction of the propagation - not always available in non-linear problems. So central schemes are convenient which does not require the information of the wave propagation:



Lax-Friedrichs

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L, Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L) + F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R)) - \frac{\Delta x}{2\Delta t}(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R - Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L)$$

Rusanov

$$F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L, Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L) + F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R)) - \frac{1}{2}|u_{max}|(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R - Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L)$$

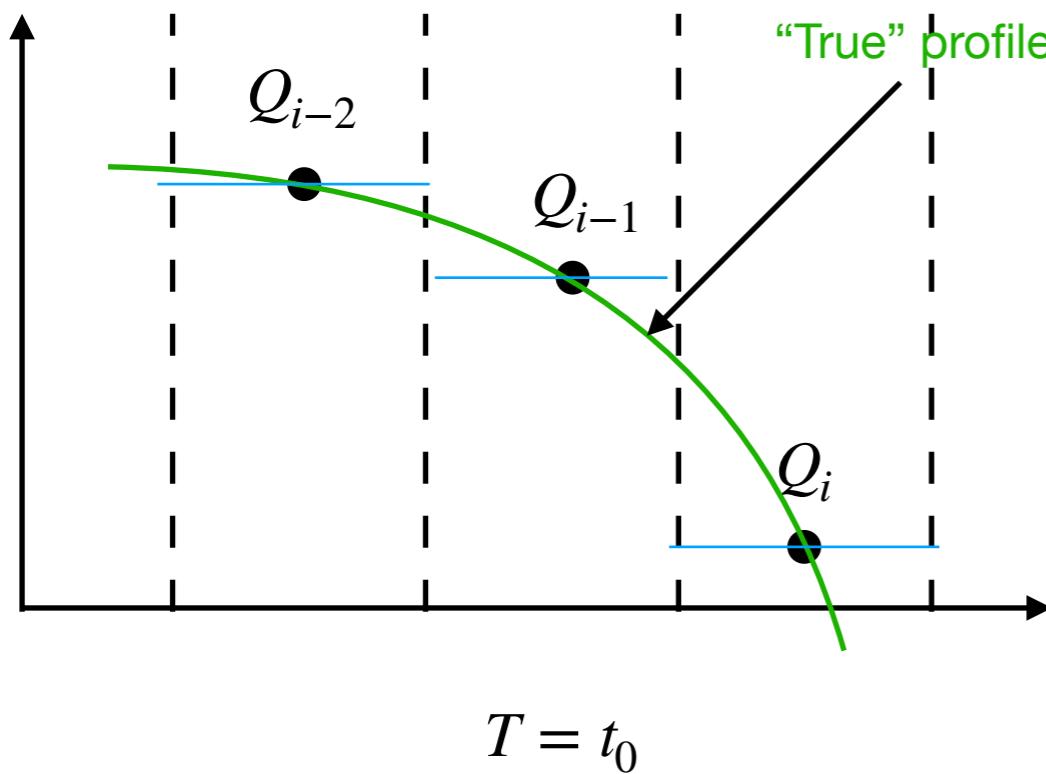
So the numerical diffusion is basically from  $Q_R - Q_L$ , how to reduce that?

# Finite Volume Methods

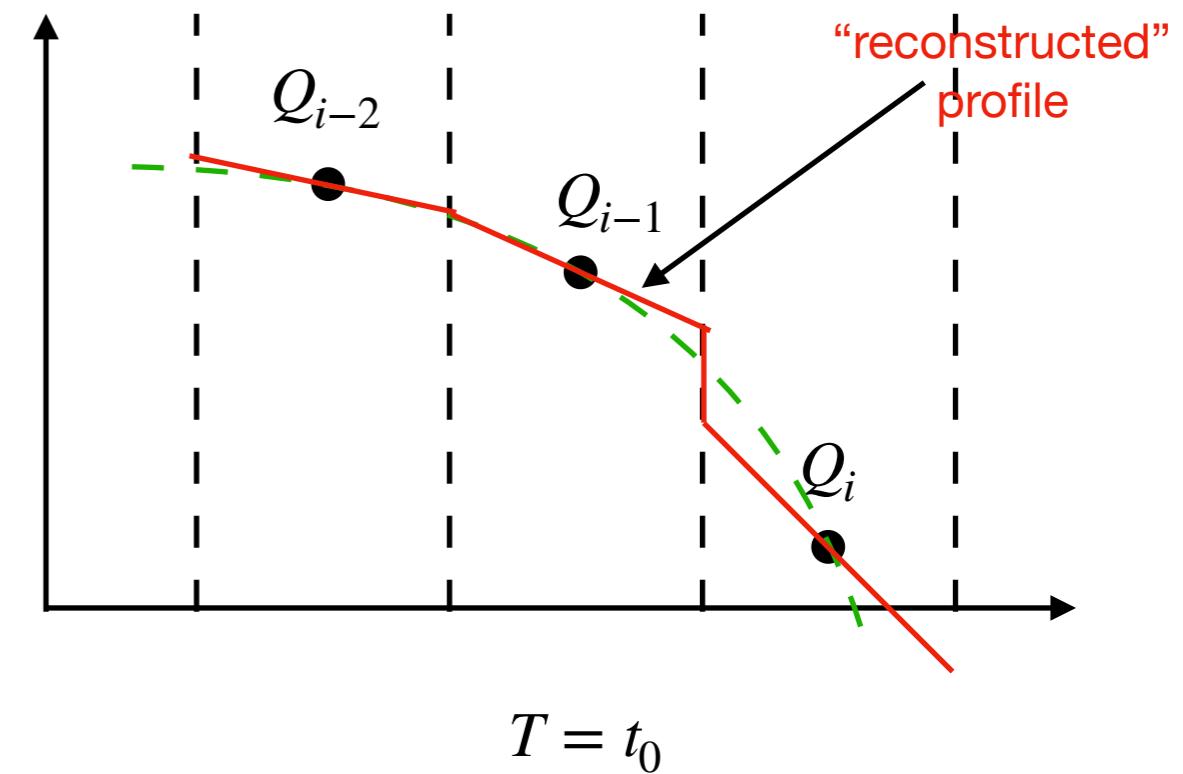
REA with Second-order methods

Now to improve the solution, using a more accurate reconstruction for the profile is needed:

Piecewise-constant



Piecewise-linear



Which means we're assuming the density profile within cell  $i$  is linear:

$$q(x) = Q_i + \sigma_i(x - x_i), \quad x \in (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

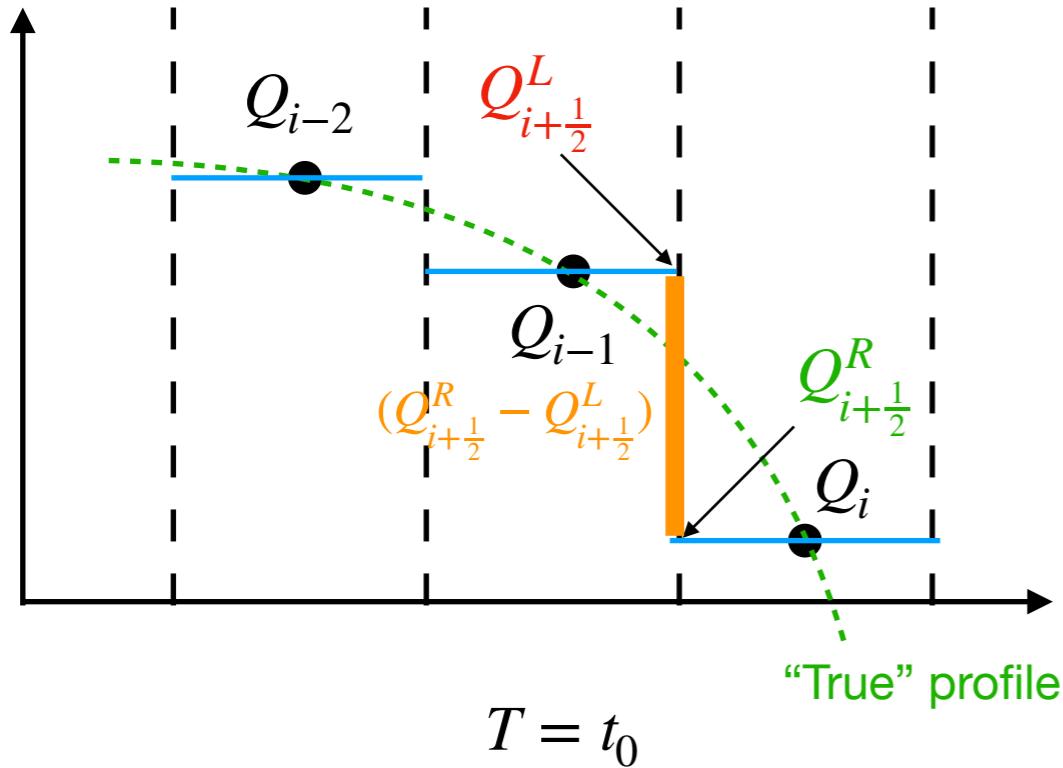
This is called *piecewise linear* reconstruction for  $Q$ , and the method is generally 2nd order

