Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations
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What’s the point of this class?

PDEs describe lots of things in nature:

- Fluid flow (Navier-Stokes equations)
- Electromagnetism (Maxwell’s equations)
- Waves (Elasticity, Acoustics)
- Plasmas (Magnetohydrodynamics)

Idea: Use them to

- Make predictions (and check them, to validate the model: science!)
- Use predictions (for design of cars, airplanes, reactors, …)
Survey

- Home dept
- Degree pursued
- Longest program ever written
  - in Python?
- Research area
Class web page


- Book Draft
- Notes, Class Outline
- Assignments (submission and return)
- Piazza
- Grading Policies/Syllabus
- Video
- Scribbles
- Demos (binder)
Sources for these Notes


▶ Various prior bits of material by Luke Olson and Stephen Bond.
These notes (and the accompanying demos) are open-source!

Bug reports and pull requests welcome:
https://github.com/inducer/numpde-notes

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PDEs: Example 1

What does this do? $\partial_t u = \partial_x u$

- Slope in $x$ and $t$ matches
- Single profile on an $x/t$ diagonal
- Which one? (left-leaning)
- We’ll deal with this a lot.
  - Advection equation, one-way wave equation
  - General solution: $u(x, t) = u_0(x + t)$
What does this do? $\partial_x^2 u + \partial_y^2 u = 0$

- Second derivative measures “bendiness” of a function
- “Bendiness” in $x$ and $y$ need to add up to zero
- Can a function like this have a maximum?
Some good questions

▶ What is a time-like variable? (Variables labeled $t$?)

A variable across which information does not flow ‘backward’.

▶ What if there are boundaries? (space/time)
▶ Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions?
  ▶ Depends on where we look (the function space)
  ▶ In the case of the two examples? (if there are no boundaries?)

Some general takeaways:

▶ Simple techniques can go a long way.
▶ Develop/make use of physical intuition.
Looking for $u : \Omega \rightarrow R^n$ where $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ so that $u \in V$ and

$$F(u, u_x, u_y, u_{xx}, u_{xy}, u_{yy}, \ldots, x, y, \ldots) = 0$$

**Notation**

Used as convenient:

$$u_x = \partial_x u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$
# Properties of PDEs

## What is the order of the PDE?

The highest (total, i.e. summing over axes) order of derivative occurring in $F$.

## When is the PDE linear?

If $u$ and $v$ are solutions, $\alpha u + \beta v$ are, too.

## When is the PDE quasilinear?

The dependency in $F$ on the highest-order partial derivatives is linear in $u$.

## When is the PDE semilinear?

If it is quasi-linear and if the high-order terms have coefficients that depend only on space.
Examples: Order, Linearity?

\[(xu^2)u_{xx} + (u_x + y)u_{yy} + u_x^3 + yu_y = f\]

Second-order quasilinear

\[(x + y + z)u_x + (z^2)u_y + (\sin x)u_z = f\]

First-order semilinear
Properties of Domains

- smooth
- with corners
- with *reentrant* corners
- with cusps

May influence existence/uniqueness of solutions!
Name some function spaces with their norms.

\begin{align*}
C(\Omega) & \quad \text{f continuous, } \|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)| \\
C^k(\Omega) & \quad \text{f k-times continuously differentiable} \\
C^{0,\alpha}(\Omega) & \quad \|f\|_\alpha := \|f\|_\infty + \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}} \quad (\alpha \in (0, 1)) \\
C_L(\Omega) & \quad |f(x) - (y)| \leq L \|x - y\| \\
L_p(\Omega) & \quad \|f\|_{p,\Omega} := \sqrt[p]{\int_D |f(x)|^p dx} < \infty \\
W^1_p(\Omega) & \quad \|f\|_{W^1_p(\Omega)} := (\|f\|_{p,\Omega} + \|f'\|_{p,\Omega}) < \infty \\
H^1(\Omega) & \quad \text{equivalent to } W^1_2(\Omega), \text{ also a Hilbert space}
\end{align*}

Why do these only define equivalence classes? 
$L_2$ special because...?

May also influence existence/uniqueness of solutions!
Solving PDEs

Closed-form solutions:
- If separation of variables applies to the domain: good luck with your ODE
- If not: Good luck! → Numerics

General Idea (that we will follow some of the time)

- Pick $V_h \subseteq V$ finite-dimensional
  - $h$ is often a mesh spacing
- Approximate $u$ through $u_h \in V_h$
- Show: $u_h \to u$ (in some sense) as $h \to 0$

Example

$u(x) = \sin x$ where $V_h$ is piecewise constant functions with grid spacing $h$. 
Is there a grand big unifying theory of PDEs?

No. Frustratingly, studying PDEs is a little bit like stamp collecting. For instance, there are broad classes of second-order PDEs that behave mostly alike.
Collect some stamps

\[ a(x, y)u_{xx} + 2b(x, y)u_{xy} + c(x, y)u_{yy} + d(x, y)u_x + e(x, y)u_y + f(x, y)u = g(x, y) \]

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<td>Wave ( u_{tt} = u_{xx} )</td>
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Where do these names come from?

Quadratic forms: \( ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 + \) lower order terms

Where does this come from? The search for characteristic curves. Will see these again later. See Hogg '17 for a good description.
PDE Classification in Other Cases

Scalar first order PDEs?

Classified as hyperbolic. (See later.)

First order systems of PDEs?

Can be classified into hyperbolic/elliptic/parabolic as well, using slightly more complicated method, depending on the direction of the characteristics. See Hogg ‘17 or Loret ‘08.
Classification in higher dimensions

\[ Lu := \sum_{i=1}^{d} \sum_{j=1}^{d} a_{i,j}(x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \text{lower order terms} \]

Consider the matrix \( A(x) = (a_{ij}(x))_{i,j}. \) May assume \( A \) symmetric. Why?

Schwarz’s theorem. So: real-valued eigenvalues.

What cases can arise for the eigenvalues?

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Elliptic PDE: Laplace/Poisson Equation

\[ \Delta u = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i^2} = \nabla \cdot \nabla u(x) = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x) \quad (x \in \Omega) \]

Called Laplace equation if \( f = 0 \). With Dirichlet boundary condition

\[ u(x) = g(x) \quad (x \in \partial\Omega). \]

**Demo:** Elliptic PDE Illustrating the Maximum Principle [cleared]
Elliptic PDEs: Singular Solution

**Demo:** Elliptic PDE Radially Symmetric Singular Solution

Given $G(x) = C \log(|x|)$ as the free-space Green’s function, can we construct the solution to the PDE with a more general $f$?

$$u(x) = (G * f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x - y)f(y)dy$$

What can we learn from this?

Solutions to the Laplace equation are globally coupled. The value of $f$ at any point influences the solution *everywhere* (if only a little)
Elliptic PDEs: Justifying the Singular Solution

\[ u(x) = (G \ast f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x - y) f(y) dy \]

Why?

\[ \nabla u(x) = (\nabla G \ast f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\nabla G(x - y)) f(y) dy \]

\[ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \delta(x - y) f(y) dy = f(x) \]
Parabolic PDE: Heat Equation · Separation of Variables

\[ u_t = u_{xx} \quad ((x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, T]) \]
\[ u(x, 0) = g(x) \quad (x \in [0, 1]) \]
\[ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \quad (t \in [0, T]) \]

Looking for \( u(x, t) = v(t) \cdot w(x) \).
Plug into PDE: \( v'(t) \cdot w(x) = v(t) \cdot w''(x) \). Divide:

\[ \frac{v'(t)}{v(t)} = C = \frac{w''(x)}{w(x)}, \]

where \( C \) is constant since it is independent of \( x \) and \( t \).

- \( w'' = Cw \) with BCs yields \( w(x) = \alpha \cdot \sin(m\pi x) \) and
  \( C = -m^2\pi^2 \) or any linear combination; Fourier to match \( g \).

- Focus on specific value of \( m \): \( v' = Cv \) with ICs yields \( v(t) = \exp(-m^2\pi^2 t) \).
Parabolic PDE: Solution Behavior

**Demo:** Parabolic PDE [cleared] What can we learn from analytic and numerical solution?

- Heat equation ‘washes out’ the solution
- Appears to obey a maximum principle
- Appears to smooth the data
Hyperbolic PDE: Wave Equation

\[ u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \quad ((x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times [0, T]) \]
\[ u(x, 0) = g(x) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}) \]

with \( g(x) = \sin(\pi x) \).

Is this problem well-posed?

No, missing initial condition on \( u_t \).

\[ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}) \]

Can be rewritten in conservation law form:

\[ q_t(x) + \nabla \cdot F(q(x)) = s(x) \]
Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

\[ q_t(x, t) + \nabla \cdot F(q(x, t)) = s(x) \]

Why is this called a (system of) conservation law(s)?

- Balance between a conserved quantity \( q \) and a flux \( F \).
  - Integrate, consider divergence theorem (for \( n = 1 \))
  - Flux prescribes the ‘flow direction’. When is flux divergence < 0?
- \( s \) is a source term.

\( F :? \rightarrow? \)

- \( q(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \)
- \( F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d \)
Rewrite the wave equation in conservation law form:

Introduce a new variable \( v \) and let

\[
\begin{align*}
 u_t &= c v_x \\
 v_t &= c u_x.
\end{align*}
\]

Observe \( u_{tt} = c v_{xt} = c^2 u_{xx} \).
Define \( q := [u \quad v]^T \).
Solving Conservation Laws

Solve

\[ u_t = cv_x \]

\[ v_t = cu_x. \]

\[
\begin{align*}
q_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -c \\ -c & 0 \end{bmatrix} q_x &= q_t + Aq_x = 0 \\
\end{align*}
\]

Diagonalize: Define \( \tilde{q} := V^{-1} q \),

\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{q}_t + V^{-1} AV \tilde{q}_x &= \tilde{q}_t + \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & -c \end{bmatrix} \tilde{q}_x = 0 \\
\end{align*}
\]

\( \rightarrow \) two advection equations

Solution, for some \( \phi_{\ell}, \phi_r \):

\[ u(t, x) = \phi_{\ell}(x + ct) + \phi_r(x - ct) \]
Hyperbolic: Solution Properties

Properties of the solution for hyperbolic equations:

- Has *conserved quantities*
- $q$, “energy” (→ HW1)
- Maintains smoothness of IC
- Typical trick: Project to one dimension, diagonalize, understand advection behavior.
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Interpolation and Vandermonde Matrices

Limit the set of functions to a linear combination from an interpolation basis \( \varphi_i \).

\[
f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N_{\text{func}}} \alpha_j \varphi_j(x)
\]

Interpolation becomes solving the linear system:

\[
y_i = f(x_i) = \sum_{j=0}^{N_{\text{func}}} \alpha_j \varphi_j(x_i) \quad \leftrightarrow \quad V\alpha = y.
\]

Want unique answer: Pick \( N_{\text{func}} = N \rightarrow V \text{ square.} \)

\( V \) is called the (generalized) Vandermonde matrix.

\[
V \text{ (coefficients)} = (\text{values at nodes}).
\]
Numerical Differentiation: How?

How can we take derivatives numerically?

Let \( x = (x_i)_{i=1}^n \) be nodes and \((\varphi_i)_{i=1}^n\) an interpolation basis. Find interpolation coefficients \( \alpha = (\alpha_i)_{i=1}^n = V^{-1}f(x) \). Then

\[
f(\xi) \approx p_{n-1}(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \varphi_i(\xi).
\]

Then, simply take a derivative:

\[
f'(\xi) \approx p'_{n-1}(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \varphi'_i(\xi).
\]

\( \varphi'_i \) are known because the interpolation basis \( \varphi_i \) is known!

**Demo:** Taking Derivatives with Vandermonde Matrices [cleared]
Finite Differences Numerically

**Demo:** Finite Differences [cleared]
**Demo:** Finite Differences vs Noise [cleared]
**Demo:** Floating point vs Finite Differences [cleared]
Why shouldn’t you take derivatives numerically?

- ‘Unbounded’
  A function with small $\| f \|_\infty$ can have arbitrarily large $\| f' \|_\infty$

- Amplifies noise
  Imagine a smooth function perturbed by small, high-frequency wiggles

- Subject to cancellation error

- Inherently less accurate than integration
  - Interpolation: $h^n$
  - Quadrature: $h^{n+1}$
  - Differentiation: $h^{n-1}$
    (where $n$ is the number of points)
Differencing Order of Accuracy Using Taylor

Find the order of accuracy of the finite difference formula

\[ f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x + h) - f(x - h)}{2h}. \]

\[
\begin{align*}
    f'(x) &= \frac{f(x + h) - f(x - h)}{2h} \\
    &= f'(x) - \frac{1}{2h} \left[ f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{6} f'''(x) + O(h^4) \right] \\
    &\quad + \frac{1}{2h} \left[ f(x) - hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2} f''(x) - \frac{h^3}{6} f'''(x) + O(h^4) \right] \\
    &= \frac{1}{2h} \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} f'''(x) \quad \text{as } h \to 0.
\end{align*}
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Truncation Error in Interpolation

If $f$ is $n$ times continuously differentiable on a closed interval $I$ and $p_{n-1}(x)$ is a polynomial of degree at most $n$ that interpolates $f$ at $n$ distinct points $\{x_i\}$ ($i = 1, \ldots, n$) in that interval, then for each $x$ in the interval there exists $\xi$ in that interval such that

$$f(x) - p_{n-1}(x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!} (x - x_1)(x - x_2) \cdots (x - x_n).$$

Set the error term to be $R(x) := f(x) - p_{n-1}(x)$ and set up an auxiliary function:

$$Y_x(t) = R(t) - \frac{R(x)}{W(x)} W(t) \quad \text{where} \quad W(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (t - x_i).$$

Note also the introduction of $t$ as an additional variable, independent of the point $x$ where we hope to prove the identity.
\[ Y_x(t) = R(t) - \frac{R(x)}{W(x)} W(t) \quad \text{where} \quad W(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (t - x_i) \]

Since \( x_i \) are roots of \( R(t) \) and \( W(t) \), we have \( Y_x(x) = Y_x(x_i) = 0 \), which means \( Y_x \) has at least \( n + 1 \) roots.

From Rolle's theorem, \( Y'_x(t) \) has at least \( n \) roots, then \( Y_x^{(n)} \) has at least one root \( \xi \), where \( \xi \in I \).

Since \( p_{n-1}(x) \) is a polynomial of degree at most \( n - 1 \), \( R^{(n)}(t) = f^{(n)}(t) \). Thus

\[ Y_x^{(n)}(t) = f^{(n)}(t) - \frac{R(x)}{W(x)} n!. \]

Plugging \( Y_x^{(n)}(\xi) = 0 \) into the above yields the result.
Error Result: Connection to Chebyshev

What is the connection between the error result and Chebyshev interpolation?

- The error bound suggests choosing the interpolation nodes such that the product $|\prod_{i=1}^{n}(x - x_i)|$ is as small as possible. The Chebyshev nodes achieve this.

- If nodes are edge-clustered, $\prod_{i=1}^{n}(x - x_i)$ clamps down the (otherwise quickly-growing) error there.

- Confusing: *Chebyshev approximating polynomial* (or “polynomial best-approximation”). Not the Chebyshev interpolant.

- Chebyshev nodes also do not minimize the Lebesgue constant.
Boil the error result down to a simpler form.

Assume \( x_1 < \cdots < x_n \).

1. \( |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq M \) for \( x \in [x_1, x_n] \),
2. Set the interval length \( h = x_n - x_1 \).
   Then \( |x - x_i| \leq h \).

Altogether—there is a constant \( C \) independent of \( h \) so that:

\[
\max_x |f(x) - p_{n-1}(x)| \leq CMh^n.
\]

For the grid spacing \( h \to 0 \), we have \( E(h) = O(h^n) \). This is called convergence of order \( n \).

**Demo: Interpolation Error [cleared]**
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1D Advection Equation and Characteristics

\[ u_t + au_x = 0, \quad u(0, x) = g(x) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}) \]

Solution?

Generalize to 1D conservation law: \( u_t + f(u)_x = 0 \). Find solution.

**Characteristic Curve:** Define a function \( x(t) \) so that \( u(x(t), t) = u(x_0, 0) \). Suppose we consider \( x \) defined by the IVP

\[
\begin{cases}
\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f'(u(x(t), t)), \\
x(0) = x_0.
\end{cases}
\]

Then

\[
\frac{du(x(t), t)}{dt} = u_x x'(t) + u_t = u_x f'(u(x(t), t)) + u_t = f(u)_x + u_t = 0.
\]

So \( u(x(t), t) = u(x(0), 0) = g(x_0). \)
Solving Advection with Characteristics

\[ u_t + au_x = 0, \quad u(0, x) = g(x) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}) \]

Find the characteristic curve for advection.

Here \( x(t) = x_0 + at \).

Generalize this to a solution formula.

General solution of advection: \( u(t, x) = g(x - at) \). \( a \): Advection speed.

Does the solution formula admit solutions that aren’t obviously allowed by the PDE?

Solution formula allows nonsmooth profiles. Unclear: Those are not differentiable.

→ Idea (later): weaken the notion of a derivative
Finite Difference for Hyperbolic: Idea

\[(x_k, t^\ell) : x_k = kh_x, t^\ell = \ell h_t\]

If \(u(x, t)\) is the exact solution, want

\[u_{k,\ell} \approx u(x_k, t^\ell).\]

Condition at each grid point?

- Pick a derivative stencil for each derivative term in the PDE
- Get system of equations
- Solve

What are explicit/implicit schemes?

Implicit require solution of a system of equations
Designing Stencils

ETCS:

ITCS:

ETFS:

ETBS:

Terminology?

- E Explicit / I Implicit
- T Time / S Space
- F Forward: right
- B Backward: left
- Upwind: left if \( a > 0 \)
- Downwind: right if \( a > 0 \)

Write out ITCS:

\[
\frac{u_{k+1,\ell+1} - u_{k,\ell}}{h_t} + a \frac{u_{k+1,\ell+1} - u_{k-1,\ell+1}}{2h_x} = 0
\]
Write out Crank-Nicolson:

\[
\frac{u_{k,\ell+1} - u_{k,\ell}}{h_t} + a \left[ \frac{u_{k+1,\ell+1} - u_{k-1,\ell+1}}{2h_x} + \frac{u_{k+1,\ell} - u_{k-1,\ell}}{2h_x} \right] = 0
\]
What’s the core idea behind Lax-Wendroff?

- Write out a Taylor expansion in time
- Use the PDE to replace time $\partial$ with space $\partial$
- Allows two-level schemes of any order of accuracy

Write out Lax-Wendroff.

$$u_t = -au_x \text{ so also } u_{tt} = -a(u_x)_t = -a(u_t)_x = a^2 u_{xx}.$$  

$$u_{k,\ell+1} - u_{k,\ell} \approx h_t u_t(x_k, t_\ell) + \frac{h_t^2}{2} u_{tt}(x_k, t_\ell)$$  

$$= -h_t au_x(x_k, t_\ell) + \frac{h_t^2}{2} a^2 u_{xx}(x_k, t_\ell)$$  

$$\approx -h_t a \frac{u_{k+1,\ell} - u_{k-1,\ell}}{2h_x} + \frac{h_t^2 a^2}{2} \cdot \frac{u_{k+1,\ell} - 2u_{k,\ell} + u_{k-1,\ell}}{h_x^2}$$
Exploring Advection Schemes

Demo: Methods for 1D Advection [cleared]

- Which of the schemes “work”?
- Any restrictions worth noting?
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A Matrix View of Two-Level Stencil Schemes

Numerical solution vectors:

\[ \mathbf{v}_\ell = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,\ell} \\ \vdots \\ u_{N_x,\ell} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{N_t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{N_t} \end{bmatrix} \]

True solution vectors:

\[ \mathbf{u}_\ell = \begin{bmatrix} u(x_1, t_\ell) \\ \vdots \\ u(x_{N_x}, t_\ell) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_{N_t} \end{bmatrix} \]

Definition (Two-Level Finite Difference Scheme)

A finite difference scheme that can be written as

\[ P_h \mathbf{v}_{\ell+1} = Q_h \mathbf{v}_\ell + h_t \mathbf{b}_\ell \]

is called a two-level linear finite difference scheme.

- Mostly \( b_\ell = 0 \), i.e. homogeneous schemes, no source terms.
- \( P_h \) and \( Q_h \) may depend on both \( h_x \) and \( h_t \).
- \( P_h \) and \( Q_h \) and the spatial grid may also be infinite.
Rewriting Schemes in Matrix Form (1/2)

\[ P_h v_{\ell+1} = Q_h v_\ell + h_t b_\ell \]

Find \( P_h \) and \( Q_h \) for ETCS:

ETCS:

\[
\frac{u_{k,\ell+1} - u_k,\ell}{h_t} + a \frac{u_{k+1,\ell} - u_{k-1,\ell}}{2h_x} = 0.
\]

Equivalently:

\[
u_{k,\ell+1} = u_{k,\ell} + a h_t \left(-u_{k+1,\ell} + u_{k-1,\ell}\right).
\]

So

\[
P_h = I, \quad Q_h = \text{tridiag} \left( \frac{ah_t}{2h_x}, 1, -\frac{ah_t}{2h_x} \right).
\]
Find $P_h$ and $Q_h$ for Crank-Nicolson:

\[
P_h = \text{tridiag} \left( - \frac{ah_t}{4h_x}, 1, \frac{ah_t}{4h_x} \right),
\]

and

\[
Q_h = \text{tridiag} \left( \frac{ah_t}{4h_x}, 1, -\frac{ah_t}{4h_x} \right).
\]
Definition (Truncation Error)

The local truncation error $\tau_{k,\ell}$ is the error that remains when a finite difference method is applied to a smooth exact solution $u$ at $(x_k, t_\ell)$.

Demo: Truncation Error Analysis via sympy [cleared]
Express definition of truncation error in our two-level framework:

\[
P_h u_{\ell+1} = Q_h u_\ell + \tau_\ell h_t.\tag{1}
\]

Define \( e_\ell = u_\ell - v_\ell \). Understand the error as accumulation of truncation error:

Recall \( P_h v_{\ell+1} = Q_h v_\ell \). Subtract from the truncation error definition to find:

\[
\begin{align*}
e_0 &= 0 \\
P_h e_{\ell+1} &= Q_h e_\ell + \tau_\ell h_t \\
e_{\ell+1} &= P_h^{-1} Q_h e_\ell + P_h^{-1} \tau_\ell h_t.
\end{align*}
\]
Discrete and Continuous Norms

To measure properties of numerical solutions we need norms. Define a discrete $L^\infty$ norm.

$$\|e\|_\infty = \max_{k,\ell} |e_{k,\ell}|.$$ 

Define a discrete $L^2$ norm.

$$\|e\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{k,\ell} e_{k,\ell}^2 h_x h_t}. \quad \text{Unless otherwise given: } \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2.$$

Important features:

- Value of discrete norm should not change wildly if $h_x$ and $h_t$ change (and, along with them, the number of nodes).
- Ideal: approximate a continuous norm.
Consistency and Convergence

Assume \( u, (\partial_x^{q_x})u, (\partial_t^{q_t})u \in L^2(\mathbb{R} \times [0, t^*]) \).

