

Numerical Hydrodynamics: A Primer

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The Euler-Equations in conservative form read

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \vec{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u} \otimes \vec{u}) = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{k} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \epsilon)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \epsilon \vec{u}) = -p \nabla \cdot \vec{u} \quad (3)$$

\vec{u} : Velocity, \vec{k} : external forces, ϵ specific internal energy

The equations describe the conservation of mass, momentum and energy.

For completion we need an equation of state (eos):

$$p = (\gamma - 1) \rho \epsilon \quad (4)$$

Using this and eq. (3), we can rewrite the energy equation as an equation for the pressure

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (p \vec{u}) = -(\gamma - 1) p \nabla \cdot \vec{u} \quad (5)$$

Expanding the divergences on the left side and use for the momentum and energy equation the continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{u} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \vec{k} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) p = -\gamma p \nabla \cdot \vec{u} \quad (8)$$

Since all quantities depend on space (\vec{r}) and time (t), for example $\rho(\vec{r}, t)$, we can use for the left side the total time derivative (Lagrange-Formulation). For example, for the density one obtains

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \rho = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{u}. \quad (9)$$

The Operator

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \quad (10)$$

is called **material derivative** (equivalent to the total time derivative, d/dt).

Use now the material derivative

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho\nabla\cdot\vec{u} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + \vec{k} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{Dp}{Dt} = -\gamma p\nabla\cdot\vec{u} \quad (13)$$

These equations describe the change of the quantities in the comoving frame = Lagrange-Formulation.

For the Euler-Formulation, one analysed the changes at a specific, fixed point in space !

The Lagrange-Formulation can be used conveniently for 1D-problems, for example the radial stellar oscillations, using comoving mass-shells.

For the Euler-Formulation a fixed grid is used.

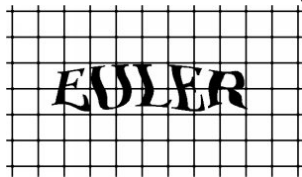
Numerical Hydrodynamics: The problem

Consider the evolution of the full time-dependent hydrodynamic equations. The non-linear partial differential equations of hydrodynamics will be solved numerically Continuum \Rightarrow Discretisation



Numerical Hydrodynamics: Method of solution

Grid-based methods (Euler)



fixed Grid

- matter flows through grid

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} \right) = -\nabla p$$

Methods:

- finite differences
non-conservative
- Control Volume
conservative
- Riemann-solver
wave properties
- Problem: Discontinuities

Particle methods (Lagrange)



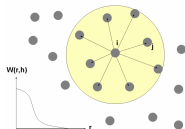
moving Grid/Particle

- flow moved grid

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = -\nabla p$$

Well known method:

Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics, SPH



'smeared out particles'

good for free boundaries, self-gravity

describe conservation of mass, momentum and energy

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho \epsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho \epsilon u}{\partial x} = -p \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (16)$$

ρ : density

u : velocity

p : pressure

ϵ : internal specific energy (Energy/Mass)

with the equation of state

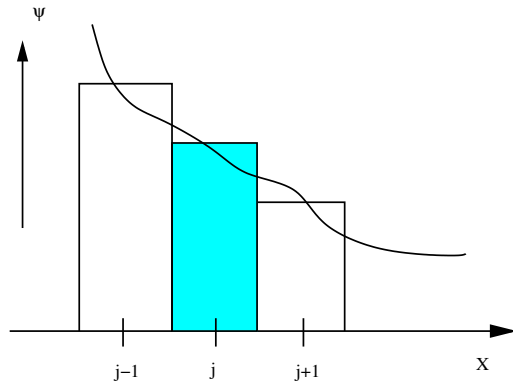
$$p = (\gamma - 1)\rho\epsilon \quad (17)$$

γ : adiabatic exponent

partial differential equation in space and time

→ need discretisation in space and time.

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Discretisation



Consider funktion: $\psi(x, t)$
discretisation in space
cover with a grid

$$\Delta x = \frac{X_{max} - X_{min}}{N}$$

ψ_j^n cell average of $\psi(x, t)$ at the gridpoint x_j at time t^n

$$\psi_j^n = \psi(x_j, t^n) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{(j-1/2)\Delta x}^{(j+1/2)\Delta x} \psi(x, n\Delta t) dx$$

ψ_j^n is piecewise constant. j spatial index, n time step.

Consider general equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L}(\psi(\mathbf{x}, t)) \quad (18)$$

with a (spatial) differential operator \mathcal{L} .

typical Discretisation (1. order in time), at time: $t = t^n = n\Delta t$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \approx \frac{\psi(t + \Delta t) - \psi(t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{\psi^{n+1} - \psi^n}{\Delta t} = L(\psi^n) \quad (19)$$

now at a special location, the grid point x_j (with moving terms)

$$\psi_j^{n+1} = \psi_j^n + \Delta t L(\psi_k^n) \quad (20)$$

$L(\psi_k^n)$: discretised differential operator \mathcal{L} (here explicit)

- k in $L(\psi_k)$: set of spatial indices:

- typical for 2. order: $k \in \{j-2, j-1, j, j+1, j+2\}$

(need information from left and right, 5 point 'Stencil')

$$\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L}_1(\vec{A}) + \mathcal{L}_2(\vec{A}) \quad (21)$$

$\mathcal{L}_i(\vec{A}), i = 1, 2$ individual (Differential-)operators applied to the quantities $\vec{A} = (\rho, u, \epsilon)$.

