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Lecture 9

PDE: Hyperbolic problems

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Plan for today



- Partial Differential Equations
- Hyperbolic PDEs
- Lab: Advection Fluids



Partial Differential Equations

Partial Differential Equations



- Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) involve partial derivatives with respect to more than one independent variable
- Independent variables typically include
 - One or more **space** dimensions
 - Possibly **time** dimension as well
- More dimensions complicate problem formulation: we can have:
 - Pure initial value problem (IVP)
 - Pure boundary value problem (BVP)
 - Or mixture of both
- Equation and boundary data may be defined over irregular domain

Continuous Phenomena in nature



- Many of the basic laws of nature are expressed as PDEs, including
 - Maxwell's equations (EM fields)
 - Navier-Stokes equations (fluid)
 - Elasticity equations (vibrations in solid states)
 - Schrodinger's equations (quantum behaviors)
 - Einstein's equation of GR (space-time evolution)
 - ... (more)

Order of PDE

- Order of PDE is order of highest-order partial derivative appearing in equation
- For example, advection equation is first order
- Important second-order PDEs include
 - Heat equation: $u_t = u_{xx}$
 - Wave equation: $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$
 - Laplace equation: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$



Classification of PDEs



- Second-order linear PDEs of general form

$$au_{xx} + bu_{xy} + cu_{yy} + du_x + eu_y + fu + g = 0$$

- $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ Hyperbolic (e.g. wave, hydro eqs)
- $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ Parabolic (e.g. heat equation)
- $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ Elliptic (e.g. Laplace, Poisson eqs.)

Classification of PDEs



- Classification of more general PDEs is not so clean and simple, but roughly speaking
 - **Hyperbolic** PDEs describe time-dependent, conservative physical processes, such as convection, that are not evolving toward steady state (**hydrodynamics**)
 - **Parabolic** PDEs describe time-dependent, dissipative physical process, such as diffusion, that are evolving toward steady state (**diffusion**)
 - **Elliptic** PDEs describe process that have already reached steady state, and hence are time-independent (**gravity**)

Single PDEs



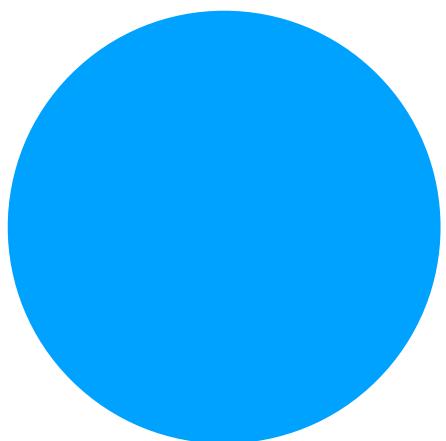
- For simplicity, we start from **single** PDEs (as opposed to systems of several PDEs) with only **two** independent variables, either:
 - Two space variables (x and y) or
 - One space variable (x) and one time variable (t)
- Partial derivatives with respect to independent variables are denoted by subscripts, for example
 - $u_t = \partial u / \partial t$
 - $u_{xy} = \partial^2 u / \partial x \partial y$

Example: Advection Equation

- Advection equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (u \mathbf{c}) = 0$$

