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Def (Conservative scheme): let $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^m; \mathbb{R}^m)$

and $g \in C^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m; \mathbb{R}^m)$ be consistent with the system of CLs (I), i.e., $g(v, v) = f(v) \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Assume we have a numerical grid $\mathcal{G} = \{(i\Delta x, n\Delta t) \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and discretized initial data $u_i^0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

A scheme of the form

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Examples: Some straightforward choices for the numerical flux (scalar CLs): remember $g(v, v) = f(v)$

g	$\frac{1}{\Delta x} (g_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - g_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n)$
(i) $g(u, v) = f(u)$	$\frac{f(u_i) - f(u_{i-1})}{\Delta x}$
(ii) $g(u, v) = f(v)$	$\frac{f(u_{i+1}) - f(u_i)}{\Delta x}$
(iii) $g(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} (f(u) + f(v))$	$\frac{f(u_{i+1}) - f(u_{i-1})}{2\Delta x}$

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$$(ii) \quad g(u,v) = \frac{1}{2} (f(u) + f(v)) \quad \left| \quad \frac{f(u_{i+1}) - f(u_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x}$$

no can interpret conservative schemes as backward, forward, centred difference schemes with u_i^n approximating volume averages

- depending on f' (i) or (ii) can be unstable (violate the CFL condition)
also (iii) is generally unstable
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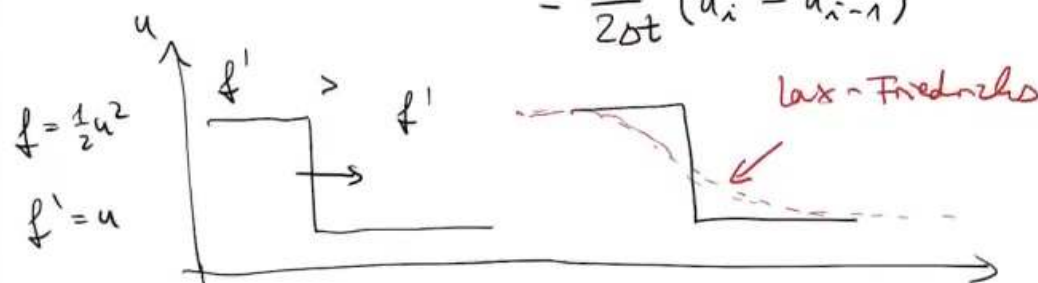


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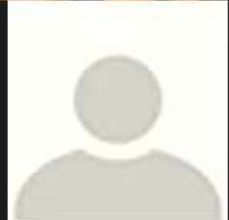
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write in conservative form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n) &= \frac{1}{2} [f(u_{i+1}^n) + f(u_{i-1}^n)] \\
 &\quad - \frac{\Delta x}{2\Delta t} (u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n)
 \end{aligned}$$



Remark: Importance of Conservation form





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Consider Burgers' equation, assume $u > 0$.

$$u_t + \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2\right)_x = 0$$

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of the Rankine–Hugoniot conditions (see Section 11.8) that govern the form and speed of shock waves. It thus makes sense that a conservative method based on the integral form might be more successful than other methods based on the differential equation. In fact, we will see that the use of conservative finite volume methods is essential in computing weak solutions to conservation laws. Nonconservative methods can fail, as illustrated below. With conservative methods, one has the satisfaction of knowing that if the method converges to some limiting function as the grid is refined, then this function is a weak solution. This is further explained and proved in Section 12.10 in the form of the *Lax–Wendroff theorem*.

In Section 12.11 we will see that similar ideas can be used to show that the limiting function also satisfies the entropy condition, provided the numerical method satisfies a natural discrete version of the entropy condition.