Here, for 1D ideal hydrodynamics

\mathcal{L}_1 : Advection

\mathcal{L}_2 : pressure, or external forces

To solve the full equation the solution is split in several substeps

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A}^1 &= \vec{A}^n + \Delta t \mathcal{L}_1(\vec{A}^n) \\ \vec{A}^{n+1} = \vec{A}^2 &= \vec{A}^1 + \Delta t \mathcal{L}_2(\vec{A}^1) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

\mathcal{L}_i is the differential operator to \mathcal{L}_i .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial(\rho u u)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial(\rho \epsilon)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial(\rho \epsilon u)}{\partial x}\end{aligned}$$

In explicit conservation form

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{f}(\vec{u})}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (23)$$

for $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\vec{f} = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ we have:

$\vec{u} = (\rho, \rho u, \rho \epsilon)$ and $\vec{f} = (\rho u, \rho u u, \rho \epsilon u)$.

This step yields: $\rho^n \rightarrow \rho^1 = \rho^{n+1}, \quad u^n \rightarrow u^1, \quad \epsilon^n \rightarrow \epsilon^1$

Momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (24)$$

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j - \Delta t \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_j^{n+1}} \frac{(p_j - p_{j-1})}{\Delta x} \quad \text{for } j = 2, N \quad (25)$$

energy equation

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} = -\frac{p}{\rho} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (26)$$

$$\epsilon_j^{n+1} = \epsilon_j - \Delta t \frac{p_j}{\rho_j^{n+1}} \frac{(u_{j+1} - u_j)}{\Delta x} \quad \text{for } j = 1, N \quad (27)$$

on the right hand side we use the actual values for u , ϵ and p , i.e. here u^1, p^1, ϵ^1 .

This step yields: $u^1 \rightarrow u^{n+1}, \quad \epsilon^1 \rightarrow \epsilon^{n+1}$

The continuity equation was

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (28)$$

Here, $F^m = \rho u$ is the mass flow

Using the notation $\rho \rightarrow \psi$ and $u \rightarrow a = \text{const.}$ we obtain the **Linear Advection Equation**

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0. \quad (29)$$

with a constant velocity a , the solution is a wave traveling to the right

using $\psi(x, t = 0) = f(x)$ we get $\psi(x, t) = f(x - at)$

Here $f(x)$ is the initial condition at time $t = 0$, that is shifted by the advection with a constant velocity a to the right.

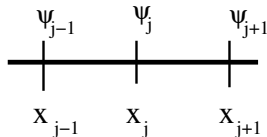
The numerics should maintain this property as accurately as possible.

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Linear Advection

FTCS: *Forward Time Centered Space* algorithm

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (30)$$

Specify the grid :



and write

$$\left. \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right|_j^n = \frac{\psi_j^{n+1} - \psi_j^n}{\Delta t} \quad (31)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right|_j^n = \frac{\psi_{j+1}^n - \psi_{j-1}^n}{2 \Delta x} \quad (32)$$

it follows

$$\psi_j^{n+1} = \psi_j^n - \frac{a \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} (\psi_{j+1}^n - \psi_{j-1}^n) \quad (33)$$

The method looks well motivated: but it is **unstable** for all Δt !

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Upwind-Method I

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial a\psi}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (34)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (35)$$

a : constant (velocity) > 0

$\psi(x, t)$ arbitrary transport quantity

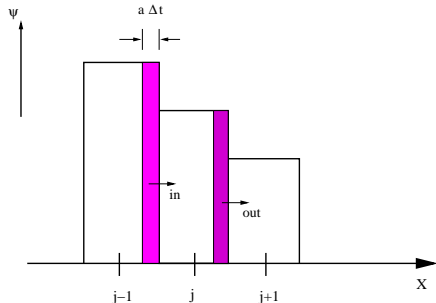
change of ψ in grid cell j

$$\psi_j^{n+1} \Delta x = \psi_j^n \Delta x + \Delta t (F_{in} - F_{out}) \quad (36)$$

The flux F_{in} is for constant ψ_j

$$F_{in} = a \psi_{j-1}^n \quad (37)$$

$$F_{out} = a \psi_j^n \quad (38)$$



purple regions will be transported into the next neighbour cell

Upwind-Method

Information comes from upstream

Extension for non-constant states

$$F_{in} = a \psi_I \left(x_{j-1/2} - \frac{a\Delta t}{2} \right) \quad (39)$$

$\psi_I(x)$ interpolation polynomial

Here linear interpolation (straight line)

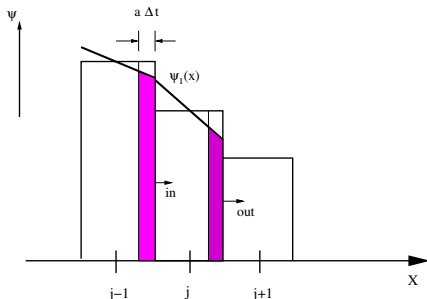
This yields

$$F_{in} = a \left[\underbrace{\psi_{j-1}^n}_{1st\ Order} + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sigma)\Delta\psi_{j-1} \right] \quad (40)$$

2nd Order

with $\sigma = a\Delta t/\Delta x$

$$\Delta\psi_j \approx \left. \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} \right|_{x_j} \Delta x$$



$$\psi_I(x) = \psi_j^n + \frac{x - x_j}{\Delta x} \Delta\psi_j \quad (41)$$

$\Delta\psi_j$ undivided differences

2nd order upwind

$\psi_I(x)$ is evaluated in the middle of the purple area.

