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# Lecture 4: Hyperbolic problems.

## wave propagation

sound & acoustics

weather & MHD

electro-magnetics (radar, etc)

eg 1-D acoustics

$\rho(x, t)$  = gas density of location  $x$   
at time  $t$ .

$v(x, t)$  = gas velocity.

Conservation laws: mass & momentum

$M(a, b)$  = mass between  $a, b$

$$= \int_a^b \rho(x, t) dx$$

$P(a, b)$  = momentum between  $a, b$

$$= \int_a^b \rho(x, t) v(x, t) dx$$

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$$\text{mass flux} = F_M = \rho(x,t) v(x,t)$$

mass density  
streaming rate

= rate / unit time of mass

crossing pt.  $x$  at time  $t$ .

$$\text{Momentum flux} = F_P$$

momentum density  
streaming rate

$$= \rho(x,t) v(x,t) \cdot v(x,t) + p(x,t)$$

gas pressure

$$\frac{d}{dt} M(a,b) = -F_M(b,t) + F_M(a,t)$$

leaving of  $b$

$$\frac{d}{dt} P(a,b) = -F_P(b,t) + F_P(a,t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b \rho(x,t) dx + \rho(b,t) v(b,t) - \rho(a,t) v(a,t) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \partial_x \rho(x,t) v(x,t) \right] dx = 0$$

any  $a, b$ .

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let  $a \rightarrow b$  & get

$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) + \partial_x (\rho(x, t) v(x, t)) = 0$$

$$\partial_t (\rho v) + \partial_x (\rho v^2 + p) = 0$$

Physics  $p = p(\rho)$

pressure = fn of density

equation of state, (isentropic)

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x (\rho v) = 0$$

$$\partial_t (\rho v) + \partial_x (\rho v^2 + p(\rho)) = 0$$

Nonlinear hyperbolic system of equations.

1<sup>st</sup> picture of what solutions

look like - linearize about

constant density,  $\rho \approx \bar{\rho}$ ,

zero velocity,  $v = 0$ .

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$$\rho(x, t) = \bar{\rho} + \tilde{\rho}(x, t) \quad \leftarrow \text{small}$$

$$v(x, t) = \tilde{v}(x, t) \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\rho v = (\bar{\rho} + \tilde{\rho}) \tilde{v} = \bar{\rho} \tilde{v} + \tilde{\rho} \tilde{v} \quad \leftarrow \text{smaller}$$

$$\rho v^2 = (\bar{\rho} + \tilde{\rho}) \tilde{v}^2 = \bar{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 + \tilde{\rho} \tilde{v}^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{even smaller}$$

$$p(\rho) = p(\bar{\rho}) + \frac{dp}{d\rho}(\bar{\rho}) \cdot \tilde{\rho} + \text{even smaller}$$

$$\cancel{\partial_t \bar{\rho}} + \partial_t \tilde{\rho} + \partial_x(\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{approx}$$

$$\partial_t(\bar{\rho} \tilde{v}) + \partial_x(c^2 \tilde{\rho}) = 0$$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_t \tilde{\rho} + \bar{\rho} \partial_x \tilde{v} &= 0 \\ \bar{\rho} \partial_t \tilde{v} + c^2 \partial_x \tilde{\rho} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{1-D gas dynamics.} \quad \text{linearized}$$

Analysis: left and right moving waves, constant amplitude & slope, speed =  $\pm s$ .

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Seek a solution of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{p}(x, t) \\ \bar{v}(x, t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_p \\ r_v \end{pmatrix} A(x-st)$$

- linear, so only the ratio of pressure density to velocity disturbance matters.  $r_p, r_v$  are constants.
- $A(x-st)$  moves to the right with speed  $s$  w/o changing shape or size.