$$u_t = -cu_x \quad 1D$$

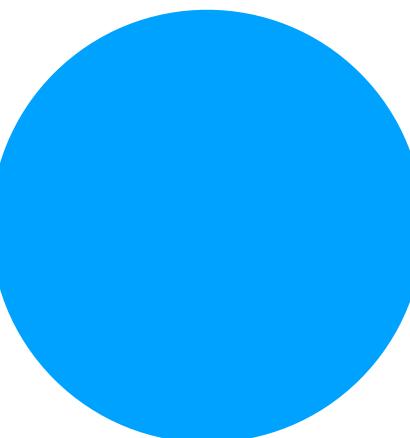


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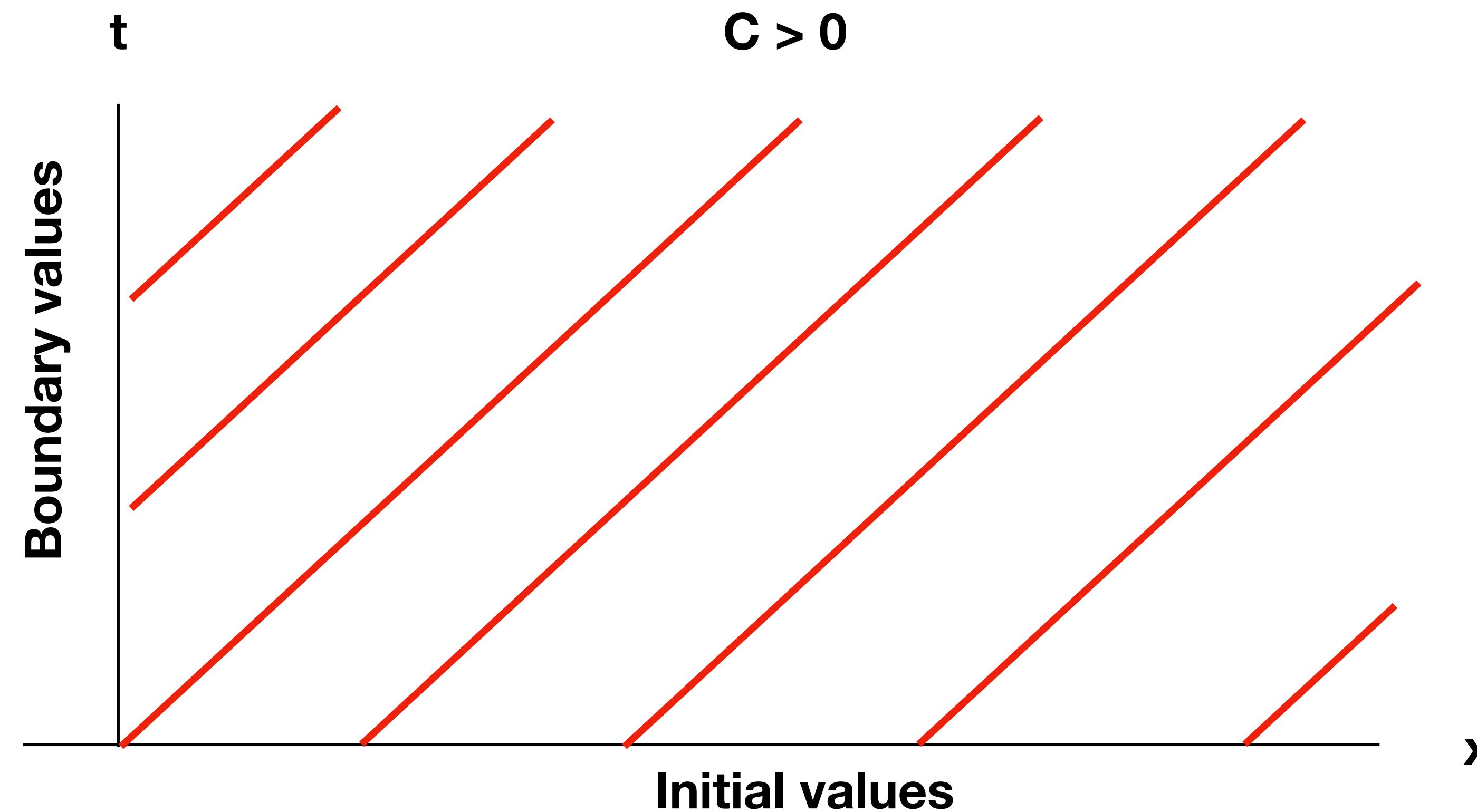
- Unique solution is determined by initial condition

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x),$$

- Seek solution $u(t, x)$ for $t \geq 0$
- Solution is initial function u_0 shifted by $c t$ to right (if $c > 0$)