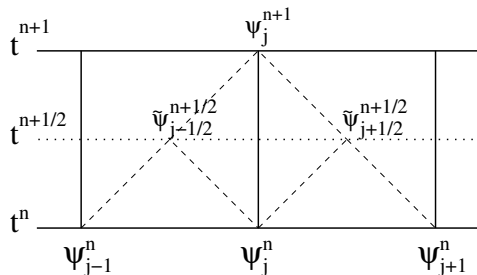
- a) $\Delta\psi_j = 0$ *Upwind, 1st Order*, piece-wise constant
- b) $\Delta\psi_j = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{j+1} - \psi_{j-1})$ *Fromm*, centered derivative
- c) $\Delta\psi_j = \psi_j - \psi_{j-1}$ *Beam-Warming*, upwind slope
- d) $\Delta\psi_j = \psi_{j+1} - \psi_j$ *Lax-Wendroff*, downwind slope

Often used is the 2nd Order Upwind (van Leer) **Geometric Mean**
(maintains the Monotonicity)

$$\Delta\psi_j = \begin{cases} 2 \frac{(\psi_{j+1} - \psi_j)(\psi_j - \psi_{j-1})}{(\psi_{j+1} + \psi_{j-1})} & \text{if } (\psi_{j+1} - \psi_j)(\psi_j - \psi_{j-1}) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

The derivatives are evaluated at the corresponding time step level
or the intermediate time step

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Lax-Wendroff Method



Schematic overview of the method

uses centered spatial and temporal differences

that makes it 2nd order in space and time

Using two steps:

predictor-step (at intermediate time $t^{n+1/2}$)

$$\tilde{\psi}_{j+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{2} (\psi_j^n + \psi_{j+1}^n) - \frac{\sigma}{2} (\psi_{j+1}^n - \psi_j^n) \quad (43)$$

The *corrector-step* (to new time t^{n+1})

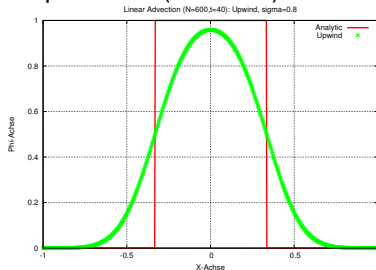
$$\psi_j^{n+1} = \psi_j^n - \sigma (\tilde{\psi}_{j+1/2}^{n+1/2} - \tilde{\psi}_{j-1/2}^{n+1/2}) \quad (44)$$

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Example: Linear Advection

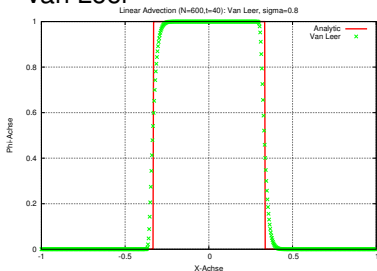


Square function:
Width 0.6 in the interval $[-1, 1]$
velocity $a = 1$, until $t = 40$
periodic boundaries
 $\sigma = a\Delta t/\Delta x = 0.8$ - (Courant no.)

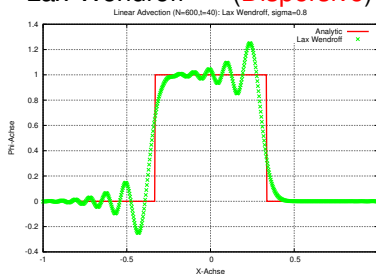
Upwind - (Diffusive)



Van Leer



Lax-Wendroff - (Dispersive)



Numerical Hydrodynamics: Stability analysis I

Substitute for the solution a Fourier series (von Neumann 1940/50s)
consider simplifying one component, and analyse its growth properties

$$\psi_j^n = V^n e^{i\theta j} \quad (45)$$

here, θ is defined through grid size Δx and the total length L

$$\theta = \frac{2\pi\Delta x}{L} \quad (46)$$

Consider simple Upwind method with $\sigma = a\Delta t/\Delta x$

$$\psi_j^{n+1} - \psi_j^n + \sigma(\psi_j^n - \psi_{j-1}^n) = 0 \quad (47)$$

Substituting eq. (45)

$$V^{n+1} e^{i\theta j} = V^n e^{i\theta j} + \sigma V^n [e^{i\theta(j-1)} - e^{i\theta j}]$$

dividing by V^n and $e^{i\theta j}$ yields

$$\frac{V^{n+1}}{V^n} = 1 + \sigma (e^{-i\theta} - 1) \quad (48)$$

For the square of the absolute value one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda(\theta) &\equiv \left| \frac{v^{n+1}}{v^n} \right|^2 = \left[1 + \sigma \left(e^{-i\theta} - 1 \right) \right] \left[1 + \sigma \left(e^{i\theta} - 1 \right) \right] \\
 &= 1 + \sigma \left(e^{-i\theta} + e^{i\theta} - 2 \right) - \sigma^2 \left(e^{-i\theta} + e^{i\theta} - 2 \right) \\
 &= 1 + \sigma(1 - \sigma)(2 \cos \theta - 2) \\
 &= 1 - 4\sigma(1 - \sigma) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