# Finite Volume Methods

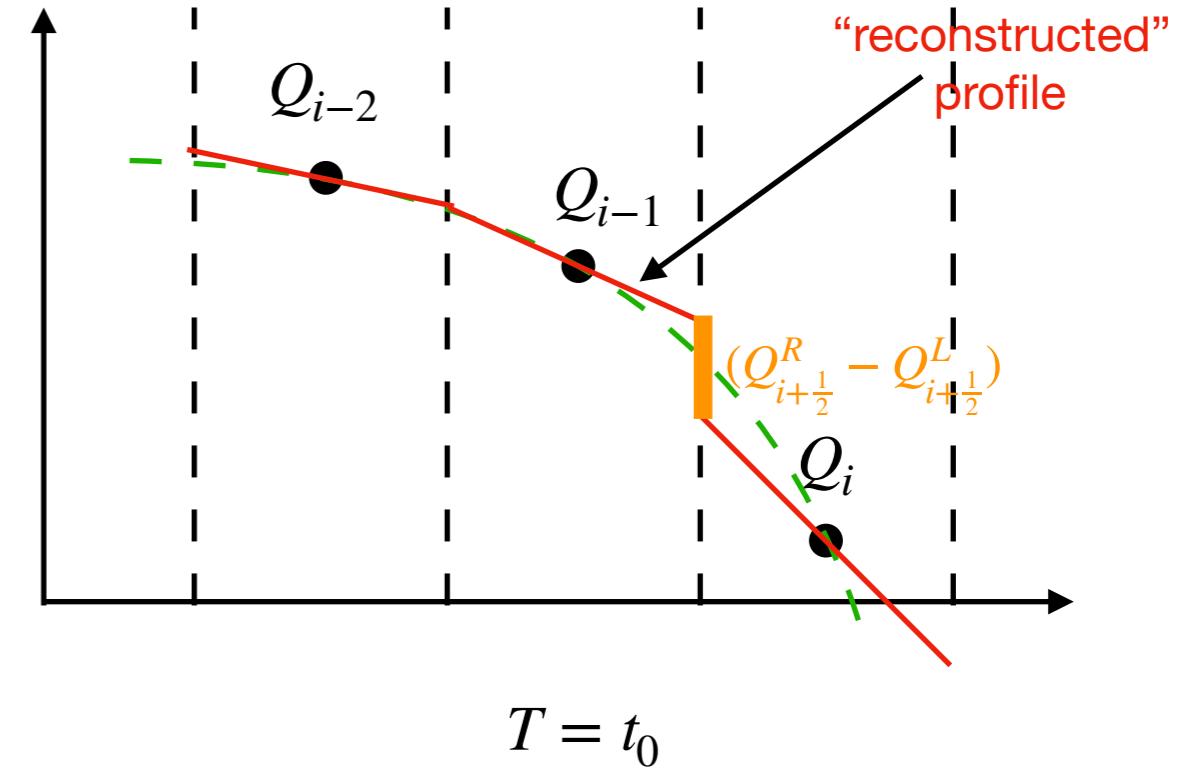
REA with Second-order methods

Now to improve the solution, using a more accurate reconstruction for the profile is needed:

**Zeroth-order Reconstruction**



**1st-order Reconstruction**

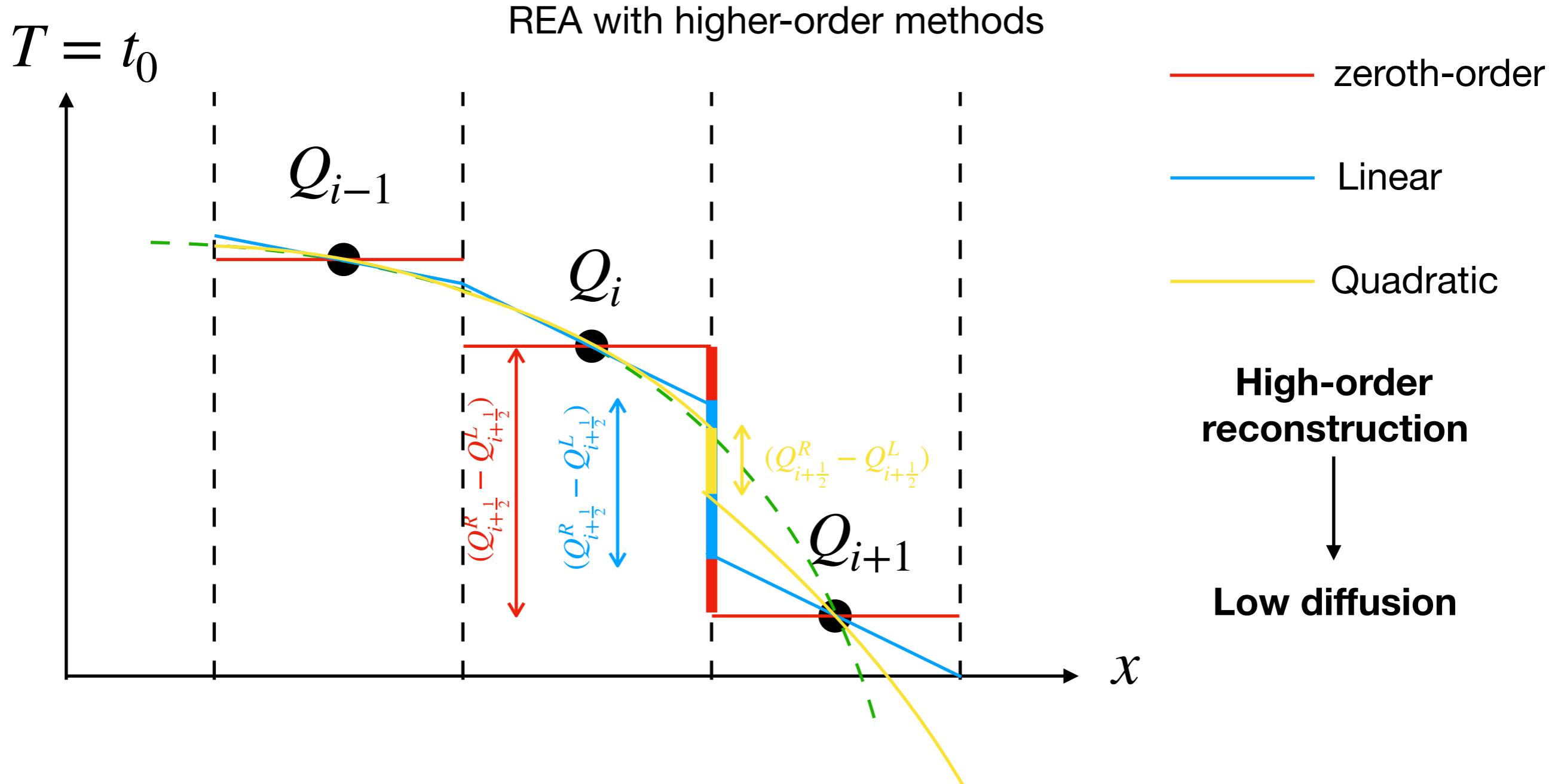


**Flux is basically:**  $F_{i+\frac{1}{2}}(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L, Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R) = \frac{1}{2}(F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L) + F(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R)) - \frac{1}{2}|u_0|(Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^R - Q_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^L)$

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Diffusion term

# Finite Volume Methods



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Does that mean we can go arbitrary high order reconstruction for QL and QR?

Diffusion term

# Unfortunately, It's not that simple

Slope and preview of limiters

the density profile within cell  $i$  is linear:

$$q(x, t_n) = Q_i + \sigma_i(x - x_i), \quad x \in (x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

It is straightforward to show that

$$\int_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{i+\frac{1}{2}} q(x, t_n) dx = Q_i$$

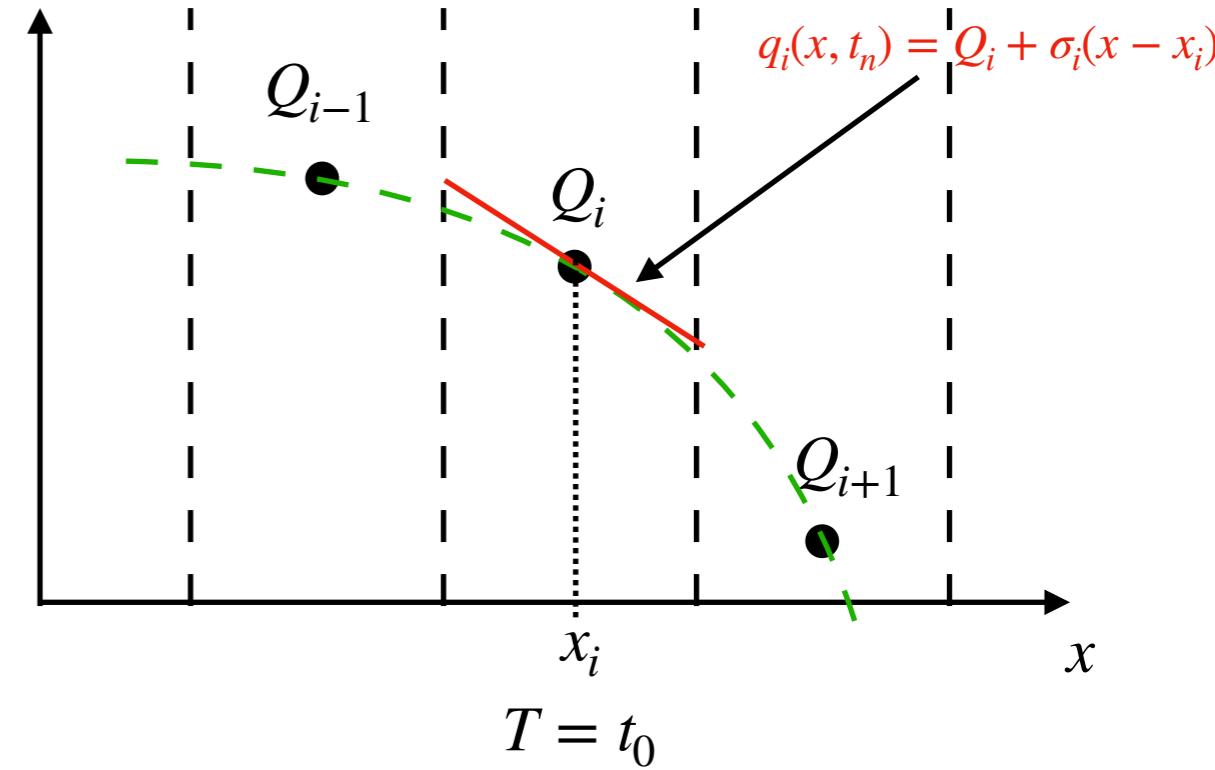
Which means the reconstruction is *conservative*

After one step, the solution becomes

$$q(x, t_{n+1}) = q(x - u_0 \Delta t, t_n) \quad \text{which is a shift of the } q(x) \text{ profile towards right}$$

The finite volume solution is then

$$Q_i^{n+1} = -\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_0 \Delta t} q_{i-1}(x - u_0 \Delta t) dx + \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_0 \Delta t}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q_i(x - u_0 \Delta t) dx \right)$$



# Choice of Slope

A preview of limiting

The solution with the piecewise linear reconstruction method is

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i^{n+1} &= -\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_0 \Delta t} q_{i-1}(x - u_0 \Delta t) dx + \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + u_0 \Delta t}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} q_i(x - u_0 \Delta t) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[ Q_{i-1}^n + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta x - u_0 \Delta t) \sigma_{i-1}^n \right] + \left( 1 - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right) (Q_i^n - \frac{1}{2} u_0 \Delta t \sigma_i^n) \\ &= \boxed{Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (\Delta x - u_0 \Delta t) (\sigma_i^n - \sigma_{i-1}^n) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)} \end{aligned}$$