**Definition (Consistency)**

A two-level scheme is **consistent** in the \( L^2 \)-norm with order \( q_t \) in time and \( q_x \) in space if

\[
\max_{\ell, \ell h_t \leq t^*} \| \tau_{\ell} \| = O(h_x^{q_x} + h_t^{q_t}) \quad \text{as} \quad (h_x, h_t) \to (0, 0).
\]

**Definition (Convergence)**

A two-level scheme is **convergent** in the \( L^2 \)-norm with order \( q_t \) in time and \( q_x \) in space if

\[
\max_{\ell, \ell h_t \leq t^*} \| e_{\ell} \| = O(h_x^{q_x} + h_t^{q_t}) \quad \text{as} \quad (h_x, h_t) \to (0, 0).
\]
Analyzing ETFS (1/2)

\[ \frac{u_{k,\ell+1} - u_{k,\ell}}{h_t} + a \frac{u_{k+1,\ell} - u_{k,\ell}}{h_x} = 0 \]

Let’s understand more precisely what happens for this scheme. Assume \( a > 0 \).

Rewrite as

\[ u_{k,\ell+1} = u_{k,\ell} - \frac{ah_t}{h_x} (u_{k+1,\ell} - u_{k,\ell}) = (1 + \lambda)u_{k,\ell} - \lambda u_{k+1,\ell} \]

for \( \lambda = \frac{ah_t}{h_x} \).
Analyzing ETFS (2/2)

\[ u_{k,\ell+1} = (1 + \lambda)u_{k,\ell} - \lambda u_{k+1,\ell} \]

Consider \( u(x, 0) = 1_{[-1,0]}(x) \). Predict solution behavior.

\[
\begin{align*}
    u_{0,0} &= 1 & u_{1\ldots,0} &= 0 \\
    u_{0,1} &= (1 + \lambda) & u_{1\ldots,1} &= 0 \\
    u_{0,2} &= (1 + \lambda)^2 & u_{1\ldots,2} &= 0
\end{align*}
\]

So the right half never “sees” the traveling bump; this can’t be convergent. Meanwhile,

\[
    u(0, t) \approx u_{0,t/h_t} = \left(1 + \frac{ah_t}{h_x}\right)^{t/h_t} = \left(1 + \frac{at/h_x}{t/h_t}\right)^{t/h_t} \xrightarrow{h_t \to 0} \exp \left( \frac{at}{h_x} \right)
\]

**Demo:** Methods for 1D Advection [cleared] (Revisit ETFS)
Stability

$$P_h v_{\ell+1} = Q_h v_{\ell}$$

Write down a matrix product to bring $v_0$ to $v_{\ell}$:

$$v_{\ell} = (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^{\ell} v_0$$

Definition (Stability)

A two-level scheme is **stable** in the $L^2$-norm if there exists a constant $c > 0$ independent of $h_t$ and $h_x$ so that

$$\| (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^{\ell} P_h^{-1} \| \leq c$$

for all $\ell$ and $h_t$ such that $\ell h_t \leq t^*$. 
Lax Convergence Theorem

Theorem (Lax Convergence)

If a two-level FD scheme is

- consistent in the $L^2$-norm with order $q_t$ in time and $q_x$ in space, and
- stable in the $L^2$-norm, then

it is convergent in the $L^2$-norm with order $q_t$ in time and $q_x$ in space.

A stronger result holds: The above is actually “if and only if”. (called the Lax Equivalence Theorem or Lax-Richtmyer Theorem)

Think of this as an important ‘meta-theorem’ of numerical analysis (or “fundamental theorem of NA“):

$$\text{Consistent} + \text{Stable} \Rightarrow \text{Convergent}$$

A related result holds for ODEs, due to Dahlquist.
Lax Convergence: Proof (1/2)

Recall error propagation:

\[ P_h e_{\ell + 1} = Q_h e_\ell + \tau_\ell h_t \]

So:

\[ e_{\ell + 1} = P_h^{-1} Q_h e_\ell + P_h^{-1} \tau_\ell h_t. \]

Since \( e_0 = 0 \),

\[
\begin{align*}
  e_1 &= h_t P_h^{-1} \tau_0, \\
  e_2 &= h_t (P_h^{-1} Q_h) P_h^{-1} \tau_0 + h_t P_h^{-1} \tau_1.
\end{align*}
\]

By induction,

\[ e_\ell = h_t \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^{\ell-m} P_h^{-1} \tau_{m-1}. \]
Lax Convergence: Proof (2/2)

\[ e_\ell = h_t \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^{\ell-m} P_h^{-1} \tau_{m-1}. \]

Let \( \ell h_t \leq t^* \). Taking the norm of both sides,

\[
\| e_\ell \| \leq h_t \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left\| (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^{\ell-m} P_h^{-1} \tau_{m-1} \right\|
\leq h_t \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \left\| (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^{\ell-m} \right\| \| \tau_{m-1} \|
\leq c \text{ (stab.)}
\leq h_{\ell} c \cdot \max_{\ell: \ell h_t \leq t^*} \| \tau_\ell \|
\leq c t^* \max_{\ell: \ell h_t \leq t^*} \| \tau_\ell \|
\overset{\text{cons.}}{=} O(h_x^{q_x} + h_t^{q_t}).
\]
Conditions for Stability

\[ \left\| (P_h^{-1} Q_h)^\ell P_h^{-1} \right\| \leq c \]

Give a simpler, sufficient condition:

\[ \left\| P_h^{-1} Q_h \right\| \leq 1, \quad \left\| P_h^{-1} \right\| \leq c. \]

Also called Lax-Richtmyer stability.

How can we show bounds on these matrix norms?

- Observe: bounds have to hold for all \( h_t \) and \( h_x \).
- Generally: cumbersome.
- Possibly easiest: approach via singular values.
- Bound singular values: For example using Gershgorin.
Stability of ETBS (1/3)

Theorem (Gershgorin)

For a matrix \( A \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N} = (a_{i,j}) \),

\[
\sigma(A) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{N} \bigg[ \tilde{B}(a_{j,j}, \sum_{k \neq j} |a_{j,k}|) \bigg].
\]

ETBS:

\[
\frac{u_{k,\ell+1} - u_{k,\ell}}{h_t} + a \frac{u_{k,\ell} - u_{k-1,\ell}}{h_x} = 0
\]

Analyze stability of ETBS:

Let \( \lambda = ah_t/h_x \). Then \( u_{k,\ell+1} = \lambda u_{k-1,\ell} + (1 - \lambda)u_{k,\ell} \).

So \( P_h = I \) and \( Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda, 1 - \lambda, 0) \). \( \|P_h^{-1}\| \leq 1 \) trivially.
Stability of ETBS (2/3)

\[ P_h = I \text{ and } Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda, 1 - \lambda, 0). \]

\[
\| Q_h \| = \sqrt{\rho(Q_h^T Q_h)},
\]

where \( Q_h^T Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda(1 - \lambda), (1 - \lambda)^2 + \lambda^2, \lambda(1 - \lambda)) \). Assume \( 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \) for now, then \( \lambda(1 - \lambda) \geq 0 \). Let \( \Lambda \in \sigma(Q_h^T Q_h) \).

\[
2\lambda^2 - 2\lambda \leq \Lambda - (1 - \lambda)^2 - \lambda^2 \leq 2\lambda - 2\lambda^2,
\]
\[
1 - 4\lambda + 4\lambda^2 \leq \Lambda \leq 1,
\]
\[
0 \leq (1 - 2\lambda)^2 \leq \Lambda \leq 1.
\]

So \( |\Lambda| \leq 1 \), which implies \( \| Q_h^T Q_h \| \leq 1 \), which means \( \| Q_h \| \leq 1 \).

If \( \lambda > 1 \), analogously:

\( |\Lambda| \geq 1 \), which implies \( \| Q_h^T Q_h \| \geq 1 \), which means \( \| Q_h \| \geq 1 \).
Stability of ETBS (3/3)

Summarize ETBS stability:

We learn that ETBS is stable if $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$. Rewriting, we obtain

$$\frac{ah_t}{h_x} < 1 \iff h_t \leq \frac{h_x}{a}.$$  

This type of stability is called conditional stability, and the condition we found a Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy (CFL) condition.

Comments?

Way cumbersome to prove. Is there something easier that gives necessary/sufficient conditions?
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Discrete (Space) Fourier Transform

Assume $x$ infinitely long. Define:

$$\hat{x}(\theta) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} x_k e^{-i\theta k}$$

When is this well-defined?

$$|\hat{x}(\theta)| = \left| \sum_{k} x_k e^{-i\theta k} \right| \leq \sum_{k} |x_k|,$$

Well-defined if $\sum_{k} |x_k|$ is absolutely convergent. ($\sum_{k} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$)
Inverting the Fourier Transform

To recover $x$:

$$x_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\theta) e^{i\theta k} d\theta.$$  

Proof?

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_j x_j e^{-i\theta j} e^{i\theta k} d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_j x_j \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i\theta (k-j)} d\theta = \sum_j x_j \delta_{j,k} = x_k.$$
Getting to $L^2$

- Fourier Transform well defined for $x \in \ell^1$.
- Problem: We care about $L^2$, not $\ell^1$.

**Theorem (Parseval)**

If $\|x\|_2 < \infty$, then

$$\|x\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\hat{x}(\theta)|^2 \, d\theta < \infty.$$  

Impact?

Can extend definition of Fourier transform to $L^2$. 
Definition (Toeplitz Operator)

An operator $T$ is a Toeplitz operator if $(Tx)_j = \sum_k x_k p_{j-k}$. In this case, $p$ is called the Toeplitz vector.

Example: ETCS

Let $\lambda = ah_t/2hx$. Then

$$u_{k,\ell+1} = \lambda u_{k-1,\ell} + u_{k,\ell} - \lambda u_{k+1,\ell}.$$

Is ETCS Toeplitz?
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\((P_h u_{\ell+1})_j = u_{j,\ell+1} \div \sum_k u_{k,\ell+1} p_{j-k}\)

\[
p_{j-k} = \begin{cases} 
1 & k = j, \\
0 & \text{otherwise.} 
\end{cases}
\]

\(p_m = \delta_{0,m}\).

\((Q_h u_{\ell})_j = \lambda u_{j-1,\ell} + u_{j,\ell} - \lambda u_{j+1,\ell} \div \sum_k u_{k,\ell} q_{j-k}\)

\[
q_{j-k} = \begin{cases} 
\lambda & k = j - 1, \\
1 & k = j, \\
-\lambda & k = j + 1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise.} 
\end{cases}
\]

\(q_m = \begin{cases} 
\lambda & m = 1, \\
1 & m = 0, \\
-\lambda & m = -1, \\
0 & \text{otherwise.} 
\end{cases}\)

Both \(P_h\) and \(Q_h\) are Toeplitz.
Fourier Transforms of Toeplitz Operators (1/3)

\[ y_j = \sum_k x_k p_{j-k} \]

\[
\hat{y}(\theta) = \sum_j \sum_k x_k p_{j-k} e^{-i\theta j} = \sum_j \sum_k \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\varphi) e^{i\varphi k} d\varphi \right) p_{j-k} e^{-i\theta j} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\varphi) \sum_j \sum_k e^{i\varphi k} p_{j-k} e^{-i\theta j} d\varphi = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\varphi) \sum_j \left( \sum_k e^{i\varphi (k-j)} p_{j-k} \right) e^{i(\varphi-\theta)j} d\varphi.\]
\[ \hat{y}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\varphi) \sum_j \left( \sum_k e^{i\varphi(k-j)p_{j-k}} \right) e^{i(\varphi-\theta)j} \, d\varphi. \]

Consider

\[ \sum_k e^{i\varphi(k-j)p_{j-k}} = \sum_k e^{-i\varphi(j-k)p_{j-k}} \overset{\ell=j-k}{=} \hat{p}(\varphi). \]

So

\[ \hat{y}(\theta) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\varphi) \hat{p}(\varphi) \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_j e^{i(\varphi-\theta)j} \, d\varphi. \]
\[ \hat{y}(\theta) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\phi) \hat{p}(\phi) \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_j e^{i(\varphi - \theta)j} d\varphi. \]

Define \( w_j = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{i\varphi j} \). Then \( \hat{w}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_k e^{i(\varphi - \theta)k} \). So

\[ \hat{y}(\theta) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{x}(\phi) \hat{p}(\phi) \hat{w}(\theta) d\varphi. \]

To determine \( \hat{w}(\theta) \), consider

\[ (1/2\pi)e^{i\varphi j} = w_j = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{w}(\theta)e^{i\theta j} d\theta. \]

Observe that (by uniqueness of the FT) \( \hat{w}(\theta) = \delta(\varphi - \theta) \) would do the trick. Therefore \( \hat{y}(\theta) = \hat{x}(\theta)\hat{p}(\theta) \).
Fourier Transforms of Inverse Toeplitz Operators

Recall \((P\mathbf{x})_j = \sum_k p_{j-k} x_k\).

What is the Fourier transform \(\hat{\mathbf{z}}(\theta)\) of \(P_h^{-1}\mathbf{x}\)?

- Inverse is also Toeplitz (by linearity and translation invariance).
- Fourier transform of \(P_h P_h^{-1} \mathbf{x}\) is \(\hat{\mathbf{x}}\) for any \(\mathbf{x}\).
- Therefore \(\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\theta) \hat{\mathbf{z}}(\theta) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\theta)\).
- By uniqueness of Fourier t. (unproven): \(\hat{\mathbf{z}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\theta)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\theta)\).

Fourier transform \(P_h^{-1} Q_h \mathbf{y}\)?

\[
\frac{\hat{\mathbf{q}}(\theta)}{\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\theta)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\theta).
\]
Bounding the Operator Norm

Bound \( \| P_h^{-1} Q_h \|_2^2 \) using Fourier:

\[
\| P_h^{-1} Q_h \|_2^2 = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\| P_h^{-1} Q_h x \|_2^2}{\| x \|_2^2} = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{h_x}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{\hat{q}(\theta)}{\hat{p}(\theta)} \right| \left| \hat{x}(\theta) \right|^2 d\theta
\]

\[
\leq \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\left| \hat{x}(\theta) \right|^2}{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \hat{x}(\theta) \right|^2 d\theta} \leq \max_{\varphi \in [-\pi, \pi]} \left| \frac{\hat{q}(\varphi)}{\hat{p}(\varphi)} \right|^2.
\]

Similarly, \( \| P_h^{-1} \|_2^2 \leq \max_{\varphi \in [-\pi, \pi]} \left| 1/\hat{p}(\varphi) \right|^2 \).

Is the upper bound attained?

If \( \hat{x}(\theta) = \delta(\theta - \varphi^*) \), where \( \varphi^* \) maximizes \( |\hat{q}(\theta)/\hat{p}(\theta)| \), then yes. (So \( x_k = (1/2\pi)e^{i\varphi^* k} \).)
von Neumann Stability

Two-level finite difference scheme

\[ P_h v_{\ell+1} = Q_h v_\ell + h_t b_\ell, \]

where \( P_h \) and \( Q_h \) are Toeplitz operators with vectors \( p \) and \( q \).

**Definition (Symbol of a Two-Level Finite Difference Scheme)**

Let

\[ \hat{p}(\theta) = \sum_k p_k e^{-i\varphi_k}, \quad \hat{q}(\theta) = \sum_k q_k e^{-i\varphi_k}. \]

Then the symbol of the two-level FD method is \( s(\varphi) = \hat{q}(\varphi)/\hat{p}(\theta) \).

**Definition (Von Neumann Stability)**

If

\[ \max_{\varphi} |s(\varphi)| \leq 1, \quad \max_{\varphi} \left| \frac{1}{\hat{p}(\varphi)} \right| \leq c \]

for some constant \( c > 0 \), we say the scheme is **von Neumann stable.**
Comparison with Lax-Richtmyer Stability

Need \( \|(P^{-1}_h Q_h)\ell P^{-1}_h\| \leq c \).

Implied by von Neumann stability.

Why is bounding the symbol the most salient part?

If \( \|P^{-1}_h Q_h\| \leq 1 \) encounters problems, there often also doesn’t exist a \( c \) so that \( \|P^{-1}_h\| \leq c \).

Main restriction of von Neumann stability?

- Only works on infinite/periodic grids.
- Have BCs? Analysis gets more difficult.
von Neumann Stability: ETBS (1/2)

ETBS: Let $\lambda = a h_t / h_x$. $u_{k,\ell+1} = \lambda u_{k-1,\ell} + (1 - \lambda) u_{k,\ell}$.

$$P_h = I, \quad Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda, 1 - \lambda, 0).$$

Auxiliary result: Fourier transform of $r_k = \delta_{k,j}$.

$$\hat{r}(\varphi) = \sum_k r_k e^{-i\varphi k} = \sum_k \delta_{k,j} e^{-i\varphi k} = e^{-i\varphi j}.$$

$$(Q_h x)_j = \sum_k q_{j-k} x_k, \text{ so } (Q_h x)_0 = q_0 x_0 + x_{-1} q_1 + x_1 q_{-1} + \cdots, \text{ so }$$

$q = (\ldots, 0, 0, 1 - \lambda, \lambda, 0, \ldots)$.

$$\hat{p}(\varphi) = 1, \quad \hat{q}(\varphi) = \lambda e^{-i\varphi} + (1 - \lambda) = 1 - \lambda(1 - e^{-i\varphi}).$$

$$|s(\varphi)|^2 = \left| \frac{\hat{q}(\varphi)}{\hat{p}(\varphi)} \right|^2 = (1 - \lambda(1 - e^{-i\varphi}))(1 - \lambda(1 - e^{i\varphi}))$$

$$= 1 + 2(\lambda - \lambda^2)(\cos \varphi - 1).$$
von Neumann Stability: ETBS (2/2)

Found: \[ |s(\phi)|^2 = 1 + 2(\lambda - \lambda^2)(\cos \phi - 1). \]

Maximize: take derivative w.r.t. \( \phi \), set to 0:

\[
\frac{d}{d\phi} (1 + 2(\lambda - \lambda^2)(\cos \phi - 1)) = -2(\lambda - \lambda^2) \sin \phi = 0
\]

if and only if \( \phi \in \mathbb{Z}\pi \).

For \( m \in \mathbb{Z} \), \( s(m\pi) = 1 + 2(\lambda - \lambda^2)((-1)^m - 1) \). For \( m \) even, \( s(m\pi) = 1 \).

For \( m \) odd, \( s(m\pi) = 1 - 4(\lambda - \lambda^2) = (1 - 2\lambda)^2 \).

Thus \( |s(\phi)|^2 \leq 1 \) if and only if

\[
|1 - 2\lambda| \leq 1 \iff 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \iff 0 \leq h_t \leq \frac{h_x}{a}.
\]

Found: conditionally von Neumann stable with CFL as before.
von Neumann Stability: ETCS

Let $\lambda = ah_t/h_x$. Then

$$u_{k,\ell+1} = \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{k-1,\ell} + u_{k,\ell} - \frac{\lambda}{2} u_{k+1,\ell}.$$ 

$$P_h = I, \quad Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda/2, 1, -\lambda/2).$$

So $\hat{p}(\varphi) = 1$, and

$$\hat{q}(\varphi) = \frac{\lambda}{2} e^{-i\varphi} + 1 - \frac{\lambda}{2} e^{-i\varphi(-1)} = 1 - \lambda \sin(\varphi) i.$$ 

So

$$\max_{\varphi} |s(\varphi)|^2 = \max_{\varphi} \left| \frac{\hat{q}(\varphi)}{\hat{p}(\varphi)} \right|^2 = 1 + \lambda^2 \sin^2(\varphi) \geq 1.$$ 

Not von Neumann stable $\Rightarrow$ not Lax-Richtmyer stable.
von Neumann Stability: Crank-Nicolson

Let $\lambda = ah_t/(4h_x)$

$$-\lambda u_{k-1,\ell+1} + u_{k,\ell+1} + \lambda u_{k+1,\ell+1} = \lambda u_{k-1,\ell} + u_{k,\ell} - \lambda u_{k+1,\ell}.$$ 

$P_h = \text{tridiag}(-\lambda, 1, \lambda), \quad Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda, 1, -\lambda).$

$\hat{p}(\phi) = -\lambda e^{-i\phi} + 1 + \lambda e^{i\phi} = 1 + 2\lambda i \sin(\phi),$

$\hat{q}(\phi) = \lambda e^{-i\phi} + 1 - \lambda e^{i\phi} = 1 - 2\lambda i \sin(\phi).$

$$|s(\phi)|^2 = \frac{1 + 4 \sin^2(\phi)}{1 + 4 \sin^2(\phi)} = 1.$$

Crank-Nicolson is unconditionally von Neumann stable.
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
Saw numerically: interesting dispersion/dissipation behavior. 

Want: theoretical understanding.

Consider linear, continuous (not yet discrete) differential operators

\[
L_1 u = u_t + au_x, \\
L_2 u = u_t - Du_{xx} + au_x \quad (D > 0) \\
L_3 u = u_t + au_x - \mu u_{xxx}.
\]

What could we use as a prototype solution?
A Prototype Solution of the PDE

Observation: all these operators are diagonalized by complex exponentials. Come up with a ‘prototype complex exponential solution’.

Let \( z(x, t) = z_0 e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \).

What type of function is this?

- For \( k, \omega \) real: traveling wave with speed \( c = \omega / k \).
  \[ z(x - ct, 0) = z_0 e^{i(k(x - ct))} = z(x, t). \]
- For \( k \) imaginary: an evanescent wave in \( x \).
- For \( \text{Im} \omega < 0 \): a wave decaying in time.
Wave-like Solutions of the PDE

$$z(x, t) = z_0 e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

$L_2 u = u_t - Du_{xx} + au_x$ $(D > 0)$. Plug in $z$.

$$Lz = (-i\omega + iak + Dk^2)z.$$ 

Observations in connection with $L$?

- $Lz = \lambda(\omega, k)z$.
- $z(x, t)$ is a solution iff $Lz = 0$ iff $\lambda(\omega, k) = 0$.

What is the dispersion relation?

The equation $\lambda(\omega, k) = 0$ is called the dispersion relation for the PDE $L$. 
Picking Apart the Dispersion Relation

Consider $\omega(k) = \alpha(k) + i\beta(k)$. Rewrite the wave solution with this.

$$z(x, t) = z_0 e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)}$$
$$= z_0 e^{i(kx - \alpha(k)t - i\beta(k)t)}$$
$$= z_0 e^{\beta(k)t} e^{i(kx - \alpha(k)t)}.$$

How can we recognize dissipation?

If $\beta(k) < 0$, we call the PDE dissipative.

What is the phase speed? How can we recognize dispersion?

- The phase speed of $z(x, t)$ is $v_{ph} = \alpha(k)/k$.
- If $v_{ph}$ is a constant ($\iff \alpha(k)$ is linear in $k$), all waves move at the same speed.
- If that’s not the case, we call the PDE dispersive.
Dispersion Relation: Examples

In each case, find the dispersion relation and identify properties.