The method is now stable, if the magnitude of the *amplification factor* $\lambda(\theta)$ is smaller than unity. The upwind-method is stable for $0 < \sigma < 1$, the $|\lambda(\theta)| < 1$. Rewritten

$$\Delta t < f_{\text{CFL}} \frac{\Delta x}{a} \tag{50}$$

with the Courant-factor $f_{\text{CFL}} < 1$. Typically $f_{\text{CFL}} = 0.5$.

Theorem: *Courant-Friedrich-Levy*

There is no *explicit*, consistent and stable finite difference method which is unconditionally stable (i.e. for all Δt).

Consider again Upwind method mit $\sigma = a\Delta t/\Delta x$

$$\psi_j^{n+1} - \psi_j^n + \sigma(\psi_j^n - \psi_{j-1}^n) = 0 \quad (51)$$

substitute differences by derivatives, i.e. Taylor-series (up to 2. order)

$$\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\tilde{t}}\Delta t^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3) + \sigma\left(\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}\Delta x - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2}\Delta x^2\right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t\Delta x^2) = 0 \quad (52)$$

divided by Δt , and substitute for σ

$$\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} + a\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\tilde{t}}\Delta t - a\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2}\Delta x\right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2) = 0 \quad (53)$$

Use wave equation $\psi_{tt} = a^2\psi_{xx} \Rightarrow$ modified equation (index M)

$$\frac{\partial\psi_M}{\partial t} + a\frac{\partial\psi_M}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2}a\Delta x(1 - \sigma)\frac{\partial^2\psi_M}{\partial x^2} \quad (54)$$

The FDE adds a new diffusive term to the original PDE

with the diffusion coefficient

$$D = \frac{1}{2} a \Delta x (1 - \sigma) \quad (55)$$

Note: only for $D > 0$ this is a diffusion equation, and it follows $\sigma < 1$ for **stability**. (**Hirt**-method). For Upwind-Method $D > 0 \Rightarrow$ Diffusion.

Lax-Wendroff yields

$$\frac{\partial \psi_M}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial \psi_M}{\partial x} = \frac{\Delta t^2 a}{\sigma} (\sigma^2 - 1) \frac{\partial^3 \psi_M}{\partial x^3} \quad (56)$$

The equation has the form

$$\psi_t + a \psi_x = \mu \psi_{xxx} \quad (57)$$

$$\mu = \frac{\Delta t^2 a}{\sigma} (\sigma^2 - 1) \quad (58)$$

This implies **Dispersion**. Here: waves are too slow ($\mu < 0$)
 \Rightarrow Oscillations behind the discontinuity (cp. square function)

From the above analysis: the time step Δt has to be limited for a stable numerical evolution.

For the linear Advection (with the velocity a) we find

$$\Delta t < \frac{\Delta x}{a} \quad (59)$$

In the more general case the sound speed has to be included and it follows the **Courant-Friedrich-Lewy**-condition

$$\Delta t < \frac{\Delta x}{c_s + |\vec{u}|} \quad (60)$$

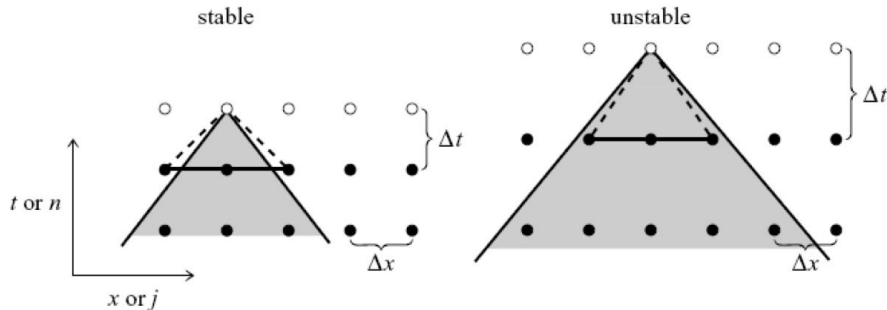
physically this means that information cannot travel in one timestep more than one gridcell. Typically one writes

$$\Delta t = f_C \frac{\Delta x}{c_s + |\vec{u}|} \quad (61)$$

with the **Courant-Factor** f_C . For 2D situations: $f_C \sim 0.5$.

Only for **implicit methods** there are (theoretically) no limitations of Δt .

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Time step size - graphically



The numerical region of dependence (dashed line) should be larger than the physical one (gray shaded area) since $\Delta x / \Delta t > a$.

The complete information from inside the physical 'sound cone' should be considered.