Recall the modified equation for the upwind method (1st order)

2nd-order  
Piecewise Linear Method

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \frac{1}{2} u_0 \Delta x \left( 1 - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right) \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$$

The term  $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (\sigma_i^n - \sigma_{i-1}^n)$  is anti-diffusion flux which reduces the diffusion in upwind

# Choice of Slope

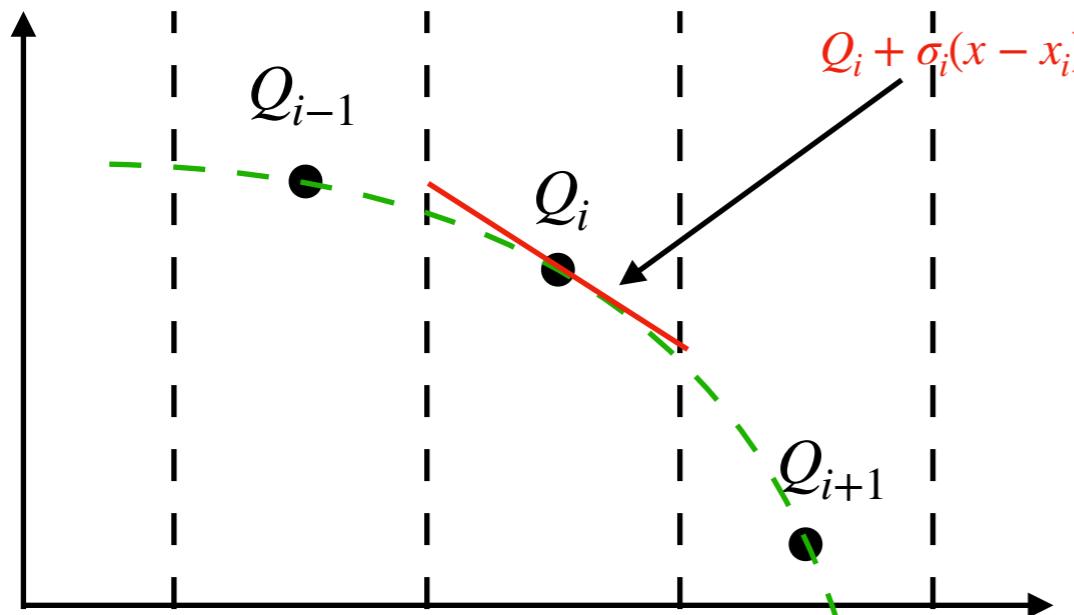
2nd-order methods:

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (\Delta x - u_0 \Delta t) (\sigma_i^n - \sigma_{i-1}^n) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$$

Our 1st order method

$$\sigma_i^n = 0 \quad (\text{Upwind method})$$

Some 2nd order methods



$$T = t_0$$

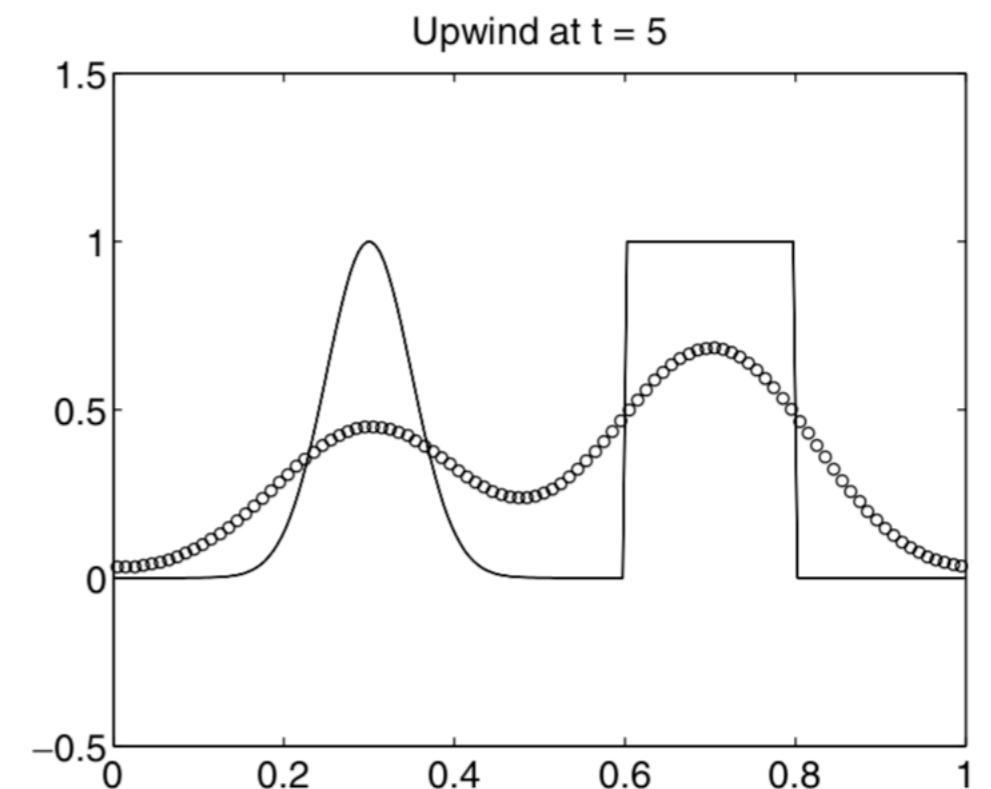
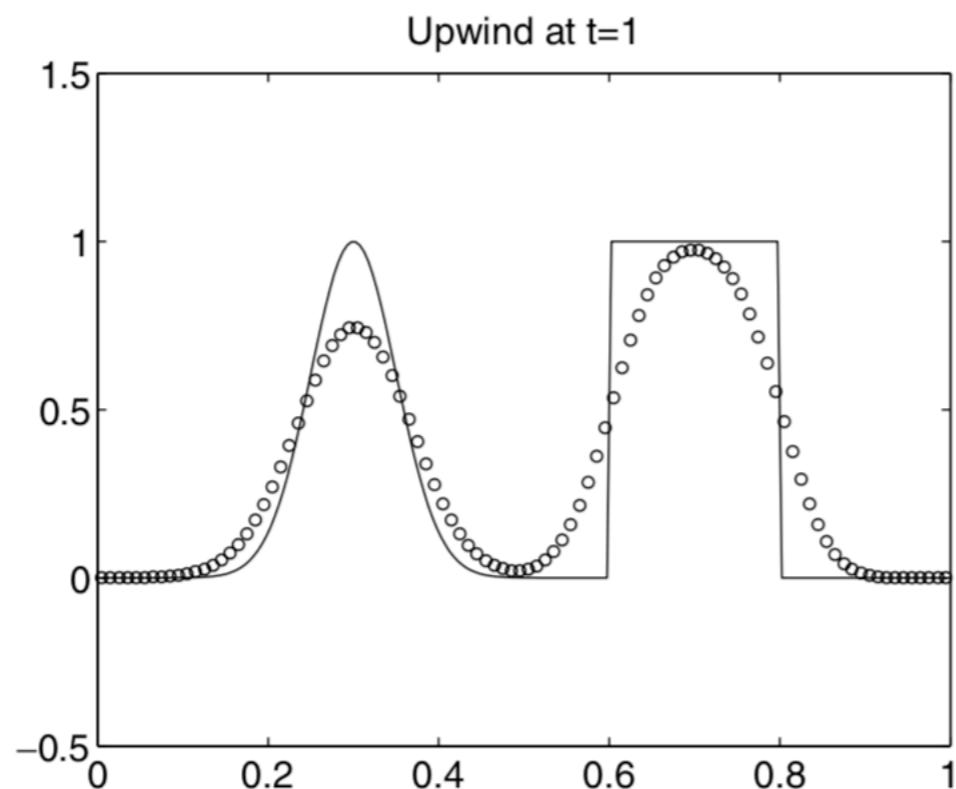
$$\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x} \quad (\text{Fromm's method})$$

$$\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x} \quad (\text{Beam-warming method})$$