Characteristics

- Characteristics for PDE are level curves of solution
- For advection equation



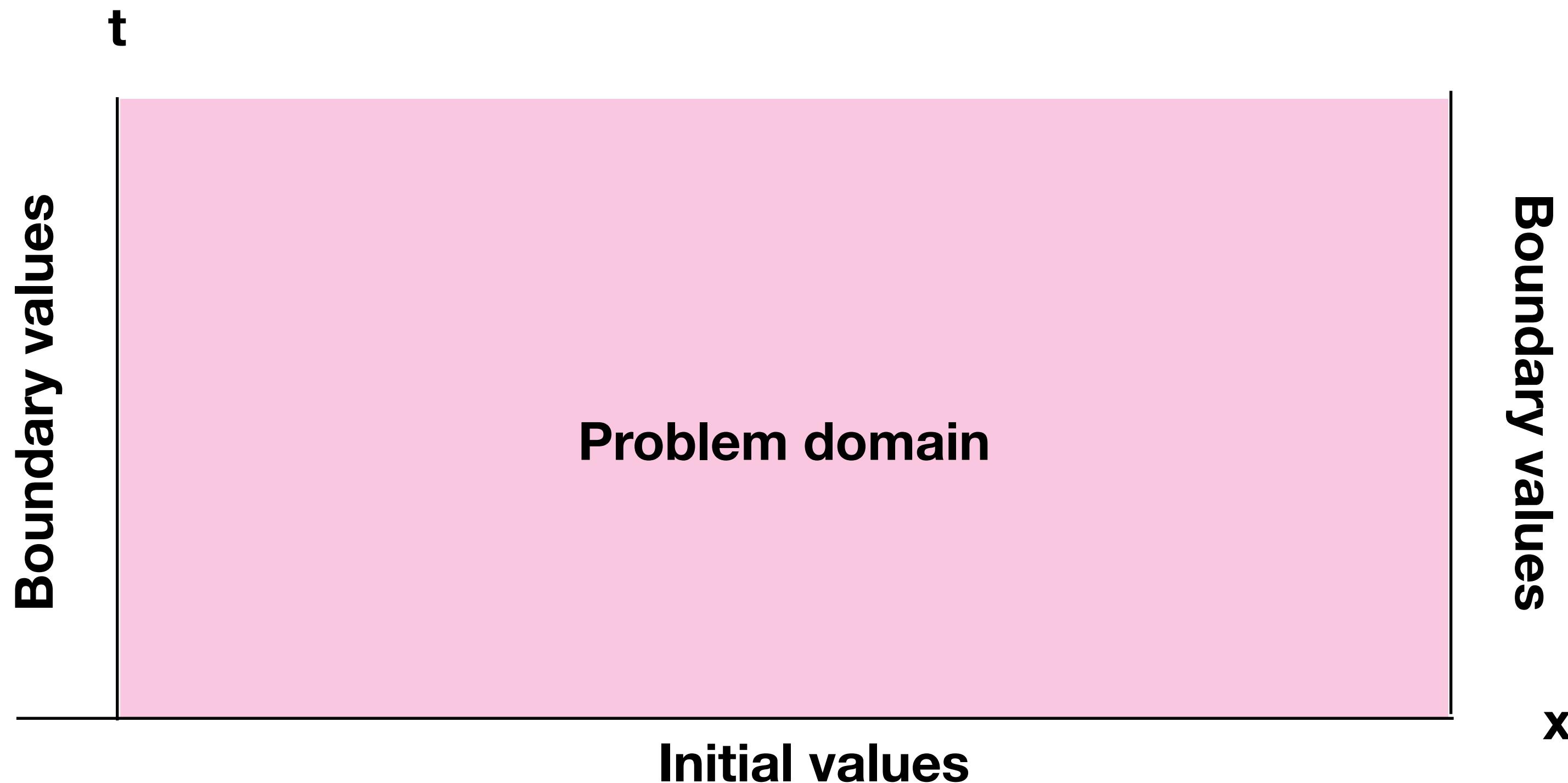


Hyperbolic PDEs: Semi-Discrete Methods

Hyperbolic PDEs



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- Hyperbolic (Time-dependent) PDEs usually involve both initial values and boundary values
- One way to solve time-dependent PDE numerically is to discretize in space but leave time variable continuous
- Result is systems of ODEs that can be solved by methods previously discussed
- For example, consider heat equation

$$u_t = u_{xx}$$

Initial condition:

$$u(0, x) = f(x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Boundary condition: $u(t, 0) = 0, u(t, 1) = 0, t \geq 0$



Semi-discrete Methods



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- Define spatial mesh points $x_i = i \Delta x$
- Replace u_{xx} by finite difference approximation

$$u_{xx}(t, x_i) \sim \frac{u(t, x_{i+1}) - 2u(t, x_i) + u(t, x_{i-1})}{(\Delta x)^2}$$

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- Rewrite in matrix form

$$\mathbf{y}' = \frac{c}{(\Delta x)^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$$



Hyperbolic PDEs: Fully-Discrete Methods

Fully-discrete Methods



- Fully discrete methods for time-dependent PDEs
discretize in both time and space dimensions
- We could
 - replace continuous domain of equation by discrete mesh points
 - replace all derivatives in PDE by finite difference approximations
 - Seek numerical solution as table of approximate values at selected points in space and time

Fully-discrete Methods



- Resulting approximate solution values represent points on solution surface over problem domain in space-time plane.
- Accuracy of approximate solution depends on step sizes in both space and time
- Discrete system may be linear or nonlinear, depending on underlying PDE

Fully-discrete Methods



- Solution is obtained by starting with initial values along boundary of problem domain and marching forward in time step by step.
- Time-stepping procedure may be explicit or implicit, depending on whether formula for solution values at next time step involves only past information
- We might expect to obtain arbitrarily good accuracy by taking sufficiently small step sizes in time and space

