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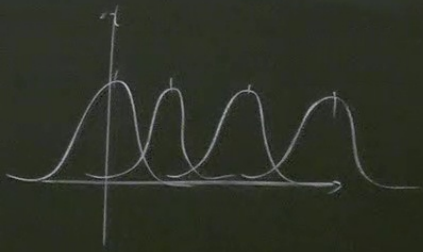
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CFL-Condition

Advection Equation

$$\partial_t u(t, x) + \underbrace{a}_{\text{velocity}} \partial_x u(t, x) = 0$$

$$u(t, x) = f(x - at)$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u - a^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u \right) = 0$$

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$$0 = \nabla_\mu T^\mu$$

$$= \nabla_\mu (\rho_0 u^\mu)$$

$$= \partial_t (\rho_0 \gamma) + \partial_x (\rho_0 \gamma v)$$

v=const

$$\Rightarrow = \partial_t \rho_0 + v \partial_x \rho_0$$



$$x_j = j \Delta x$$

$$u_j \equiv u(x_j)$$

$$u(x) = u(x_0) + (x-x_0)u'_0 + \frac{1}{2}(x-x_0)^2 u''_0 + \frac{1}{6}(x-x_0)^3 u'''_0 + \frac{1}{24}(x-x_0)^4 u^{(4)}_0 + \dots$$

$$u_{j+1} = u_j + \Delta x u'_j + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 u''_j + \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^3 u'''_j + \frac{1}{24} \Delta x^4 u^{(4)}_j + \dots$$

$$u_{j-1} = u_j - \Delta x u'_j + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 u''_j - \frac{1}{6} \Delta x^3 u'''_j + \frac{1}{24} \Delta x^4 u^{(4)}_j - \dots$$

$$\text{Want } u'_j \approx \frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{\Delta x} = u'_j + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x^2 u'''_j + \dots = u'_j$$

Want  $u_j' \approx \frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{\Delta x} = u_j' + \frac{1}{2}\Delta x u_j'' + \dots = u_j' + O(\Delta x)$

Forwards Diff

Backwards Diff

$u_j' \approx \frac{u_j - u_{j-1}}{\Delta x} = u_j' + O(\Delta x)$

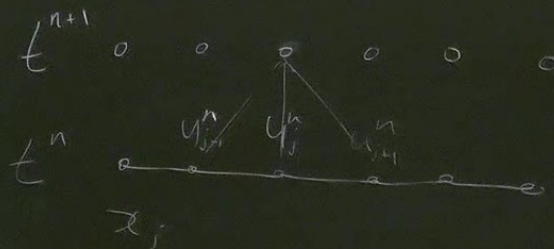
Finite Differences

$u_j' \approx \frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2\Delta x} = u_j' + O(\Delta x^2)$



$$t^n = n \Delta t$$

$$u_j^n \equiv u(t^n, x_j)$$



For  $\partial_t u \approx \frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\Delta t}$

Eq  $\partial_x u \approx \frac{u_{j+1}^n - u_{j-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$

FTCS



$$\frac{u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n}{\Delta t} + a \frac{u_{j+1}^n - u_{j-1}^n}{2\Delta x} = 0$$

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \frac{a\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (u_{j+1}^n - u_{j-1}^n)$$

algorithms. Before you can use your algorithm for hydrodynamics, you have to show it can deal with advection.

Here we build a simple method to solve this equation to 1st order in space and time. More sophisticated methods can go to substantially higher order.

### Spatial Grid

First we need to define our discretization of space.

This is a "cell-centered" grid that breaks up the interval  $[a, b]$  into  $N_x$  cells of width  $\Delta x = (b - a)/N_x$ . There are  $N_x + 1$  faces in between the cells:  $x_{e,i} = a + i\Delta x$  and  $N_x$  cell centers at  $x_i = a + (i + 1/2)\Delta x$ . The `make_grid` function also allows for  $N_g$  ghost zones on each side of the boundary, which are useful for applying boundary conditions.

```
[17]: function make_grid(a, b, Nx, Ng)
      # The desired cell-width
      dx = (b - a) / Nx

      # First get the edges of all the cells, adding ghost zones to the left and right
      xe = LinRange(a - Ng*dx, b + Ng*dx, Nx + 2*Ng + 1)

      # Now the cell centers are just the average of the left & right cell faces
      xL = xe[begin:end-1]
      xR = xe[begin+1:end]
      x = 0.5*(xL + xR)

      return dx, x, xe
    end
```

[17]: make\_grid (generic function with 1 method)

#### Plotting Utilities

Just a couple useful functions for plotting our data.