$L_1 u = u_t + au_x$

$\lambda(\omega, k) = i(ak - \omega) = 0$, i.e. $\omega = ak$.

Neither dissipative nor dispersive.

$L_2 u = u_t - Du_{xx} + au_x$ $(D > 0)$

$\lambda(\omega, k) = -i\omega + iak + Dk^2$, i.e. $\omega = ak - iDk^2$.

Dissipative, but not dispersive.

$L_3 u = u_t + au_x - \mu u_{xxx}$

$\lambda(\omega, k) = -i\omega + iak + i\mu k^3$, i.e. $\omega = ak + \mu k^3$.

Dispersive, but not dissipative.
Numerical Dissipation/Dispersion Analysis

**Goal:** Want discrete finite difference scheme to match dissipation/dispersion behavior of continuous PDE.

Define a discrete wave-like function:

$$z_{j,\ell} = z_0 e^{i(kjhx - \omega\ell h_t)}$$

We want $z$ to solve $P_h z_{\ell+1} = Q_h z_{\ell}$. How can we connect the operators to the wave solution?

$P_h$ and $Q_h$ consist of Toeplitz operators.
Theorem (Waves Diagonalize Toeplitz Operators)

Let $T$ be a Toeplitz operator. Then $T z_\ell = \lambda(k) z_\ell = \hat{t}(kh_x) z_\ell$.

\[
(T z_\ell)_j = \sum_m z_{m,\ell} t_{j-m} = \sum_m z_0 e^{i(km h_x - \omega \ell h_t)} t_{j-m}
\]

\[
= \sum_m z_0 e^{i(km - j) h_x} e^{i(kh_x - \omega \ell h_t)} t_{j-m}
\]

\[
= \left( \sum_{m'} e^{-ikm' h_x} t_{m'} \right) z_0 e^{i(kh_x - \omega \ell h_t)}.
\]

$\Rightarrow \lambda(k) = \sum_m e^{-ikm h_x} t_m = \hat{t}(kh_x)$. 

Waves and Two-Level Schemes

Since $P_h$ and $Q_h$ are Toeplitz, we must have

$$P_h z_{\ell+1} = \lambda P(k) z_{\ell+1}, \quad Q_h z_\ell = \lambda Q(k) z_\ell.$$ 

What does that mean?

$$\lambda P(k) z_{\ell+1} = \lambda Q(k) z_\ell$$

$$\lambda P(k) z_0 e^{i(kj h_x - \omega(\ell + 1) h_t)} = \lambda Q(k) z_0 e^{i(kj h_x - \omega \ell h_t)}$$

$$e^{-i \omega h_t} = \frac{\lambda Q(k)}{\lambda P(k)} = \frac{\hat{q}(kh_x)}{\hat{p}(kh_x)} = s(kh_x),$$

which is the symbol of of the finite difference method.

Seen before?

Used in von Neumann stability analysis.
Discrete Dispersion Relation (1/2)

So $z_\ell$ is a solution of the finite difference scheme if $\omega = \omega(kh_x)$ satisfies

$$e^{-i\omega(\kappa)h_t} = s(\kappa),$$

where we let $\kappa = kh_x$. Interpret $\kappa$.

A number proportional to the number of wavelengths per point.

Let $s(\kappa) = |s(\kappa)| e^{i\varphi(\kappa)} = e^{\log|s(\kappa)| + i\varphi(\kappa)}$. $\omega(\kappa)$?

$$\omega(\kappa) = \frac{-\varphi(\kappa) + i \log|s(\kappa)|}{h_t}.$$
Discrete Dispersion Relation (2/2)

\[ \omega(\kappa) = \frac{-\varphi(\kappa) + i \log |s(\kappa)|}{h_t}. \]

Plug that into the wave-like solution:

\[
\begin{align*}
    z_{j,\ell} &= z_0 e^{i(kjh_x - \omega \ell h_t)} \\
    &= z_0 e^{i \left( kjh_x - \frac{-\varphi(\kappa) + i \log |s(\kappa)|}{h_t} \ell h_t \right)} \\
    &= z_0 e^{\log |s(\kappa)| \ell} e^{ik \left( jh_x - \frac{-\varphi(\kappa)}{kh_t} \ell h_t \right)}
\end{align*}
\]

Criterion for stability?

\[ |s(\kappa)| \leq 1 \text{ (as before)} \]
Numerical Dispersion/Dissipation

Finite difference scheme \( P_h u_{\ell+1} = Q_h u_\ell \) with symbol \( s(k) \).

\[
z_{j,\ell} = z_0 e^{\log|s(\kappa)| \ell} e^{ik \left( jh_x - \frac{-\varphi(\kappa)}{kh_t} \ell h_t \right)}
\]

When is the scheme dissipative?

If \(|s(kh_x)| < 1\), the scheme is called dissipative. Dissipation occurs exponentially in time, with factor \( s(kh_x) \).

What is the phase speed?

The scheme has phase speed \( v_{ph} = \frac{-\varphi(kh_x)}{kh_t} \).

Dispersion?

If \( v_{ph} \) is independent of \( k \), all waves move with the same speed. If not, the scheme is called dispersive.
Dispersion/Dissipation Analysis of ETBS

Let $\lambda = ah_t/h_x$. Shown earlier: $s(kh_x) = 1 - \lambda(1 - e^{-ikh_x})$.

$|s(kh_x)| = 1$ holds on a circle:

Im $s(kh_x)$

For small $\lambda$, the circle moves towards $s(kh_x) = 1$, implying lower dissipation per step.

Overall, we obtain

$$e^{-i\omega(\kappa)ht} = 1 - \lambda(1 - e^{-ikh_x}).$$
Dispersion/Dissipation Analysis of ETBS: Fine Grid

\[ e^{-i\omega(\kappa)h_t} = 1 - \lambda(1 - e^{-ikh_x}) \]

If \( kh_x \) is small, \( e^{-ikh_x} \approx 1 - ikh \), so that

\[ s(kh_x) \approx (1 - \lambda) + \lambda(1 - ikh_x) = 1 - i\lambda kh_x. \]

For small \( \omega(kh_x) \), approximate \( e^{-i\omega(kh_x)h_t} = 1 - i\omega(kh_x)h_t \).

Setting the two (approximately) equal yields

\[ 1 - i\omega(kh_x)h_t \approx 1 - i\lambda kh_x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega(kh_x)h_t \approx \lambda kh_x = \frac{ah_t}{h_x} \]

i.e. \( \omega(kh_x) \approx ak \), or \( v_{ph} \approx (-ak)/(kh_t) = -a/h_t \), which is independent of \( k \). Thus we expect little dispersion for waves with low number of wavelengths per point.
Dispersion/Dissipation: Demo

- **Demo:** Experimenting with Dispersion and Dissipation [cleared]
- **Demo:** Dispersion and Dissipation [cleared]
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Heat Equation

Heat equation \((D > 0)\):

\[ u_t = Du_{xx}, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty), \]
\[ u(x, 0) = g(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \]

Fundamental solution \((g(x) = \delta(x))\):

\[
  u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-x^2/4t}.
\]

Why is this a weird model?

Infinite speed of propagation of information
Schemes for the Heat Equation

Cook up some schemes for the heat equation.

Explicit Euler:

\[
\frac{u_{k, \ell+1} - u_{k, \ell}}{h_t} - D \frac{u_{k+1, \ell} - 2u_{k, \ell} + u_{k-1, \ell}}{h_x^2} = 0
\]

Implicit Euler:

\[
\frac{u_{k, \ell+1} - u_{k, \ell}}{h_t} - D \frac{u_{k+1, \ell+1} - 2u_{k, \ell+1} + u_{k-1, \ell+1}}{h_x^2} = 0
\]
Von Neumann Analysis of Explicit Euler for Heat (1/2)

Let $\lambda = Dh_t/h_x^2$.

$$u_{k,\ell+1} = u_{k,\ell} + \lambda(u_{k+1,\ell} - 2u_{k,\ell} + u_{k-1,\ell}).$$

Thus

$$P_h = I, \quad Q_h = \text{tridiag}(\lambda, 1 - 2\lambda, \lambda).$$

We want $|s(\varphi)| \leq 1$, thus we need

$$-1 \leq 1 + 2\lambda(\cos(\varphi) - 1) \leq 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad -2 \leq 2\lambda(\cos(\varphi) - 1) \leq 0.$$
\[-2 \leq 2\lambda(\cos(\varphi) - 1) \leq 0.\]

Since \(|\cos(\varphi)| \leq 1\), also \(-2 \leq \cos(\varphi) - 1 \leq 0\). For the lower bound,

\[-2 \leq -4\lambda \iff \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{Dh_t}{h_x^2} \iff h_t \leq \frac{h_x^2}{2D}.\]

Observe \(h_t = O(h_x^2)\), which is often prohibitively small.

Comment on the stability region found regarding speeds of propagation.

- Saw: heat equation has infinite speed of information propagation
- Explicit Euler has finite speed of information propagation (how fast?)
Von Neumann Analysis of Implicit Euler for Heat

Let \( \lambda = Dh_t/h^2_x \).

\[
    u_{k,\ell+1} - \lambda(u_{k+1,\ell+1} - 2u_{k,\ell+1} + u_{k-1,\ell+1}) = u_{k,\ell}
\]

\[
    P_h = \text{tridiag}(-\lambda, 1 + 2\lambda, -\lambda), \quad Q_h = I.
\]

\[
    \hat{p}(\phi) = 1 + 2\lambda(1 - \cos(\phi)), \quad \hat{q}(\phi) = 1.
\]

To obtain \(|s(\phi)| \leq 1\), consider \(1 \leq |1 + 2\lambda(1 - \cos(\phi))|\), which is always true.

Does the type of system we need to solve for implicit+parabolic correspond to another PDE?

▶ Yes, elliptic.
▶ Focus on solving those later.
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
Conservation Laws: Recap

\[ u_t + f(u)_x = 0, \]

where \( u \) is a function of \( x \) and \( t \in \mathbb{R}_0^+ \).

Rewrite in integral form:

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b u(x, t) \, dx + f(u(b, t)) - f(u(a, t)) = 0 \quad \text{for any } a, b.
\]

Recall: Characteristic Curve: a function \( x(t) \) so that \( u(x(t), t) = u(x_0, 0) \).

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dx(t)}{dt} &= f'(u(x(t), t)), \\
x(0) &= x_0.
\end{align*}
\]

What assumption underlies all this?

Smooth Solution.
Burger’s Equation

Consider Burgers’ Equation:

\[
\begin{aligned}
  & u_t + \left( \frac{u^2}{2} \right)_x = 0, \\
  & u(x, 0) = g(x) = \sin(x).
\end{aligned}
\]

Interpret Burger’s equation.

\[ f(u) = \frac{u^2}{2}. \text{ So } f'(u) = u. \]

Characteristic speed is given by ‘how much stuff there is’/‘the density’

Consider the characteristics at \( \pi/2 \) and \( 3\pi/2 \).

\[ f(u) = \frac{u^2}{2}. \text{ So } f'(u) = u. \]

\( \uparrow \) \( x = \pi/2 \): \( f'(\sin x) = 1 \).

\( \uparrow \) \( x = 3\pi/2 \): \( f'(\sin x) = -1 \).

They intersect!
Weak Solutions

\[
\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b u(x, t) \, dx = f(u(a, t)) - f(u(b, t))
\]

Define a weak solution:

- If \( u \) satisfies the integral form for almost all \( (a, b) \) then \( u \) is called a weak solution. (physically meaningful, correct)
- If for any \( \varphi \in C_0^1(\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)) \) (compact support),
  
  \[
  - \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty (u \varphi_t + f(u) \varphi_x) \, dx \, dt - \int_{-\infty}^\infty u^0(x) \varphi(x, 0) \, dx = 0,
  \]

  then in \( u \) is called a weak solution. (more meaningful mathematically)

Turns out: equivalent. (not shown)
Rankine-Hugoniot Condition (1/2)

Consider: Two \( C^1 \) segments separated by a curve \( x(t) \) with no regularity.

\[
\left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \left( \int_a^{x(t)} u(x, t) \, dx + \int_{x(t)}^{b} u(x, t) \, dx \right) + f(u(b, t)) - f(u(a, t)) = 0
\]

\[
G_a(x(t), t) := \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \left( \int_a^{x(t)} u(x, t) \, dx \right)
\]

\[
G_b(x(t), t) := \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \left( \int_{x(t)}^{b} u(x, t) \, dx \right)
\]

\[
\frac{d}{dt} G_a(x(t), t) = \frac{\partial G_a(x(t), t)}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \frac{\partial G_a}{\partial t}
\]

\[
= u(x(t), t)x'(t) + \int_a^{x(t)} u_t(x, t) \, dx
\]

\[
= u(x(t), t)x'(t) - \int_a^{x(t)} f(u)_x(x, t) \, dx
\]

\[
= u(x(t), t)x'(t) - \left( f(u(x(t), t)) - f(u(a, t)) \right),
\]

and \( \frac{dG_b(x(t), t)}{dt} \) analogously.
(d/dt)G_a(x(t), t) = u(x(t), t)x'(t) - (f(u(x(t), t)) - f(u(a, t))).

Discontinuity at $u(x(t), t)$: $(d/dt)G_a$ doesn’t exist. One-sided limits:

$$
\left[ \frac{dG_a(x(t), t)}{t} \right]^- = u^-x'(t) - (f(u^-) - f(u(a, t))),
$$

$$
\left[ \frac{dG_b(x(t), t)}{t} \right]^+ = -u^+x'(t) - (f(u(b, t)) - f(u^+)).
$$

Adopted shorthand: $u^- := u(x(t)^-, t), \quad u^+ := u(x(t)^+, t)$. Plug into integral form: $u^-x'(t) - f(u^-) - u^+x'(t) + f(u^+) = 0$.

$$
x'(t) = \frac{f(u^+) - f(u^-)}{u^+ - u^-}.
$$

This is the called the Rankine-Hugoniot Condition.
Theorem (Rankine-Hugoniot and Weak Solutions)

If $u$ is piecewise $C^1$ and is discontinuous only along isolated curves, and if $u$ satisfies the PDE when it is $C^1$, and the Rankine-Hugoniot condition holds along all discontinuous curves, then $u$ is a weak solution of the conservation law.
Consider the following **Riemann problem**:

\[
\begin{align*}
  u_t + \left( \frac{u^2}{2} \right)_x &= 0, \\
  u(x, 0) &= \begin{cases} 
  1 & x < 0, \\
  -1 & x \geq 0. 
  \end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

The IC is just propagated in time (at “speed 0”) to form a weak solution (a **shock**).
Riemann Problems: Example 2

\[ u_t + \left( \frac{u^2}{2} \right)_x = 0, \]

\[ u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 
-1 & x < 0, \\
1 & x \geq 0.
\end{cases} \]

(IC sign flip compared to previous slide)

The propagated ICs also form a weak solution. But consider

\[ u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 
-1 & x \leq -t, \\
\frac{x}{t} & -t < x < t, \\
1 & x > t.
\end{cases} \]

This is also a weak solution (a rarefaction wave).

Conclusion: Our current notion of weak solution is too weak.
In the shock version of the ‘ambiguous’ Riemann problem, where do the characteristics go?

- Out of the shock.
- In the first example, the shock is self-steepening.
- In the second example, it is not.

Comment on the stability of that situation.

Smearing out the initial profile or adding viscosity would wash out the solution into a rarefaction fan.
Ad-Hoc Idea: Ban Bad Shocks

Recall: what is $f'(u)$?

Characteristic speed.

Devise a way to ban unstable shocks.

A discontinuity propagating with speed $s$ (cf. Rankine-Hugoniot) satisfies the entropy condition if

$$f'(u^-) > s > f'(u^+).$$

If $f$ is convex, $f'$ is monotonically non-decreasing, and the Rankine-Hugoniot speed automatically falls between $f'(u^-)$ and $f'(u^+)$. So for convex $f$, $f'(u^-) > f'(u^+)$ is sufficient (and implies $u^- > u^+$ by convexity).
Vanishing Viscosity Solutions

Goal: neither uniqueness nor existence poses a problem.

How?

Consider adding an artificial viscosity:

\[ u_\varepsilon^t + f(u_\varepsilon)x = \varepsilon u_{x,x}^{\varepsilon} \]

with small \( \varepsilon > 0 \).

By ‘washing out’ the solution, the viscous term increases smoothness, and, we hope, restores uniqueness.

Then we would wish to define a vanishing viscosity weak solution as

\[ \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} u_\varepsilon(x, t) = u(x, t) \]

in some norm.
What are features of (physical) entropy?

- Constant along particle paths in smooth flow
- Jumps to higher values across a shock

**Definition (Entropy/Entropy Flux)**

An entropy $\eta(u)$ and an entropy flux $\psi(u)$ are functions so that $\eta$ is convex and

$$\eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x = 0$$

for smooth solutions of the conservation law.
Finding Entropy-Flux Pairs

\( \eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x = 0 \). Find conditions on \( \eta \) and \( \psi \).

For smooth \( u \), the chain rule gives \( \eta'(u)u_t + \psi'(u)u_x = 0 \). Similarly, we can rewrite the conservation law:

\[
\begin{align*}
    u_t + f'(u)u_x &= 0 \\
    \Leftrightarrow \quad \eta'(u)u_t + \eta'(u)f'(u)u_x &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

This gives us \( \psi'(u) = \eta'(u)f'(u) \).

Lots of solutions for scalar conservation laws. For systems and in multiple dimensions: may have no solutions.

Come up with an entropy-flux pair for Burgers.

\( f(u) = u^2/2 \). If we take \( \eta(u) = u^2 \), then \( \psi'(u) = 2u \cdot u \), i.e. \( \psi(u) = 2u^3/3 \).
Back to Vanishing Viscosity (1/2)

$u_t + f(u)_x = \varepsilon u_{xx}$

What’s the evolution equation for the entropy?

Note: Viscosity solutions are always smooth. Allowed to do derivative gymnastics.

$\eta'(u) u_t + \eta'(u) f'(u) u_x = \varepsilon \eta'(u) u_{xx}$

$\Leftrightarrow \eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x = \varepsilon (\eta'(u) u_x)_x - \varepsilon \eta''(u) u_x^2$. 
Back to Vanishing Viscosity (2/2)

\[ \eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x = \varepsilon(\eta'(u)u_x)_x - \varepsilon\eta''(u)u_x^2. \]

Integrate this over \([x_1, x_2] \times [t_1, t_2] \).

\[
\begin{align*}
\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x \, dx \, dt &= \varepsilon \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left[ \eta'(u(x_2, t))u_x(x_2, t) - \eta'(u(x_1, t))u_x(x_1, t) \right] dt \\
&\quad - \varepsilon \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \underbrace{\eta''(u)u_x^2}_{\geq 0} \, dx \, dt.
\end{align*}
\]

As \( \varepsilon \to 0 \), the first term goes to zero. The second term involves an integral over the square of the derivative of a steepening \( u \) (as \( \varepsilon \to 0 \)), and so will not vanish. Accordingly, \( \eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x \leq 0 \) weakly.
Entropy Solution

**Definition (Entropy solution)**

The function \( u(x, t) \) is the **entropy solution** of the conservation law if for all convex entropy functions and corresponding entropy fluxes, the inequality

\[
\eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x \leq 0
\]

is satisfied in the weak sense.
Conservation of Entropy?

What can you say about conservation of entropy in time?

\[ 0 \geq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \eta(u)_t + \psi(u)_x \, dx \, dt \]

\[ = \left[ \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \eta(u(x, t)) \, dx \right]_{t_1}^{t_2} + \left[ \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \psi(u(x, t)) \, dt \right]_{x_1}^{x_2}, \]

so that

\[ \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \eta(u(x, t_2)) \, dx \leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \eta(u(x, t_1)) \, dx - \left[ \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \psi(u(x, t)) \, dt \right]_{x_1}^{x_2}. \]

If \( u \) is compactly supported, then we can choose \( x_1 \) and \( x_2 \) on either side of \( u \)'s support and obtain that entropy can only decrease. (Physically, entropy only increases. Could have chosen concave for that.)
Total Variation

$$TV(u) = \limsup_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int |u(x + \varepsilon) - u(x)| \, dx.$$ 

Simpler form if $u$ is differentiable?

$$TV(u) = \int |u'(x)| \, dx$$

Hiking analog?

Elevation change
**Total Variation and Conservation Laws**

**Theorem (Total Variation is Bounded [Dafermos 2016, Thm. 6.2.6])**

Let $u$ be a solution to a conservation law with $f''(u) \geq 0$. Then:

$$TV(u(t + \Delta t, \cdot)) \leq TV(u(t, \cdot)) \quad \text{for } \Delta t \geq 0.$$ 

- For smooth solutions (and non-crossing characteristics), all function values live $\Rightarrow$ TV stays unchanged.
- For solutions with shocks, local minima and maxima may disappear into the shock $\Rightarrow$ TV decreases.

**Theorem ($L^1$ contraction [Dafermos 2016, Thm. 6.3.2])**

Let $u, v$ be viscosity solutions of the conservation law. Then

$$\|u(t + \Delta, \cdot) - v(t + \Delta t, \cdot)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|u(t, \cdot) - v(t, \cdot)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} \quad \text{for } \Delta t \geq 0.$$
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Finite Difference for Conservation Laws? (1/2)

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&u(x,0) = \begin{cases} 
1 & x < 0, \\
0 & x \geq 0.
\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
\]

Entropy Solution?

\[
u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 
1 & x \leq \frac{1}{2} t, \\
0 & x > \frac{1}{2} t.
\end{cases}
\]

Rewrite the PDE to ‘match’ the form of advection \( u_t + au_x = 0 \):

\[
u_t + uu_x = 0.
\]

Equivalent?
Finite Difference for Conservation Laws? (2/2)

Recall the *upwind scheme* for $u_t + au_x = 0$:

$$u_{j,\ell+1} = u_{j,\ell} - a \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_{j,\ell} - u_{j-1,\ell}).$$

Write the upwind FD scheme for $u_t + uu_x = 0$:

$$u_{j,\ell+1} = u_{j,\ell} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} u_{j,\ell} (u_{j,\ell} - u_{j-1,\ell}).$$

- For $j \neq 0$, $u_{j,0} - u_{j-1,0} = 0$
- For $j = 0$, $u_{j,0} = 0$.

Altogether,

$$u_{j,\ell+1} = u_{j,\ell}.$$ 

Bad.
Schemes in Conservation Form

Definition (Conservative Scheme)

A conservation law scheme is called conservative iff it can be written as

\[ u_{j, \ell+1} = u_{j, \ell} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [f_{j+1/2}(u_{\ell}) - f_{j-1/2}(u_{\ell})], \]

where \( f^* \ldots \)
- is Lipschitz continuous,
- satisfies \( f^*(u, \cdots, u) = f(u) \) (consistency).