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Multi-dimensional

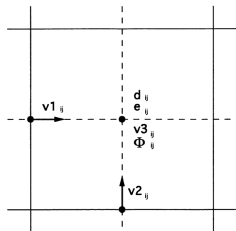
Grid definition (in 2D, **staggered**):

skalars in cell centers

(hier: $\rho, \epsilon, p, v_3, \psi$)

Vectors at interfaces

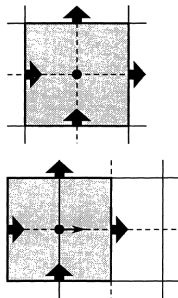
(here: v_1, v_2)



Fluxes across cell boundaries

Top: mass flux

bottom: X-momentum (grid shifted)



from: *ZEUS-2D: A radiation magnetohydrodynamics code for astrophysical flows in two space dimensions. I* in *The Astrophysical Journal Suppl.*, by Jim Stone and Mike Norman, 1992.

Use **Operator-Splitting and Directional Splitting**: The x and y direction are dealt with subsequently. First x -scans, then y -scans.

Numerical Hydrodynamics: Summary: Numerics

Numerical methods should resemble the conservation properties.

- write equations in conservative form

Numerical Methods should resemble the wave properties.

- Shock-Capturing methods*, Riemann-solver

Numerical Methods should control discontinuities.

- need diffusion (\Rightarrow stability)

- either explicitly (artificial viscosity) or intrinsically (through method)

Numerical methods should be accurate

- min. 2nd order in space and time

Freely available codes:

ZEUS: <http://www.astro.princeton.edu/~jstone/zeus.html>

- classical Upwind-Code, 2nd order, staggered grid, RMHD

ATHENA: <https://trac.princeton.edu/Athena/>

- successor of ZEUS: Riemann solver, centered grid, MHD

NIRVANA: <http://www.aip.de/Members/uziegler/nirvana-code>

- 3D, AMR, finite volume code, MHD

PLUTO: <http://plutocode.ph.unito.it/>

- 3D, relativistic, Riemann-solver/finite volume, MHD

Consider one-dimensional equations (motion in x -direction):

From Euler equations: With $p = (\gamma - 1)\rho\epsilon$ and separation of derivatives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u u}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \rho \epsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho \epsilon u}{\partial x} &= -p \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \gamma p \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

As Vector equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (62)$$

mit

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ p \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{und} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} u & \rho & 0 \\ 0 & u & 1/\rho \\ 0 & \gamma p & u \end{pmatrix} \quad (63)$$

Equations are non-linear and coupled.

Try decoupling: \Rightarrow Diagonalisation of \mathbf{A}

Eigenvalues (EV)

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\mathbf{A}) &= \begin{vmatrix} u - \lambda & \rho & 0 \\ 0 & u - \lambda & 1/\rho \\ 0 & \gamma p & u - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (u - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} u - \lambda & 1/\rho \\ \gamma p & u - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (u - \lambda) \left[(u - \lambda)^2 - \gamma p / \rho \right] = 0\end{aligned}\quad (64)$$

It follows

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_0 &= u \\ \lambda_{\pm} &= u \pm c_s\end{aligned}\quad (65)$$

with the **sound speed**

$$c_s^2 = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho}\quad (66)$$

The Eigenvalues are the characteristic velocities, with which the information is spreading.

It is a combination of fluid velocity (u) and sound speed (c_s)

3 real Eigenvalues \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} diagonalisable

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \Lambda\quad (67)$$

\mathbf{Q} is built up from the Eigenvalues to the EV (λ_i , $i = 0, +, -$), Λ is a diagonal matrix.

Hydrodynamics: Charakteristic Variables

For \mathbf{Q} it follows

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho}{c_s} & -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho}{c_s} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \rho c_s & -\frac{1}{2} \rho c_s \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{und} \quad \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{c_s^2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{\rho c_s} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{\rho c_s} \end{pmatrix}$$

We had

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{A} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (68)$$

and

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Q} = \Lambda$$

Define:

$$d\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{Q}^{-1} d\mathbf{W} \quad \text{also} \quad d\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Q} d\mathbf{v} \quad (69)$$

Multiply eq. (68) with \mathbf{Q}^{-1}

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \Lambda \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (70)$$

$\mathbf{v} = (v_0, v_+, v_-)$ are the charakteristic Variables: $v_i = \text{const.}$ in curves

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda_i$$

Hydrodynamics: The variable v_0

from the definitions

$$dv_0 = d\rho - \frac{1}{c_s^2} dp \quad (71)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_0}{\partial t} + \lambda_0 \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{mit} \quad \lambda_0 = u \quad (72)$$

What is dv_0 ?