Consider Burgers' equation $u_t + \frac{1}{2}(u^2)_x = 0$, for example. If $u > 0$ everywhere, then the conservative upwind method (Godunov's method) takes the form

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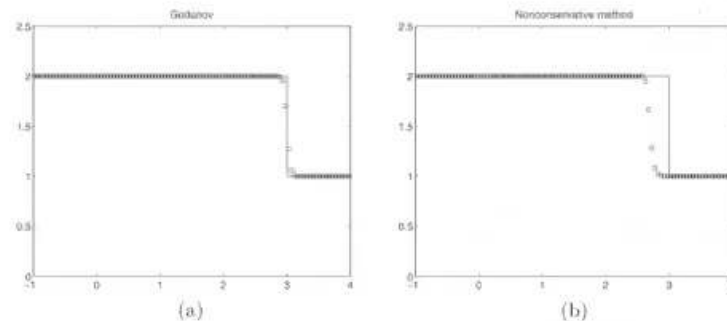
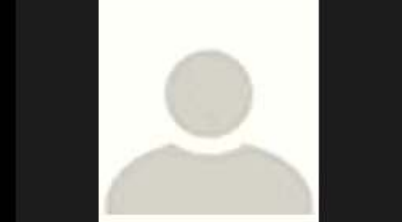
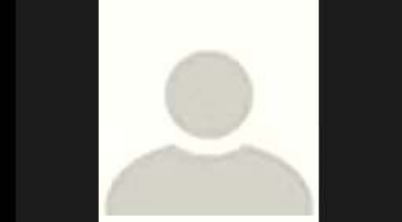
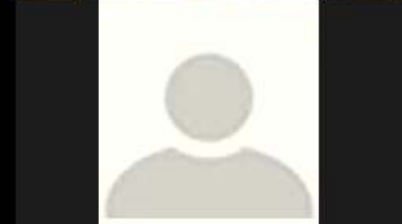


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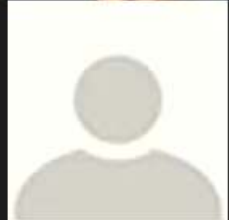
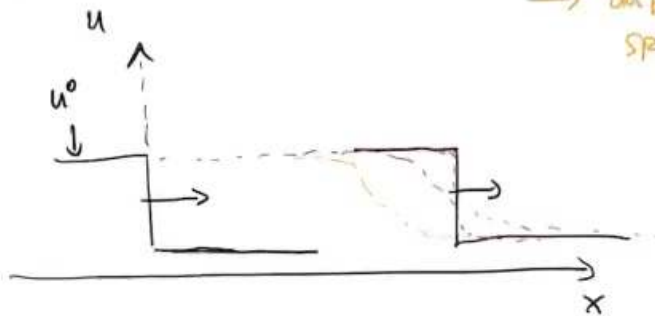
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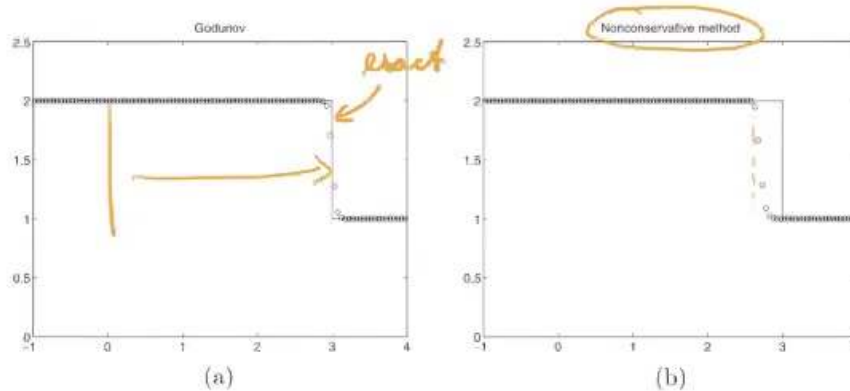
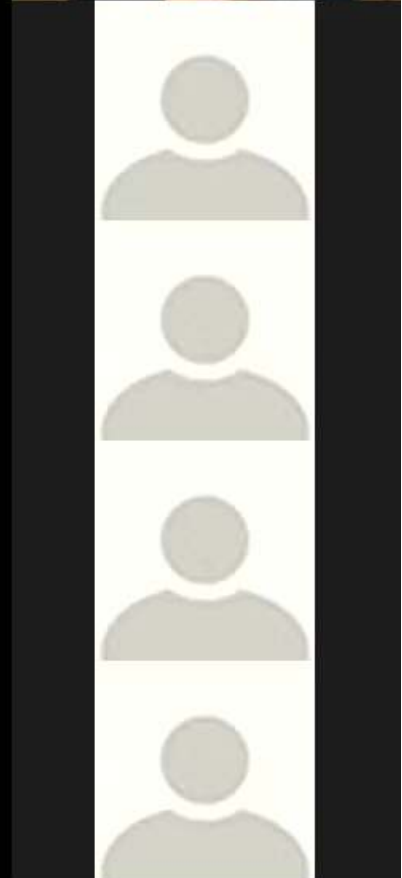