Theorem (Lax-Wendroff)

If the solution \( \{u_{j, \ell}\} \) to a conservative scheme converges (as \( \Delta t, \Delta x \to 0 \)) boundedly almost everywhere to a function \( u(x, t) \), then \( u \) is a weak solution of the conservation law.
Lax-Wendroff Theorem: Proof

**Summation by parts:** With \( \Delta^+ a_k = a_{k+1} - a_k \) and \( \Delta^- a_k = a_k - a_{k-1} \):

\[
\sum_{k=1}^{N} a_k (\Delta^- \varphi_k) + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \varphi_k (\Delta^+ a_k) = -a_1 \varphi_0 + \varphi_N a_{N+1}.
\]

Let \( \varphi_{j,\ell} = \varphi(x_j, t_\ell) \) for \( \varphi \in C_0^1 \) (compact support). Then

\[
0 = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j} \left( \frac{\Delta^+ u_{j,\ell}}{h_t} + \frac{\Delta^+ f_{j-1/2}^*}{h_x} \right) \varphi_{j,\ell} h_x h_t
\]

\[
= -\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j} \left( \frac{\Delta^- \varphi_{j,\ell}}{h_t} u_{j,\ell} + \frac{\Delta^- \varphi_{j,\ell}}{h_x} f_{j-1/2}^* \right) h_x h_t - \sum_{j} u_{j,1} \phi_{j,0} h_x
\]

\[
\text{DCT} \quad \rightarrow \quad f^*(u,u) = u \quad - \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty (\varphi_t u + \varphi_x f(u)) \, dx \, dt - \int_{-\infty}^\infty u(x,0) \phi(x,0) \, dx = 0.
\]
Finite Volume Schemes

Finite volume: Idea?

- Consider the solution constant in each cell: $\bar{u}_j$
- $\bar{u}_j$ is the cell average of cell $I_j$:

$$\bar{u}_j = \left(\frac{1}{h_x}\right) \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} u(x)\,dx$$

- Choose $h_x, h_t$ so that $\max |f'(u)| h_t < h_x$.

Then in a sequence of cells $(A, B, C, D, E)$, the solution in cell $C$ in the next timestep is not influenced at all by the solution in cells $A$ and $E$.

Idea: Solve Riemann problem at each cell interface.
Developing Finite Volume

$$\int_{t_\ell}^{t_{\ell+1}} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} (u_t + f(u)_x) \, dx \, dt = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{h_x} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} u_{\ell+1} \, dx - \frac{1}{h_x} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} u_{\ell} \, dx$$

$$+ \frac{1}{h_x} \int_{t_{\ell}}^{t_{\ell+1}} f(u_{j+1/2}) \, dt - \frac{1}{h_x} \int_{t_{\ell}}^{t_{\ell+1}} f(u_{j-1/2}) \, dt = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bar{u}_{j,\ell+1} - \bar{u}_{j,\ell}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{h_x} \int_{t_{\ell}}^{t_{\ell+1}} f(u_{j+1/2}) \, dt - \frac{1}{h_x} \int_{t_{\ell}}^{t_{\ell+1}} f(u_{j-1/2}) \, dt = 0.$$
Flux Integrals?

\[
\frac{1}{h_x} \int_{t_{\ell}}^{t_{\ell+1}} f(u_{j+1/2}) dt?
\]

The substitution

\[ \bar{x} = ax, \quad \bar{t} = at. \]

leaves the conservation law and the Riemann ICs invariant.

⇒ The Riemann solution must be self-similar under scaling.

Thus: the Riemann solution \( u(x, t) \) can be viewed as function of only one variable \( \xi = x/t \).

Thus \( u \) is constant along \( x = x_{j\pm1/2} \), so that

\[
\frac{1}{h_x} \int_{t_{\ell}}^{t_{\ell+1}} f(u_{j+1/2}) dt = \frac{h_t}{h_x} f(u_{j+1/2}).
\]
The Godunov Scheme

Altogether:

\[ \bar{u}_{j,\ell+1} = \bar{u}_{j,\ell} - \frac{h_t}{h_x} (f(u_{j+1/2,\ell}) - f(u_{j-1/2,\ell})). \]

Overall algorithm?

- **Reconstruct** \( u_{j\pm1/2,\ell}^- \) and \( u_{j\pm1/2,\ell}^+ \)
- **Evolve** the Riemann problem at \( x_{j\pm1/2} \):
  - Numerical flux / Riemann solver: \( f^*(u_{j\pm1/2,\ell}^-, u_{j\pm1/2,\ell}^+) \)
- **Average** the Riemann solutions to obtain \( \bar{u}_{j,\ell+1} \)

Heuristic time step restriction?

Will run into problems if wave from one cell interface interacts with other interface: \( h_t \leq h_x / \max_j |f'(u_j)| \)
Riemann Problem

\[
\begin{aligned}
&\begin{cases}
  u_t + f(u)_x = 0, \\
  u(x, 0) = \begin{cases}
  u_l & x < 0, \\
  u_r & x \geq 0
  \end{cases}
\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
\]

Exact solution in the Burgers case?

\[
\begin{aligned}
  u(x, t) &= \begin{cases}
    u_l & x < st, \\
    u_r & x \geq st,
  \end{cases} \quad u_l \geq u_r, \\
  u_l & x < u_l t, \\
  x/t & u_l t \leq x < u_r t, \quad u_l < u_r, \\
  u_r & x \geq u_r t,
\end{aligned}
\]

\[
s = \frac{f(u_r) - f(u_l)}{u_r - u_l} = \frac{1}{2} [u_r^2 - u_l^2] = \frac{1}{2} (u_l + u_r).
\]

Why is the rarefaction part independent of \( u_l \) and \( u_r \)?
Riemann Solver for a General Conservation Law

To complete the scheme: Need $f^*(u^-, u^+)$. For Burgers: already known. For a general (convex/concave-$f$) conservation law?

Assume $f''(u) > 0$.
Let $u_s$ such that $f'(u_s) = 0$ (called the stagnation state: why?)

$$f^*(u^-, u^+) = \begin{cases} 
  f(u^-) & \text{if shock with } s > 0, \\
  f(u^+) & \text{if shock with } s \leq 0, \\
  f(u^-) & \text{if rarefaction with } f'(u^-) \geq 0, \\
  f(u^+) & \text{if rarefaction with } f'(u^+) \leq 0, \\
  f(u_s) & \text{if rarefaction with } f'(u^-) \leq 0 \leq f'(u^+). 
\end{cases}$$

Equivalent to

$$f^*(u^-, u^+) = \begin{cases} 
  \max_{u^- \leq u \leq u^-} f(u) & \text{if } u^- > u^+, \\
  \min_{u^- \leq u \leq u^+} f(u) & \text{if } u^- \leq u^+. 
\end{cases}$$
Downside of Godunov Riemann solver?

Not easy/efficient to implement in general. Want simpler Riemann solvers.
Consider only $f(u) = au$ for now. Riemann solver inspiration from FD?

For $a \geq 0$, want ETBS:

$$0 = \frac{u_{j,\ell+1} - u_{j,\ell}}{h_t} + a \frac{u_{j,\ell} - u_{j-1,\ell}}{h_x}$$

$$= \frac{u_{j,\ell+1} - u_{j,\ell}}{h_t} + \frac{f(u_{j,\ell}) - f(u_{j-1,\ell})}{h_x}$$

$$= \frac{u_{j,\ell+1} - u_{j,\ell}}{h_t} + \frac{f^*(u_{j,\ell}, u_{j+1,\ell}) - f^*(u_{j-1,\ell}, u_{j,\ell})}{h_x}.$$

Clearly equivalent to a finite volume scheme! Upwind numerical flux?

$$f^*(u^-, u^+) = \begin{cases} au^- & a \geq 0 \\ au^+ & a < 0 \end{cases} = \frac{au^- + au^+}{2} - \frac{|a|}{2}(u^+ - u^-).$$
Side Note: First Order Upwind, Rewritten

\[
\frac{u_{j,\ell+1} - u_{j,\ell}}{h_t} + \frac{f^*(u_{j,\ell}, u_{j+1,\ell}) - f^*(u_{j-1,\ell}, u_{j,\ell})}{h_x}
\]

with

\[
f^*(u^-, u^+) = \frac{au^- + au^+}{2} - \frac{|a|}{2} (u^+ - u^-).
\]

\[
\frac{u_{j,\ell+1} - u_{j,\ell}}{h_t} + a \frac{u_{j+1,\ell} - u_{j-1,\ell}}{2h_x} = \frac{|a|}{2} h_x \cdot \frac{u_{j+1,\ell} - 2u_{j,\ell} + u_{j-1,\ell}}{h_x^2},
\]

i.e. it is equivalent to ETCS (unstable!) with a second-order discretization of \( \partial_x^2 \), i.e. a dissipation, with a coefficient that vanishes as \( h_x \to 0 \).
Lax-Friedrichs

Generalize linear upwind flux for a nonlinear conservation law:

\[ f^*(u^-, u^+) = \frac{au^- + au^+}{2} - \frac{|a|}{2}(u^+ - u^-). \]

Choice of \( \alpha \) (consistent with linear)? Idea: \( \alpha = |f'((u^- + u^+)/2)| \)

Unfortunately: may converge to a weak solution that violates the entropy condition (not shown). Better:

\[ \alpha = \max \left( |f'(u^-)|, |f'(u^+)| \right). \]

Called local Lax-Friedrichs. Global variant (with global max) also OK.

Demo: Finite Volume Burgers [cleared] (Part I)
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Improving Accuracy

Consider our existing discrete FV formulation:

\[
\bar{u}_{j,\ell+1} = \bar{u}_{j,\ell} - \frac{h_t}{h_x} (f(u_{j+1/2,\ell}) - f(u_{j-1/2,\ell})).
\]

What obstacles exist to increasing the order of accuracy?

- Temporal Accuracy
- Spatial Accuracy
- Nonsmoothness (in both space and time)

What order of accuracy can we expect?

- Near shocks: no convergence in \( L^\infty \), first-order in \( L^2 \).
- Elsewhere: hopefully, as high as we would like
Improving the Order of Accuracy

Improve temporal accuracy.

Rewrite FV using the method of lines:

\[ \frac{d\bar{u}_j(t)}{dt} + \frac{f^*(u_{j+1/2}^-(t), u_{j+1/2}^+(t)) - f^*(u_{j-1/2}^-(t), u_{j-1/2}^+(t))}{h_x} = 0. \]

What’s the obstacle to higher spatial accuracy?

Letting \( u_{j+1/2}^- = \bar{u}_j = u_{j-1/2}^+ \).

How can we improve the accuracy of that approximation?

Include more cells in the reconstruction of the state \( u_{j+1/2}^\pm \).
Increasing Spatial Accuracy

Temporary Assumptions:

1. \( f'(u) \geq 0 \)
2. \( f_{j+1/2}^* = f(\bar{u}_j) \) (e.g. Godunov in this situation)

Reconstruct \( u_{j+1/2} \) using \( \{\bar{u}_{j-1}, \bar{u}_j, \bar{u}_{j+1}\} \). Accuracy? Names?

\[
\begin{align*}
    u_{j+1/2}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}_j + \bar{u}_{j+1}), & \text{(2nd order central)} \\
    u_{j+1/2}^{(2)} &= \frac{3}{2}\bar{u}_j - \frac{1}{2}\bar{u}_{j-1}, & \text{(2nd order upwind)}
\end{align*}
\]

Compute fluxes, use increments over cell average:

\[
\begin{align*}
    f_{j+1/2}^{*,(1)} &= f\left(\bar{u}_j + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}_{j+1} - \bar{u}_j)\right), \\
    f_{j+1/2}^{*,(2)} &= f\left(\bar{u}_j + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1})\right).
\end{align*}
\]

Demo: Finite Volume Burgers [cleared] (Part II)
Lax-Wendroff

For $u_t + au_x$, from finite difference:

$$f^*(u^-, u^+) = \frac{au^- + au^+}{2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \cdot \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (u^+ - u^-).$$

Taylor in time: $u_{\ell+1} = u_\ell + \partial_t u_\ell \cdot h_t + \partial_t^2 u_\ell \cdot h_t/2 + O(h_t^3)$.

$$u_t = -f(u)_x,$$

$$u_{tt} = -f(u)_{xt} = -(f(u)_t)_x = -(f'(u)u_t)_x = (f'(u)f(u)_x)_x.$$

As a Riemann solver:

$$f^*(u^-, u^+) = \frac{f(u^-) + f(u^+)}{2} - \frac{h_t}{h_x} [f'(u^\circ)(f(u^+) - f(u^-))].$$
Definition (Monotone Scheme)

A scheme

\[ u_{j,\ell+1} = u_{j,\ell} - \lambda(f^*(u_{j-p}, \ldots, u_{j+q}) - f^*(u_{j-p-1}, \ldots, u_{j+q-1})) \]

\[ =: G(u_{j-p-1}, \ldots, u_{j+q}) \]

is called a monotone scheme if \( G \) is a monotonically nondecreasing function \( G(\uparrow, \uparrow, \ldots, \uparrow) \) of each argument.
Monotonicity for Three-Point Schemes

Three-Point Scheme:

\[ G(u_{j-1}, u_j, u_{j+1}) = u_j - \lambda [f^*(u_j, u_{j+1}) - f^*(u_{j-1}, u_j)]. \]

When is this monotone?

If \( f^*(\uparrow, \downarrow) \), then \( G(\uparrow, ?, \uparrow) \). To clean up the second argument, consider

\[ \frac{\partial G}{\partial u_j} = 1 - \lambda [f^*_1 - f^*_2] \geq 0. \]

(The subscripts indicate partial derivatives with respect to the first and second argument.)

If \( \lambda (f^*_1 - f^*_2) \leq 1 \), then \( G(\uparrow, \uparrow, \uparrow) \).

Note: Also obtain a time-step restriction.
Lax-Friedrichs is Monotone

\[ f^*(u^-, u^+) = \frac{f(u^-) + f(u^+)}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}(u^+ - u^-). \]

Show: This is monotone.

Let \( \alpha = \max_u |f'(u)|. \)

\[ f_1^* = \frac{1}{2}[f'(u_j) + \alpha] \geq 0, \]
\[ f_2^* = \frac{1}{2}[f'(u_{j+1}) - \alpha] \leq 0. \]

So \( f^*(\uparrow, \downarrow). \) Assume \( h_t \) is chosen small enough so that \( \lambda(f_1^* - f_2^*) \leq 1 \) is satisfied.
Monotone Schemes: Properties

Theorem (Good properties of monotone schemes)

- **Local maximum principle**: 
  \[
  \min_{i \in \text{stencil around } j} u_i \leq G(u)_j \leq \max_{i \in \text{stencil around } j} u_i.
  \]

- **\(L^1\)-contraction**: 
  \[
  \|G(u) - G(v)\|_{L^1} \leq \|u - v\|_{L^1}.
  \]

- **TVD**: 
  \[
  TV(G(u)) \leq TV(u).
  \]

- **Solutions to monotone schemes satisfy all entropy conditions.**
Godunov’s Theorem

**Theorem (Godunov)**

*Monotone schemes are at most first-order accurate.*

What now?

Maybe relax this condition? Maybe only ask for TVD?
Linear Schemes

Definition (Linear Schemes)

A scheme is called a linear scheme if it is linear when applied to a linear PDE:

\[ u_t + au_x = 0, \]

where \( a \) is a constant.

Write the general case of a linear scheme for \( u_t + u_x = 0 \):

\[ u_{j,\ell+1} = \sum_{k=-K}^{K} c_k(\lambda) u_{j-k,\ell}, \]

where \( c_k(\lambda) \) are constants which may depend on \( \lambda = h_t/h_x \). Such a linear scheme is monotone iff \( c_k(\lambda) \geq 0 \) for all \( k \).

Also called positive schemes.
Theorem (TVD for linear Schemes)

For linear schemes, TVD $\Rightarrow$ monotone.

What does that mean?

Linear TVD schemes are at most first order accurate.

Now what?

Not all bad: Implies that nonlinear TVD schemes at least stand a chance.
Harten’s Lemma

**Theorem (Harten’s Lemma)**

*If a scheme can be written as*

\[
\tilde{u}_{j,t+1} = \tilde{u}_{j,t} + \lambda(C_{j+1/2}\Delta+\tilde{u}_j - D_{j-1/2}\Delta-\tilde{u}_j)
\]

*with* \(C_{j+1/2} \geq 0, \ D_{j+1/2} \geq 0, \ 1 - \lambda(C_{j+1/2} + D_{j+1/2}) \geq 0\) *and* \(\lambda = \frac{h_t}{h_x}\), *then it is TVD.*

As a matter of notation, we have

\[
\Delta_+ u_j = u_{j+1} - u_j,
\]
\[
\Delta_- u_j = u_j - u_{j-1}.
\]

We have omitted the time subscript for the time level \(t\).
Harten’s Lemma: Proof

\[
\begin{align*}
\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j, \ell+1} &= \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j, \ell} + \lambda \Delta_{+} (C_{j+1/2} \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j} - D_{j-1/2} \Delta_{-} \bar{u}_{j}) \\
&= \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j, \ell} + \lambda (C_{j+3/2} \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j+1} - D_{j+1/2} \underbrace{\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j}}_{= \Delta_{-} \bar{u}_{j+1}}) \\
&= \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j, \ell} + \lambda \left[ 1 - \lambda (C_{j+1/2} + D_{j+1/2}) \right] \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j} \\
&+ \lambda C_{j+3/2} \Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j+1} + \lambda D_{j-1/2} \Delta_{-} \bar{u}_{j}.
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
|\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j, \ell+1}| &\leq \left[ 1 - \lambda (C_{j+1/2} + D_{j+1/2}) \right] |\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j}| \\
&+ \lambda C_{j+3/2} |\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j+1}| + \lambda D_{j-1/2} |\Delta_{-} \bar{u}_{j}|.
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{TV}(\bar{u}_{\ell+1}) &= \sum_{j} |\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j, \ell+1}| \leq \sum_{j} \left[ 1 - \lambda (C_{j+1/2} + D_{j+1/2}) \right] |\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j}| + \lambda C_{j+1/2} + \lambda D_{j+1/2} |\Delta_{+} \bar{u}_{j}| \leq \text{TV}(u_{\ell}).
\end{align*}
\]
Minmod Scheme

Still assume $f'(u) \geq 0$.

$$f_{j+1/2}^{*,(1)} = f(\bar{u}_j + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}_{j+1} - \bar{u}_j)),$$
$$f_{j+1/2}^{*,(2)} = f(\bar{u}_j + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1})).$$

Design a ‘safe’ thing to use for $\bar{u}$:

$$\tilde{u}_j := \minmod(\tilde{u}_j^{(1)}, \tilde{u}_j^{(2)}).$$

**Intuition:** TV growth driven by local extrema

→ if slopes have different signs, revert to first order.

Then consider $f_{j+1/2}^{*,(3)} = f(\bar{u}_j + \tilde{u}_j)$. Called a slope limiter.
Minmod is TVD

Show that Minmod is TVD:

Rewrite

\[ \bar{u}_{j,\ell+1} = \bar{u}_j - \lambda [f(\bar{u}_j + \tilde{u}_j) - f(\bar{u}_{j-1} + \tilde{u}_{j-1})] = \bar{u}_j - \lambda [-D_{j-1/2} \Delta \bar{u}_j], \]

with

\[ D_{j-1/2} = \frac{f(\bar{u}_j + \tilde{u}_j) - f(\bar{u}_{j-1} + \tilde{u}_{j-1})}{\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1}} = f'(\xi) \frac{\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1} + \tilde{u}_j - \tilde{u}_{j-1}}{\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1}} \]

\[ = f'(\xi) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{\tilde{u}_j}{\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1}} & -\frac{\tilde{u}_{j-1}}{\bar{u}_j - \bar{u}_{j-1}} \end{bmatrix} \geq 0. \]
Minmod: CFL restriction?

Derive a time step restriction for Minmod.

\[ D_{j-1/2} \leq \frac{3}{2} f'(\xi) \leq \frac{3}{2} \max_u |f'(u)|. \]

Plugging this into the Harten CFL bound gives:

\[ 1 - \lambda D_{j-1/2} \geq 1 - \frac{3}{2} \lambda \max_u |f'(u)| \geq 0 \iff \lambda \max |f'(\xi)| \leq \frac{2}{3}. \]
What about Time Integration?

\[ u^{(1)} = u_\ell + h_t L(u_\ell), \quad u_{\ell+1} = \frac{u_\ell}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(u^{(1)} + h_t L(u^{(1)})). \]

Above: A version of RK2 with \( L \) the ODE RHS. Will this cause wrinkles?

Use: TV is convex. \( TV(\alpha u + (1-\alpha)v) \leq \alpha TV(u) + (1-\alpha) TV(v). \)

\[
\begin{align*}
TV(u_{\ell+1}) & = TV\left( \frac{u_\ell}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(u^{(1)} + h_t L(u^{(1)})) \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} TV(u_\ell) + \frac{1}{2} TV(u^{(1)} + h_t L(u^{(1)})) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} TV(u_\ell) + \frac{1}{2} TV(u^{(1)}) \\
TV_D & \leq \frac{1}{2} TV(u_\ell) + \frac{1}{2} TV(u_\ell) = TV(u_\ell).
\end{align*}
\]

General idea: time steppers out of convex comb. of Fw Euler.

(SSP / Strong-Stability Preserving Schemes) Above: SSPRK(2,2)
Total Variation is Convex

Show: $\text{TV}(\cdot)$ is a convex functional.

With $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$:

$$\text{TV}(\alpha u + (1 - \alpha)v) \leq \sum_j |\alpha(u_j - u_{j-1}) + (1 - \alpha)(v_j - v_{j-1})|$$

$$\leq \sum_j \alpha |u_j - u_{j-1}| + (1 - \alpha) |v_j - v_{j-1}|$$

$$= \alpha \text{TV}(u) + (1 - \alpha) \text{TV}(v).$$
TVD and High Order

Can TVD schemes be high order everywhere? (aside from near shocks)

Consider \( u_t + u_x = 0 \).

The solution has an error of \( h_x^2 \), which means the approximation to the derivative has error \( h_x \): first order. [Osher/Chakravarthy '84]
High Order at Smooth Extrema

- TVB Schemes [Shu ‘87]
- ENO [Harten/Engquist/Osher/Chakravarthy ‘87]
  - Define $W_j = w(x_{j+1/2}) = \int_{x_{1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} u(\xi, t) d\xi = h_x \sum_{i=1}^{j} \bar{u}_i$
  - Observe $u_{j+1/2} = w'(x_{j+1/2})$.  
  - Approximate by interpolation/numerical differentiation.
    - Start with the linear function $p^{(1)}$ through $W_{j-1}$ and $W_j$
    - Compute **divided differences** on $(W_{j-2}, W_{j-1}, W_j)$
    - Compute divided differences on $(W_{j-1}, W_j, W_{j+1})$
    - Use the one with the smaller magnitude (of the divided differences) to extend $p^{(1)}$ to quadratic
      - (and so on, adding points on the side with the lowest magnitude of the divided differences)
  - WENO [Liu/Osher/Chan ‘94]
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Systems of Conservation Laws

Linear system of hyperbolic conservation laws, \( A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \):

\[
\begin{align*}
  u_t + Au_x &= 0, \\
  u(x, 0) &= u_0(x).
\end{align*}
\]

Assumptions on \( A \)?