Example: Advection Equation



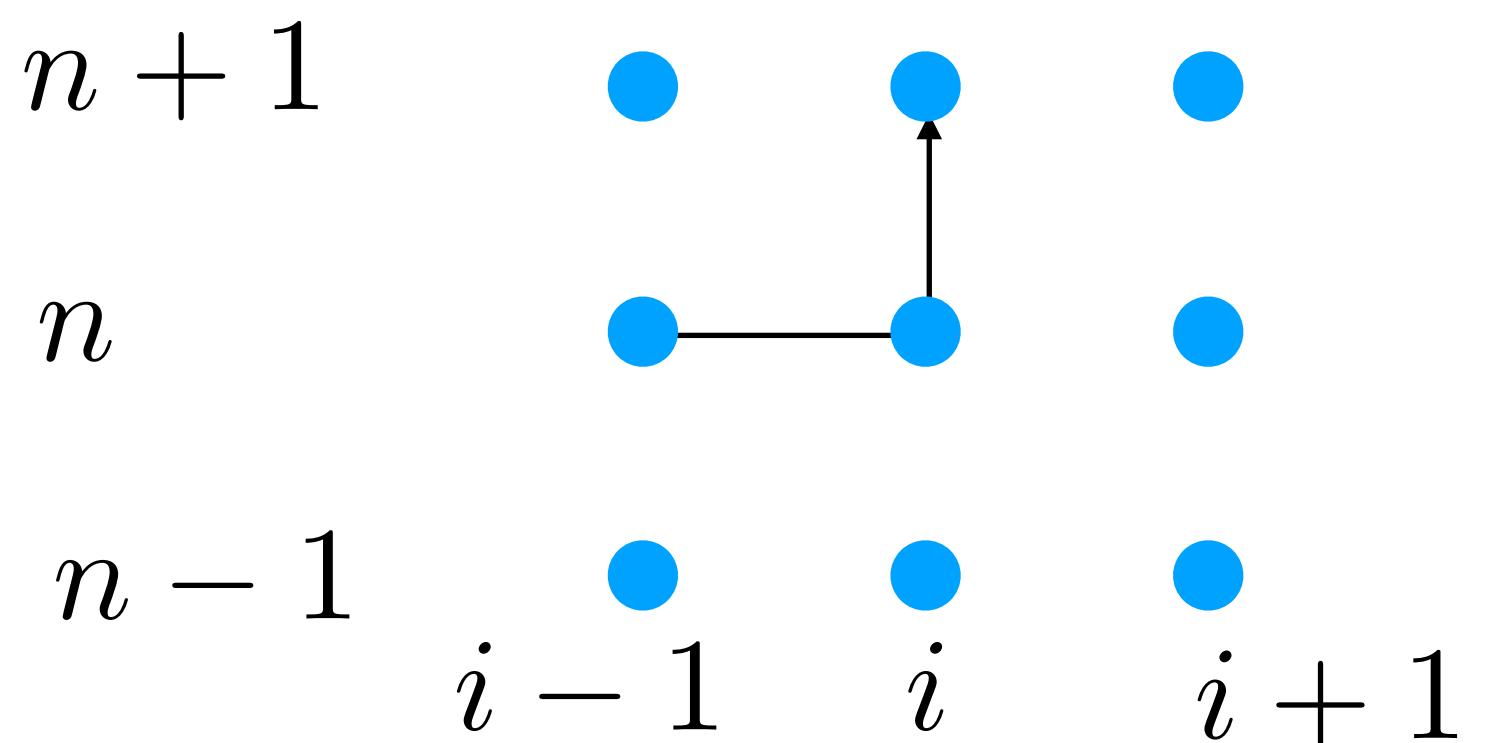
- Rewrite to

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{\Delta t} = -c \frac{u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}$$