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$$r_p(-s)A' + r_v \bar{p} A' = 0$$

$$\bar{p}(-s)r_v A' + c^2 r_p A' = 0$$

Linear algebra formulation:

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$$-sA' \begin{pmatrix} r_p \\ r_v \end{pmatrix} + A' \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{p} \\ \frac{1}{\rho} c^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_p \\ r_v \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

See that

- $r = \begin{pmatrix} r_p \\ r_v \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector
- $A'$  cancels + is irrelevant

- any wave form propagates

eigenvalue problem

$$s r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{p} \\ \frac{1}{\rho} c^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} r = 0$$

characteristic polynomial

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -s & \bar{p} \\ \frac{1}{\rho} c^2 & -s \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$s^2 - c^2 = 0 \implies$$

$$\boxed{s = \pm c}$$

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$$c = \sqrt{\frac{dp}{d\rho}} = \text{real of } p \text{ is an increasing fn of } \rho.$$

Newton's formula for the speed of sound. Newton measured  $\frac{dp}{d\rho}$  in his lab and  $c$  outside watching ~~canons~~ canons. He knew his formula was off by  $\sim 10\%$  & didn't know why. We now know, Newton

measured  $\frac{dp}{d\rho} \Big|_T$ , not  $\frac{dp}{d\rho} \Big|_S$   
constant temperature constant entropy

More abstract general analysis - 1 D.  
 $u(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, t) \\ \vdots \\ u_n(x, t) \end{pmatrix}$

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we have  $u(x,t) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho(x,t) \\ v(x,t) \end{pmatrix}$

$A = n \times n$  matrix

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x A u = g$$

we have  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{p} \\ \frac{c^2}{\bar{\rho}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

eigen vectors

$$A r_j = s_j r_j \quad j=1, \dots, n$$

we have

$$s_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{d\bar{p}}{d\bar{\rho}}} = -c, \quad s_2 = \sqrt{\frac{d\bar{p}}{d\bar{\rho}}} = c$$

$$r_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{p} \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{p} \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

check:  $A r_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{p} \\ \frac{c^2}{\bar{\rho}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{p} \\ c \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c\bar{p} \\ -c^2 \end{pmatrix} = -c \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{p} \\ c \end{pmatrix} = -c r_1$$





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$$L \underbrace{A}^{\mathbb{I}} L = \underbrace{\mathbb{I}}^{\mathbb{I}} L R S L$$

$$L A = S L$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -l_1 - \\ \vdots \\ -l_n - \end{pmatrix} A = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -l_1 - \\ \vdots \\ -l_n - \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -s_1 l_1 - \\ \vdots \\ -s_n l_n - \end{pmatrix}$$

$$l_k A = s_k A :$$

$L$  = matrix of left eigenvectors.

Expansion coefficients

$$\partial_t u + A \partial_x u = 0$$

$$\partial_t L u + L A \partial_x u = 0$$

$$\partial_t w + S \partial_x L u = 0$$

$$\partial_t w + \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s_n \end{pmatrix} \partial_x w = 0$$

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$$\partial_t w_k + s_k \partial_x w_k = 0$$

Conclusion: in the eigenvector basis,  
the expansion coefficients "move"  
with speed  $s_j$  to the right

(= left if  $s_j < 0$ ) w/o changing  
shape. The system of equations

$\partial_t u + A \partial_x u = 0$  is equivalent  
to  $n$  independent scalar equations

$$\partial_t w + s \partial_x w = 0$$

"the Kreiss equation"  $\uparrow$ .

A 1D system is strictly hyperbolic

if  $A$  has  $n$  real distinct

eigenvalues (speeds). The system

is strongly hyperbolic if  $A$  is diagonalizable

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with real eigenvalues, need not be distinct

e.g. Maxwell has 6 components  
(or 4 if you are more careful)  
but only 2 distinct wave speeds  
 $s = \pm$  (speed of light)

For acoustics

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{\rho} & \bar{\rho} \\ c & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(R) = -2\bar{\rho}c \quad \begin{pmatrix} c & -\bar{\rho} \\ -c & -\bar{\rho} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L = R^{-1} = \frac{-1}{2\bar{\rho}c} \begin{pmatrix} c & c \\ \bar{\rho} & -\bar{\rho} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{check})$$

$$l_1 = -\frac{1}{2\bar{\rho}c} (c, -\bar{\rho}) = \frac{-1}{2\bar{\rho}} (1, 1) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}}, -\frac{1}{c} \right)$$

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$$l_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\rho}, \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

$$w_1(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{\tilde{p}(x, t)}{\rho} + \frac{v(x, t)}{c} \right)$$

$$w_2(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\tilde{p}(x, t)}{\rho} + \frac{v(x, t)}{c} \right)$$

- For more complicated problems - Maxwell's eqns, MHD, elasta waves - the algebra is more complicated, but it's worth it!
- Wave propagation for  $D > 1$  (multi-D) is more complicated. There is no explicit solution this simple. We study 1-D because
  - (a) if it doesn't work in 1-D, it won't work in multi-D.