### You may have to change GLMakie to WGLMakie

```
[2]: using GLMakie
      GLMakie.activate!()

      function make_figure()
        fig = Figure()
        ax = Axis(fig[1,1])
        return fig, ax
      end

      function add_to_plot(ax, x, f)
```



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[5]: evolve (generic function with 1 method)

## Per-Cell update function -- where the magic happens!

This function gets called on each cell to compute the time-derivative:  $\partial_t u = -a \partial_x u$

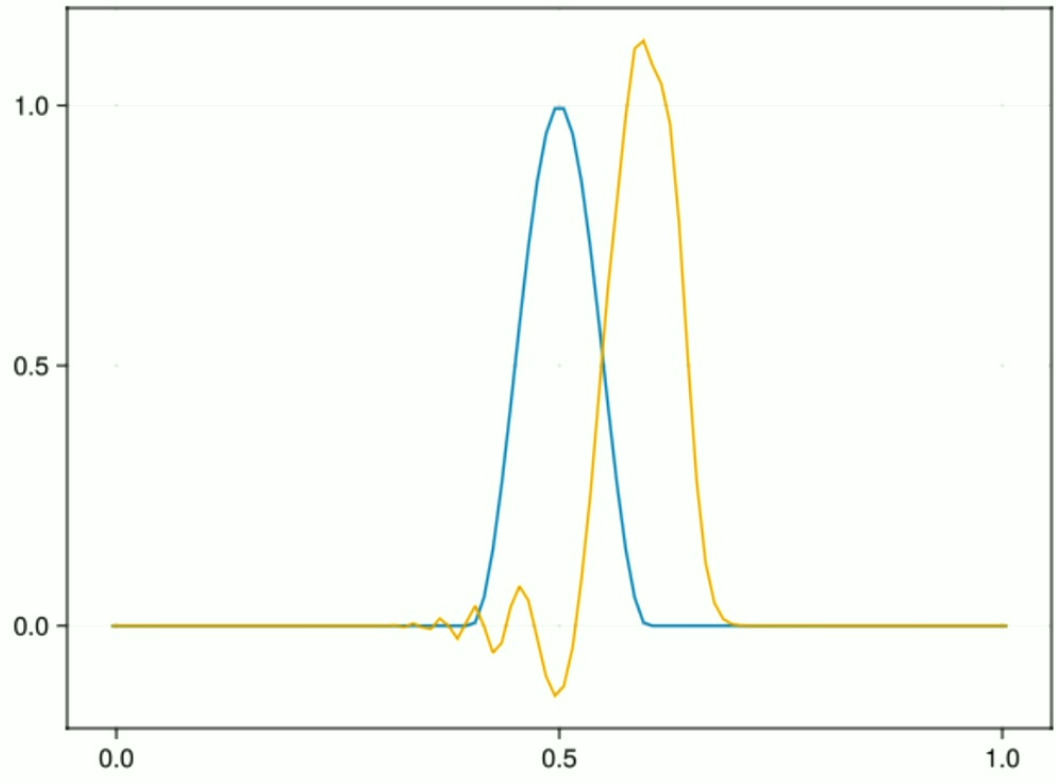
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[21]: function udot_ftcs(uL, uC, uR, a, dx)
      # Write a function that computes du/dt for the advection equation.
      # uR = u_{j+1}
      # uC = u_j
      # uL = u_{j-1}
      return -a * (uR - uL) / (2*dx)
end