System is hyperbolic [cf. Loret ‘08] if \( A \) is diagonalizable with real eigenvalues.

Let \( Ar_p = \lambda_p r_p \) (\( p = 1, \ldots, m \)). Called strictly hyperbolic if the eigenvalues are distinct. \( AR = R\Lambda \).

Substitution \( v = R^{-1}u \) attains \( v_t + \Lambda v_x = 0 \), called characteristic variables.

**Recall:** Rewrote wave equation in this form early on.
Linear System Solution

\[ \mathbf{v} = R^{-1} \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{v}_t + \Lambda \mathbf{v}_x = 0. \]

Write down the solution.

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{u}(x, t) &= \sum_{p} r_p \mathbf{v}_p(x - \lambda_p t, 0), \\
\text{where} \\
\mathbf{v}(x, 0) &= R^{-1} \mathbf{u}(x, 0).
\end{align*}
\]

What is the impact on boundary conditions? E.g. \((\lambda_p) = (-c, 0, c)\) for a BC at \(x = 0\) for \([0, 1]\)?

Can only impose BCs on incoming waves! E.g. only one BC (on \(v_3\)) at \(x = 0\).
Consider system $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$. Write in quasilinear form:

$$u_t + A(u)u_x = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad A(u) = J_f(u).$$

When hyperbolic?

A diagonalizable w/real eigenvalues. “Strictly” hyperbolic for distinct eigenvalues. Both now local properties.
Characteristics for Systems (2/2)

What about characteristics/shock speeds?

- By considering eigenstates: can still define characteristics. \( m \) characteristics through each point.
- Characteristic locations no longer obey an ODE.

Are values of \( u \) still constant along characteristics?

No, only the coefficients of the eigenstates are constant along characteristics, and only locally.
Shocks and Riemann Problems for Systems

\[ u_t + A u_x = 0, \]
\[ u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} u_l & x < 0, \\ u_r & x > 0. \end{cases} \]

Solution? (Assume strict hyperbolicity with \( \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \cdots < \lambda_m \).)

\[ u_l = \sum_{p=1}^{m} \alpha_p r_p, \quad u_r = \sum_{p=1}^{m} \beta_p r_p. \]

Then \( v_p(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \alpha_p & x < 0, \\ \beta_p & x > 0. \end{cases} \)

Let \( P(x, t) \) be the maximum value of \( p \) for which \( x - \lambda_p t > 0 \), then

\[ u(x, t) = \sum_{p=1}^{P(x,t)} \beta_p r_p + \sum_{p=P(x,t)+1}^{m} \alpha_p r_p. \]
What does the solution look like?

Fan of values constant between each characteristic.

Jump across the characteristic associated with $\lambda_p$?

$$[u] = (\beta_p - \alpha_p)r_p.$$
Do those jumps satisfy Rankine-Hugoniot?

\[
[f] = A[u] = (\beta_p - \alpha_p)Ar_p = \lambda_p[u],
\]

where \( \lambda_p \) is the propagation speed of the jump.

How can we find intermediate values of \( u \)?

“Split up” the jump into a sum of jumps:

\[
u_r - u_l = (\beta_1 - \alpha_1)r_1 + \cdots + (\beta_m - \alpha_m)r_m.
\]

Use Rankine-Hugoniot as a constraint.
This works much the same way in the nonlinear case.
Two Dimensions

\[ u_t + f(u)_x + g(u)_y = 0. \] Finite volume methods generalize in principle:

\[
\frac{d\bar{u}_{ij}(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{y_{j-1/2}}^{y_{j+1/2}} f(u(x_{i+1/2}, y, t)) - f(u(x_{i-1/2}, y, t)) dy
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} g(u(x, y_{j+1/2}, t)) - g(u(x, y_{j-1/2}, t)) dx
\]

Downside: Stencil full \((n \times n)\), not star-shaped (cf. FD)

However:

- If a method is TVD in two dimensions, it is at most first order accurate except in trivial cases. [Goodman/Leveque ‘85].
- The ‘reconstruction’ idea in complex geometry can become computationally expensive at high order.

Later: discontinuous Galerkin (DG) for high order with c. laws.
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
Function Spaces

Consider

\[ f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 
-1 & x \leq -\frac{1}{n}, \\
\frac{3n}{2} x - \frac{n^3}{2} x^3 & -\frac{1}{n} < x < \frac{1}{n}, \\
1 & x \geq 1/n.
\end{cases} \]

Converges to the step function. Problem?

\( f_n \) continuous, step function not. Want: limits that preserve smoothness properties. Limits defined by norms.
A norm $\| \cdot \|$ maps an element of a vector space into $[0, \infty)$. It satisfies:

- $\| x \| = 0 \iff x = 0$
- $\| \lambda x \| = |\lambda| \| x \|$
- $\| x + y \| \leq \| x \| + \| y \|$ (triangle inequality)
Convergence

**Definition (Convergent Sequence)**

\[ x_n \to x :\iff \|x_n - x\| \to 0 \text{ (convergence in norm)} \]

**Definition (Cauchy Sequence)**

For all \( \epsilon > 0 \) there exists an \( n \) for which \( \|x_\nu - x_\mu\| \leq \epsilon \) for \( \mu, \nu \geq n \).
Banach Spaces

Definition (Complete/“Banach” space)

Cauchy $\Rightarrow$ Convergent

What’s special about Cauchy sequences?

Limits appear out of thin air. Can be used to construct things.

Counterexamples?

- $\mathbb{Q}$ with absolute value
- $C^0$ with $L^2$ norm
More on $C^0$

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open. Is $C^0(\Omega)$ with $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|$ Banach?

\[
f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{ clearly satisfies } f \in C^0(\Omega), \text{ but its norm is unbounded, so } \|\cdot\|_\infty \text{ is not a norm on this space.}
\]

Is $C^0(\bar{\Omega})$ with $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|$ Banach?

Assume $(f_i)_i$ is Cauchy.

- For each $x$, $(f_i(x))_i$ is Cauchy, so a pointwise limit exists. Call that $f$.

- Let $\varepsilon > 0$. There exists $N$ so that $|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon$ for all $n, m \geq N$ and $x \in \bar{\Omega}$. Taking the limit $m \to \infty$ yields $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$, i.e. uniform convergence, forcing $f$ to be continuous.
$C^m$ Spaces

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

Consider a multi-index $k = (k_1, \ldots, k_n)$ and define the symbols

$$D^k f = \frac{\partial |k|}{\partial x_1^{k_1} \cdots \partial x_n^{k_n}}, \quad |k| = k_1 + \cdots + k_n.$$ 

**Definition ($C^m$ Spaces)**

$$C^m(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in C^0(\Omega) : D^k f \in C^0 \text{ for all } k \text{ with } |k| \leq m \right\},$$

$$C^\infty(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in C^0(\Omega) : D^k f \in C^0(\Omega) \text{ for all } k \right\},$$

$$C^m_0(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in C^m(\Omega) : f \text{ has compact support} \right\},$$

where compact support means that there is a compact (closed and bounded) set $S \subset \Omega$ for which $f(x) = 0$ if $x \not\in S$. 
$L^p$ Spaces

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$.

**Definition ($L^p$ Spaces)**

$$L^p(\Omega) := \left\{ u : (u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \text{ measurable, } \int_{\Omega} |u|^p \, dx < \infty \right\},$$

$$\|u\|_p := \left(\int_{\Omega} |u|^p \, dx\right)^{1/p}.$$  

**Definition ($L^\infty$ Space)**

$$L^\infty(\Omega) := \left\{ u : (u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}), |u(x)| < \infty \text{ almost everywhere} \right\},$$

$$\|u\|_\infty = \inf \{ C : |u(x)| \leq C \text{ almost everywhere} \}.$$
Theorem (Hölder’s Inequality)

For $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ with $1/p + 1/q = 1$ and measurable $u$ and $v$,

$$\|uv\|_1 \leq \|u\|_p \|v\|_q.$$ 

Theorem (Minkowski’s Inequality (Triangle inequality in $L^p$))

For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $u, v \in L^p(\Omega)$,

$$\|u + v\|_p \leq \|u\|_p + \|v\|_p.$$
Inner Product Spaces

Let $V$ be a vector space.

**Definition (Inner Product)**

An inner product is a function $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for any $f, g, h \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$
\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0, \\
\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \iff f = 0, \\
\langle f, g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle, \\
\langle \alpha f + g, h \rangle = \alpha \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle.
$$

**Definition (Induced Norm)**

$$
\|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}.
$$
Hilbert Spaces

Definition (Hilbert Space)
An inner product space that is complete under the induced norm.

Let $\Omega$ be open.

Theorem ($L^2$)
$L^2(\Omega)$ equals the closure of (set of all limits of Cauchy sequences in) $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ under the induced norm $\|\cdot\|_2$.

Theorem (Hilbert Projection)
Let $M \subseteq V$ be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space $V$. For any $u \in V$ there exists a unique $v \in M$ such that $u = v + w$ with $w \in M^\perp$.

$M^\perp = \{w \in V : \langle z, w \rangle_V = 0 \text{ for all } z \in M\}$. 

Weak Derivatives

Define the space $L^1_{\text{loc}}$ of locally integrable functions.

\[ L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega) = \left\{ u : (u : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}) \text{ measurable}, \right. \]
\[ \left. \int_\Omega |u(x)\varphi(x)| \, dx < \infty \text{ for every } \varphi \in C^\infty_0(\Omega) \right\} \]

Definition (Weak Derivative)

$\nu \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ is the weak partial derivative of $u \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ of multi-index order $k$ if

\[ \int_\Omega \nu \varphi \, dx = (-1)^{|k|} \int_\Omega u D^k \varphi \, dx \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in C^\infty_0(\Omega). \]

In this case, $D^k_{\text{w}} u := \nu$. 

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Weak Derivatives: Examples (1/2)

Consider all these on the interval $[-1, 1]$.

$$f_1(x) = 4(1 - x)x$$

$$D_w f_1(x) = 4 - 8x.$$ For ("strongly") differentiable functions, weak and strong derivatives coincide.

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 
2x & x \leq 1/2, \\
2 - 2x & x > 1/2. 
\end{cases}$$

"Kinks" in the function are allowed (but jumps are not):

$$D_w f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 
2 & x \leq 1/2, \\
-2 & x > 1/2. 
\end{cases}$$
Weak Derivatives: Examples (2/2)

\[ f_3(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} - \sqrt{|x - 1/2|} \]

Even cusps are allowed:

\[
D_w f_3(x) = \begin{cases} 
\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1/2-x}} & x < 1/2, \\
-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1/2}} & x > 1/2.
\end{cases}
\]
Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$.

**Definition ((k, p)-Sobolev Norm/Space)**

$$
\|u\|_{k,p} := \sqrt[p]{\sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \|D_w^\alpha u\|_{p}^p},
$$

$$
|u|_{k,p} := \sqrt[p]{\sum_{|\alpha| = k} \|D_w^\alpha u\|_{p}^p}.
$$

$$
W^{k,p}(\Omega) := \left\{ u : (u : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}), \|u\|_{k,p} < \infty \right\}.
$$
More Sobolev Spaces

$W^{0,2}?$

Equal to $L^2$.

$W^{s,2}?$

Also called $H^s$, a Hilbert space, with an induced norm. From what scalar product?

$H^1_0(\Omega)?$  

Closure of the space $C^\infty_0(\Omega)$ under $\|u\|_{k,p}$. The Sobolev way of saying zero on the boundary.
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An Elliptic Model Problem

Let \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \) open, bounded, \( f \in H^1(\Omega) \).

\[
-\nabla \cdot \nabla u + u = f(x) \quad (x \in \Omega),
\]

\[
u(x) = 0 \quad (x \in \partial\Omega).
\]

Let \( V := H^1_0(\Omega) \). Integration by parts? (Gauss’s theorem applied to \( ab \)):

\[
\int_{\Omega} \nabla a \cdot b + \int_{\Omega} a \nabla \cdot b = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (ab) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{n} \cdot (ab).
\]

Weak form?

Multiply by test function \( v \in V \), integrate by parts:

\[
\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v - \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{n} \cdot (v \nabla u) + \int_{\Omega} uv = \int_{\Omega} fv.
\]

\( \Box \)
Motivation: Bilinear Forms and Functionals

\[
\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\Omega} uv = \int f v.
\]

This is the weak form of the strong-form problem. The task is to find a \( u \in V \) that satisfies this for all test functions \( v \in V \).

Recast this in terms of bilinear forms and functionals:

\[
a(u, v) = \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle + \langle u, v \rangle, \\
g(v) = \langle f, v \rangle,
\]

where \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \) is the \( L^2 \) inner product. Then the weak form is equivalent to

\[
a(u, v) = f(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V.
\]

This motivates further study of Hilbert spaces and objects in them.
Dual Spaces and Functionals

Bounded Linear Functional

Let \((V, \|\cdot\|)\) be a Banach space. A linear functional is a linear function \(g : V \to \mathbb{R}\). It is bounded (\(\Leftrightarrow\) continuous) if there exists a constant \(C\) so that \(|g(v)| \leq C \|v\|\) for all \(v \in V\).

Dual Space

Let \((V, \|\cdot\|)\) be a Banach space. Then the dual space \(V'\) is the space of bounded linear functionals on \(V\).

Dual Space is Banach (cf. e.g. Trèves 1967)

\(V'\) is a Banach space with the dual norm

\[
\|g\|_{V'} = \sup_{v \in V \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|g(v)|}{\|v\|_V}.
\]
Functionals in the Model Problem

Is $g$ from the model problem a bounded functional? (In what space?)

Must use same space as rest of problem: $H^1(\Omega)$.

$$\|g\|_{V'} = \sup_{v \in H^1 \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\langle f, v \rangle_{L^2}|}{\|v\|_{H^1}} \leq \frac{\|f\|_{L^2} \|v\|_{L^2}}{\|v\|_{L^2} + \|Dwv\|_{L^2}} \leq \frac{\|f\|_{L^2} \|v\|_{L^2}}{\|v\|_{L^2}} = \|f\|_{L^2}$$

using Cauchy-Schwarz. Find: $f \in L^2$ leads to bounded $g$ in $H^1$.

That bound felt loose and wasteful. Can we do better?

Define negative-index Sobolev norms:

$$\|f\|_{H^{-1}} = \sup_{v \in H^1(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\langle f, v \rangle_{L^2}|}{\|v\|_{H^1}}.$$

Bound (by definition) $|g(v)| \leq \|f\|_{H^{-1}} \|v\|_{H^1}$. Allows $f \in H^{-1}$. 

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Riesz Representation Theorem (1/3)

Let $V$ be a Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

**Theorem (Riesz)**

Let $g$ be a bounded linear functional on $V$, i.e. $g \in V'$. Then there exists a unique $u \in V$ so that $g(v) = \langle u, v \rangle$ for all $v \in V$.

Let $g \in V'$. $N(\cdot)$ below represents the nullspace.

**Case 1.** $N(g) = V$. $u = 0$ works, unique by scalar product axioms.

**Case 2.** $N(g) \neq V$. Let $w \in N(g) \perp \{0\}$. Let $\alpha = g(w) \neq 0$.

$$g \left( \frac{g(v)}{\alpha} w \right) = \frac{g(v)}{\alpha} g(w) = g(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V.$$ 

Let $v \in V$ be arbitrary, and let $z := v - (g(v)/\alpha)w$. (Feel reminded of Gram-Schmidt?) Then $g(z) = g(v) - g(v) = 0$, i.e. $z \in N(g)$, i.e. $\langle z, w \rangle_V = 0$ since $w \in N(g) \perp$. 


Riesz Representation Theorem: Proof (2/3)

Have \( w \in N(g)^\perp \setminus \{0\} \), \( \alpha = g(w) \neq 0 \), and \( z := v - (g(v)/\alpha)w \perp w \).

\[
0 = \left\langle v - \frac{g(v)}{\alpha}w, w \right\rangle \iff \left\langle \frac{g(v)}{\alpha}w, w \right\rangle = \left\langle v, w \right\rangle \quad \text{for all } v \in V.
\]

Multiplying by \( \alpha / \left\langle w, w \right\rangle \) yields

\[
g(v) = \left\langle v, \frac{g(w)w}{\left\langle w, w \right\rangle} \right\rangle.
\]
Uniqueness of $u$?

Suppose we have two: $u$ and $\hat{u}$ so that

$$g(v) = \langle u, v \rangle = \langle \hat{u}, v \rangle \implies \langle u - \hat{u}, v \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } v \in V,$$

Plugging in $v = u - \hat{u}$ yields $u - \hat{u} = 0$ by the properties of the inner product.
Back to the Model Problem

\[ a(u, v) = \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle_{L^2} + \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2} \]

\[ g(v) = \langle f, v \rangle_{L^2} \]

\[ a(u, v) = g(v) \]

Have we learned anything about the solvability of this problem?

In this particular case, observe that \( a(u, v) = \langle u, v \rangle_{H^1} \). By the Riesz Representation theorem and knowing that \( g \) is a bounded linear functional in \( H^1 \), we know that there exists a unique \( u \) so that

\[ a(u, v) = \langle u, v \rangle_{H^1} = g(v). \]
Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open, bounded, $f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$.

\[-\nabla \cdot \nabla u = f(x) \quad (x \in \Omega),\]
\[u(x) = 0 \quad (x \in \partial \Omega).\]

This is called the Poisson problem (with Dirichlet BCs).

Weak form?

\[\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x)v(x) dx \quad \text{for all } v \in V.\]

We know that $g$ is a bounded linear functional in $H^1_0$, but $a(u, v)$ is no longer identical to our inner product. Maybe we can come up with some conditions that make $a$ ‘sufficiently similar’ to an inner product?
Ellipticity

Let $V$ be Hilbert space.

**$V$-Ellipticity**

A bilinear form $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \to \mathbb{R}$ is called coercive if there exists a constant $c_0 > 0$ so that

$$c_0 \|u\|_V^2 \leq a(u, u) \quad \text{for all } u \in V,$$

and $a$ is called continuous if there exists a constant $c_1 > 0$ so that

$$|a(u, v)| \leq c_1 \|u\|_V \|v\|_V \quad \text{for all } u, v \in V.$$

If $a$ is both coercive and continuous on $V$, then $a$ is said to be $V$-elliptic.
Lax-Milgram Theorem

Let $V$ be Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

Lax-Milgram, Symmetric Case

Let $a$ be a $V$-elliptic bilinear form that is also symmetric, and let $g$ be a bounded linear functional on $V$. Then there exists a unique $u \in V$ so that $a(u, v) = g(v)$ for all $v \in V$.

$a$ defines an inner product $\langle u, v \rangle_a = a(u, v)$ on $V$, with linearity and symmetry trivial, and:

- Show $a(u, u) \geq 0$.
  
  $a(u, u) \geq c_0 \|u\|_V^2 \geq 0$ by coercivity,

- Show $a(u, u) = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$.
  
  $0 = a(u, u) \geq c_0 \|u\|_V^2 \geq 0$, i.e. $\|u\|_V = 0$, i.e. $u = 0$.

From the Riesz representation theorem, there exists a unique $u \in V$ so that $a(u, v) = \langle u, v \rangle_a = g(v)$. 
Back to Poisson

Can we declare victory for Poisson?

**Continuity of $a$ holds:**

\[
\left| \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx \right| = |\langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle|_{L^2} \leq \| \nabla u \|_{L^2} \| \nabla v \|_{L^2} \leq \| u \|_{H^1} \| v \|_{H^1}.
\]

However coercivity is less clear:

\[
\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla u dx \geq c_1 \left( \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla u dx \right) + \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx.
\]

Can this inequality hold in general, without further assumptions?

No: a constant would violate it.
Theorem (Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality)

Suppose $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is bounded and $u \in H^1_0(\Omega)$. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

\[ \| u \|_{L^2} \leq C \| \nabla u \|_{L^2}. \]

Outline: Helpful identity, result in $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, result in $H^1_0(\Omega)$.

A helpful identity. For $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$,

\[
\nabla \cdot (u^2 \mathbf{x}) &= \partial_{x_1} (u^2 x_1) + \cdots + \partial_{x_n} (u^2 x_n) \\
&= u^2 + 2(u \partial_{x_1} u) x_1 + \cdots + u^2 + 2(u \partial_{x_n} u) x_n \\
&= nu^2 + 2u(\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{x}). \\
\Rightarrow \quad u^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \nabla \cdot (u^2 \mathbf{x}) - \frac{2}{n} u(\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{x}).
\]
Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality (2/3)

Prove the result in $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$.

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_\Omega u^2 \, dx = \int_\Omega \frac{1}{n} \nabla \cdot (u^2 x) - \frac{2}{n} u (\nabla u \cdot x) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \int_{\partial \Omega} \mathbf{n} \cdot (u^2 x) \, ds_x - \frac{2}{n} \int_\Omega u (\nabla u \cdot x) \, dx$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{n} \max_{x \in \Omega} |x| \int_\Omega |u \nabla u| \, dx \leq \frac{2}{n} \max_{x \in \Omega} |x| \|u\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{2}{n} \max_{x \in \Omega} |x| \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \cdot C.$$
Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality (3/3)

Prove the result in $H^1_0(\Omega)$.

Let $u \in H^1_0(\Omega)$. Since $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ is dense in $H^1_0(\Omega)$, let $(u_k) \subset C_0^\infty$. Then the inequality holds for each $u_k$, and $\|u_k\|_{L^2} \to \|u\|_{L^2}$ and $\|\nabla u_k\|_{L^2} \to \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}$. 
Show that the Poisson bilinear form is coercive.

$$\frac{1}{C^2 + 1} \| u \|^2_{H^1(\Omega)} = \frac{1}{C^2 + 1} \left( \| u \|^2_{L^2(\Omega)} + \| \nabla u \|^2_{L^2} \right) \leq \| \nabla u \|^2_{L^2} = a(u, u)$$

Draw a conclusion on Poisson:

Because of coercivity and continuity of $a$, the Poisson weak form admits a unique solution in $H^1_0(\Omega)$. 
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
Ritz-Galerkin

Some key goals for this section:

- How do we use the weak form to compute an approximate solution?
- What can we know about the accuracy of the approximate solution?

Can we pick one underlying principle for the construction of the approximation?

Considered: Weak form $a(u, v) = g(v)$ for all $v \in V \subseteq H$, where $H$ is a Hilbert space. (Think of $V$ as $H^1_0$ for example.)

Idea: Choose a finite-dimensional subspace $V_h \subset V$, find a solution $u_h \in V_h$ to the weak-form problem

$$a(u_h, v_h) = g(v_h) \text{ for all } v_h \in V_h.$$ 

This is called Ritz-Galerkin approximation.
Galerkin Orthogonality

\[ a(u, v) = g(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V, \quad a(u_h, v_h) = g(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h. \]

Observations?