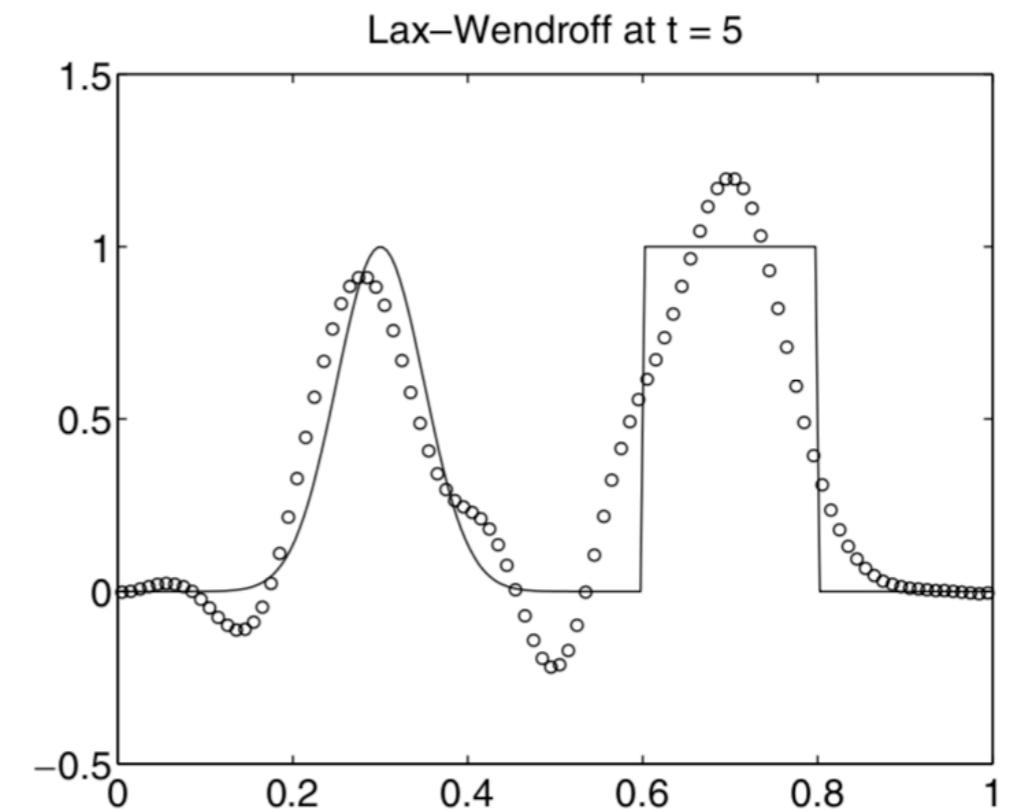
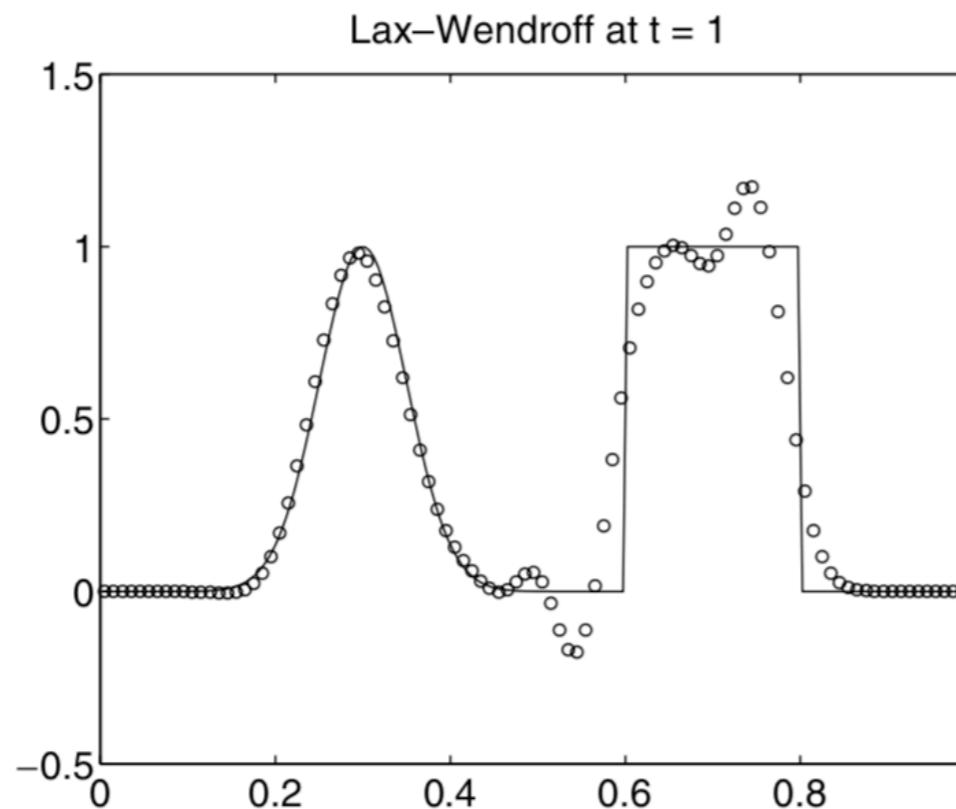
$$\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x} \quad (\text{Lax-Wendroff method})$$

# Results form Lax-Wendroff Method

UPWIND

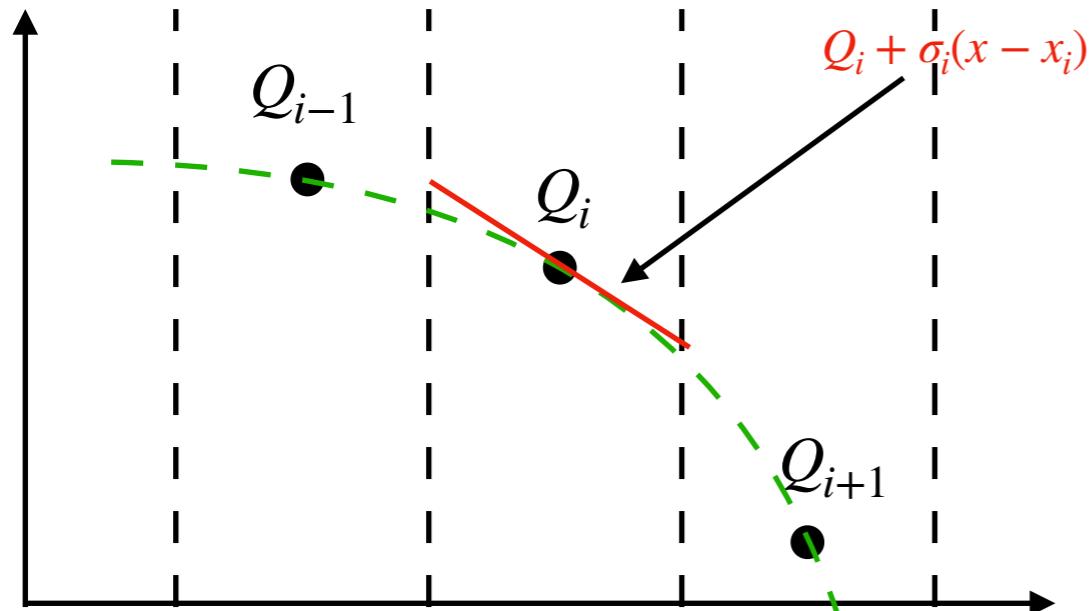


LAX-  
WENDROFF



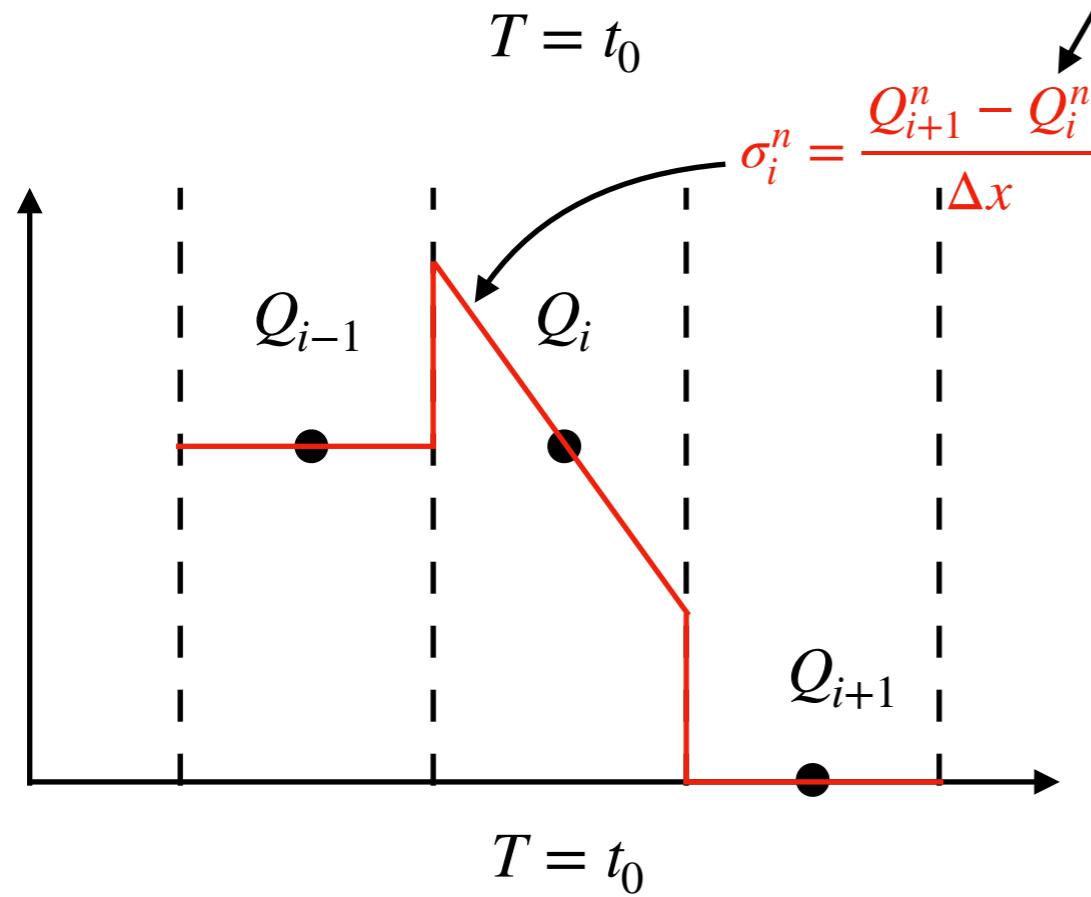
# Why 2nd-order method oscillates?

Lax-Wendroff

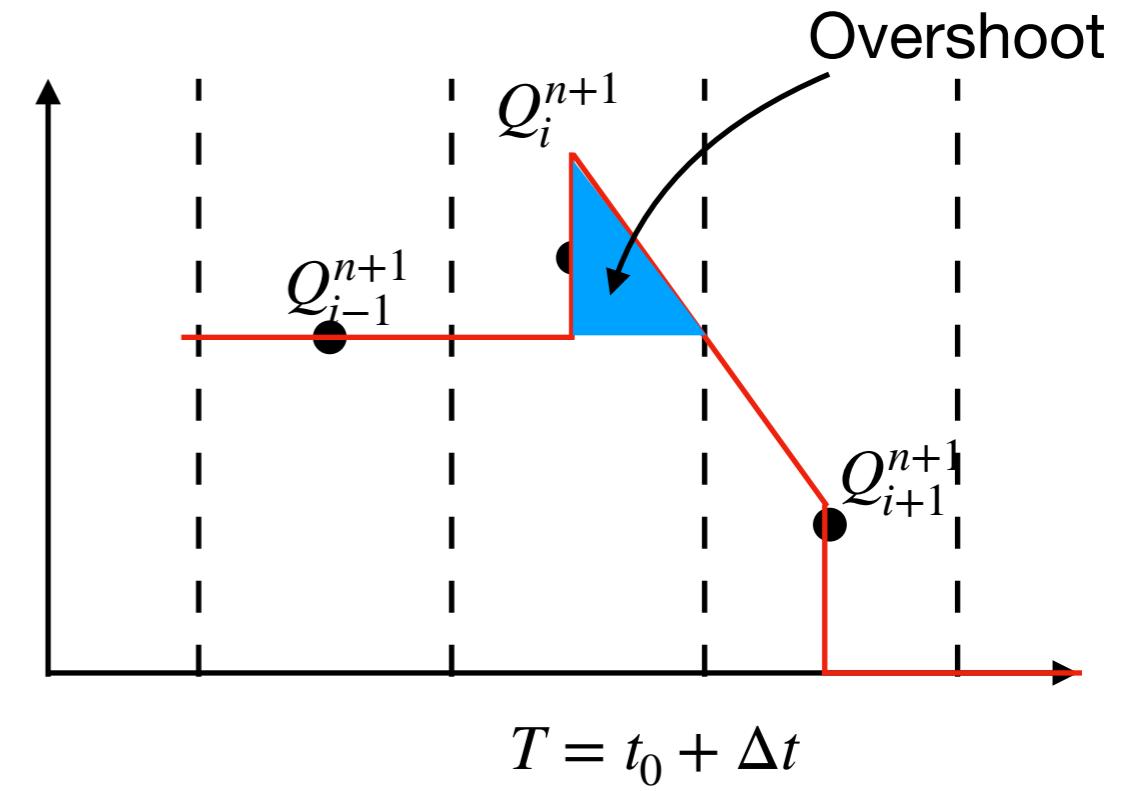


Use this slope in reconstruction

$$\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x} \quad (\text{Lax Wendroff method})$$