From thermodynamics (1. Law) for specific quantities)

$$Tds = d\epsilon + p d\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) = d\epsilon - \frac{p}{\rho^2} d\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) \quad (73)$$

with $p = (\gamma - 1)\rho\epsilon$, $\epsilon = c_v T$, $\gamma = c_p/c_v$ it follows

$$ds = -\frac{c_p}{\rho} \left[d\rho - \frac{dp}{c_s^2} \right] = -\frac{c_p}{\rho} dv_0 \quad (74)$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (75)$$

i.e. s is *const. along stream lines*, hence

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 0 \quad (76)$$

For the additional variables

$$\frac{\partial v_{\pm}}{\partial t} + (u \pm c_s) \frac{\partial v_{\pm}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (77)$$

with

$$dv_{\pm} = du \pm \frac{1}{\rho c_s} dp \quad (78)$$

it follows

$$v_{\pm} = u \pm \int \frac{dp}{\rho c_s}. \quad (79)$$

Let the entropy constant everywhere (i.e. $p = K\rho^{\gamma}$)

$$\implies v_{\pm} = u \pm \frac{2c_s}{\gamma - 1} \quad (80)$$

Riemann-Invariants: $v_{\pm} = \text{const.}$ on curves

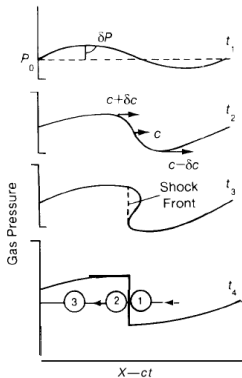
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = u \pm c_s$$

Hydrodynamics: Steepening of sound waves

Linearisation of the Euler-equation results in the wave equation for the perturbations:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial \tilde{t}} = c_s^2 \frac{\partial^2 \rho_1}{\partial X^2} \quad (81)$$

but: c_s is not constant \Rightarrow steepening



Example for (receding) shock wave

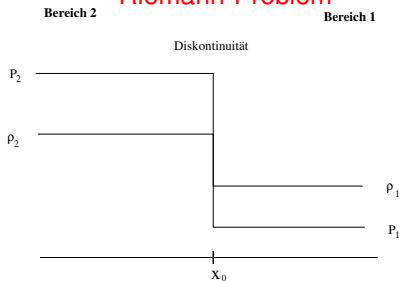


\Rightarrow Diskontinuities

Examples: Shocktube

Initial discontinuity in a tube at position x_0 (one-dimensional)

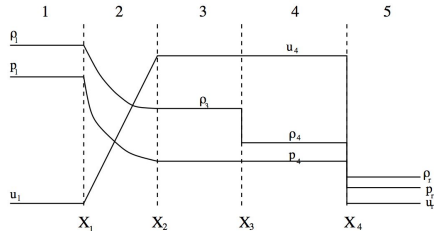
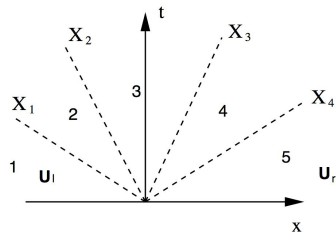
Riemann-Problem



Jump in pressure (p) and density (ρ)

Evolution:

- a shock wave to the right (X_4)
(supersonically $u_{sh} > c_s$)
- a contact discontinuity density jump (along X_3)
- a rarefaction wave (between X_1 and X_2)



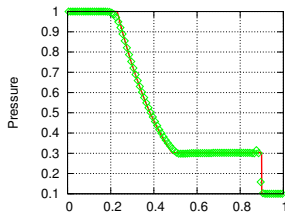
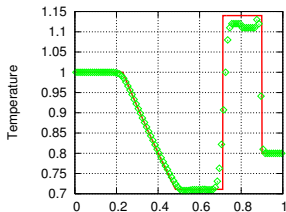
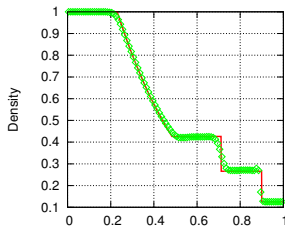
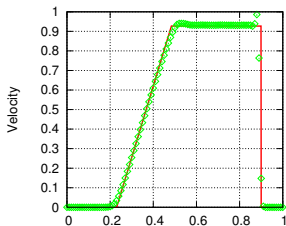
Examples: Sod-Shocktube

A standard test problem for numerical hydrodynamics, $x \in [0, 1]$ with $X_0 = 0.5$, $\gamma = 1.4$

$\rho_1 = 1.0, p_1 = 1.0, \epsilon_1 = 2.5, T_1 = 1$ and $\rho_2 = 0.1, p_2 = 0.125, \epsilon_2 = 2.0, T_2 = 0.8$

Hier solution with van Leer method (at time $t = 0.228$ after 228 time steps:)

Shock-Tube: Sod; Mono: Geometric Mean; Nx=100, Nt=228, dt=0.001



Red: Exact
Green: Numerics
The solution is:
self similar
obtained through stretching

Examples: Sedov-Explosion

An example for bomb explosions (Sedov & Taylor, 1950s), analytical solution (Sedov)

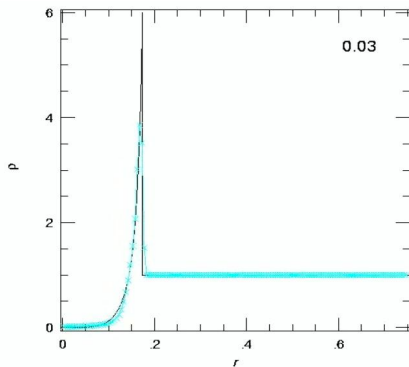
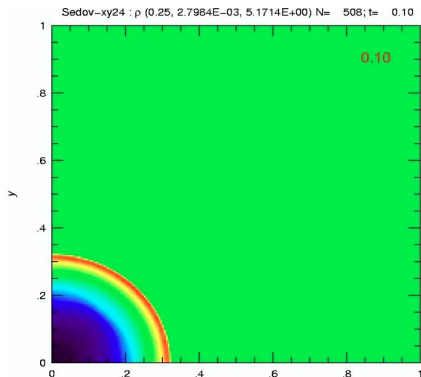
Basic setup for Supernovae-outbursts, e.g. estimate of the remnant size