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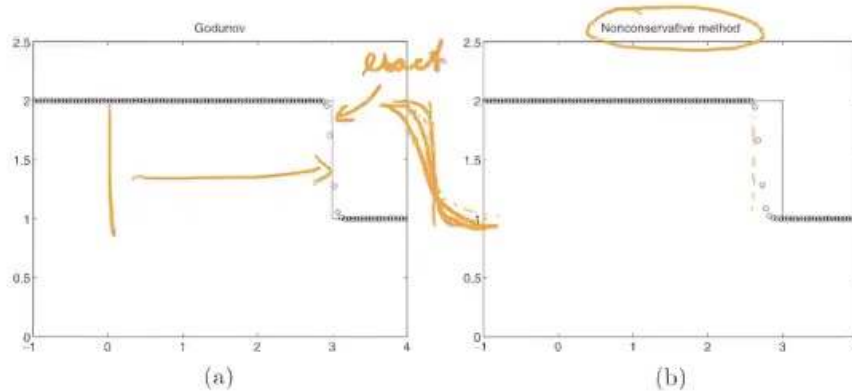
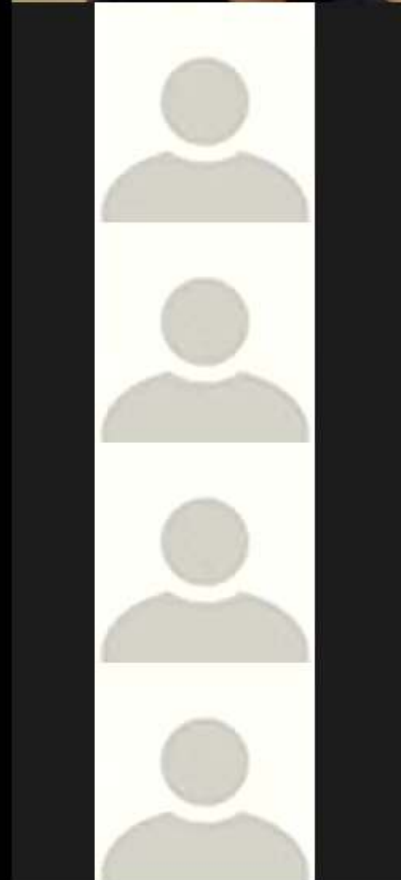


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Def (Discrete entropy condition):

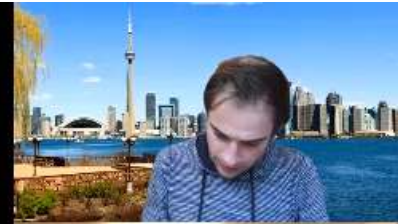
let (Φ, Ψ) be an entropy pair for the system of CLs $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$ and let

$G \in C^{0,1}(\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m; \mathbb{R}^m)$ such that $G(v, v) = \Psi(v)$