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# What is Numerical Dispersion

Recall the modified equation for upwind method

Original Equation	Numerical Approximation	Modified Equation
$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$	$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$	$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$

Diffusion

For the 2nd-order Lax-Wendroff method, we have

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$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0$	$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{u_0 \Delta t}{\Delta x} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$ $+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_0^2 \Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} (Q_{i-1}^n - 2Q_i^n + Q_{i+1}^n)$	$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xxx} \frac{\partial^3 q}{\partial x^3}$

Dispersion

# What is Numerical Diffusion

**Upwind method:**  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$

Diffusion

**Let's first take a look at the upwind method:**  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$

**Only consider the numerical term:**  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \sim \beta_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial x^2}$

**Try harmonic analysis:**  $q \sim e^{i(\omega t - kx)} \longrightarrow i\omega q \sim \beta_{xx}(-ik)^2 q \longrightarrow \omega = i\beta_{xx}k^2$

**This is a damping term:**  $q \sim e^{i(\omega t - kx)} = e^{i(i\beta_{xx}k^2 t - kx)} = e^{-\beta_{xx}k^2 t} e^{-ikx}$

Damping

**This is why we say the leading error term in the upwind method is diffusion**

# What is Numerical Dispersion

**Lax-Wendroff method:**  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} + u_0 \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \approx \beta_{xxx} \frac{\partial^3 q}{\partial x^3}$

Dispersion

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Phase speed

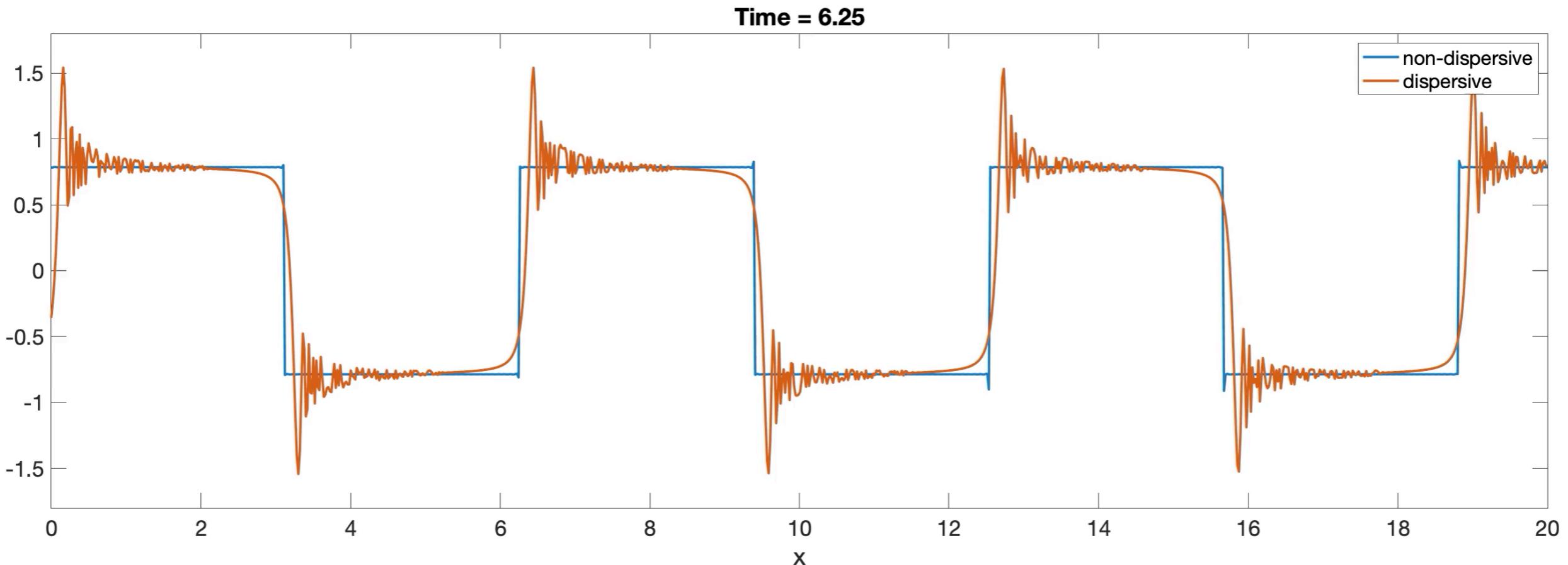
This is saying the phase speed of the wave is dependent on the wave number  $k$  - the shorter the wave length is, the faster the propagation speed is

This is why we say the leading error term in the upwind method is dispersion

# Dispersion of waves

**Non-dispersive : waves with different k travels at the same speed**

**dispersive : waves with different k travels at different speed**



$$f(x - vt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \sin[(2n+1)(x - vt)] \quad \text{Non-dispersive} \quad \text{"waveform" kept the same}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \sin[(2n+1)(x - v(n)t)] \quad \text{dispersive} \quad \text{"waveform" oscillatory}$$

$v(n) \sim \sqrt{2n+1}$

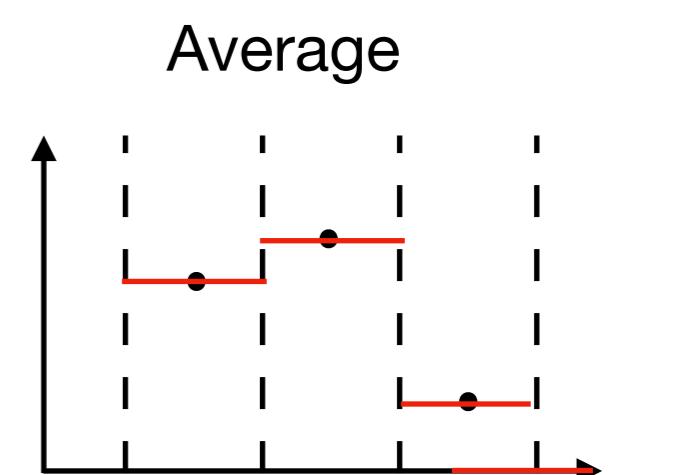
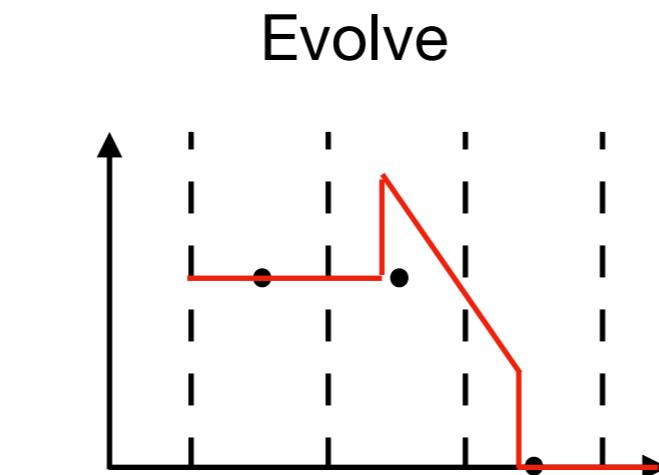
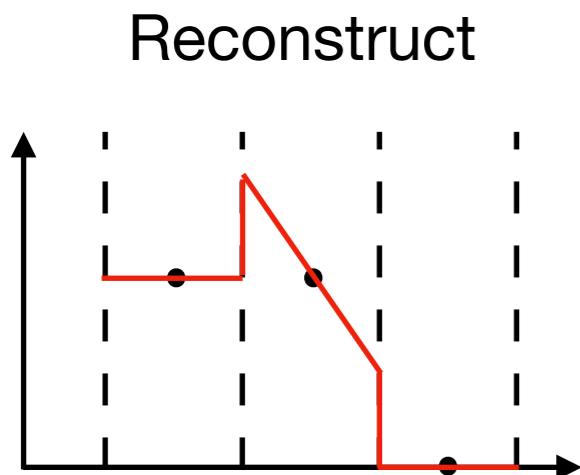
# Total Variation

Definition:  $TV \equiv \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} |Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n|$  For the linear advection equation,  $TV(Q)$  is a constant

Definition of TVD: a two-step method is TVD if  $TV(Q^{n+1}) \leq TV(Q^n)$

So if a method is TVD, then if the initial profile is “monotonic”:  $Q^{n+1} \geq Q^n$  for all i