or

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n)$$

Stencil



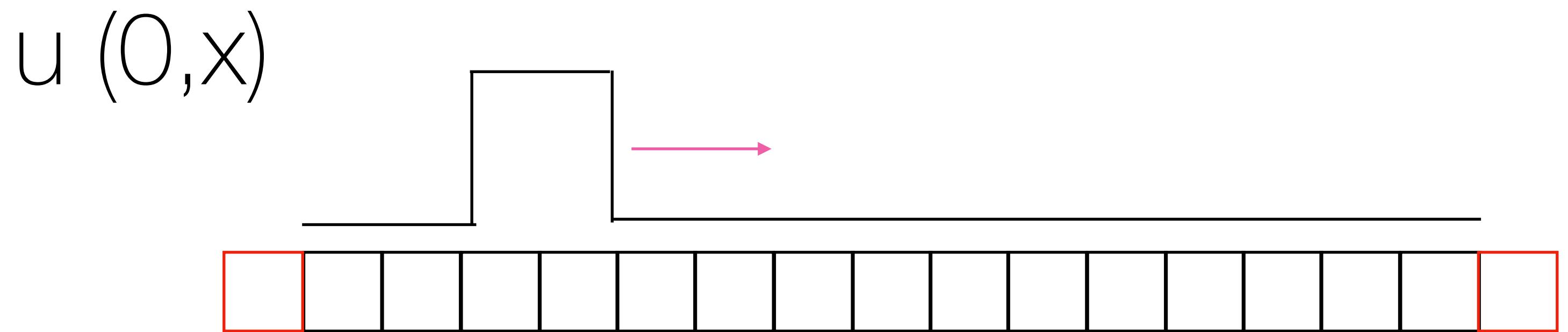
an explicit scheme

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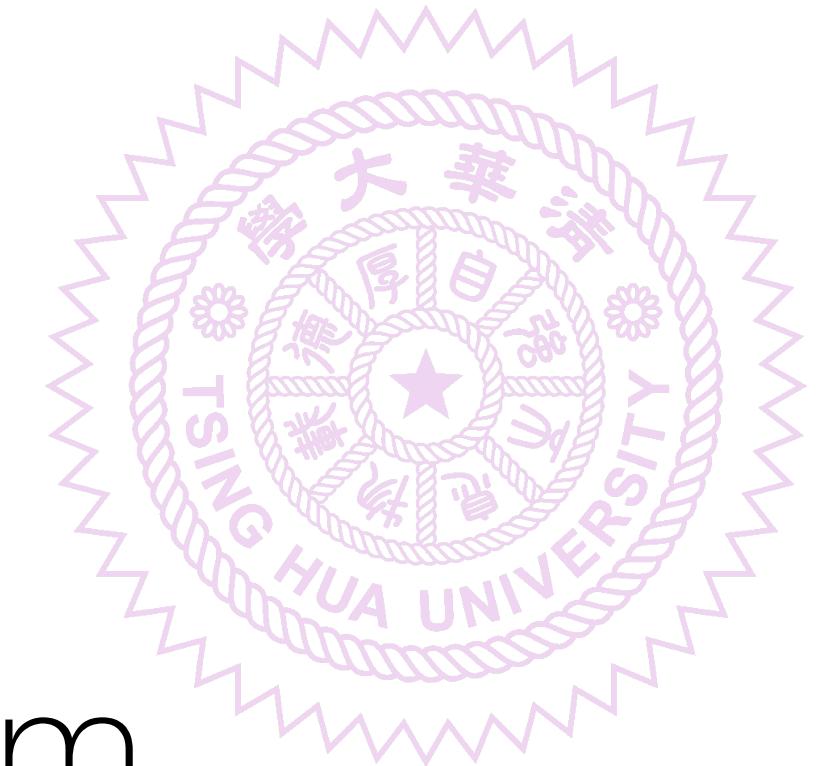
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- Initial condition $u(0, x) = f(x)$



- Boundary condition: periodic B.C.

See 1_fdm



CFL Condition

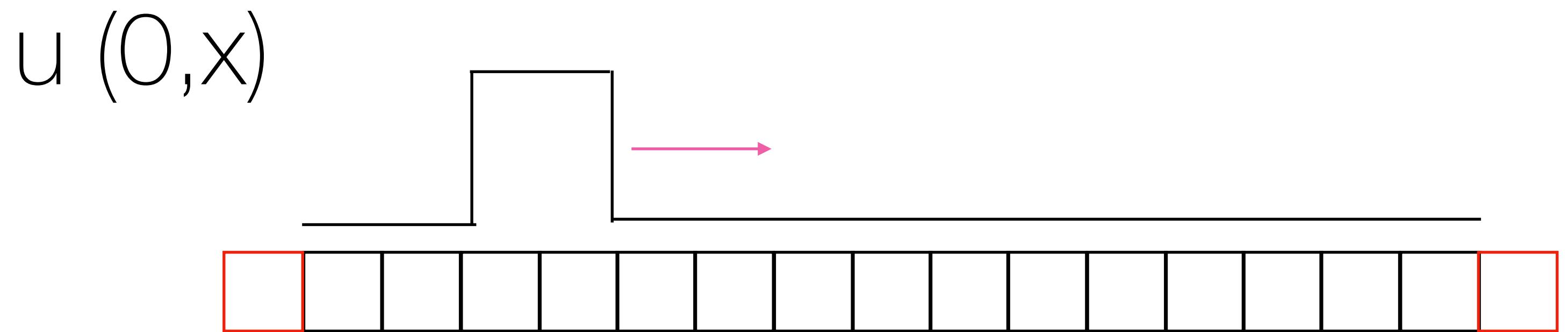
- Courant, Friedrichs, and Lewy (1928)
- Domain of dependence of PDE is portion of problem domain that influences solution at given point, which depends on characteristics of PDE
- Domain of dependence of difference scheme is set of all other mesh point that affect approximate solution at given mesh point
- CFL condition: necessary condition for explicit finite difference scheme for hyperbolic PDE to be stable.

