

## Lecture 2

## Finite Difference (FD) Methods

Conservation Law:

$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + \nabla(J(t,x)) = 0 \quad J(t,x) = aU(t,x)$$

1D Linear Differential Equation:

$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial x} = 0$$

## FD Methods



One-sided backward



Leapfrog



One-sided forward



Lax-Wendroff



Lax-Friedrichs



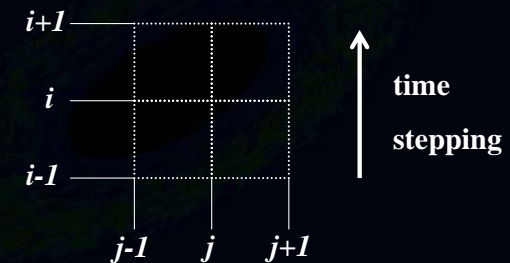
Beam-Warming

## One-sided backward



Difference equation:

$$U(i+1,j) = U(i,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} A [U(i,j) - U(i,j-1)]$$

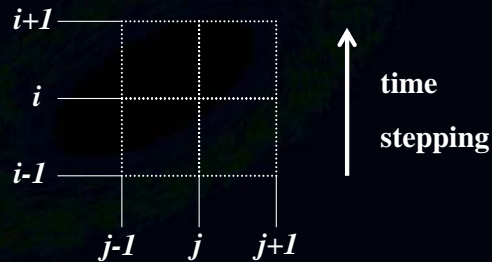


## One-sided forward



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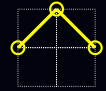
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## Lax-Friedrichs



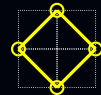
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## Leapfrog



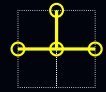
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## Lax-Wendroff



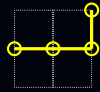
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$$U(i+1,j) = U(i,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} A[U(i,j+1) - U(i,j-1)] + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2\Delta x^2} A^2[U(i,j+1) - 2U(i,j) + U(i,j-1)]$$

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## Beam-Warming



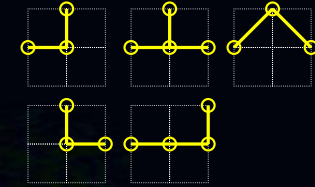
Difference equation:

$$U(i+1, j) = U(i, j) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} A [3U(i, j) - 4U(i, j-1) + U(i, j-2)] + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2\Delta x^2} A^2 [U(i, j) - 2U(i, j-1) + U(i, j-2)]$$

## Time stepping

1<sup>st</sup> order methods in time:

$$U(i+1) = F\{U(i)\}$$



2<sup>nd</sup> order methods in time:

$$U(i+1) = F\{U(i), U(i-1)\}$$



Starting method: A)  $U(2) = F\{U(1)\}$  (e.g. One-Sided)  
 B)  $U(3) = F\{U(2), U(1)\}$  (Leapfrog)

## Convergence

$u(t, x)$  - Analytical solution

$U(i, j)$  - Numerical solution

Error function:  $E(i, j) = U(i, j) - u(t(i), x(j))$

Numerical convergence (**Norm** of the Error function):

$$\|E(i, j)\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

## Norms

Norm for conservation laws:  $\|u(x, y)\| \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u(x, y)| dx$

$$\|E(i, j)\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N |E(i, j)|$$

Other Norms (e.g. spectral problems)

$$\|E(i, j)\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^N |E(i, j)|^2}$$

## Numerical Stability

Courant, Friedrichs, Levy (CFL, Courant number)

$$CFL = \max\left(\frac{a\Delta x}{\Delta t}\right)$$

Upwind schemes for discontinuity:

- $a > 0$  : One sided forward
- $a < 0$  : One sided backward

## Lax Equivalence Theorem

**For a well-posed linear initial value problem, the method is convergent if and only if it is stable.**

Necessary and sufficient condition  
for consistent linear method

**Well posed:** solution exists, continuous, unique;

- numerical stability (t)
- numerical convergence (xyz)

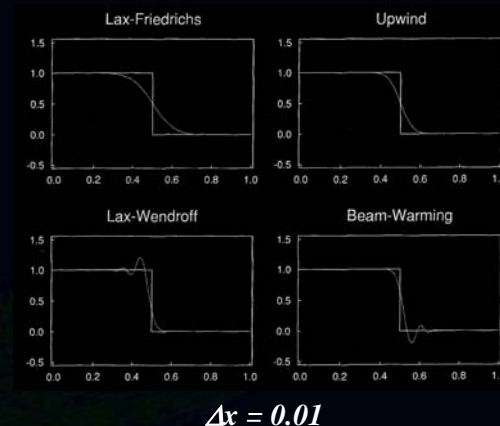
## Discontinuous solutions

Advection equation: 
$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial x} = 0$$