$\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^m$. let u_i^n be the solution of a numerical scheme in conservation form. Then u_i^n is said to satisfy a discrete entropy condition if:

condition if:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(u_i^{n+1}) - \Phi(u_i^n) \leq & -\theta \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[G(u_i^n, u_{i+1}^n) \right. \\ & \left. - G(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n) \right] \\ & - (1-\theta) \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left[G(u_i^{n+1}, u_{i+1}^{n+1}) \right. \\ & \left. - G(u_{i-1}^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}) \right] \end{aligned}$$



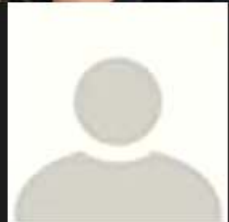


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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\quad \left. - G_1(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n) \right] \\
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G_1 is called numerical entropy flux. The scheme is said to be consistent with the

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(*)

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Theorem (Convergence to entropy solution): Consider situation of Lax-Wendroff theorem and assume that the scheme is consistent with the entropy condition. Then the scheme converges to a weak solution that satisfies the entropy condition.



6.3 Godunov's method for
nonlinear systems of CLs

Motivation:





nonlinear systems of CLS

Motivation: find conservative scheme that does not try to eliminate discontinuities but rather exploits them

Idea: REA: reconstruct - evolve - average

1. Reconstruct a piecewise polynomial function $u^n(x, t^n)$ from given cell-averages u_i^n

→ simplest case piece-wise constant funct

$$u^n(x, t^n) \equiv u_i^n, x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} < x \leq x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$$

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2. Evolve the system of CEs exactly (or approximately) with this initial data to obtain $u^{n+1}(x, t^{n+1})$ at $t^n + \Delta t = t^{n+1}$ (series of Riemann problems)

3. Average function over grid cell to obtain new cell averages

$$u_i^{n+1} \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} u^{n+1}(x, t^{n+1}) dx$$

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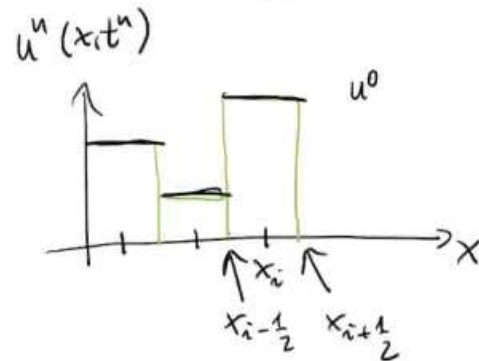
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In detail: spatial grid of finite volumes: $I_i = [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$



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Assume $u^0(x) \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ given and define