Example: Advection Equation



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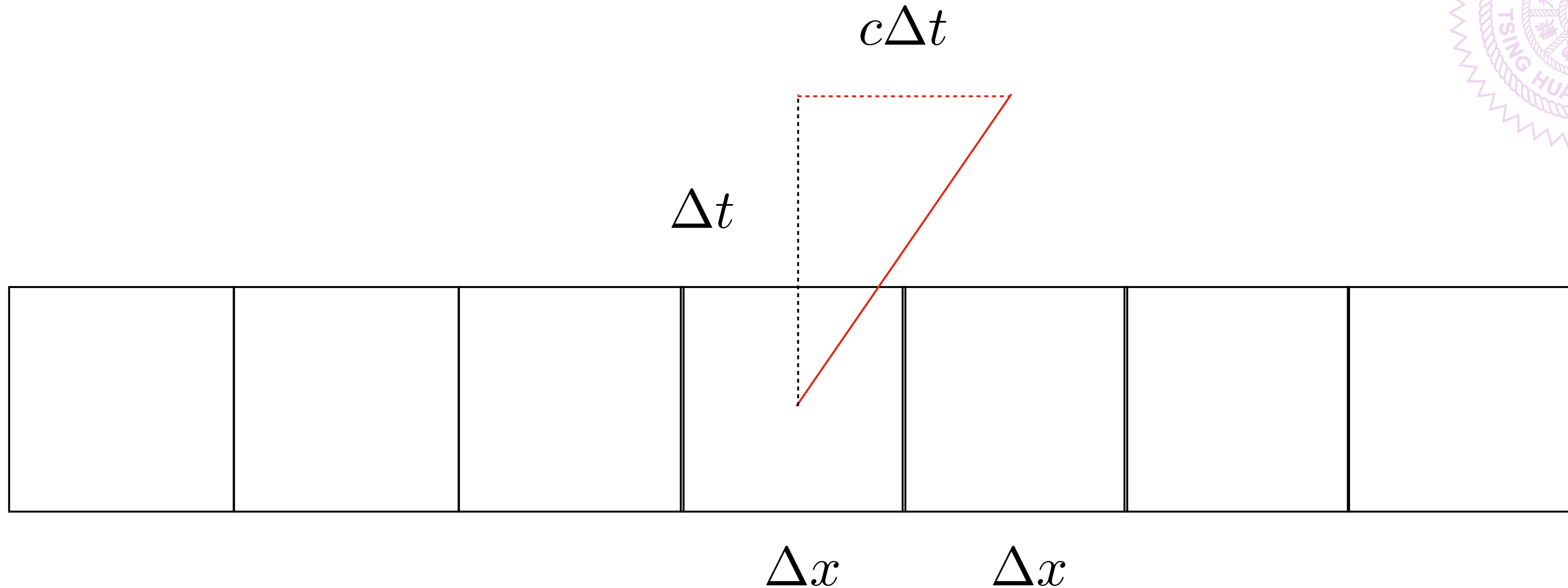


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- Boundary condition: periodic B.C.
- Initial condition: (assume $c=1$)

$$u(0, x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0.1 \leq x \leq 0.2 \\ 0.01 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