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(b) You can see lots of the things that can go wrong in multi-D already in 1-D

1-D numerics We start with the most natural method and explain why it doesn't work - it's unstable.

Then we give some methods that do work.

The bad method: centered 2<sup>nd</sup> order in space, forward Euler in time:

$$\partial_x u \approx \frac{u(x + \Delta x, t) - u(x - \Delta x, t)}{2 \Delta x}$$

$$\partial_t u \approx \frac{u(x, t + \Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t}$$

$$u_{k,j+1} = u_{k,j} + \frac{\Delta t}{2 \Delta x} A (u_{k,j+1} - u_{k,j-1})$$

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Program this & you will not see wave propagation. You will see instability.

Why? (Analysis):

Step 1: reduce to the scalar "Kreiss eqn"

$$LU \quad U_{k,j} = \sum_{\bar{i}=1}^n r_{\bar{i}} w_{\bar{i},k,j}$$

$w_{\bar{i},k,j}$  = amplitude in mode  $\bar{i}$  at time

$t_k$  at location  $x_j$

$$LU = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{as before})$$

$$LU_{k,j} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1,k,j} \\ \vdots \\ w_{n,k,j} \end{pmatrix}$$

algebra as before  
( $LA = SL$ )

$$LU_{k+1,j} = LU_{k,j} + \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} SL (U_{k,j+1} - U_{k,j-1})$$

get

$$w_{\bar{i},k+1,j} = w_{\bar{i},k,j} + \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} \cdot S_{\bar{i}} \cdot (w_{\bar{i},k,j+1} - w_{\bar{i},k,j-1})$$

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Applying the scheme to the hyperbolic system (the u-form with A) is equivalent to applying the scheme independently to each scalar mode component. *quod erat*

$$\partial_t w + s \partial_x w = 0$$

~~$$w_{k,t} = w_k \theta = \frac{s \Delta t}{2 \Delta x}$$~~

$$w_{k,t+j} = w_{k,j} - \frac{s \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} (w_{k,j+t} - w_{k,j-1})$$

$\lambda = \frac{s \Delta t}{\Delta x} =$  dimensionless measure  
of time step size  
= CFL number.

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$$w_{k,t+j} = w_{k,j} - \frac{\lambda}{2} (w_{k,j+t} - w_{k,j-1})$$

Is this stable? von Neumann analysis. The symbol calculation uses uses: left shift  $w_{j,t} \rightarrow w_j$  gives



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$e^{i\theta}$ , right shift gives  $e^{-i\theta}$   
(review this form of symbol calculation)

$$\begin{aligned} a(\theta) &= 1 - \frac{\lambda}{2} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}) \\ &= 1 - i\lambda \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \end{aligned}$$

$$|a(\theta)| = 1 - \lambda \sin(\theta)$$

$$\hat{w}_{k+1}(\theta) = a(\theta) \hat{w}_k(\theta)$$

to have  $\|w_{k+1}\|_2 \leq \|w_k\|_2$

you need

$$\max_{\theta} |a(\theta)| \leq 1.$$

Calculate:

$$|a(\theta)| = \sqrt{1^2 + \lambda^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

For any  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\max_{\theta} |a(\theta)| > 1$

$\Rightarrow$  for any  $\lambda$  the method is unstable.

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## Fixes

- 1) Upwind differencing in space
- 2) Lax Wendroff
- 3) Fancyer time-step (Runge Kutta, e.g.)  
see Lecture 5)

1) The "Kreiss eqn"  $\partial_t w + s \partial_x w = 0$   
is the equation for the evolution of  
a "passive scalar" <sup>carried by</sup> "wind" moving  
at constant speed  $s$ . If  $s > 0$  the  
wind is ~~not~~ blowing to the right. The  
"upwind" direction is to the left.