Standard test problem of multi-dimensional hydrodynamics, e.g. for

$x, y \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$

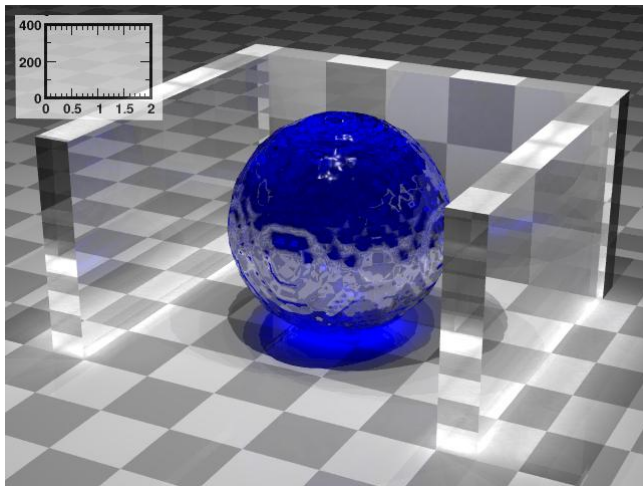
Energy-Input at origin, $E = 1$, in $\rho = 1$, $\gamma = 1.4$, 200×200 grid points

Here: solution with van Leer method (solve for total energy variable). Plotted: density



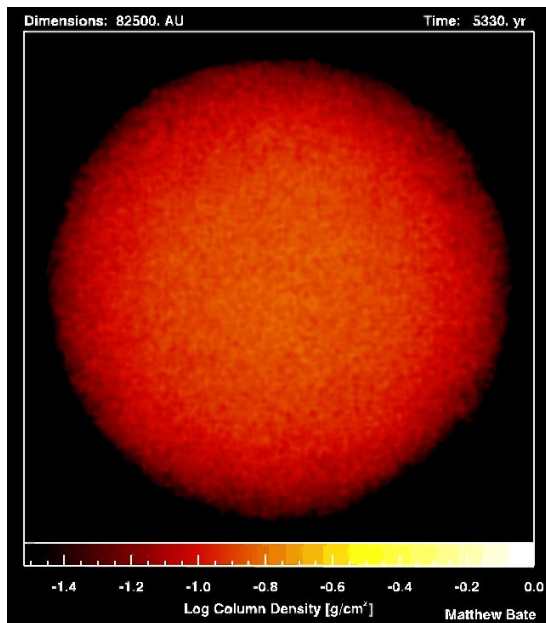
Examples: Water droplet: SPH

Water sphere ($R=30\text{cm}$), Basin ($1\times 1\text{ m}$, 60cm high) Incl. surface tension, time in seconds (TU-München, 2002)



(Website)

Examples: Star formation: SPH



Molecular Cloud

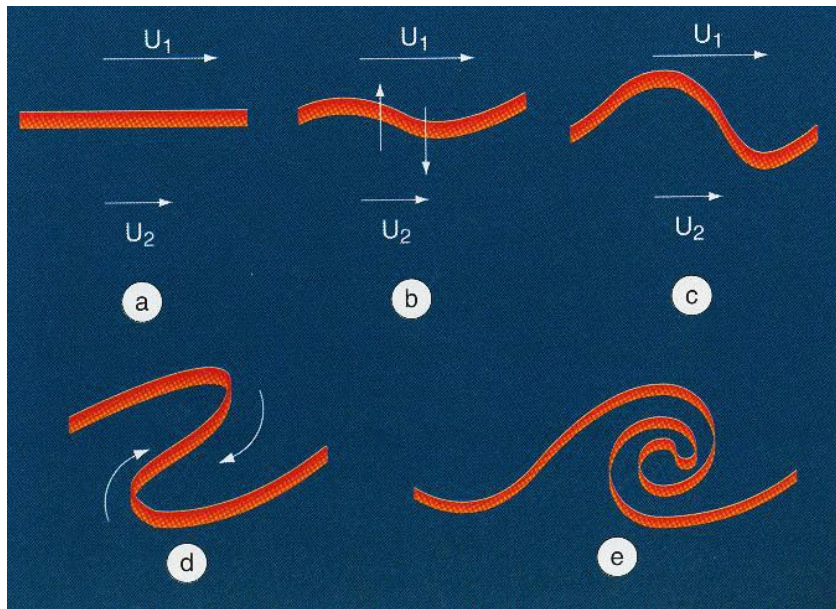
Mass:
50 M_⊙

Diameter:
1.2 LJ = 76,000 AU

Temperature:
10 K

(M. Bate, 2002)