See 1_fdm

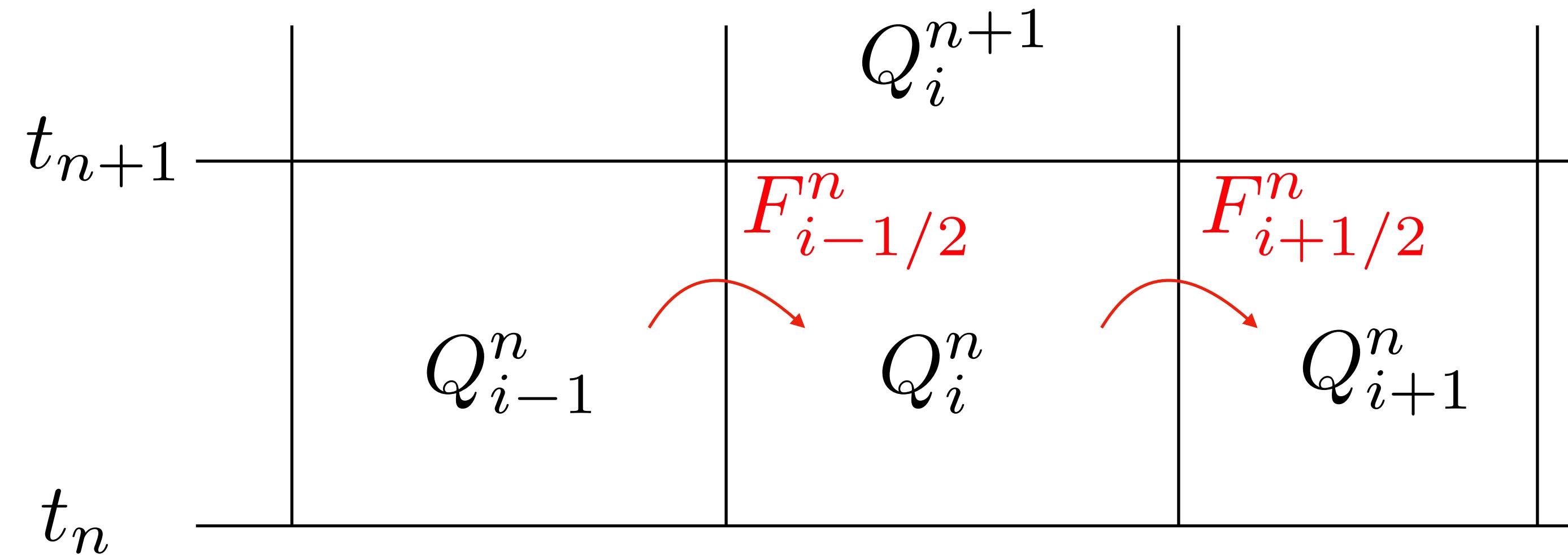


Hyperbolic PDEs: Finite Volume Methods

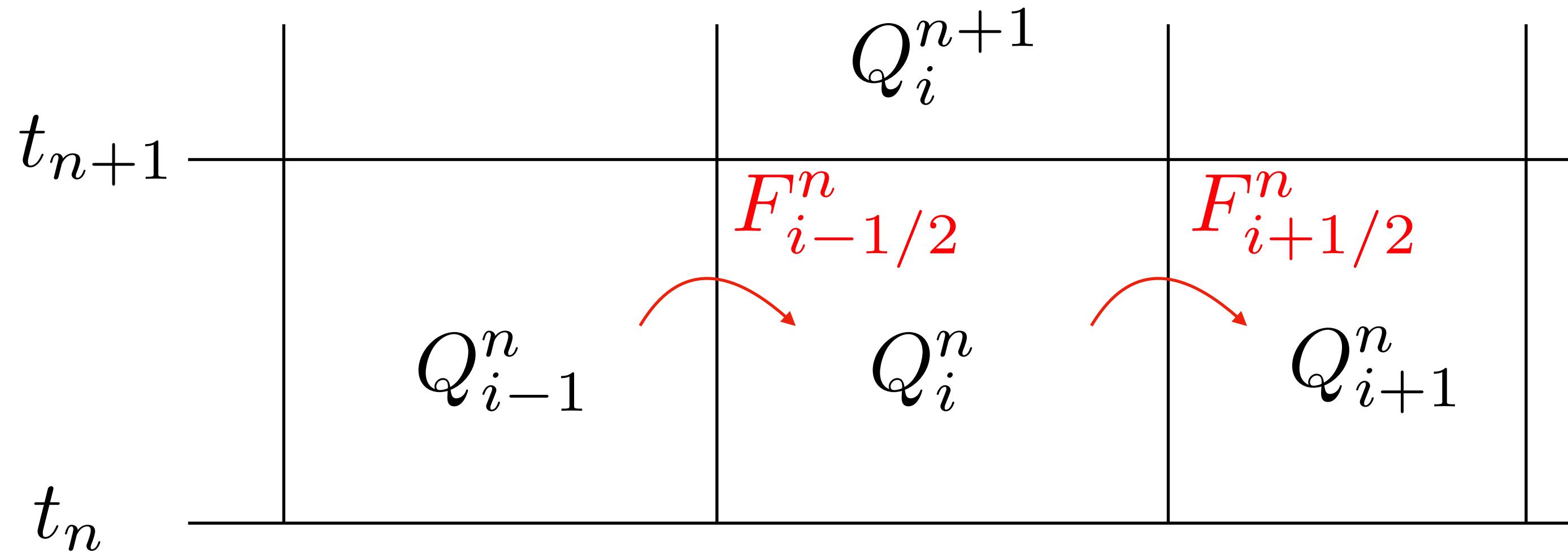
Finite Volume Methods



- Mesh points become “finite volumes” (grid cells)
- $U(t,x)$ become **cell averaged** values instead of cell centered values
- Update cell values by evaluating fluxes at cell edges



Finite Volume Methods



$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left(F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n \right)$$

- Problem -> How to approximate the flux at cell edge

Example: Finite Volume Methods

$$u_t = -cu_x$$

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left(F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n \right)$$

- The simplest approach

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = \frac{1}{2} [f(Q_{i-1}^n) + f(Q_i^n)]$$

Unstable!!!

See [2_fvm](#)





Example: Finite Volume Methods

- The simplest approach

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = \frac{1}{2} [f(Q_{i-1}^n) + f(Q_i^n)] \quad \text{Unstable!!!}$$

- The Lax-Friedrichs Method

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = \frac{1}{2} [f(Q_{i-1}^n) + f(Q_i^n)] - \frac{\Delta x}{2\Delta t} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

- The upwind method

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = f(Q_{i-1}^n)$$

See 2_fvm

Godunov's Method



- Algorithm (REA)
- Reconstruct a piecewise polynomial function $q(i,n)$ from the cell averages $Q(n,i)$.
- Evolve the hyperbolic equation exactly with this initial data $q(i,n)$ a time step dt later.
- Average this evolution over each grid cell to obtain new cell averages $Q(n+1,i)$



High Resolution Methods

The Lax-Wendroff Method

- The Lax-Wendroff method is based on Tayler series expansion

$$q_t + cq_x = 0$$

$$q(x, t_{n+1}) = q(x, t_n) + \Delta t q_t(x, t_n) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 q_{tt}(x, t_n) + \dots$$

$$q_{tt} = -cq_{xt} = c^2 q_{xx}$$

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$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} c(Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right)^2 c^2 (Q_{i-1}^n - 2Q_i^n + Q_{i+1}^n)$$



Exercise: The Lax-Wendroff Method



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or

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = \frac{1}{2} c(Q_{i-1}^n + Q_i^n) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} c^2 (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

See [2_fvm](#)

Piecewise Linear Reconstruction

- Recall the REA algorithm, we can construct a piecewise linear function of the form

$$q(x, t_n) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i)$$

for $x_{i-1/2} \leq x \leq x_{i+1/2}$



Piecewise Linear Reconstruction



- Choice of slopes

- Centered slope: $\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$

- Upwind slope: $\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{\Delta x}$

- Downwind slope: $\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{\Delta x}$

Piecewise Linear Reconstruction

- Slope limiter (avoid oscillation)



