

High-order Central Schemes for Hyperbolic Systems of Conservation Laws

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Outline

- central schemes for hyperbolic conservation laws: overview and implementation
- central schemes and MHD equations: the $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ constraint
- some examples: Euler equations of Gas Dynamics and Ideal MHD equations

Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

We consider hyperbolic conservation laws in general

In one space dimension:

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0,$$

and two space dimensions:

$$u_t + f(u)_x + g(u)_y = 0,$$

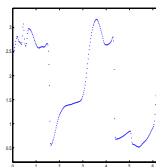
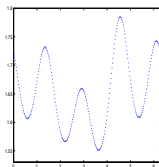
with some initial data

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

where the Jacobian matrices $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial g}{\partial u}$ are diagonalizable with real eigen values.

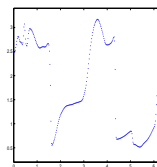
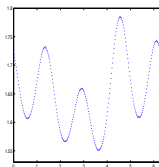
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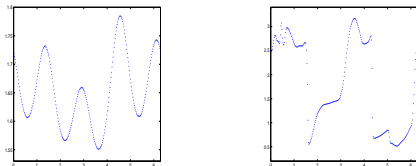
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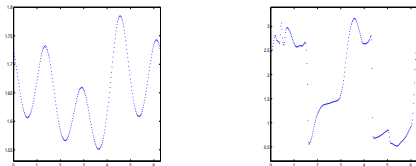
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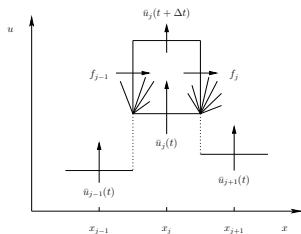


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- we seek *efficient* numerical schemes capable of handling these challenges

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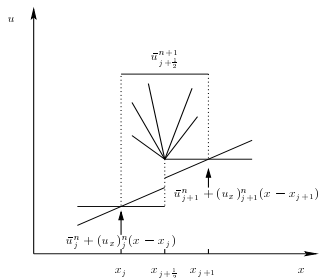
simplicity: no Riemann solvers

Upwind Scheme



requires a Riemann solver to distinguish from right- and left-going waves

Central Scheme



evolves solution over staggered grid, no Riemann solver is needed, but staggering requires smaller time step

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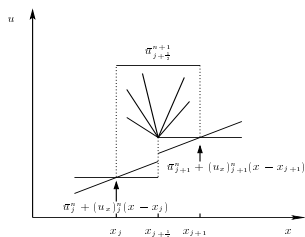
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$$\tilde{u}(x, t^n) = \sum_j p_j(x, t^n) \cdot \mathbf{1}_{I_j},$$

is formed to recover $\{\bar{u}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n\}$; where $I_j = [x_j - \Delta x/2, x_j + \Delta x/2]$.

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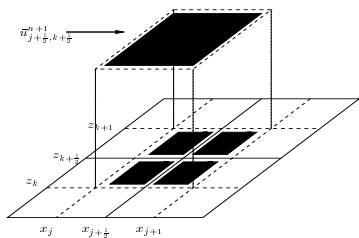
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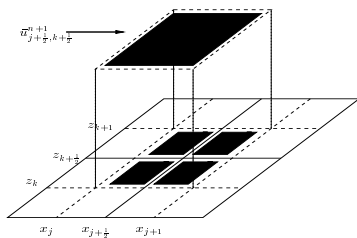
$$\bar{u}_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}[\bar{u}_j^n + \bar{u}_{j+1}^n] + \frac{1}{8}[u'_j - u'_{j+1}] - \lambda[f(u_{j+1}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) - f(u_j^{n+\frac{1}{2}})].$$