Observe that the ‘continuous’ weak form also allows \( v_h \) to be plugged in:

\[ a(u, v_h) = g(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h. \]

Subtracting the two leads to Galerkin Orthogonality:

\[ a(u_h - u, v_h) = 0 \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h, \]

i.e. using \( a(\cdot, \cdot) \) as a (sort of) inner product, the error \( u - u_h \) is orthogonal to the space of test functions.
Céa’s Lemma

Let $V \subset H$ be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space $H$.

Céa’s Lemma

Let $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ be a coercive and continuous bilinear form on $V$. In addition, for a bounded linear functional $g$ on $V$, let $u \in V$ satisfy

$$a(u, v) = g(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V.$$  

Consider the finite-dimensional subspace $V_h \subset V$ and $u_h \in V_h$ that satisfies

$$a(u_h, v_h) = g(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h.$$  

Then

$$\|u - u_h\|_V \leq \frac{c_1}{c_0} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_V .$$
Céa’s Lemma: Proof

Recall Galerkin orthgonality: \( a(u_h - u, v_h) = 0 \) for all \( v_h \in V_h \). Show the result.

For any \( v_h \in V_h \),

\[
\begin{align*}
    c_0 \| u - u_h \|^2_V & \leq a(u - u_h, u - u_h) \quad \text{(coercivity)} \\
    & = a(u - u_h, u - v_h) + a(u - u_h, v_h - u_h) \\
    & = a(u - u_h, u - v_h) \quad \text{(Galerkin orth.)} \\
    & \leq c_1 \| u - u_h \|_V \| u - v_h \|_V .
\end{align*}
\]

Dividing by \( \| u - u_h \|_V \) completes the proof.
Elliptic Regularity

Definition ($H^s$ Regularity)

Let $m \geq 1$, $H^m_0(\Omega) \subseteq V \subseteq H^m(\Omega)$ and $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ a $V$-elliptic bilinear form. The bilinear form $a(u, v) = \langle f, v \rangle$ for all $v \in V$ is called $H^s$ regular, if for every $f \in H^{s-2m}$ there exists a solution $u \in H^s(\Omega)$ and we have with a constant $C(\Omega, a, s)$,

$$\|u\|_{H^s} \leq C(\Omega, a, s) \|f\|_{H^{s-2m}}.$$

Theorem (Elliptic Regularity (cf. Braess Thm. 7.2))

Let $a$ be a $H^1_0$-elliptic bilinear form with sufficiently smooth coefficient functions.

- If $\Omega$ is convex, then then Dirichlet problem is $H^2$ regular.
- Let $s \geq 2$. If $\partial \Omega$ is $C^s$, the Dirichlet problem is $H^s$ regular.
Elliptic Regularity: Counterexamples

Are the conditions on the boundary essential for elliptic regularity?

Consider $\triangle u = 0$, $u(e^{i\phi}) = \sin(2/3\phi)$, $u = 0$ elsewhere.

- $u(z) = \text{Im}(z^{2/3})$ with $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$.
- Derivative: $(2/3)z^{-1/3}$: unbounded $\Rightarrow u \notin H^2$!

Are there any particular concerns for mixed boundary conditions?

Homogeneous Neumann on dashed line with (e.g.) left half, Dirichlet elsewhere.

- Solution could be found by solving on whole domain using reflected Dirichlet BCs.
- Reentrant corner $\Rightarrow u \notin H^2$ (in gen.)
Estimating the Error in the Energy Norm

Come up with an idea of a bound on $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1}$.

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H^1} \leq C \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_{H^1} \leq C \|u - I_h u\|_{H^1} \leq C_1 h \|u\|_{H^2} \leq \text{TBD} \|u\|_{H^2} \leq c_2 h \|f\|_{L^2}.$$ 

What’s still to do?

▶ we still need to figure out what $V_h$ will be,
▶ $I_h$ is some interpolation operator that we will define more precisely later, and
▶ we need to worry about the interpolation error bound ("TBD")
▶ Finally, $H^1$ is kind of a weird norm. Can we get an error estimate in $L^2$?
$L^2$ Estimates

Let $H$ be a Hilbert space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_H$ and the inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. (Think: $H = L^2$, $V = H^1$.)

**Theorem (Aubin-Nitsche)**

Let $V \subseteq H$ be a subspace that becomes a Hilbert space under the norm $\|\cdot\|_V$. Let the embedding $V \rightarrow H$ be continuous. Then we have for the finite element solution $u \in V_h \subset V$:

$$\|u - u_h\|_H \leq c_1 \|u - u_h\|_V \sup_{g \in H} \left[ \frac{1}{\|g\|_H} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|\varphi_g - v_h\|_V \right],$$

if with every $g \in H$ we associate the unique (weak) solution $\varphi_g$ of the equation (also called the dual problem)

$$a(w, \varphi_g) = \langle g, w \rangle \quad \text{for all } w \in V,$$
The norm of an element in a Hilbert space can be determined via the scalar product: \( \|w\|_H = \sup_{g \in H} \frac{\langle g, w \rangle}{\|g\|_H} \).

\[
\langle g, u - u_h \rangle = a(u - u_h, \varphi_g) = a(u - u_h, \varphi_g - v_h) \\
\leq \text{Def. } \varphi_g \text{ Galerkin orth.} \leq c_1 \|u - u_h\|_V \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|\varphi_g - v_h\|_V.
\]

Since this argument is valid for any \( v_h \in V_h \), we obtain

\[
\langle g, u - u_h \rangle \leq c_1 \|u - u_h\|_V \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|\varphi_g - v_h\|_V.
\]

Plugging into the norm relationship yields

\[
\|u - u_h\|_H = \sup_{g \in H} \frac{\langle g, w \rangle}{\|g\|_H} \leq c_1 \|u - u_h\|_V \sup_{g \in H} \left[ \frac{1}{\|g\|_H} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|\varphi_g - v_h\|_V \right].
\]
$L^2$ Estimates using Aubin-Nitsche

$$\|u - u_h\|_H \leq c_1 \|u - u_h\|_V \sup_{g \in H} \left[ \frac{1}{\|g\|_H} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|\varphi_g - v_h\|_V \right],$$

If $u \in H^1_0(\Omega)$, what do we get from Aubin-Nitsche?

As before (e.g. Poisson: symmetry of $a$: primal prob. = dual prob.):

$$\inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|\varphi_g - v_h\|_{H^1} \leq C \|\varphi_g - I_h \varphi_g\|_{H^1} \leq C_1 h \|\varphi_g\|_{H^2} \leq c_2 h \|g\|_{L^2}.$$ 

So $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2} \leq Ch \|u - u_h\|_{H^1}$.

So does Aubin-Nitsche give us an $L^2$ estimate?

Had (aside from missing pieces): $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1} \leq c_2 h \|f\|_{L^2}$.

If we have $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ and hence $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ ($H^2$ regularity), then

$$\|u - u_h\|_{L^2} \leq Ch^2 \|f\|_{L^2}.$$
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
Finite Elements in 1D: Discrete Form

\[ \Omega := [\alpha, \beta]. \] Look for \( u \in H^1_0(\Omega) \), so that \( a(u, \varphi) = \langle f, \varphi \rangle \) for all \( \varphi \in H^1_0(\Omega) \). Choose \( V_h = \text{span}\{\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n\} \) and expand \( u_h = \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^h \varphi_i \in V_h \). Find the discrete system.

\[
a \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^h \varphi_i, \varphi \right) = \langle f, \varphi \rangle \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in V_h,
\]

We may as well choose the basis \( (\varphi_i) \) to represent \( \varphi \in V_h \):

\[
a \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^h \varphi_i, \varphi_j \right) = \langle f, \varphi_j \rangle \quad \text{for all } j \in \{1, \ldots, n\}.
\]

This could lead to a linear system \( Au = b \), where \( A = \{a_{i,j}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) with \( a_{i,j} = a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) \), \( u = \{u_i^h\} \), \( b_j = \langle f, \varphi_j \rangle \), but we choose not to go this route.
Grids and Hats

Let \( I_i := [\alpha_i, \beta_i] \), so that \( \tilde{\Omega} = \bigcup_{i=0}^N I_i \) and \( I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset \) for \( i \neq j \). Consider a grid

\[ \alpha = x_0 < \cdots < x_N < x_{N+1} = \beta, \]

i.e. \( \alpha_i = x_i, \beta_i = x_{i+1} \) for \( i \in \{0, \ldots, N\} \). The \( \{x_i\} \) are called nodes of the grid. \( h_i := x_{i+1} - x_i \) for \( i \in \{0, \ldots, N\} \) and \( h := \max_i h_i \). V_h? Basis?

\[ P_h^1 := \{ v_h \in C^0(\tilde{\Omega}) : \text{for all } i \in \{0, \ldots, N\}, v_h|_{I_i} \in \mathbb{P}_1 \}. \]

For \( i \in \{0, \ldots, N+1\} \), let

\[ \varphi_i(x) := \begin{cases} 
\frac{1}{h_{i-1}}(x - x_{i-1}) & x \in I_{i-1}, \\
\frac{1}{h_i}(x_{i+1} - x) & x \in I_i, \\
0 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases} \in P_h^1. \]

Observe: The set \( \{\varphi_i\}_i \) forms a basis of \( P_h^1 \).
Degrees of Freedom and Matrices

Define something more general than basis coefficients to solve for.

For $i \in \{0, \ldots, N + 1\}$, let $\gamma_i : C(\bar{\Omega}) \to \mathbb{R}$.

Here: $v \mapsto \gamma_i(v) := v(x_i) \in \mathbb{R}$.

Generally: could be derivatives etc. (cf. splines).

$\{\gamma_i\}_{i=0}^{N+1}$ are global degrees of freedom in $P_h^1$.

$\{\gamma_i\}_{i=0}^{N+1}$ forms a basis of the dual space $(P_h^1)'$.

(i.e. uniquely determine $\varphi \in V_h$, global unisolvence)

Define shape functions and assemble the stiffness matrix:

Shape functions $\hat{\phi} \in V_h$ satisfy $\gamma_j(\hat{\phi}_i) = \delta_{i,j}$ for $i, j \in \{0, \ldots, N+1\}$.

$$a(u_h, \hat{\phi}_i) = \langle f, \varphi_i \rangle \iff \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_j(u_h) a(\hat{\phi}_j, \hat{\phi}_i) = \langle f, \varphi_i \rangle (j = 1, \ldots, N)$$

$$= u_h^j = (A_h)_{i,j}$$

$$(b_h)_i$$
A Matrix Property for Efficiency

\[(A_h)_{i,j} = a(\hat{\phi}_j, \hat{\phi}_i).\]

Anything special about the matrix?

Only \(a_{i,i}, a_{i,i+1}, a_{i,i-1} \neq 0\) in the \(i\)th row of \(A\) is nonzero. \textbf{Sparse.}
According to Céa, what’s our main missing piece in error estimation now?

An interpolation operator

\[ I_h^1 : C^0(\bar{\Omega}) \rightarrow P_h^1, \]

\[ v \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{N+1} \gamma_i(v) \hat{\varphi}_i \in P_h^1. \]

Next: need to estimate its accuracy.
Interpolation Error (1D-only)

For $v \in H^2(\Omega)$,

\[
\|v - I^1_h v\|_{L^2} \leq h^2 |v|_{H^2} \quad \text{for all } h > 0,
\]

\[
|(v - I^1_h v)|_{H^1} \leq h |v|_{H^2} \quad \text{for all } h > 0.
\]

If $v \in H^1(\Omega) \setminus H^2(\Omega)$,

\[
\|v - I^1_h v\|_{L^2} \leq h |v|_{H^1} \quad \text{for all } h > 0,
\]

\[
\lim_{h \to 0} |(v - I^1_h v)|_{H^1} = 0.
\]

Is $I^1_h$ defined for $v \in H^2$? for $v \in H^1 \setminus H^2$?

Depends on the dimension $n$ and the domain $\Omega$. Need to consider the Sobolev Embedding Theorem.
Interpolation Error: Towards an Estimate

Provide an a-priori estimate.

\[
\| u - u_h \|_{H^1} \leq \frac{c_1}{c_0} \inf_{v_h \in P_h} \| u - v_h \|_{H^1} \leq \frac{c_1}{c_0} \| u - I^1_h u \|_{H^1} \leq \frac{c_1}{c_0} h \| u \|_{H^2}.
\]

What’s the relationship between \( I^1_h u \) and \( u_h \)?

None!
Local-to-Global

Is there a simple way of constructing the polynomial basis?

The basis functions $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^N$ can be viewed as a composition of

- grid-independent reference basis functions on a reference element, and
- geometric transformations from the reference element to the grid.
Local-to-Global: Math

Construct a polynomial basis using this approach.

Let $\hat{\kappa} = [0, 1]$ be the reference interval and consider the affine transformations $T_i : \hat{x} \in \hat{\kappa} \mapsto x = x_i + \hat{x}h_i$ for $i \in \{0, \ldots, N\}$. Define the shape functions

$$\hat{\phi}_0(\hat{x}) := 1 - \hat{x} \text{ for all } \hat{x} \in \hat{\kappa},$$
$$\hat{\phi}_1(\hat{x}) := \hat{x} \text{ for all } \hat{x} \in \kappa.$$  

These functions form a basis of $P_1(\hat{\kappa})$. Then

$$\varphi_i(x) = \begin{cases} (\hat{\phi}_1 \circ T_{i-1}^{-1})(x) & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i], \\ (\hat{\phi}_0 \circ T_i^{-1})(x) & x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]. \end{cases}$$
Demo: Developing FEM in 1D [cleared]
Going Higher Order

\[ \Omega \subset \mathbb{R} \] with a grid as above.

Possible extension:

\[ P_h^k := \{ v_h \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) : \text{for all } i \in \{1, \ldots, N\}, v_h|_{I_i} \in \mathbb{P}_k \}. \]

Higher Order Approximation

Let \( 0 \leq \ell \leq k \). Then for \( v \in H^{\ell+1}(\Omega) \),

\[ \left\| v - I_h^k v \right\|_{L^2} + h \left\| (v - I_h^k v) \right\|_{H^1} \leq C h^{\ell+1} |v|_{H^{\ell+1}}. \]
Define some degrees of freedom (or DoFs) for high-order 1D FEM.

Let \( \{ \gamma_j \}_{j=0}^{N+1} \in (V_h^1)' \) be the linear functionals so that

\[
\gamma_j(v_h) = v_h(x_j) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h^1.
\]

Using terminology from classical mechanics, these functions are called (global) degrees of freedom. The functions \( \{ \varphi_i \}_{i=0}^{N+1} \) that are defined so that

\[
\gamma_j(\varphi_i) = \delta_{i,j} \quad (i,j \in \{0, \ldots, N+1\}, \varphi_i \in V_h^1)
\]

holds are called (global) shape functions. One can also define local shape functions on the reference element.
Define local form functions for high-order 1D FEM.

The local form functions are typically chosen to be Lagrange polynomials:

$$\hat{\phi}_i^k(\hat{x}) = \frac{\prod_{j=0,j\neq i}^k (\hat{x} - \hat{x}_j)}{\prod_{j=0,j\neq i}^k (\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j)}$$

where $\hat{x}_j = j/k$ for $i = 0, \ldots, k$.

$x_{i,j} := x_i + (j/k)h_i$ for $i = 0, \ldots, N$ and $j = 0, \ldots, k - 1$, further $x_{N+1,0} = 0$. Then

$$\dim(V^k_h) = k(N + 1) + 1.$$
Obtain the global shape functions for high-order 1D FEM.

Define

\[ \varphi_{i,0}(x) := \begin{cases} 
\hat{\varphi}_k \circ T_{i-1}^{-1}(x) & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i], \\
\hat{\varphi}_0 \circ T_i^{-1}(x) & x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}], \\
0 & \text{otherwise}, 
\end{cases} \]

and

\[ \varphi_{i,j}(x) := \begin{cases} 
\hat{\varphi}_j \circ T_i^{-1}(x) & x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}], \\
0 & \text{otherwise.} 
\end{cases} \]

for \( j = 0, \ldots, k - 1 \) and \( i = 0, \ldots, N \).
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
A Boundary Value Problem

Consider the following elliptic PDE

$$-\nabla \cdot (\kappa(x) \nabla u) = f(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2,$$

$$u(x) = 0 \quad \text{when } x \in \partial\Omega.$$

Weak form?

Multiply by a test function $v \in H^1_0(\Omega)$ and integrate by parts:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ -\nabla \cdot (\kappa(x) \nabla u) - f(x) \right] v \, dx = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\int_{\partial\Omega} v [\kappa \hat{n} \cdot \nabla u] \, d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} [\kappa(x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v - f(x) v] \, dx = 0.$$ 

The boundary integral vanishes since $v \in H^1_0$ and we find

$$\int_{\Omega} \kappa(x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x) v \, dx.$$
Weak Form: Bilinear Form and RHS Functional

Hence the problem is to find \( u \in V \), such that

\[
a(u, v) = g(v), \quad \text{for all } v \in V = H_0^1(\Omega)
\]

where...

\[
a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} \kappa(x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx,
\]

\[
g(v) := \int_{\Omega} f(x) v \, dx,
\]

Is this symmetric, coercive, and continuous?

- **Symmetric:** yes.
- **Coercive:** When there exists \( c \) so that \( 0 < c \leq \kappa(x) \) for all \( x \).
- **Continuous:** When there exists \( C \) so that \( \kappa(x) \leq C < \infty \) for all \( x \).
Triangulation: 2D

Suppose the domain is a union of triangles \( E_m \), with vertices \( x_i \).

\[
\tilde{\Omega} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{M} E_m.
\]
Elements and the Bilinear Form

If the domain, \( \Omega \), can be written as a disjoint union of elements, \( E_k \),

\[
\Omega = \bigcup_{m=1}^{M} E_m \quad \text{with} \quad E_i^\circ \cap E_j^\circ = \emptyset \quad \text{for} \quad i \neq j,
\]

what happens to \( a \) and \( g \)?

\[
a (u, v) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \int_{E_m} \kappa (x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx,
\]

\[
g (v) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \int_{E_m} q (x) v \, dx.
\]
Expand

\[ u_N(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} u_i \varphi_i, \]

and plug into the weak form.

\[ \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} u_j a(\varphi_j, \varphi_i) = g(\varphi_i), \quad \text{for } i = 1 \ldots N_p. \]
Global Lagrange Basis

Approximate solution $u_h$: Piecewise linear on $\Omega$

The Lagrange basis for $V_h$ consists of piecewise linear $\varphi_i$, with...

$$\varphi_i(x_i) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_i(x_j) = 0, \quad \text{for} \quad i \neq j.$$
Features of the basis?

- For the piecewise linear Lagrange basis, each $\varphi_i$ is continuous on $\Omega$.
- Restricted to $E_m$, each $\varphi_i$ is linear.
Local Basis

What basis functions exist on each triangle?

On each triangle, $E_m$, we have three non-zero basis functions, one for each vertex of the triangle:

In the Figure, $\varphi_1(x_1) = 1$, $\varphi_1(x_2) = 0$, and $\varphi_1(x_3) = 0$. 

Write expressions for the nodal linear basis in 2D.

\[ \varphi_1(r, s) = 1 - r - s \]
\[ \varphi_2(r, s) = r \]
\[ \varphi_3(r, s) = s \]
Higher-Order, Higher-Dimensional Simplex Bases

What’s an \( n \)-simplex?

\[ r_i \geq 0, \sum r_i \leq 1. \quad (\rightarrow \text{barycentric}) \text{ Interval, } \triangle, \text{ tetrahedron, } \ldots \]

Give a higher-order polynomial space on the \( n \)-simplex:

\[
P^N := \text{span}\left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{d} x_i^{n_i} : \sum n_i \leq N \right\}
\]

Give nodal sets (on the \( \triangle \)) for \( P^N \) and \( \dim P^N \) in general.

\[
\dim P^N = N_p = \frac{(N + 1)(N + 2)}{2}
\]

Avoiding Runge: e.g. Warburton ‘06
Finding a Nodal/Lagrange Basis in General

Given a nodal set \((\xi_i)_{i=1}^{N_p} \subset \hat{E}\) (where \(\hat{E}\) is the reference element) and a basis \((\varphi_j)_{j=1}^{N_p} : \hat{E} \to \mathbb{R}\), find a Lagrange basis.

Set up a Vandermonde matrix:

\[
V := \begin{bmatrix}
\varphi_1(\xi_1) & \cdots & \varphi_{N_p}(\xi_1) \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\varphi_1(\xi_{N_p}) & \cdots & \varphi_{N_p}(\xi_{N_p})
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

Then \(\ell_i := \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} (V^{-T})_{i,j} \varphi_j\) is a Lagrange basis.
Higher-Order, Higher-Dimensional Tensor Product Bases

What’s a tensor product element?

$[0, 1]^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Interval, quad, hexahedron.

Give a higher-order polynomial space on the $n$-simplex:

$$Q^N := \text{span} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^{d} x_i^{n_i} : \max n_i \leq N \right\}$$

Give the nodal sets (on the quad) for $Q^N$. 
Lagrange Basis for Tensor Product Elements?

Can use tensor product of one-dimensional basis ⇒ Lower complexity for this and many other operations.
Construct a mapping $T_m : \hat{E} \rightarrow E_m$. Reference element $\hat{E}$, global $\triangle E_m$.

$$T_m(r, s) = (x_2 - x_1)r + (x_3 - x_1)s + x_1.$$

What is the Jacobian of $T_m$?

$$J_T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (x_2 - x_1) & (x_3 - x_1) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}.$$
More on Mappings

Is an affine mapping sufficient for a tensor product element?

No, because affine mappings preserve parallel lines: Global elements could only be parallelograms.

**Idea:** Consider a mapping $T_m \in (Q^1)^n$.

How might we accomplish curvilinear elements using the same idea?

- **Use isoparametric mappings** $T_m \in (P^N)^n$ (if FEM basis is $P^N$)
- **Use subparametric mappings** $T_m \in (P^M)^n$
  ($M < N$ if FEM basis is $P^N$)
- **Use superparametric mappings** $T_m \in (P^M)^n$
  ($M > N$ if FEM basis is $P^N$)
Constructing the Global Basis

Construct a basis on the element $E_m$ from the reference basis 
$(\mathring{\varphi}_j)_{j=1}^{N_p} : E_m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$\varphi_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathring{\varphi}_j(T_m^{-1}(\mathbf{x})).$$

What's the gradient of this basis?

$$\nabla_x \varphi_j(T^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) = \left[ \frac{d}{d\mathbf{x}} \varphi_j(T^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) \right]^T$$

$$= \left[ \frac{d \varphi_j}{d \mathbf{r}} \right]_{T^{-1}(\mathbf{x})} J_T^{-1}(\mathbf{x})^T$$

$$= J_T^{-T}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_r \varphi_j(T^{-1}(\mathbf{x})).$$
Assembling a Linear System

Express the matrix and vector elements in

\[ \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} u_j a(\varphi_j, \varphi_i) = g(\varphi_i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, \ldots, N_p. \]

\[
    a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \int_{E_m} \kappa(x) \nabla \varphi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j \, dx,
\]

\[
    g(\varphi_i) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \int_{E_m} f(x) \varphi_i \, dx.
\]
Integrals on the Reference Element

Evaluate

\[ \int_{E} \kappa(x) \nabla_x \varphi_i(x)^T \nabla_x \varphi_j(x) dx. \]

\[ = \int_{E} \kappa(x) (J^{-T} \nabla_r \varphi_i)^T (J^{-T} \nabla_r \varphi_j) dx \]

\[ \stackrel{P^1}{=} (J^{-T} \nabla_r \varphi_i)^T (J^{-T} \nabla_r \varphi_j)|J_T| \int_{\hat{E}} \kappa(T(r)) dr \]

And now the RHS functional.

\[ \int_{E} f(x) \varphi_i(x) dx = |J_T| \int_{\hat{E}} f(T(r)) \varphi_i(r) dr. \]
Inhomogeneous Dirichlet BCs

Handle an inhomogeneous boundary condition \( u(x) = \eta(x) \) on \( \partial \Omega \).