$$u_i^0 \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} u^0(x) dx$$

so u_i^n is known

- Reconstruct piecewise constant function

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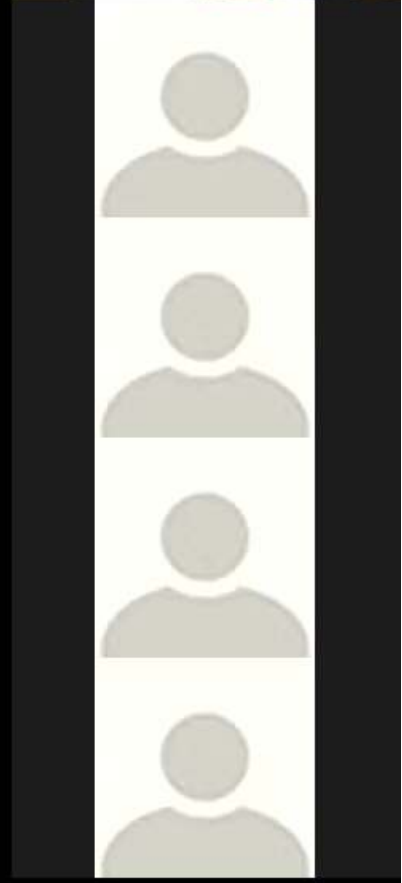
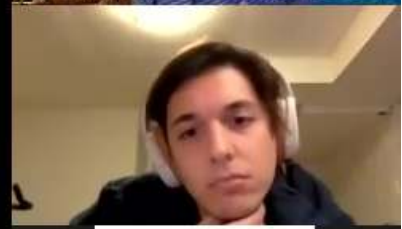
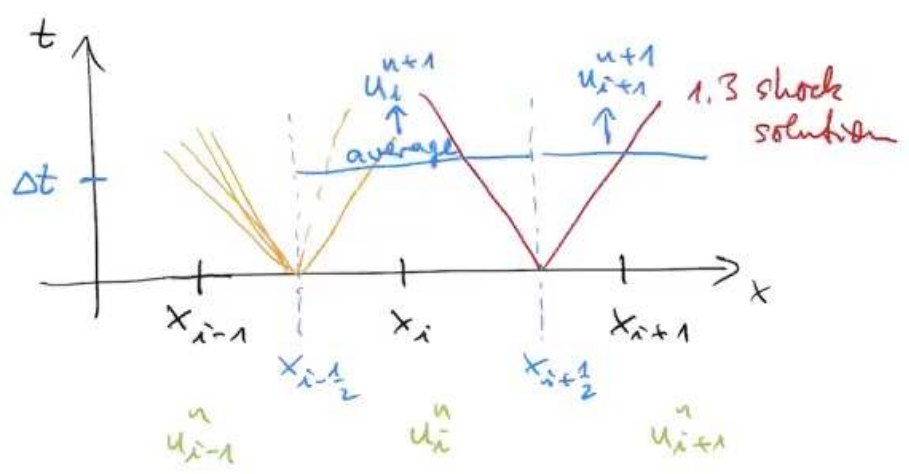
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- For each cell (x_i, x_{i+1}) solve the local Riemann problem

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

$$u(x, t = t^n) = \begin{cases} u_i^n, & x < x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \\ u_{i+1}^n, & x > x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