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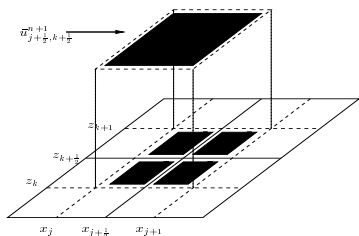
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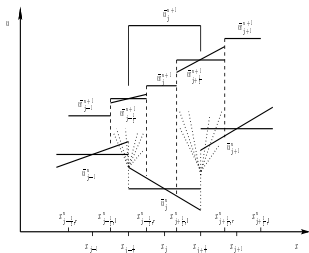
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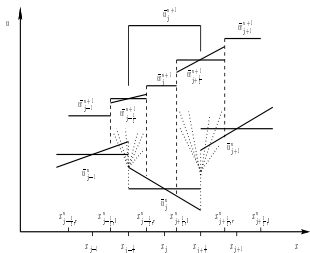
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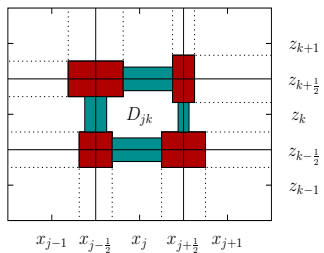
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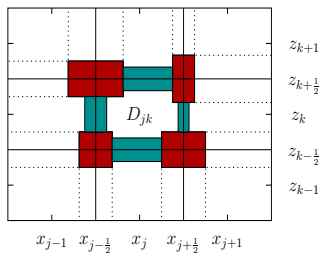
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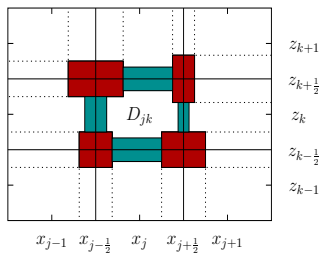
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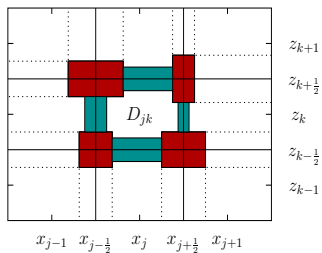
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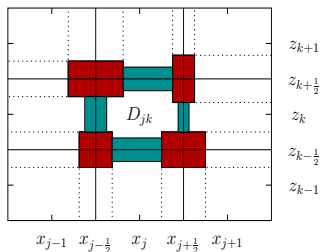
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- reprojecting over original cells and taking the limit as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$, we arrive at:

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Central Schemes – Reconstruction

Example of a non-oscillatory reconstruction:
second order *minmod* reconstruction (Van Leer, 1979)

$$p_{j,k}(x, z) = \bar{u}_{j,k}^n + u'_{j,k} \frac{(x - x_j)}{\Delta x} + u^{\backslash}_{j,k} \frac{(z - z_k)}{\Delta z}$$

where

$$u'(j, k) = \minmod(\alpha \Delta_{+,x} \bar{u}_{j,k}^n, \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{0,x} \bar{u}_{j,k}^n, \alpha \Delta_{-,x} \bar{u}_{j,k}^n),$$

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with $1 \leq \alpha < 2$, and

$$\minmod(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} \min x_i, & \text{if } x_i > 0 \quad \forall i \\ \max x_i, & \text{if } x_i < 0 \quad \forall i \\ 0 & \text{otherways} \end{cases}$$

Semi-discrete Central Schemes – Time Evolution

Solution evolved with SSP RK Schemes (Gottlieb et. al., 2001),

Example: Third-order scheme

$$u^{(1)} = u^{(0)} + \Delta t C[u^{(0)}],$$

$$u^{(2)} = u^{(1)} + \frac{\Delta t}{4} (-3C[u^{(0)}] + C[u^{(1)}]),$$

$$u^{n+1} := u^{(3)} = u^{(2)} + \frac{\Delta t}{12} (-C[u^{(0)}] - C[u^{(1)}] + 8 C[u^{(2)}]),$$

where

$$C[w(t)] = -\frac{H_{j+\frac{1}{2},k}^x(w(t)) - H_{j-\frac{1}{2},k}^x(w(t))}{\Delta x} - \frac{H_{j,k+\frac{1}{2}}^z(w(t)) - H_{j,k-\frac{1}{2}}^z(w(t))}{\Delta z}$$

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- conservation of energy:

$$e_t = -\nabla \cdot \left[\left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} \right],$$

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- solenoidal constraint:

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot [\nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) = 0$$