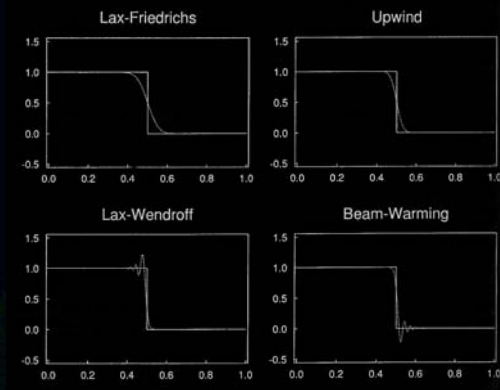
Initial condition: 
$$U_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ 0 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Analytic solution: 
$$U(t,x) = U_0(x - at)$$

## Analytic vs Numerical



## Analytic vs Numerical



$$\Delta x = 0.001$$

## Nonlinear Equations

Linear conservation: 
$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial x} = 0$$

Nonlinear conservation: 
$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F(U) = 0$$

$$a \frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial x} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F(U)$$

## Nonlinear FD methods

Lax-Friedrichs

linear stencil: 
$$U(i+1,j) = \frac{1}{2} [U(i,j-1) + U(i,j+1)] - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} a [U(i,j+1) - U(i,j-1)]$$

nonlinear stencil: 
$$U(i+1,j) = \frac{1}{2} [U(i,j-1) + U(i,j+1)] - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} [F(U(i,j+1)) - F(U(i,j-1))]$$

## Nonlinear FD methods

$$U(i+1,j) = U(i,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} A [U(i,j+1) - U(i,j-1)] + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2\Delta x^2} A^2 [U(i,j+1) - 2U(i,j) + U(i,j-1)]$$

MacCormack's two step method:

$$U'(j) = U(i,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [F(U(i,j+1)) - F(U(i,j))],$$

$$U(i+1,j) = \frac{1}{2} (U(i,j) + U'(j)) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} [F(U'(j)) - F(U'(j-1))]$$

## FD Methods

Methods to suppress numerical instabilities

Numerical diffusion (first order methods)

$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 U(t,x)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$D = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\Delta t} \left[ I - \left( \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} a \right)^2 \right]$$

## Numerical dispersion

$$\frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial U(t,x)}{\partial x} = \mu \frac{\partial^3 U(t,x)}{\partial x^3}$$

Lax-Wendroff (or second order methods)

$$\mu = \frac{\Delta x^2}{6} a \left[ \frac{\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} a^2 - I \right]$$

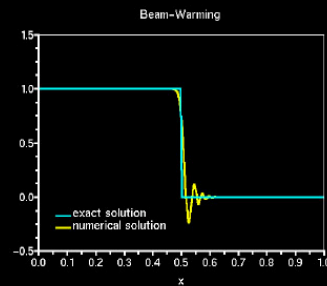
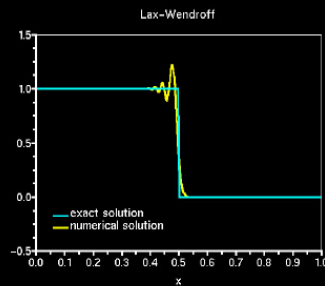
Beam-Warming method

$$\mu = \frac{\Delta x^2}{6} a \left[ 2I - \frac{3\Delta t}{\Delta x} a + \frac{\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} a^2 \right]$$

## Numerical dispersion

( a > 0 )

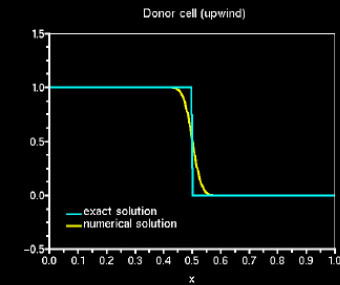
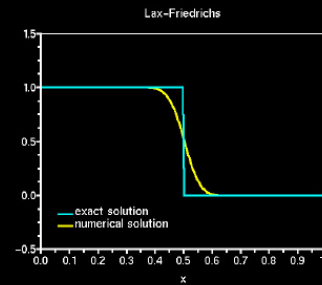
( a < 0 )



## Numerical dispersion

( a > 0 )

( a < 0 )



## Convergence

Lax-Friedrichs:

$$\|E(i,j)\| \approx C\sqrt{t \cdot \Delta x}$$

Convergence:

$$\|E(i,j)\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

## FD Methods

+ / Primitive

+ / Fast

- / Accuracy

- / Numerical instabilities

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