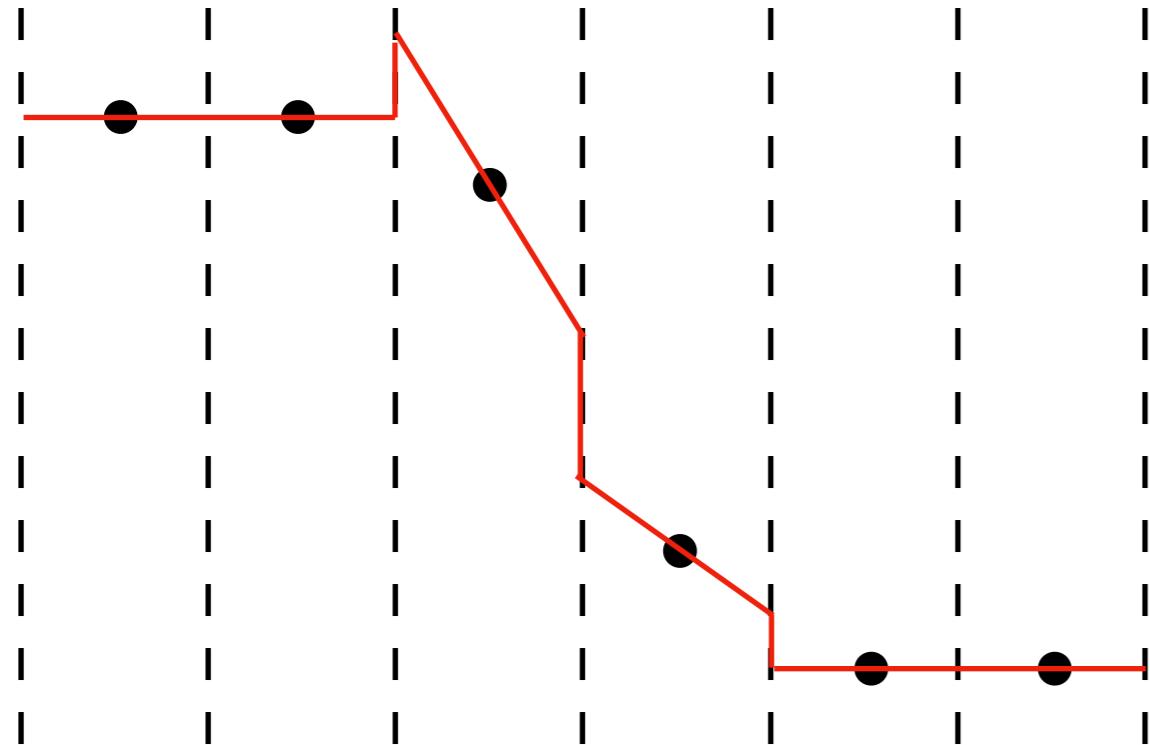
It will **remain monotonic** in all the future time steps (monotonicity preserving)



So it is the reconstruction step determines whether a scheme is TVD or not

# Slope limiters for TVD solutions

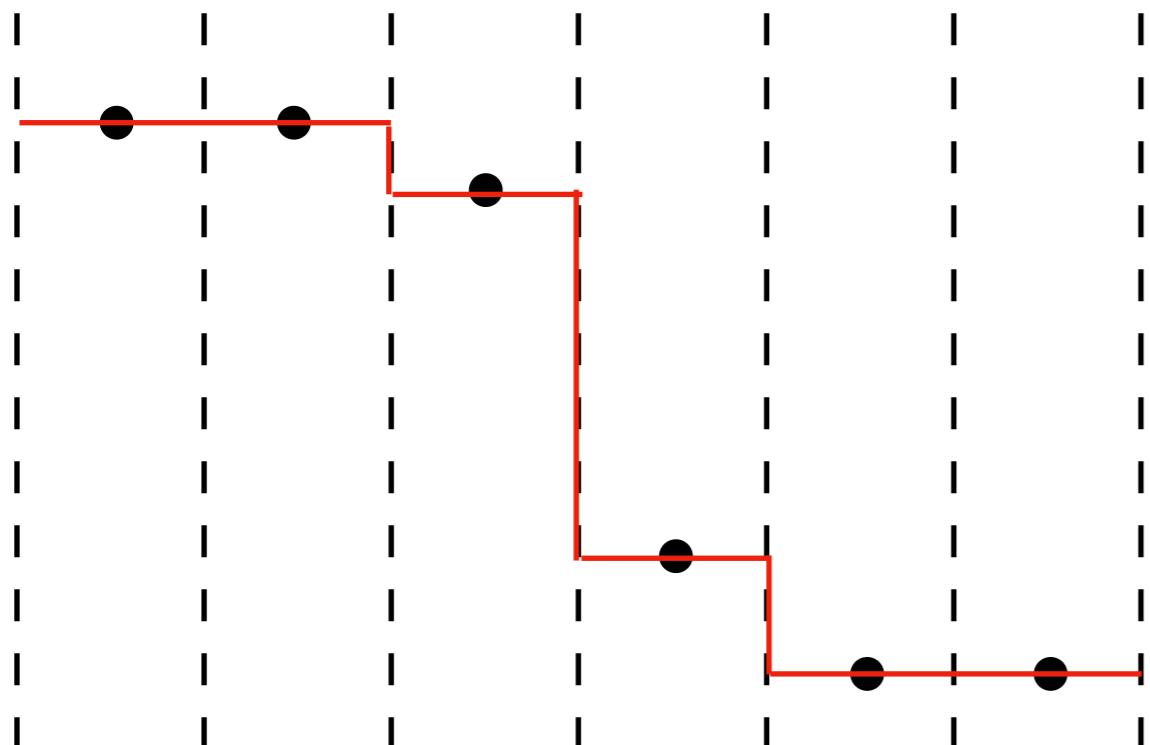
non-TVD reconstruction



$$\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x} \quad (\text{Lax Wendroff method})$$

It's second-order but apparently non-TVD!

TVD reconstruction (PCM)



$$\sigma_i^n = 0 \quad (\text{first-order upwind})$$

It's TVD but apparently first-order

# Slope Limiting for TVD solutions

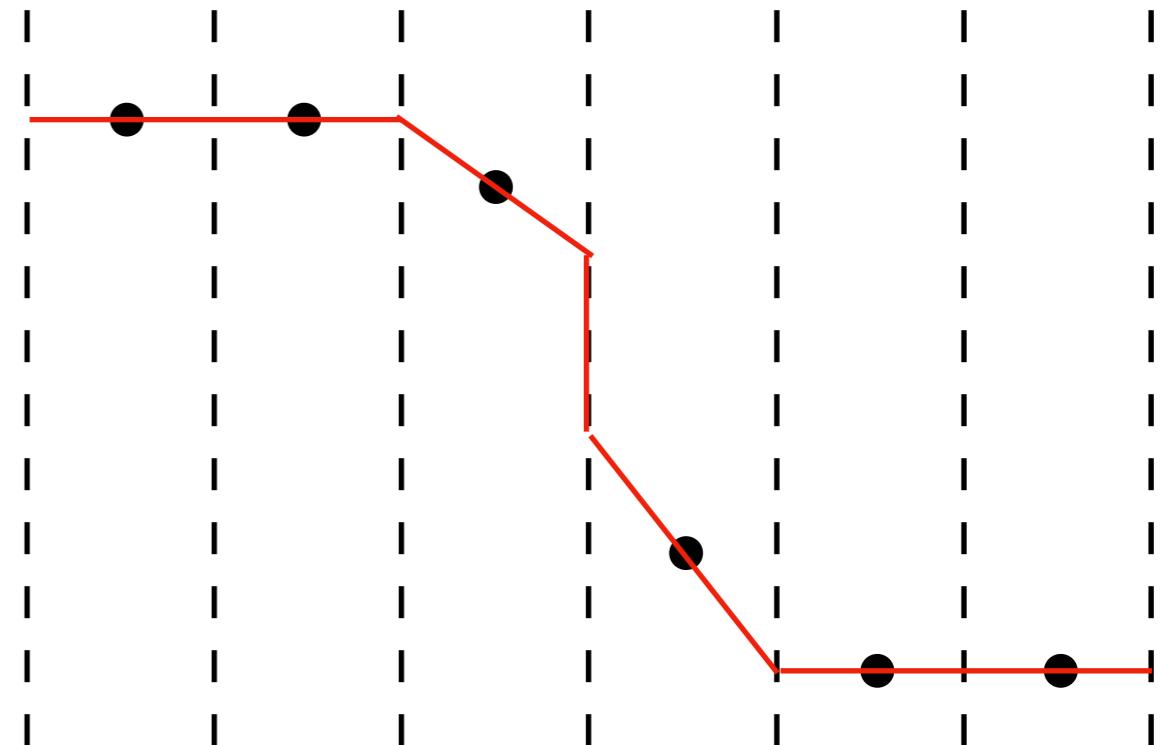
Super-bee Slope choice:

$$\sigma_i^n = \text{maxmod}(\sigma_i^{(1)}, \sigma_i^{(2)})$$

$$\sigma_i^{(1)} = \text{minmod}\left(\left(\frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x}\right), 2\left(\frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}\right)\right),$$

$$\sigma_i^{(2)} = \text{minmod}\left(2\left(\frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x}\right), \left(\frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}\right)\right).$$

TVD reconstruction (super-B)

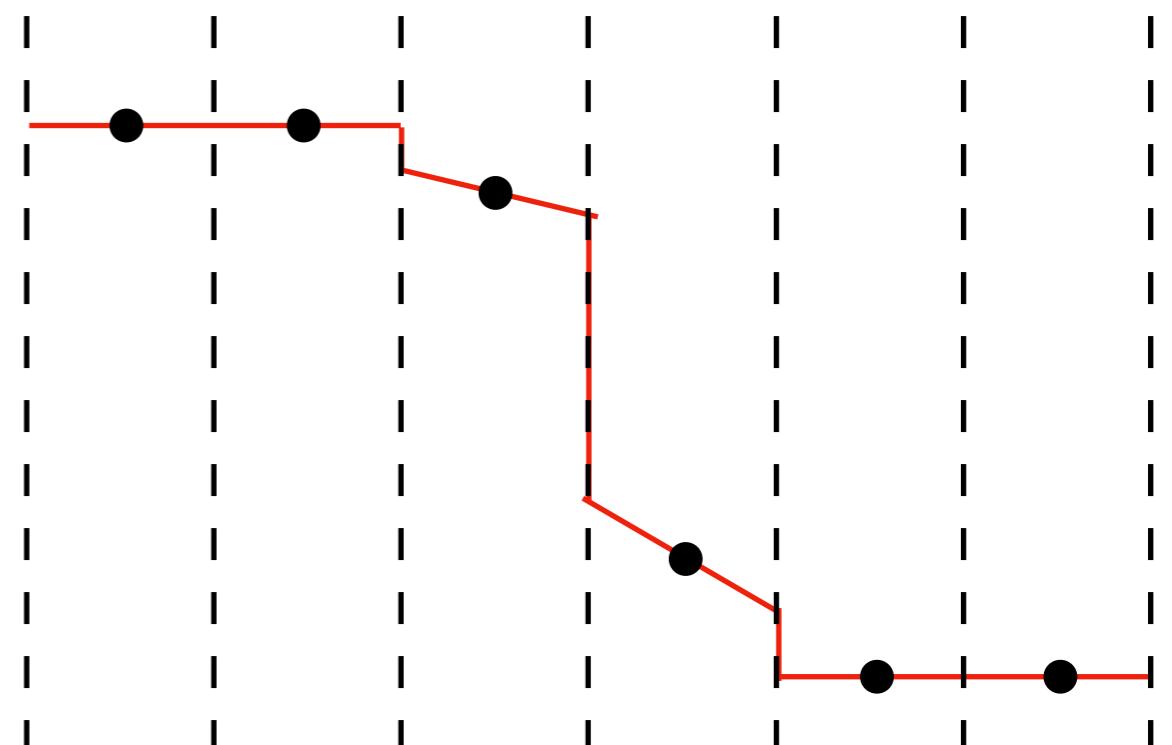


Minmod Slope choice:

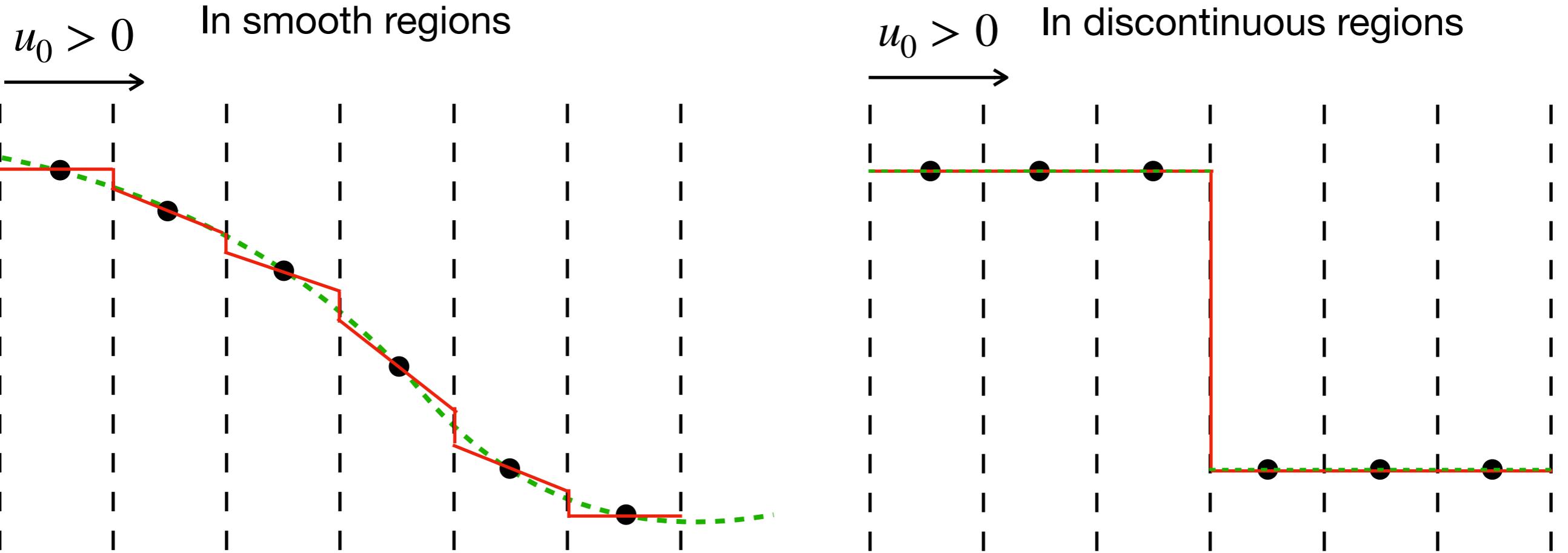
$$\sigma_i^n = \text{minmod}\left(\frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x}, \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}\right)$$

$$\text{minmod}(a, b) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } |a| < |b| \text{ and } ab > 0, \\ b & \text{if } |b| < |a| \text{ and } ab > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } ab \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

TVD reconstruction (minmod)



# What does slope limiters do?



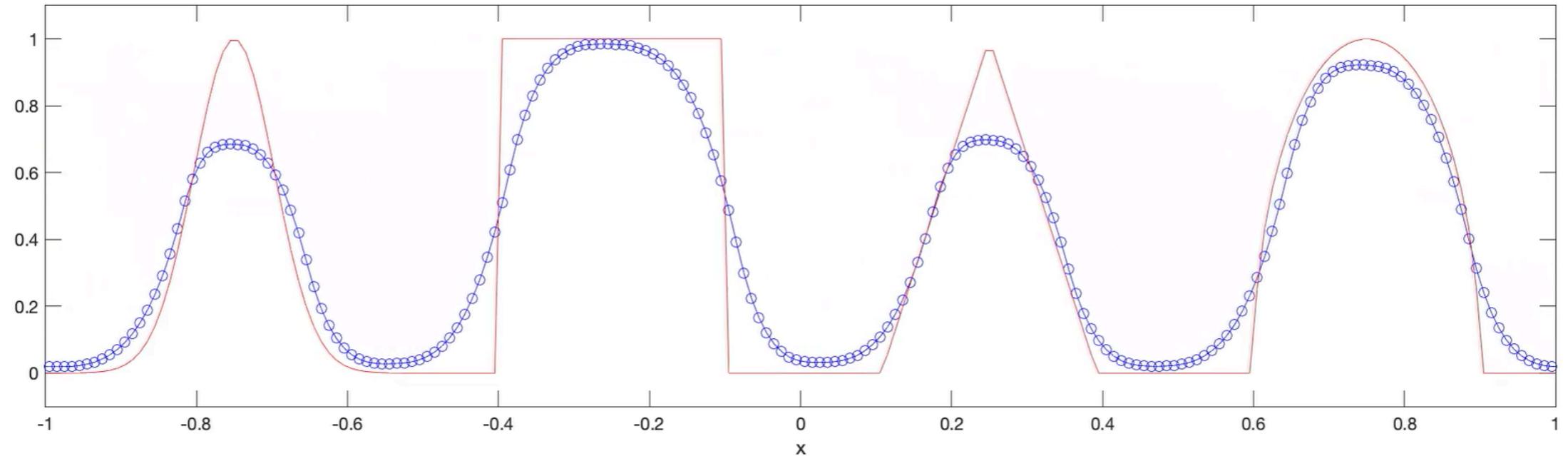
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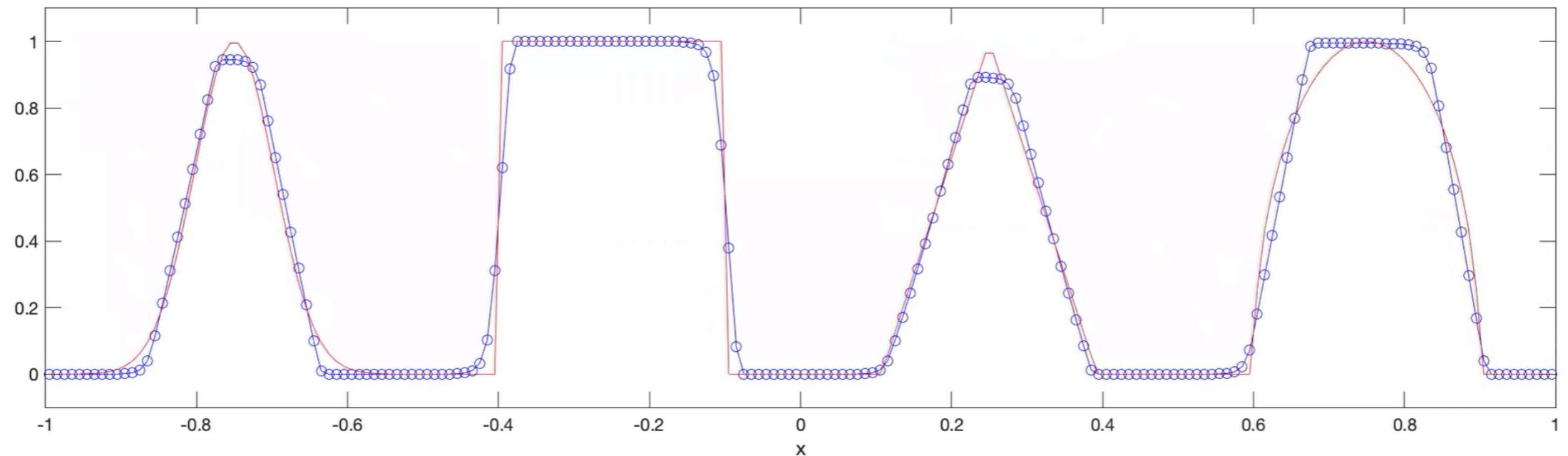
- In smooth regions, the minmod slope limiter gives a profile that approximates the true profile with piecewise linear functions (2nd-order accuracy)
- In discontinuous regions, the minmod slope limiter chooses the smaller slope which is degenerated to the 1st-order upwind method (guaranteed TVD)