Upwind differencing means using one  
sided difference approximations to  $\partial_x w$   
that "look" upwind:

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The simplest is 2 pt, 1<sup>st</sup> order

$$\partial_x w(x, t) \approx \frac{w(x, t) - w(x - \Delta x, t)}{\Delta x}$$

(if  $s > 0$ )

$$\partial_x w(x, t) \approx \frac{w(x + \Delta x, t) - w(x, t)}{\Delta x}$$

(if  $s < 0$ )

The scheme for  $\partial_t w + s \partial_x w = 0$  is

$$\frac{w_{k+1, j} - w_{k, j}}{\Delta t} + s \frac{w_{k, j} - w_{k, j-1}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

(if  $s > 0$ )

$$w_{k+1, j} = w_{k, j} - \frac{s \Delta t}{\Delta x} (w_{k, j} - w_{k, j-1})$$

$$w_{k+1, j} = (1 - \lambda) w_{k, j} + \lambda w_{k, j-1}$$

This is "obviously" stable if  $0 < \lambda \leq 1$

because  $w_{k+1}$  is a convex combination of shifts of  $w_k$ . We also could

do von Neumann calculations:

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The symbol is

$$a(\theta) = 1 - \lambda(1 - e^{-i\theta})$$

$$= (1 - \lambda) + \lambda e^{-i\theta}$$

$$= (1 - \lambda) + \lambda(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

$$= 1 - \lambda(1 - \cos\theta) + i\lambda\sin\theta$$

$$|a|^2 = (1 - \lambda(1 - \cos\theta))^2 + \lambda^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$\leq 1 \quad \text{for all } \theta \text{ if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$$

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The algebra is complicated but it is not hard.

Conclusion: Upwind differencing is stable if  $\Delta t \leq S \cdot \Delta x$ .

Drawback: The original problem had wave speeds  $S_1 = -c$ ,  $S_2 = +c$

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The upwind direction is different for each wave mode. This means you have to do eigenvalue analysis or some other fancy thing to apply upwind differencing to linear acoustics.

Lesson: model problems like the Kreiss equation can be very useful, but you must remember that methods can apply to the model problem but not to the "real" problem.

Lax Wendroff: This is a second order accurate method derived using Taylor series

$$\text{in time} \quad w(x, t + \Delta t) \approx w(x, t) + \Delta t \partial_t w(x, t) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \partial_t^2 w(x, t).$$

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From the PDE, we find

$$\partial_t w = -s \partial_x w$$

$$\partial_t^2 w = \partial_t (-s \partial_x w)$$

$$= -s \partial_x \partial_t w$$

$$= -s \partial_x (-s \partial_x w)$$

$$\partial_t^2 w = s^2 \partial_x^2 w.$$

We use centered 2<sup>nd</sup> order accurate difference approximations to  $\partial_x w$  and  $\partial_x^2 w$ . The result is

$$w_{k,j+1} = w_{k,j} + \Delta t \cdot \frac{s}{2\Delta x} (w_{k,j+1/2} - w_{k,j-1/2}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta t^2 s^2}{\Delta x^2} (w_{k,j+1} - 2w_{k,j} + w_{k,j-1})$$

With  $\lambda = \frac{s \Delta t}{\Delta x}$ , this is

$$w_{k,j+1} = w_{k,j} - \frac{\lambda}{2} (w_{k,j+1/2} - w_{k,j-1/2}) \\ + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} (w_{k,j+1} - 2w_{k,j} + w_{k,j-1}).$$

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For a system of linear equations,  
this would be

$$U_{k+1} = U_k - \frac{\Delta t A}{2 \Delta x} (U_{k+1} - U_{k-1})$$

~~$$+ \frac{\Delta t^2}{2 \Delta x^2} A^2 U_k$$~~

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} A^2 (U_{k+1} - 2U_k + U_{k-1}).$$

(i.e. this does apply to "real" problems,  
at least to linear ones).

The symbol is (we've done all this  
algebra before)

$$a(\theta) = 1 - i\lambda \sin(\theta) + \lambda^2 (\cos(\theta) - 1)$$

$$|a(\theta)|^2 = \dots \leq 1 \text{ if } \lambda \leq 1.$$

By calculation, LW is stable.