- Find a function \( u^0 \in H^1(\Omega) \) with boundary values \( u^0(x) = \eta(x) \) on \( \partial \Omega \). ("lifted" from boundary to volume)
- Define \( \hat{u} := u - u^0 \in H^1_0(\Omega) \).
- Insert \( u = \hat{u} + u^0 \) into the weak form:

\[
a(\hat{u} + u^0, v) = a(\hat{u}, v) + a(u^0, v) = g(v),
\]

\[
a(\hat{u}, v) = g(v) - a(u^0, v),
\]

\[
\hat{g}(v) :=
\]

where still \( \hat{u} \in H^1_0 \).

Altogether:
- Inhomogeneous BC just leads to extra term on RHS.
- No change in function spaces.
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Conditions on the Mesh

Let \( \Omega \) be a polygonal domain.

**Admissibility (Braess, Def. II.5.1)**

A partition (mesh) \( T = \{ E_1, \ldots, E_M \} \) of \( \Omega \) into triangular or quadrilateral elements is called admissible if

- \( \bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{M} E_i \).
- If \( E_i \cap E_j \) consists of exactly one point, then it is a common vertex of \( E_i \) and \( E_j \).
- If \( E_i \cap E_j \) consists of more than one point for \( i \neq j \), then \( E_i \cap E_j \) is a common edge of \( E_i \) and \( E_j \).

Give an example of a non-admissible partition.

One with a **hanging node**.
Mesh Resolution, Shape Regularity

Definition (Diameter)

A bounded set $\Omega$ has diameter $d(\Omega) = \sup \{|x - y| : x, y \in \Omega\}.$

Mesh Resolution

When every element of a partition has diameter at most $2h$, we write $T_h$ instead of $T$.

Definition (Shape Regularity (Braess, Def. II.5.1))

A family of partitions $\{T_h\}$ is called shape regular if

There exists a number $\kappa > 0$ so that every $E \in T_h$ contains a circle of radius $\rho_T$ with $\rho_E \geq h_E / \kappa$, where $h_T$ is half the diameter of $E$. 
Cone Conditions

Definition (Lipschitz Domain)

A bounded domain \( \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \) is called a **Lipschitz domain** provided that...

for every \( x \in \partial \Omega \) there exists a neighborhood of \( x \) within which \( \partial \Omega \) can be represented as the graph of a Lipschitz function.

Lipschitz domains satisfy a **cone condition**:

The interior angles at vertices are positive, so that a cone can be placed in \( \Omega \) with its tip at the vertex.

Theorem (Rellich Selection Theorem (Braess, Thm. II.1.9))

*Let \( m \geq 0 \), let \( \Omega \) be Lipschitz. Then the imbedding \( H^{m+1}(\Omega) \to H^m(\Omega) \) is compact*, i.e. any bounded sequence in the range of the imbedding has a convergent subsequence.
The Interpolation Operator

**Theorem (Interpolation Operator (Braess, Lemma II.6.2))**

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be Lipschitz. Let $t \geq 2$, and $z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_s$ are $s := t(t + 1)/2$ prescribed points in $\bar{\Omega}$ such that the interpolation operator $I : H^t \to P^{t-1}$ is well-defined. Then there exists a constant $c$ so that for $u \in H^t(\Omega)$

$$\|u - Iu\|_{H^t} \leq c(\Omega, (z_i)) |u|_{H^t}.$$  

**Theorem (Approx. for Congruent $\triangle$ (Braess, Remark II.6.5))**

Let $E_h := h\hat{E}$, i.e. a scaled version of a reference triangle, with $h \leq 1$.

Then, for $0 \leq m \leq t$, there exists a $C$ so that

$$\|u - Iu\|_{H^m(E_h)} \leq C h^{t-m} |u|_{H^t(E_h)}.$$  

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Approximation for Congruent Triangles: Proof (1/2)

Set up a function on \( E_h \) and \( \hat{E} \). Work out the scaling for the derivative.

Let \( u \in H^t(E_h) \). Define \( v \in H^t(\hat{E}) \) by \( v(y) := u(hy) \).
Then \( D^\alpha_w v = h^{\vert \alpha \vert} D^\alpha_w u \) for \( \vert \alpha \vert \leq t \).

Work out the scaling for the Sobolev seminorm.

\[
\left\| v \right\|^2_{H^\ell(\hat{E})} = \sum_{\vert \alpha \vert = \ell} \int_{\hat{E}} (D^\alpha_w v)^2 = \sum_{\vert \alpha \vert = \ell} \int_{E_h} h^{2\ell} (D^\alpha_w u)^2 h^{-2} = h^{2\ell-2} \left\| u \right\|^2_{H^\ell(E_h)}.
\]

Work out the scaling for the Sobolev norm. Recall \( h \leq 1 \).

\[
\left\| u \right\|^2_{H^m(E_h)} = \sum_{\ell \leq m} \left\| u \right\|^2_{H^\ell(E_h)} = \sum_{\ell \leq m} h^{-2\ell+2} \left\| v \right\|^2_{H^\ell(E_h)} \leq C' h^{-2m+2} \left\| v \right\|^2_{H^m(\hat{E})}.
\]
Approximation for Congruent Triangles: Proof (1/2)

\[ \|u - lu\|_{H^m(E_h)} \leq Ch^{t-m} |u|_{H^t(E_h)} \quad (0 \leq m \leq t) \]

\[ \nabla_\ell |v|^2_{\hat{E}} = |u|^2_{H^\ell(E_h)} \]

\[ \nabla_\ell \|u\|^2_{H^m(E_h)} \leq C'h^{-2m+2} \|v\|^2_{H^m(\hat{E})} \]

Prove the estimate.

Inserting \( u - lu \) into this estimate in place of \( u \):

\[ \|u - lu\|_{H^m(E_h)} \leq C'h^{-m+1} \|v - lv\|_{H^m(\hat{E})} \leq C'h^{-m+1} \|v - lv\|_{H^t(\hat{E})} \]

\[ \leq C'h^{-m+1} |v|_{H^t(\hat{E})} \leq C'h^{t-m} |u|_{H^t(E_h)}. \]
**Definition (Broken Norm)**

Given a partition $\mathcal{T}_h = \{E_i\}_{i=1}^M$ and a function $u$ such that $u \in H^m(E_i)$,

$$
\| u \|_{H^m,h} := \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M \| u \|_{H^m(E_i)}^2}.
$$

**Approximation Theorem (Braess, Theorem II.6.4)**

Let $t \geq 2$, suppose $\mathcal{T}_h$ is a shape-regular triangulation of $\Omega$. Then there exists a constant $c$ such that, for $0 \leq m \leq t$ and $u \in H^t(\Omega)$,

$$
\| u - I_h u \|_{H^m,h} \leq c(\Omega, \kappa, t) h^{t-m} \| u \|_{H^t(\Omega)},
$$

where $I_h$ denotes interpolation by a piecewise polynomial of degree $t - 1$. 


Weak Forms as Minimization Problems

Let $V$ be a linear space, and $a : V \times V \to \mathbb{R}$ a bilinear form, and $g \in V'$.  

**Theorem (Solutions of Weak Forms are Quadratic Form Minimizers)**

If $a$ is SPD, then

$$J(v) := \frac{1}{2}a(v, v) - g(v)$$

attains its minimum over $V$ at $u$ iff $a(u, v) = g(v)$ for all $v \in V$.

$$J(u + tv) = \frac{1}{2}a(u + tv, u + tv) - g(u + tv)$$

$$= J(u) + t[a(u, v) - g(v)] + \frac{t^2}{2}a(v, v).$$

for $u, v \in V$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

If $u$ satisfies $a(u, v) = g(v)$, $J(u + v) > J(u)$.

If $J$ has a min at $u$, derivative of $t \mapsto J(u + tv)$ must vanish at $t = 0$.  

Example: Lagrange Multipliers in $\mathbb{R}^2$

\[ f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow \text{min!} \]
\[ g(x, y) = x + y = 2 \]

Write down the Lagrangian.

\[ \mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + y - 2). \]

Write down a necessary condition for a constrained minimum.

\[ 0 = \nabla \mathcal{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f + \lambda \nabla g \\ g \end{bmatrix}. \]
Saddle Point Problems

\( X, M \) Hilbert spaces. \( a : X \times X \to \mathbb{R} \) and \( b : X \times M \to \mathbb{R} \) continuous bilinear forms, \( f \in X', g \in M' \). Minimize

\[
J(u) = \frac{1}{2} a(u, u) - \langle f, u \rangle \quad \text{subject to} \quad b(u, \mu) = \langle g, \mu \rangle \quad (\mu \in M).
\]

Apply the method of the Lagrange multipliers.

\[
\mathcal{L}(u, \lambda) = J(u) + [b(u, \lambda) - \langle g, \lambda \rangle] \quad (\lambda \in M).
\]

▶ \( J \) and \( \mathcal{L}(\cdot, \lambda) \) agree when constraint is satisfied.

▶ Idea: Select \( \lambda \in M \) to ‘tweak’ \( \mathcal{L} \) so that minimizer of \( \mathcal{L}(\cdot, \lambda) \) satisfies the constraints. (Finite-dim: \(-\nabla f = J_g^T \lambda\))

Yields saddle point problem: find \((u, \lambda) \in X \times M\) so that

\[
a(u, v) + b(v, \lambda) = \langle f, v \rangle \quad (v \in X),
\]

\[
b(u, \mu) = \langle g, \mu \rangle \quad (\mu \in M).
\]
Example: Saddle Point Problem in $\mathbb{R}^2$

\[
f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow \text{min!}
g(x, y) = x + y = 2
\]

Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = f(x, y) + \lambda g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + y - 2)$.

Show that $x = y = 1$, $\lambda = -2$ is a saddle point.

The Hessian has the form

\[
\mathcal{H}_L = \begin{bmatrix} H_f & \nabla g \\ \nabla g^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

\[
\mathcal{H}_L = \begin{bmatrix} A & B^T \\ B & 0 \end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix} A & -BA^{-1}B^T \end{bmatrix} M^T,
\]


(cf. [Benzi et al. ‘05, Section 3.4](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1093/compt急/58.1.270))
Stokes Equation

\[ \Delta u + \nabla p = -f \quad (x \in \Omega), \]
\[ \nabla \cdot u = 0 \quad (x \in \Omega), \]
\[ u = u_0 \quad (x \in \partial \Omega). \]

What are the pieces?

- \( u \) is the velocity field,
- \( p \) is the pressure,
- \( f \) is an externally applied force field,
- Pressure gradient gives rise to an additional force that prevents a density change.
- \( \nabla \cdot u = 0 \) is the incompressibility constraint:
  Pressure falls/rises where a source/sink would be created.
Stokes: Properties

\[ \Delta u + \nabla p = -f \quad (x \in \Omega), \]
\[ \nabla \cdot u = 0 \quad (x \in \Omega), \]
\[ u = u_0 \quad (x \in \partial\Omega). \]

Can we choose any \( u_0 \)?

\[ \int_{\partial\Omega} u_0 \cdot \hat{n} dS_x = \int_{\partial\Omega} u \cdot \hat{n} dS_x = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot u d\mathbf{x} = 0 \]

is a compatibility condition. Satisfied e.g. for \( u_0 \equiv 0 \).

Does Stokes fully determine the pressure?

Only up to an additive constant. Additionally demand \( \int_{\Omega} p d\mathbf{x} = 0 \).
Stokes: Variational Formulation

\[ \Delta u + \nabla p = -f, \quad \nabla \cdot u = 0 \quad (x \in \partial \Omega). \]

Choose some function spaces (for homogeneous \( u_0 = 0 \)).

\[ X = H^1_0(\Omega)^n, \quad M = L^2_0(\Omega) := \left\{ q \in L^2(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} q \, dx = 0 \right\} \]

Derive a weak form.

\[ a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} J_u : J_v, \quad b(v, q) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot v q, \]

\[ A : B = \text{tr}(AB^T) = \sum_{i,j} A_{i,j} B_{i,j}. \]

Find \((u, p) \in X \times M\) so that

\[ a(u, v) + b(v, p) = \langle f, v \rangle_{L^2} \quad (v \in X), \]

\[ b(u, q) = 0 \quad (q \in M), \]

where in reusing \(b\), we used that \((-\text{div})^* = \text{grad}\) are adjoint.
Solvability of Saddle Point Problems

The Stokes weak form is clearly in saddle-point form. Do all saddle point problems have unique solutions?

\[ f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow \text{min!}, \]
\[ x + y = 2, \]
\[ 3x + 3y = 6. \]

\[ \mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) = x^2 + y^2 + \lambda(x + y - 2) + \mu(3x + 3y - 6). \] (\lambda, \mu) no longer uniquely determined.

\[ \rightarrow \text{Need a criterion.} \]
The inf-sup Condition

\[ a(u, v) + b(v, \lambda) = \langle f, v \rangle \quad (v \in X), \]
\[ b(u, \mu) = \langle g, \mu \rangle \quad (\mu \in M). \]

Theorem (Brezzi’s splitting theorem (Braess, III.4.3))

The saddle point problem has a unique solution if and only if

1. The bilinear form \( a(\cdot, \cdot) \) is \( V \)-elliptic, where
   \[ V = \{ u : b(u, \mu) = 0 \text{ for all } \mu \in M \}, \]
   i.e. there exists \( c_0 > 0 \) so that
   \[ a(v, v) \geq c_0 \| v \|^2_X \quad (v \in V). \]

2. There exists a constant \( c_2 > 0 \) so that (inf-sup or LBB condition):
   \[ \inf_{\mu \in M} \sup_{v \in X} \frac{b(v, \mu)}{\| v \|_X \| \mu \|_M} \geq c_2. \]
Interpreting the inf-sup Condition

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
A & B^T \\
B & 0
\end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix}
A & -BA^{-1}B^T
\end{bmatrix} M^T
\]

\[
a(v, v) \geq c_0 \|v\|_X^2, \quad \inf_{\mu \in M} \sup_{v \in X} \frac{b(v, \mu)}{\|v\|_X \|\mu\|_M} \geq c_2.
\]

For any given \(v\), can we expect \(b(v, \mu)\) to be nonzero for all \(\mu\)?

No! E.g. for Stokes, the \(B\) block is short-and-fat \(\Rightarrow \exists\) nullspace.

What is the inf-sup condition saying?

“\(b\) has no \(\mu\)-nullspace.”

Why does it suffice for \(a\) to be \(V\)-elliptic?

True in the linear algebra, too! (Think Schur complements.) (Benzi et al. ‘05, Thm. 3.2)
inf-sup and Stokes

\[ a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} J_u : J_v, \quad \text{where} \quad A : B = \text{tr}(AB^T), \]

\[ b(\mathbf{v}, q) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} q. \]

Find \((\mathbf{u}, p) \in X \times M\) so that

\[ a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) + b(\mathbf{v}, p) = \langle f, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{L^2} \quad (\mathbf{v} \in X), \]

\[ b(\mathbf{u}, q) = 0 \quad (q \in M). \]

Theorem (Existence and Uniqueness for Stokes (Braess, III.6.5))

There exists a unique solution of this system when \(f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)^n\).

(based on results due to Ladyšenskaya, Nešas)
Discretizations for Stokes

**Demo:** 2D Stokes Using Firedrake [cleared] \((P^1-P^1)\)

Give a heuristic reason why \(P^1-P^1\) might not be great.

The differential operators being applied to \(u\) and \(p\) in the Stokes system are of different order.

**Demo:** Bad Discretizations for 2D Stokes [cleared]
Establishing a Discrete \( \inf \cdot \sup \) Condition

Suppose \( b : X \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) satisfies \( \inf \cdot \sup \). Subspaces \( X_h \subseteq X, \ M_h \subseteq M \).

**Fortin’s Criterion ([Fortin 1977])**

Suppose there exists a bounded projector \( \Pi_h : X \rightarrow X_h \) so that

\[
b(v - \Pi_h v, \mu_h) = 0 \quad (\mu_h \in M_h).
\]

If \( \|\Pi_h\| \leq c \) for some constant \( c \) independent of \( h \), then \( b \) satisfies the \( \inf \cdot \sup \)-condition on \( X_h \times M_h \).

Let \( \mu_h \in M_h \). By assumption, \( b(v, \mu_h) = b(\Pi_h v, \mu_h) \) for \( v \in X \).

\[
\sup_{v_h \in X_h} \frac{b(v_h, \mu_h)}{\|v_h\|} \geq \sup_{v_h \in \Pi_h X} \frac{b(v_h, \mu_h)}{\|v_h\|} = \sup_{v \in X} \frac{b(\Pi_h v, \mu_h)}{\|\Pi_h v\|} \\
\geq \frac{1}{c} \sup_{v \in X} \frac{b(v, \mu_h)}{\|v\|} \geq c_2 \|\mu_h\|.
\]
\( H^1 \)-Boundedness of the \( L^2 \)-Projector

Assume \( H^2 \)-regularity and a uniform triangulations \( T_h \). (Not in general!)

\( H^1 \)-Boundedness of the \( L^2 \)-Projector (Braess Corollary II.7.8)

Let \( \pi^0_h \) be the \( L_2 \)-projector onto a finite element space \( V_h \subset H^1(\Omega) \). Then, for an \( h \)-independent constant \( c \),

\[
\| \pi^0_h v \|_{H^1} \leq c \| v \|_{H^1}.
\]

Ingredients?

- Regularity
- Aubin-Nitsche
- Inverse estimates (For affine, pw. polynomial family \( V_h \):
  \[
  \| v_h \|_{H^t,h} \leq C h^{m-t} \| v_h \|_{H^m,h} \text{ with } 0 \leq m \leq t, \text{ e.g.}
  \| v_h \|_{H^1,h} \leq C h^{-1} \| v_h \|_{L^2,h}.
  \]
$H^1$-Boundedness of the $L^2$-Projector

Does $H^1$ boundedness of the $H^1$ projector hold?

Yes, any Hilbert space projection is bounded. (Pythagoras)

How would this break down without the uniformity assumption?

On a graded mesh, where $L^2$ projection introduces $O(1/h)$ growth in the $H^1$ seminorm (which measures oscillation, in a way).
**Bubbles and the MINI Element**

What is a **bubble function**?

\[ \varphi_b(r, s) = rs(1 - r - s). \text{ (see figure on next slide)} \]

Let \( B^3 \) be the span of the bubble function and \( T_h \) the triangulation.

Define the MINI variational space \( X_h \times M_h \).

\[
\begin{align*}
X_h & := \{ v_h \in C(\bar{\Omega})^2 \cap H_0^1(\Omega)^2 : v_h|_E \in (P^1 \oplus B^3)^2 \text{ for } E \in T_h \} \\
M_h & := \{ q_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \cap L^2(\Omega) : v_h|_E \in P^1 \text{ for } E \in T_h \}
\end{align*}
\]

Computational impact of the bubble DOF?

Not coupled to DOFs outside the element; can use static condensation to eliminate.
The Bubble in Pictures

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r+s<=1?r*s*(1-r-s):1/0
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MINI Satisfies an inf-sup Condition (1/4)

MINI satisfies inf-sup (Braess Theorem III.7.2)

Assume $\Omega$ is convex or has a smooth boundary. Then the MINI variational space satisfies an inf-sup condition for every variational form that itself satisfies one.

Assume uniform meshes (can generalize). Let

$$M_h := \{ v_h \in C(\overline{\Omega}) \cap H^1_0(\Omega) : v_h|_E \in P^1 \text{ for } E \in \mathcal{T}_h \}.$$

Let $\pi^0_h : H^1_0 \to M_h$ be the $L^2$ projector. Then $\| \pi^0_h v \|_{H^1} \leq c_1 \| v \|_{H^1}$ from its $H^1$-boundedness and, from the interpolation estimate,

$$\| v - \pi^0_h v \|_{L^2} \leq \| v - \mathcal{I} v \|_{L^2} + \| \mathcal{I} v - \pi^0_h v \|_{L^2} = \| v - \mathcal{I} v \|_{L^2} + \| \pi^0_h (\mathcal{I} v - v) \|_{L^2} \leq c_2 h \| v \|_{H^1}.$$
MINI Satisfies an inf-sup Condition (2/4)

Create a projector onto the bubble space $B^3$.

Let $\pi_h^1 : L^2 \to B^3$ be linear so that

$$\int_E (\pi_h^1 v - v) \, dx = 0 \quad \text{for } E \in T_h.$$ 

What does this bubble projector do?

- Project onto piecewise constant functions.
- Replace the constant by a bubble with the same integral.

Do we have an estimate for the bubble projector?

$$\|\pi_h^1 v\|_{L^2} \leq c_3 \|v\|_{L^2}.$$
MINI Satisfies an inf-sup Condition (3/4)

Make an overall projector $\Pi_h$ onto $X_h$.

Define $\Pi_h v := \pi_h^0 v + \pi_h^1 (v - \pi_h^0 v)$. By construction, $\Pi_h$ preserves the constant mode, i.e. $\int (\Pi_h v - v) dx = 0$.

Show Fortin’s criterion for $\Pi_h$.