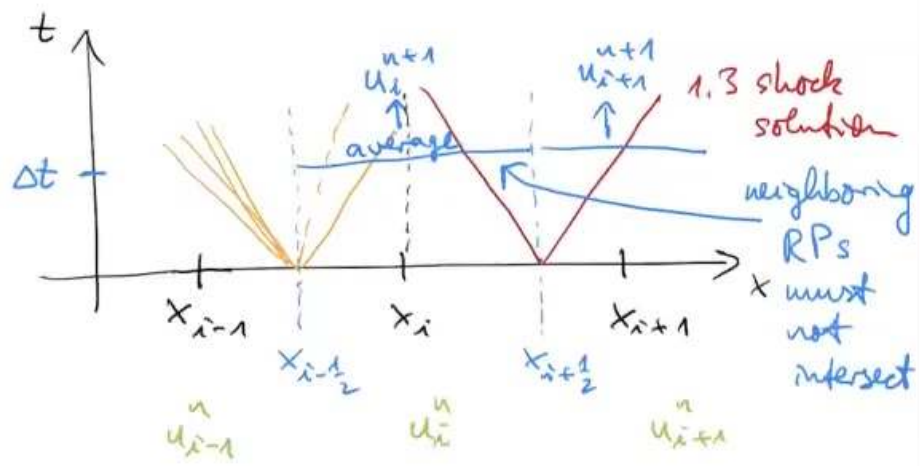


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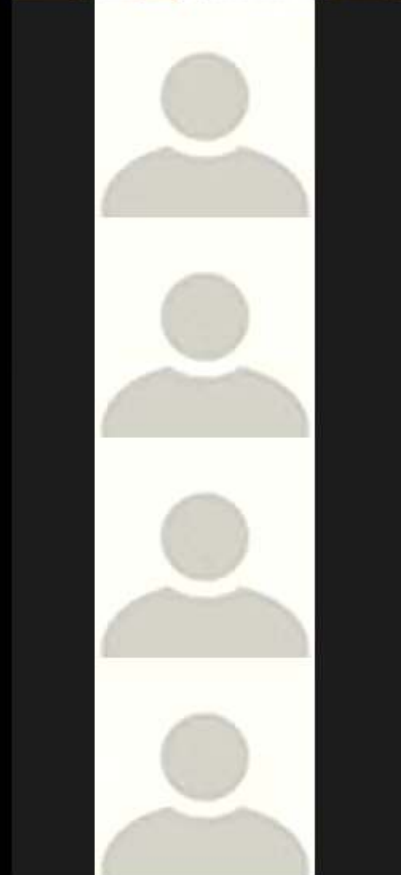
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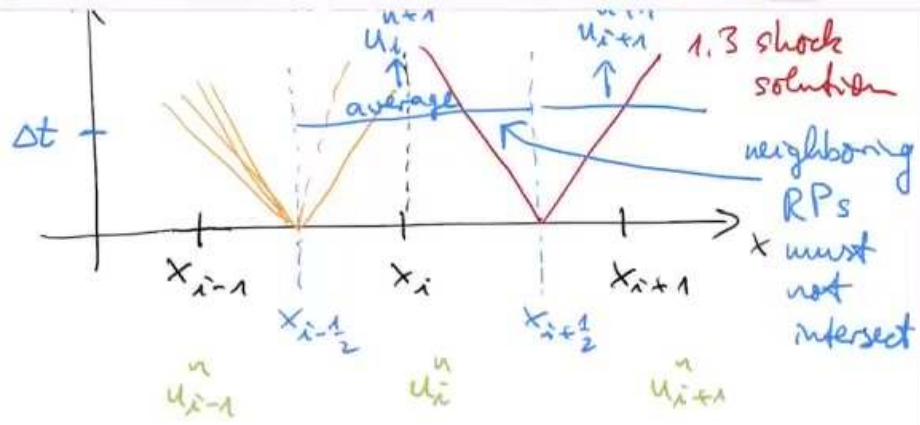
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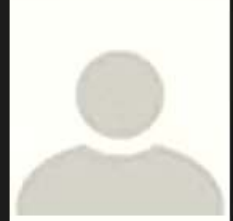
→ define global solution

$$v^n(x, t) \equiv w_i^n(x, t) \quad \begin{matrix} t^n \leq t \leq t^{n+1} \\ x_i \leq x \leq x_{i+1/2} \end{matrix}$$

must ensure that shocks with

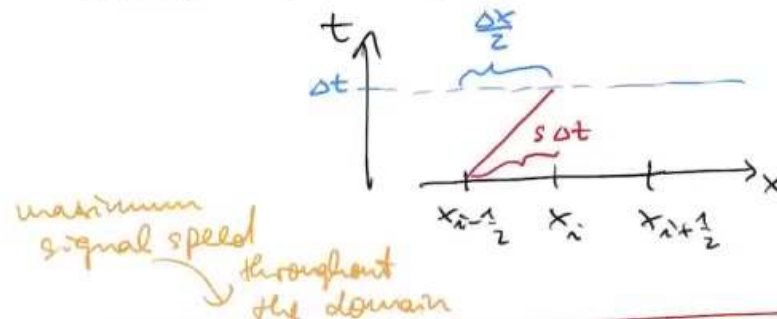
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or rarefaction waves with speeds $\lambda_k(u_i^n)$ do not intersect



$$\max\{|\lambda_k| \mid k \in \{1, \dots, m\}\} \Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x}{2}$$

"CFL-like" condition

- Compute new cell averages

$$u_i^{n+1} \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} v^n(x, t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) dx$$

$$= \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} w_{i-1}^n(x, t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) dx + \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} w_i^n(x, t^{n+\frac{1}{2}}) dx$$