# Results form minmod/super-B Methods

**Minmod limiter**



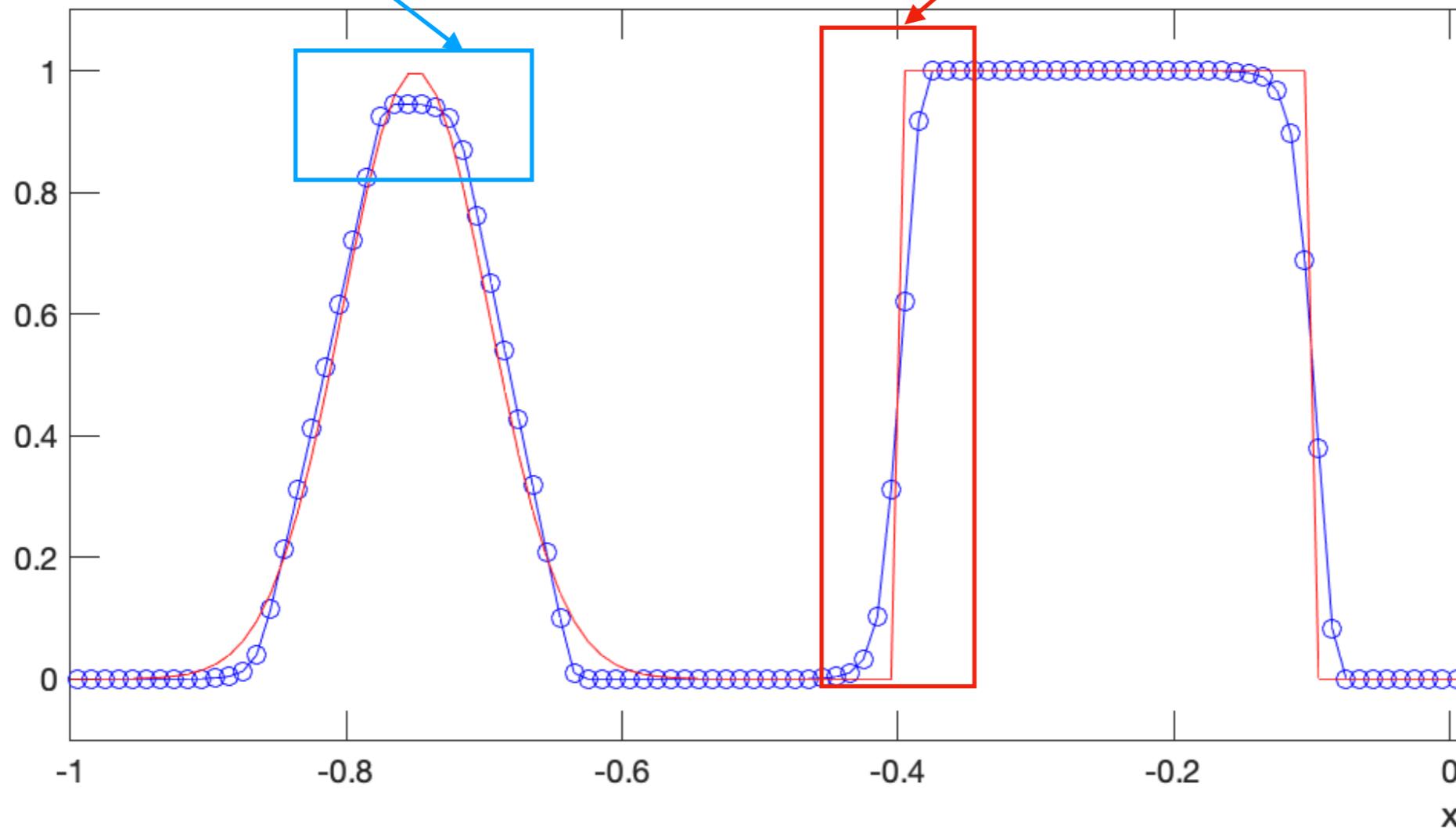
**Superbee limiter**



# The Issue of typical TVD methods

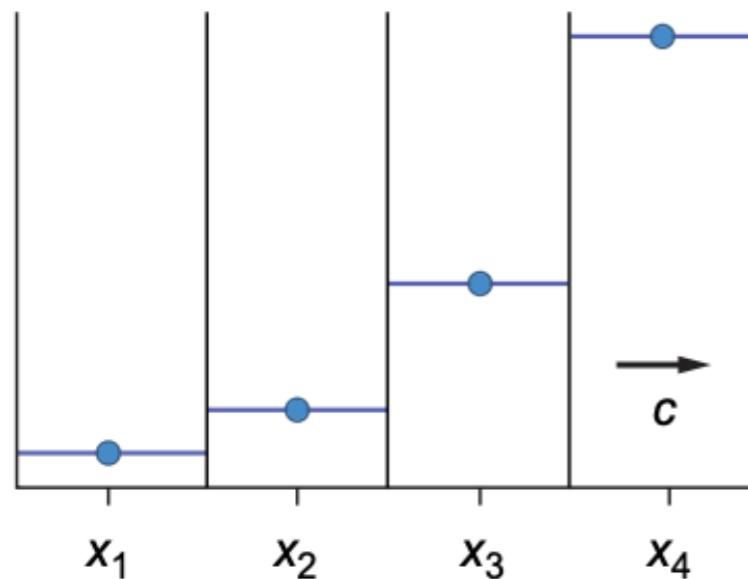
Clipping nature of the TVD criteria

Reduce to 1st-order near discontinuity

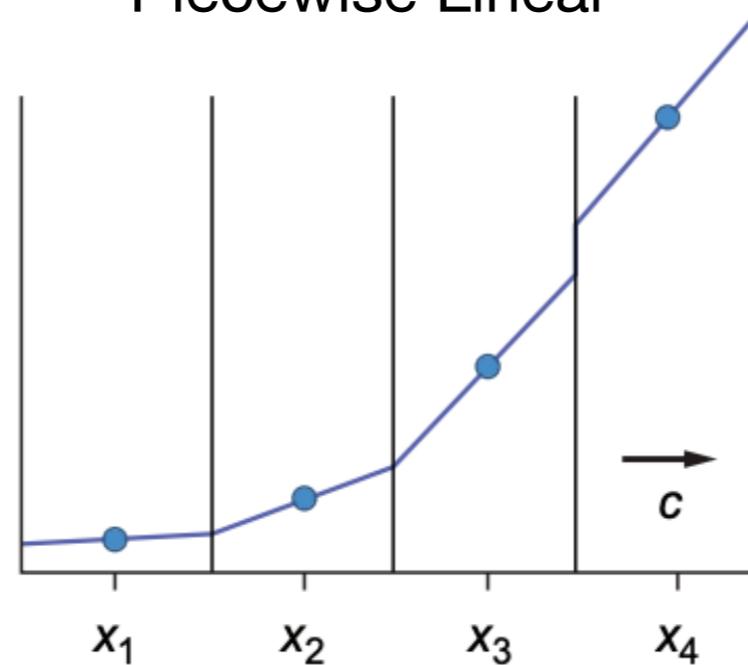


# Other Methods of Reconstruction (PPM)

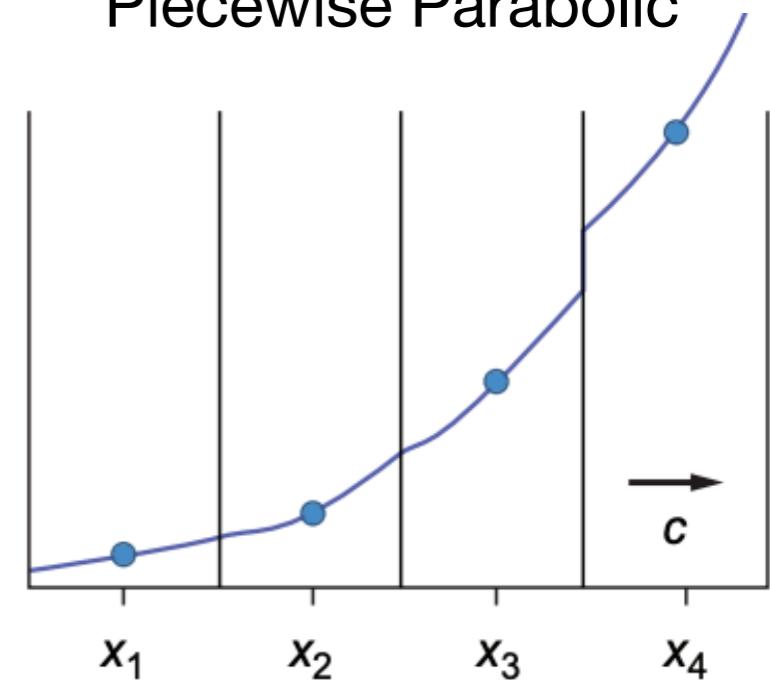
Piecewise Constant



Piecewise Linear



Piecewise Parabolic



Upwind Scheme

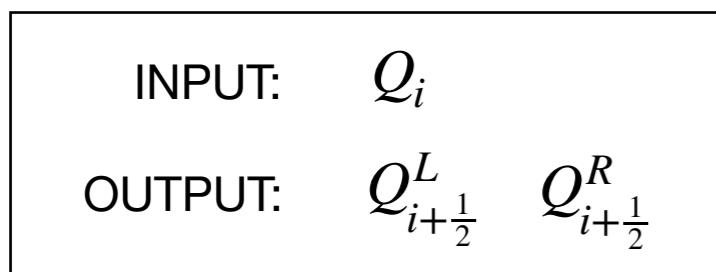
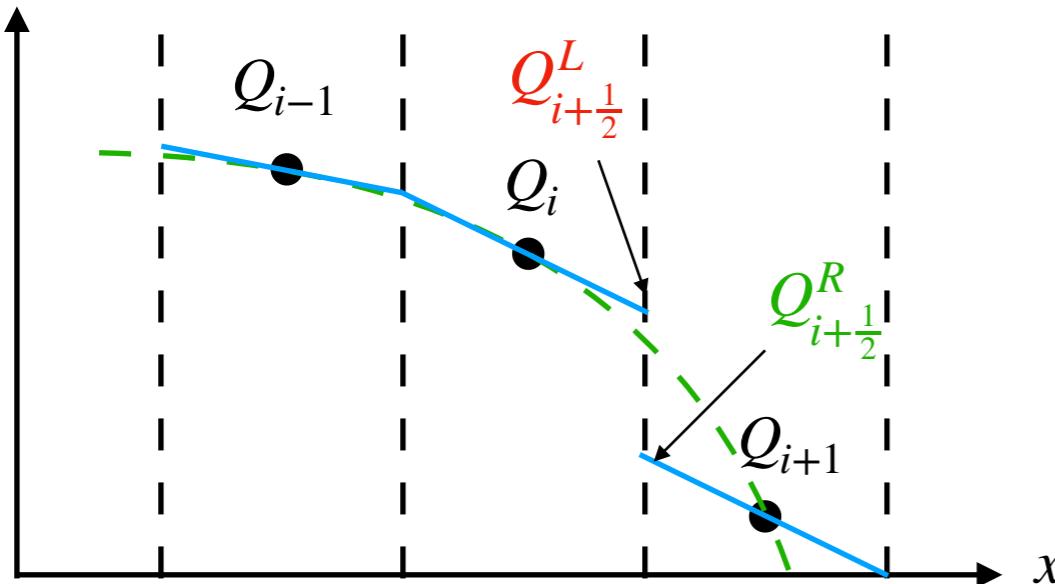
MUSCL Schemes

PPM Schemes

# Summary of the Finite Volume framework

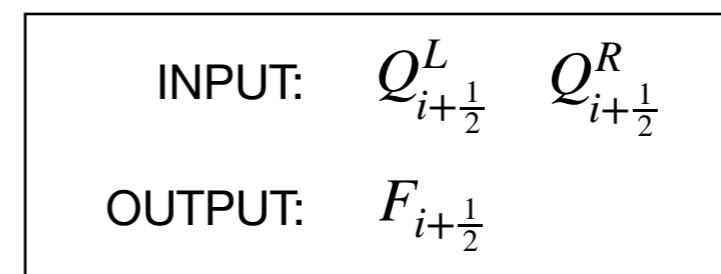
## Step 1: Interface Reconstruction

purpose: get interface values



## Step 2: Flux calculation

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## Step 3: Finite Volume Update

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{Q}_i = -\frac{1}{\Delta x}(F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$$