Examples: Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability I

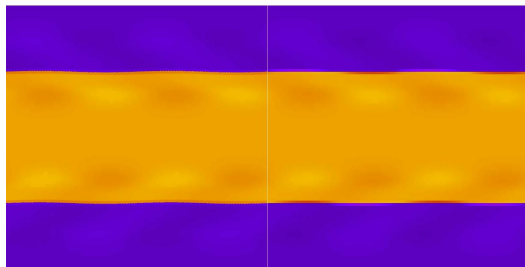


Examples: Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability II

Direct comparison: moving $\leftarrow - \rightarrow$ fixed grid

Left: Moving grid (Voronoi-Tessellation)

Right: fixed square grid (Euler)



with grid motion displayed



(Kevin Schaal, Tübingen)

Youtube channel

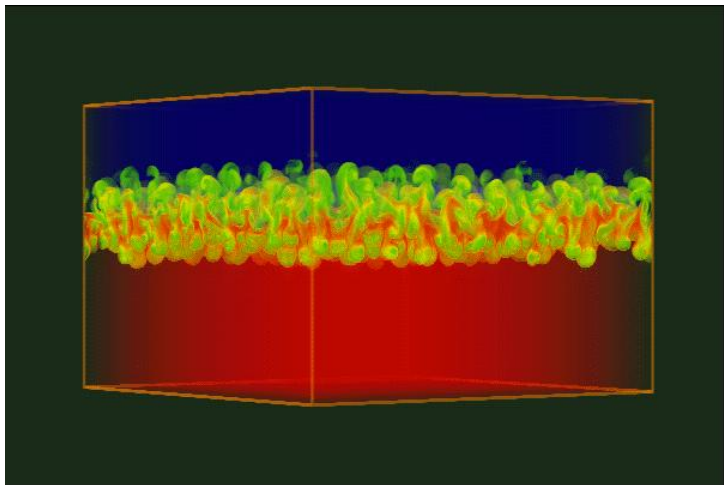
Examples: Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability III



(Boulder (NCAR), USA)

Examples: Rayleigh-Taylor Instability

PPM Code, 128 Nodes, ASCI Blue-Pacific ID System at LLNL
512³ Grid Cells (LLNL, 1999)

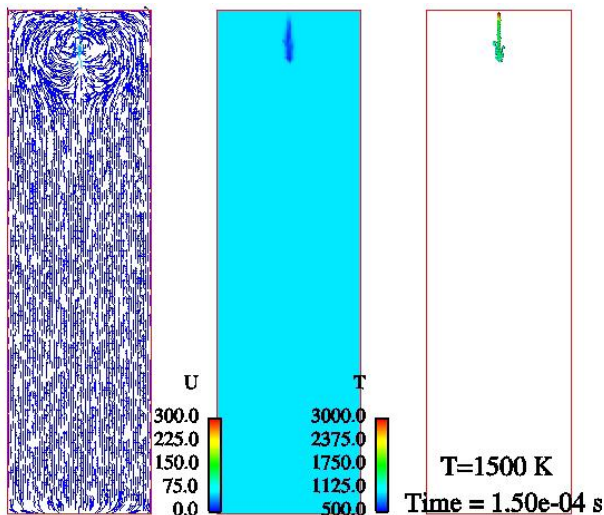


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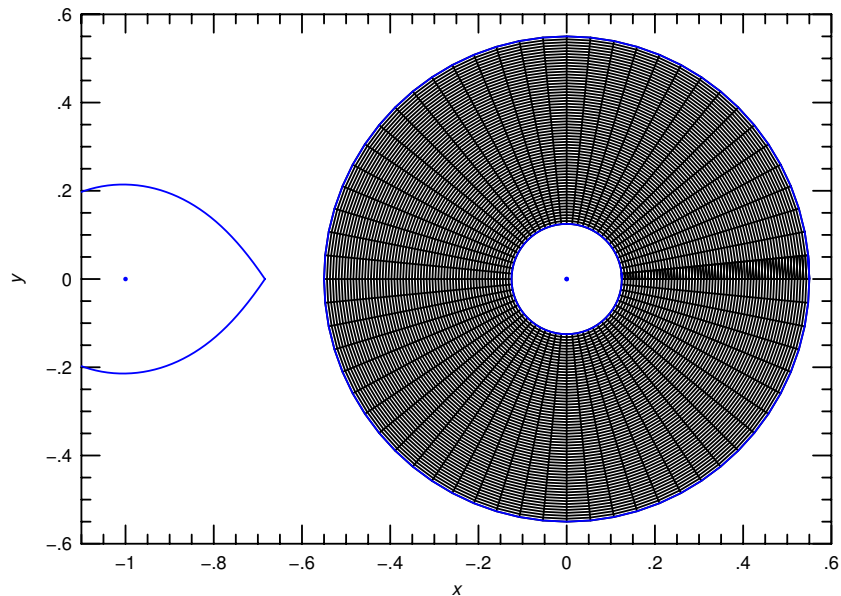
Examples: Diesel Injection

Finite Volumn Method (FOAM)

Velocity, Temperature, Particles (+Isosurfaces) (Nabla Ltd, 2004)



Examples: Cataclysmic Variable: Grid



Examples: Kataklysmic Variable: Disk formation

RH2D Code, Van Leer slope

512² Gridpoints, mass ratio: $q = m_2/m_1 = 0.15$