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

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

Piecewise Linear Reconstruction



- Flux can be calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} F_{i-1/2}^n &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} c q^n(x_{i-1/2}, t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} c q^n(x_{i-1/2} - c(t - t_n), t_n) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} c [Q_{i-1}^n + (x_{i-1/2} - c(t - t_n) - x_{i-1}) \sigma_{i-1}^n] dt \\ &= c Q_{i-1}^n + \frac{1}{2} c (\Delta x - c \Delta t) \sigma_{i-1}^n \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Piecewise Linear Reconstruction



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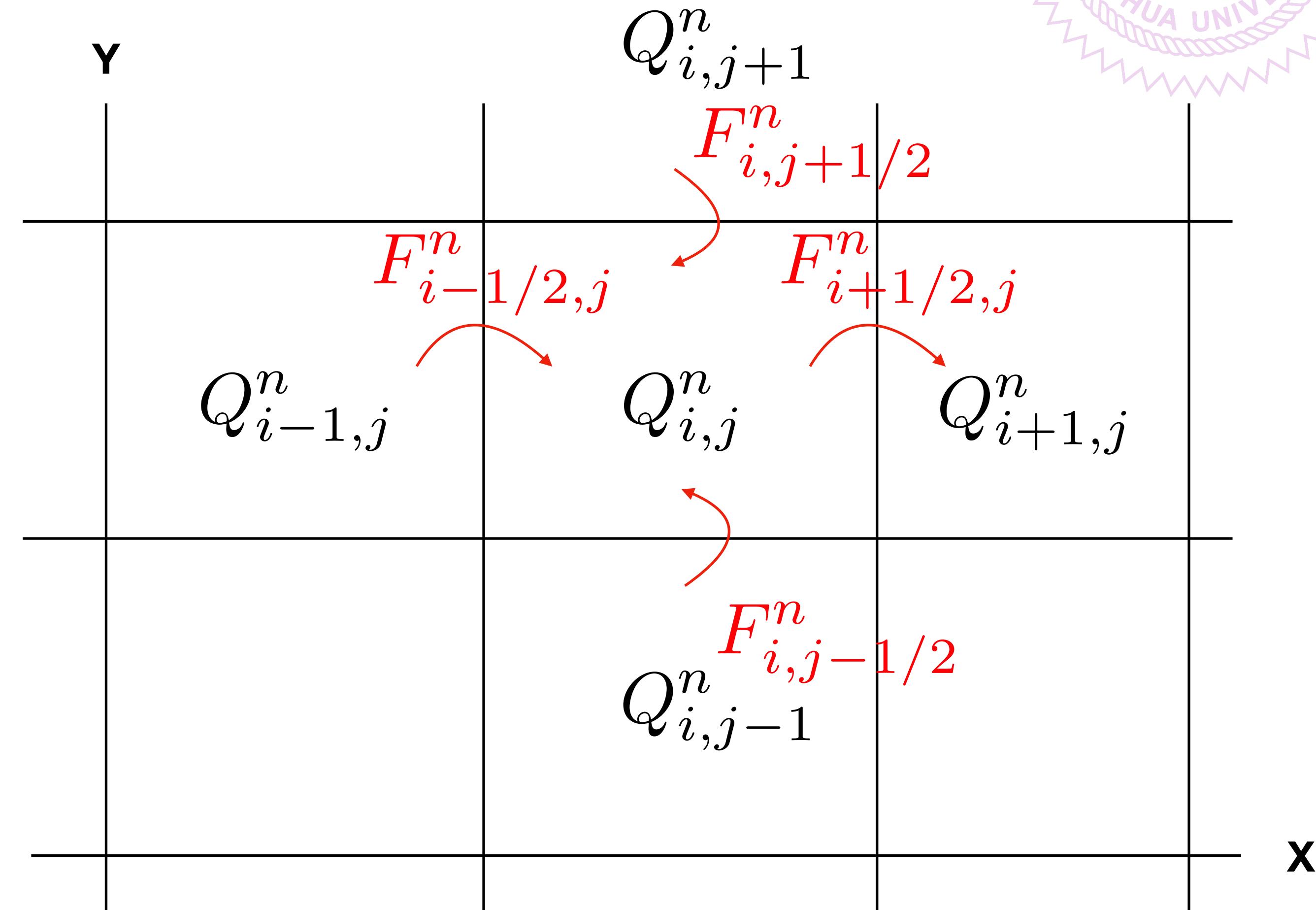


Multi-D Simulations

Multi-dimensional Advection

- 2D advection equation becomes

$$u_t = -c_x u_x - c_y u_y$$





Multi-dimensional Advection

- 2D advection equation becomes

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- Dimensionally split

$$Q_{i,j}^{n+1} = Q_{i,j}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left(F_{i+1/2,j}^n - F_{i-1/2,j}^n \right) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta y} \left(F_{i,j+1/2}^n - F_{i,j-1/2}^n \right)$$

see 3_fvm2d

Problem Set 8



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Next lecture

- Introduction to Fortran