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- Also, using the constraint transport approach and notation (Evans and Hawley, 1988), it can be shown that the magnetic field, as evolved by the second order fully-discrete staggered scheme (JT), can be written as

$$B_{j+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^{x,n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(b_{j,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{x,n+1} + b_{j+1,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{x,n+1} \right)$$

with

$$b_{j,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{x,n+1} = \tilde{b}_{j,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{x,n} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta z} \left(\Omega_{j,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \Omega_{j+1,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \right),$$

and a similar expression for $B_{j+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^{z,n+1}$

MHD: Brio-Wu Rotated Shock Tube

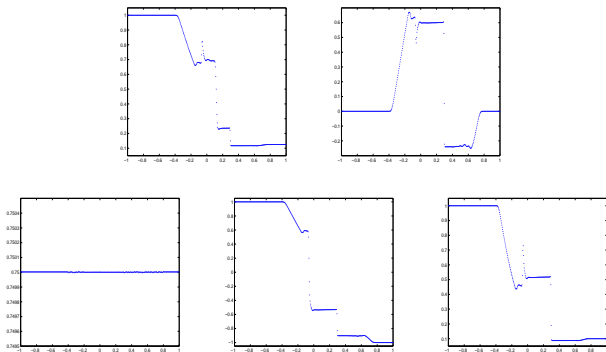
- One-dimensional Riemann problem with initial states given by

$$(\rho, v_x, v_y, v_z, B_x, B_y, B_z, p)^\top = \begin{cases} (1, 0, 0, 0, 0.75, 0, 1, 1)^\top & \text{for } x < 0 \\ (0.125, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.75, 0, -1, 0.1)^\top & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

- Solved over a two dimensional domain with the direction of the flow rotated 45°
- Solution computed up to $t = 0.2$, $x \in [-1, 1]$, with 600×600 grid points, $\gamma = 2$.

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Solution at $t = 0.2$



From top to bottom and from left to right: density, transverse velocity, transverse magnetic field, parallel magnetic field, and pressure. The divergence of the reconstructed polynomial $\sim 10^{-13}$. Results computed with Jacobian free formulation of 2nd order JT scheme.

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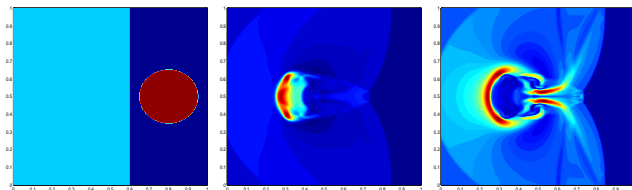
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- Solved up to $t = 0.06$, $(x, z) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$, with 256×256 grid points, CFL number 0.5 and $\gamma = 5/3$

MHD: Shock – Cloud Interaction



Solution of shock-cloud interaction, left: density at $t=0$, center: density at $t=0.06$, right: magnetic field lines at $t=0.06$. Results computed with 3rd order semi-discrete scheme.

Euler Equations of Gas Dynamics

- conservation of mass:

$$\rho_t = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}),$$

- conservation of momentum:

$$(\rho \mathbf{v})_t = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^\top + p \mathbb{I}_{3 \times 3}),$$

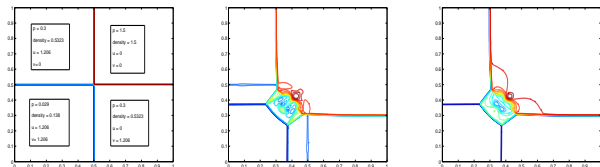
- conservation of energy:

$$e_t = -\nabla \cdot \left[\left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) \mathbf{v} \right],$$

- equation of state:

$$p = (\gamma - 1) \left[e - \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right]$$

Euler Equations: 2d Riemann Problem



Solution of a 2d Riemann problem, left: density at $t=0$ and initial conditions, center: density at $t=0.3$

$(S_{21}^{\leftarrow}, S_{32}^{\leftarrow}, S_{34}^{\leftarrow}, S_{41}^{\leftarrow})$, right: pressure at $t=0.3$. Results computed with 3rd order semi-discrete scheme using

400×400 grid cells.