Extend $\Pi_h$ to vector-valued component-by-component.
$q_h \in M_h$ is continuous, so we may apply Gauss’s theorem.

\[
b(v - \Pi_h v, q_h) = \int \nabla \cdot (v - \Pi_h v) q_h dx = \int_{\partial \Omega} (v - \Pi_h v) \cdot \hat{n} q_h dS_x - \int_\Omega (v - \Pi_h v) \cdot \nabla q_h dx = 0.
\]
MINI Satisfies an inf-sup Condition (4/4)

\[ \| \pi_h^0 v \|_{H^1} \leq c_1 \| v \|_{H^1} \text{ for } L^2 \text{ projector } \pi_h^0 : H^1_0 \rightarrow M_h. \]

\[ \| v - \pi_h^0 v \|_{L^2} \leq c_2 h \| v \|_{H^1}. \]

\[ \| \pi_h^1 v \|_{L^2} \leq c_3 \| v \|_{L^2}. \]

Show \( H^1 \)-boundedness of \( \Pi_h \).

\[ \| \Pi_h v \|_{H^1} \leq \| \pi_h^0 v \|_{H^1} + \| \pi_h^1 (v - \pi_h^0 v) \|_{H^1} \]
\[ \leq c_1 \| v \|_{H^1} + c_4 h^{-1} \| \pi_h^1 (v - \pi_h^0 v) \|_{L^2} \]
\[ \leq \text{inv.est.} \]
\[ \leq c_1 \| v \|_{H^1} + c_4 h^{-1} c_3 \| v - \pi_h^0 v \|_{L^2} \]
\[ \leq c_1 \| v \|_{H^1} + c_4 c_3 c_2 \| v \|_{H^1}. \]
Demo: 2D Stokes Using Firedrake [cleared] (MINI and Taylor-Hood)
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Discontinuous Galerkin Methods for Hyperbolic Problems
Lax-Milgram, General Case

Let $V$ be Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$.

Theorem (Lax-Milgram, General Case)

Let $a$ be a $V$-elliptic bilinear form, and let $g$ be a bounded linear functional on $V$.
Then there exists a unique $u \in V$ so that $a(u, v) = g(v)$ for all $v \in V$.

Let $u \in V$ and observe $a_u(v) := a(u, v)$ is a bounded linear functional (due to continuity of $a$). Let $t_u \in V$ be the Riesz representer of $a_u$ with $a_u(v) = \langle v, t_u \rangle$ for all $v \in V$. Consider the mapping defined by that:

$$T : V \rightarrow V, \quad u \mapsto Tu := t_u.$$

We show that $T$ is linear, bounded, has closed range, and is onto $V$. 

Lax-Milgram Proof (2/5)

\[ a(u, v) = \langle v, Tu \rangle. \] Show linearity of \( T \).

For \( u, v, w \in V \) and \( \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \):

\[ \langle v, T(\alpha u + w) \rangle = a(\alpha u + w, v) = \alpha \langle v, Tu \rangle + \langle v, Tw \rangle. \]

Show boundedness \( \Leftrightarrow \) continuity of \( T \).

\[ \| Tu \|^2 = \langle Tu, Tu \rangle = a_u(Tu) = a(u, Tu) \leq c_1 \| Tu \| \| u \| \] (continuity).
Lax-Milgram Proof (3/5)

\[ a(u, v) = \langle v, Tu \rangle. \] Show that \( T \) has closed range. (Needed for Hilbert projection, which is needed for onto.)

Let \( z_n = Tu_n \) be a sequence in \( \text{range}(T) \). By definition, \( a(u_n, v) = \langle v, Tu_n \rangle = \langle v, z_n \rangle \) for all \( v \in V \), so that

\[
a(u_n - u_m, v) = \langle v, z_n - z_m \rangle
\]

\[
\Rightarrow a(u_n - u_m, u_n - u_m) = \langle u_n - u_m, z_n - z_m \rangle
\]

\[
\Rightarrow c_0 \| u_n - u_m \|^2 \leq \| u_n - u_m \| \| z_n - z_m \| \quad \text{(coercivity)}
\]

\[
\Rightarrow c_0 \| u_n - u_m \| \leq \| z_n - z_m \|.
\]

If \( z_n \to z \), \((u_n)\) must be Cauchy, so has a limit (because \( V \) is Hilbert). Let \( u \) be the limit. Next: Show \( z = Tu \).

Let \( v \in V \) be arbitrary. \( a(u_n, v) \to a(u, v) \) by continuity. Also: \(|\langle Tu_n - z, v \rangle| \to 0\), so that \( \langle v, Tu_n \rangle \to \langle v, z \rangle \), so \( a(u, v) = \langle v, z \rangle \), and by definition of \( T \), \( z = Tu \).
a(u, v) = \langle v, Tu \rangle. Show that T is onto V.

Suppose not. By the Hilbert projection theorem, there exists \( w \in \text{range}(T)^\perp \setminus \{0\} \). Therefore \( \langle w, Tu \rangle = 0 \) for all \( u \in V \). Choosing \( u = w \) gives \( 0 = \langle w, Tw \rangle = a(w, w) \), a contradiction.
Lax-Milgram Proof (5/5)

Show existence of the solution $u$.

Let $z$ be the Riesz representer of $g$: $g(v) = \langle v, z \rangle$ for all $v \in V$. Since $T : V \to V$ is onto, there exists a $u \in V$ so that $z = Tu$, i.e. $g(v) = \langle v, Tu \rangle = a(u, v)$ for all $v \in V$.

Show uniqueness of the solution $u$.

Suppose we have a second $\hat{u}$ with $z = T\hat{u}$. Then $a(u - \hat{u}, v) = 0$ for all $v \in V$, particularly $a(u - \hat{u}, u - \hat{u}) = 0$, i.e. $u = \hat{u}$.
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Conservation laws

Goal: Solve *conservation laws* on bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$:

$$ q_t + \nabla \cdot F(q) = 0 $$

Example: Maxwell’s Equations

$$ \partial_t D - \nabla \times H = -j, \quad \partial_t B + \nabla \times E = 0, $$

$$ \nabla \cdot D = \rho, \quad \nabla \cdot B = 0. $$

What do we do with the divergence constraints?

Ignore them. If satisfied at initial condition, they continue to be satisfied.
Rewriting Maxwell’s

Let \( q = (D_x, D_y, D_z, B_x, B_y, B_z)^T \). Consider \( D = \epsilon E \) and \( B = \mu H \).

\[
\partial_t D - \nabla \times H = -0, \quad \partial_t B + \nabla \times E = 0.
\]

Rewrite in conservation law form: \( q_t + \nabla \cdot F(q) = 0 \)

\[
q_t + \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix}
0 & -\frac{B_z}{\epsilon} & \frac{B_y}{\epsilon} \\
-\frac{B_z}{\epsilon} & 0 & -\frac{B_x}{\epsilon} \\
-\frac{B_y}{\epsilon} & \frac{B_x}{\epsilon} & 0 \\
0 & \frac{D_y}{\mu} & -\frac{D_x}{\mu} \\
-\frac{D_z}{\mu} & 0 & \frac{D_x}{\mu} \\
\frac{D_y}{\mu} & -\frac{D_x}{\mu} & 0
\end{pmatrix} = 0
\]

Could we also define \( q = (E_x, E_y, E_z, H_x, H_y, H_z)^T \)?

No: coeff. on the wrong side of the \( \nabla \cdot \). Only OK for constant-coeff.
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Solving \( q_t + aq_x = 0 \): Finite Differences

- Simple to implement
- High-order
- Local and explicit in time
- Theory available
- High-order/geometry: pick one.
  - Upwind/downwind differencing?
  - How about in a system?
  - Boundaries?
  - Discontinuities?

\[
D_t^- + aD_x^- = 0
\]

\[
D_t^+ f := \frac{f(t + \Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t}
\]
Solving $q_t + aq_x = 0$: Finite Volume

- Robust, fast, good for c.laws
- Local and explicit in time
- Solid theory
- High-order/geometry: pick one.

\[
\bar{q}_k := \int_{(k-1/2)\Delta x}^{(k+1/2)\Delta x} q(x)dx
\]

\[
\Delta x \partial_t \bar{q}_k + f^{k+1/2} - f^{k-1/2} = 0
\]

$f^{k\pm1/2}$: flux “reconstructions”
Solving \( q_t + aq_x = 0 \): Finite Elements

\[ \int_{\Omega} q_t^N \phi + aq_x^N \phi \, dx = 0 \]

for \( \phi \) in a test space.

- High-order
- geom. flexible
- Non-local and implicit in time
- Solid theory
- Not nonlinearly robust
- Not fast: Mass matrix solve
Do we really want high order?

Any advantage to high-order?

Observation: Significant potential for savings without impacting accuracy by using high-order elements over long times of integration.

Figure from talk by Jan Hesthaven

Time to compute solution at 5% error

Big assumption?

Spectral expansion of solution decays quickly (i.e. solution smooth)
Summarizing

Want flexibility of finite elements *without* the drawbacks.

Let’s redevelop finite elements, with a bit more care.

**Strategy:**
- Use $n$-dimensional POV for a while to expose geometric issues more clearly.
- Reduce to 1D when necessary.
- Mop up remaining issues later.
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Developing the Scheme

What do we do about unbounded domains?

Need to truncate domain, e.g.:

- Special boundary conditions (e.g. Engquist/Majda ‘77, Hagstrom/Warburton ‘04)
- Perfectly Matched Layers (PMLs, Berenger ‘94)
Dealing with the Mesh, Part I

For each cell $E_k$, find a ref-to-global map $T_k$:

\[ T_k : \hat{E} \rightarrow E_k \]

\[ \mathbf{x} = (x, y, z) = T_k(r, s, t) = T_k(\mathbf{r}) \]

- $T_k$ affine for straight-sided simplices: $T_k(\mathbf{r}) = A\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{b}$
- Curved elements also possible: iso/sub/super-parametric
Dealing with the Mesh, Part II

Based on knowledge of how to do this on $\hat{E}$:

Can now integrate on $\Omega$:

$$\int_\Omega f dx = \sum_{E_k} \int_{E_k} f dx = \sum_{E_k} \int_{\hat{E}} f \left| \frac{dx}{dr} \right| dr$$

and differentiate on $\Omega$:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}$$

Jacobian of $T_k^{-1}$?

$$\frac{dx}{dr} \frac{dr}{dx} = \text{Id} \iff \left( \frac{dx}{dr} \right)^{-1} = \frac{dr}{dx}$$
Dealing with the Mesh, Part III

Approximation basis set on $E_k$?

Use the one we have on $\hat{E}$:

$$\phi_i^k(x) := \phi_i(T_k^{-1}(x))$$

What function space do we get if $\Psi$ is non-affine?

- A basis of rational functions.
- Approximation results nontrivial.
Going Galerkin

\[
\int_{E_k} q_t^k \phi + (\nabla \cdot F^k) \phi \, dx = 0
\]

Integrate by parts:

\[
0 = \int_{E_k} q_t^k \phi \, dx - \int_{E_k} F^k \cdot \nabla \phi \, dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (F^k \cdot \hat{n}) \phi \, dx
\]

Problem?

- **Problem**: Two values to choose from on boundary.
- Don’t choose (for now).
- Call chosen answer *numerical flux* \((F^k \cdot n)^*\)
- Feel vaguely reminded of finite volume
Strong-Form DG

**Weak form:**

\[ 0 = \int_{E_k} q_t^k \phi \, dx - \int_{E_k} F^k \cdot \nabla \phi \, dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (F^k \cdot \hat{n})^* \phi \, dx \]

Integrate by parts again:

\[ 0 = \int_{E_k} q_t^k \phi + (\nabla \cdot F^k) \phi \, dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (F^k \cdot \hat{n})^* - (F^k \cdot \hat{n})^- \phi \, dx \]

- Strong-form DG
- Same solution as weak for linear, constant-coefficient problems.
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Accuracy and Stability

In DG: what provides accuracy? what provides stability?

- Local approximation space provides *accuracy*
- Fluxes provide *stability*

*Lax equivalence*: Accuracy + Stability = Convergence

→ Let flux choice be guided by stability.
Stability: Basic Setup (1/2)

\[ 0 = \int_{E_k} q_t^k \phi dx - \int_{E_k} F^k \cdot \nabla \phi dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (F^k \cdot \hat{n}) \phi dS_x \]

Trick: Set \( \phi = q \). Specialize \( F(u) := (au, 0, 0)^T = ae_x u \).

\[ 0 = \int_{E_k} q_t^k q_k dx - \int_{E_k} aq_k e_x \cdot \nabla q_k dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (aq_k e_x \cdot \hat{n})^* q_k dS_x \]

\[ = \int_{E_k} q_t^k q_k dx - \int_{E_k} aq_k \partial_x q_k dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (aq_k n_x)^* q_k dS_x \]

\[ = \frac{\partial_t}{2} \int_{E_k} q_k q_k dx - \int_{E_k} aq_k \partial_x q_k dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (aq_k n_x)^* q_k dS_x \]

\[ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial_t}{2} \| q_k \|_{2,E_k}^2 = \int_{E_k} aq_k \partial_x q_k dx - \int_{\partial E_k} (aq_k n_x)^* q_k dS_x \leq 0 \]
Stability: Basic Setup (2/2)

\[
\frac{\partial_t \|q_k\|_{2,E_k}^2}{2} = \int_{E_k} a q_k \partial_x q_k \, dx - \int_{\partial E_k} (a q_k n_x)^* q_k \, dS_x
\]

Integrate by parts:

\[
\int f \partial_x f = -\int f \partial_x f + \int f^2 n_x
\]

to see:

\[
\frac{\partial_t \|q_k\|_{2,E_k}^2}{2} = \int_{E_k} \frac{a(q_k)^2 n_x}{2} - \int_{\partial E_k} (a q_k n_x)^* q_k \, dS_x
\]

This depends on neighbors—end of element-local analysis!
Stability: Going Global

\[
\frac{\partial_t \| q_k \|_{2,E_k}^2}{2} = \int_{\partial E_k} \frac{a(q_k)^2 n_x}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^* q_k dS_x
\]

\[
\frac{\partial_t \| q_k \|_{2,\Omega}^2}{2} = \sum_k \int_{\partial E_k} \frac{a(q_k)^2 n_x}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^* q_k dS_x
\]

\[
= \sum_{f \in \text{faces}} \left( \int_{f} \frac{a(q_k^+)^2 n_x^+}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^+_+ q_k^+ dS_x - (aq_k n_x)^+_+ q_k^+ dS_x \right)
\]

\[
+ \int_{f} \frac{a(q_k^-)^2 n_x^-}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^-_+ q_k^- dS_x
\]

▶ Assumption: \( (aq_k n_x)^*_+ + (aq_k n_x)^*_- = 0 \) ("no accumulation on interface")

▶ \( a \) is constant
Gather up

\[
\frac{\partial_t \| q_k \|_{2,\Omega}^2}{2} = \sum_{f \in \text{faces}} \left( \int_f \frac{a(q_k^+)^2 n_x^+}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^+ q_k^+ dS_x \right) + \int_f \frac{a(q_k^-)^2 n_x^-}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^- q_k^- dS_x \]

\[
= \sum_{f \in \text{faces}} \int_f \left( an_x^- \frac{q_k^- + q_k^+}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^- \right) (q_k^- - q_k^+) dS_x
\]

Want all that non-positive. So demand:

\[
\left( an_x^- \frac{q_k^- + q_k^+}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^- \right) (q_k^- - q_k^+) \leq 0
\]
Picking a Flux

Want:

\[(*) = \left( a n_x \frac{-q_k^- + q_k^+}{2} - (aq_k n_x)^* \right) (q_k^- - q_k^+) \leq 0 \]

Ideas?

One possible choice:

\[(aq_k n_x)^* := a n_x \frac{-q_k^- + q_k^+}{2} \]

- Called the central flux.
- Observe: \((*) = 0 \Rightarrow L^2\)-norm exactly conserved!
- The lazy man’s flux.
- Works.
- Problematic! Why?
Picking a flux, attempt two

Want:

\[
(*) = \left( a n_x q^-_k + q^+_k - (aq_k n_x)^* \right) (q^-_k - q^+_k) \leq 0
\]

More ideas?

\[
(a q_k n_x)^*_\downarrow := a n_x q^-_k + q^+_k + \alpha \frac{q^-_k - q^+_k}{2}
\]

(with \( \alpha \geq 0 \))

Unit considerations suggest: \( \alpha = \pm a n_x^- \geq 0. \)

Called the upwind flux (aka local L-F)

- Observe: \((*) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{dissipative!}\)
- Quite good in practice.
Comparing Fluxes (1/3)

Central

Upwind

Upwind penalizes jumps!

Figure from talk by Jan Hesthaven
Comparing Fluxes (2/3)

Inter-element jumps are better controlled for this example by upwinding.

Red: central fluxes (alpha=0)
Blue: upwind fluxes (alpha=1)

Figure from lecture by Tim Warburton
Comparing Fluxes (3/3)

Central Fluxes v. Upwind Fluxes

Red: central fluxes (alpha=0)
Blue: upwind fluxes (alpha=1)

Peak errors are not quite so peaky for upwind fluxes.

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Figure from lecture by Tim Warburton
Stability Analysis

Clif notes on flux choice?

‘Pick the average’ or ‘pick the upwind value’

Swept under the rug: Boundary conditions

Also important for stability!

Element coupling (and BCs) done weakly

- Numerical solution really is discontinuous
- Hence “discontinuous Galerkin”
Accuracy

Stability: (preliminary version) done!
Accuracy: Depends on approximation properties!

Need approximation space: polynomials of (total) degree at most $N$ on the reference element.

So, expect $h^{N+1}$ residual.

Practically often true. Theoretically:

- Lesaint, Raviart ‘74:
  - $h^N$ in the general case
  - $h^{N+1}$ for special grids
- Johnson ‘86: $h^{N+1/2}$
What to do about systems?

- Consider Riemann (jump) problem
  - Obtain ‘fan’ of different wave speeds
- Rankine-Hugoniot condition:
  \[ [F(q)] = \text{(wave speed)} [q] \]
- Number states across fan \( q_0, q_{-1}, q_1, \ldots \)
- Set up Rankine-Hugoniot at each state boundary
- Solve for rest-state flux \( F(q_0) \)
- Just like Finite Volume
What about multiple dimensions?

We’ve dealt with 1D systems.

How about the move to multiple dimensions?

*In principle* there is (almost) nothing to see.

Recipe:

- Reduce $n$D c.law to 1D c.law across boundary
- Diagonalize
- Play Rankine-Hugoniot game as before
- Transform back
Simultaneous Diagonalization

2D second-order wave equation across a boundary with normal $n$:

$$q_t + \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & -c \, n_x & -c \, n_y \\ -c \, n_x & 0 & 0 \\ -c \, n_y & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \partial_n q = 0$$

Must simultaneously diagonalize for all $(n_x, n_y)^T$ to obtain generic expression!

More symbolically:

$$q_t + (A n_x) \partial_x q + (B n_y) \partial_y q$$

Need to find matrix $S$ that simultaneously diagonalizes $A n_x$ and $B n_y$!

**Demo:** Finding Numerical Fluxes for DG [cleared] (Part 1)
Jumps and Averages

Jump and average of a scalar quantity:

\[
\{q\} := \frac{q^- + q^+}{2} \\
[q] := q^+ n^+ + q^- n^-
\]

Jump and average of a vector quantity:

\[
\{q\} := \frac{q^- + q^+}{2} \\
[q] := q^+ \cdot n^+ + q^- \cdot n^-
\]
A Flux for Maxwell’s

Wanted to solve Maxwell’s equation in the time domain. Numerical flux?

Either look in the literature:

\[
\hat{n} \cdot (F_N - F_N^*) := \frac{1}{2} \left( \{Z\}^{-1} \hat{n} \times (Z^+ [H] - \alpha \hat{n} \times [E]) \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \{Y\}^{-1} \hat{n} \times (-Y^+ [E] - \alpha \hat{n} \times [H]) \right).
\]

or derive yourself: Demo: Finding Numerical Fluxes for DG [cleared] (Part 2)

Good news: Scheme mathematically complete.
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Implementing DG

**Weak form:**

\[ 0 = \int_{E_k} q_t^k \phi dx - \int_{E_k} F^k \cdot \nabla \phi dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (F^k \cdot n)^* \phi dx \]

What do the DoFs mean?

Two main choices:

- **Modal DG** (expansion coefficients)
- **Nodal DG** (point values at nodal locations)

We choose to use nodal DG here.

Need: set of basis functions, set of nodes
Modes

Function spaces same as for FEM: $P^N$, $Q^N$.

Numerically: better to use orthogonal polynomials with

$$\int_{\hat{E}} \phi_i \phi_j = \delta_{i,j}$$

- 1D: Legendre polys
- nD: Proriol ‘57/Koornwinder ‘75/Dubiner ‘93

Notation: $(\phi_i)_{i=1}^{N_p}$.
Nodes

Define set of interpolation nodes \((\xi_i)_{i=1}^{N_p}\) and \(\ell_i\) their Lagrange basis.

Define \textit{generalized Vandermonde matrix}

\[
V_{ij} := \phi_j(\xi_i)
\]

\(V\) (modal coeff.) = (nodal coeff.)

\(\xi_i\) determine \(\text{cond}(V)\)!

- Equispaced nodes: \text{cond. exponential in } N
- 1D: Gauß-Lobatto or Chebyshev
- nD: cottage industry
  (e.g. [Warburton '06])
In Matrix Form

\[ 0 = \int_{E_k} q^k_t \phi dx - \int_{E_k} F^k \cdot \nabla \phi dx + \int_{\partial E_k} (F^k \cdot n)^* \phi dx \]

Write in matrix form:

\[ \mathcal{M}^k_{ij} := \int_{E_k} \ell_i \ell_j dx = |A_k| \mathcal{M} := |A_k| \int_{E} \ell_i \ell_j dx = |A_k| V^{-T} V^{-1} \]

\[ \mathcal{S}^k,\partial \nu := \int_{E_k} \ell_i \partial_{x\nu} \ell_j dx, \]

\[ \mathcal{M}^k,A := \int_{A \subset \partial E_k} \ell_i \ell_j dS_x. \]

\[ 0 = \mathcal{M}^k \partial_t u^k - \sum_{\nu} \mathcal{S}^k,\partial \nu [F(u^k)] + \sum_{A \subset \partial E_k} \mathcal{M}^k,A (\hat{n} \cdot F)^* \]
Explicit Time Integration

\[ 0 = \mathcal{M}^k \partial_t u^k - \sum_{\nu} S^{k,\nu} [F(u^k)] + \sum_{A \subset \partial E_k} \mathcal{M}^{k,A}(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot F)^* \]

How can we do time integration on this weak form?

Goal: Dig out \( \partial_t u \)! Must invert \( \mathcal{M} \).

- In ‘normal’ finite elements: large, unstructured, sparse matrix
- In DG: Block-diagonal
- In simplicial DG: Templated block-diagonal
- In curvilinear DG: Still templated block-diagonal

e.g.: [Warburton ‘08], [Chan, Hewett, Warburton ‘17]
Trick: Multiple face mass matrices

Applying multiple face mass matrices at once:

\[
\int_{\partial E_k} \hat{n} \cdot (F^*) \phi \, dS = \\
\left( J_1 \hat{n} \cdot (F^*)|_{A_1} \mid \cdots \mid J_3 \hat{n} \cdot (F^*)|_{A_3} \right). 
\]
DG and Modern Computers: Possible Advantages

DG on modern processor architectures: Why?

- On-chip parallelism
  - DG inherently parallel.
- Deepening Memory Hierarchy
  - The majority of DG is local.
- Compute Bandwidth $\gg$ Memory Bandwidth
  - DG is arithmetically intense.
- Processors favor dense data.
  - Local parts of the DG operator are dense.
- Penalty on scattered access.
  - DG’s cell connectivity is sparser than CG’s
    - and more regular.