function udot_ftls(uL, uC, uR, a, dx)
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      # uR = u_{j+1}
      # uC = u_j
      # uL = u_{j-1}
      return -a * (uC - uL) / (dx)
end
```

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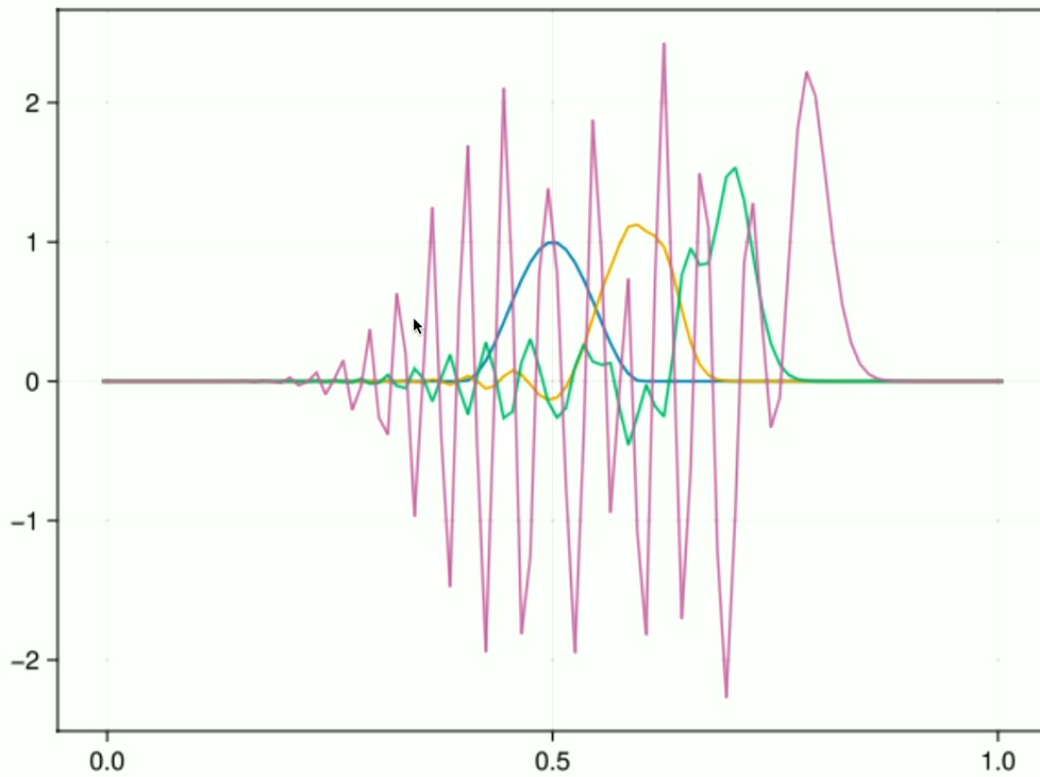
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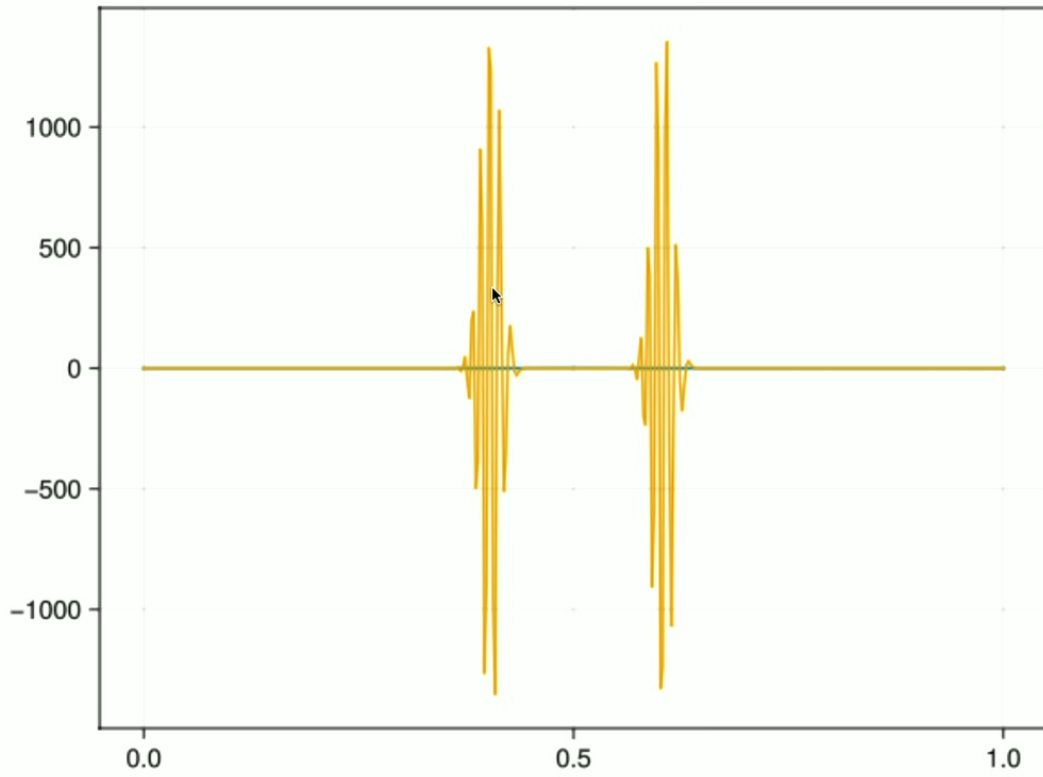
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# von Neumann Stability Analysis

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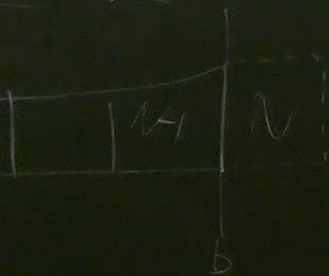
Ask how error  $\varepsilon$  evolves:  $\varepsilon_j^n = A^n e^{ikx_j}$   $|A| \rightarrow ?$

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$$A^{n+1} = A^n (1 - ic \sin(k\Delta x))$$

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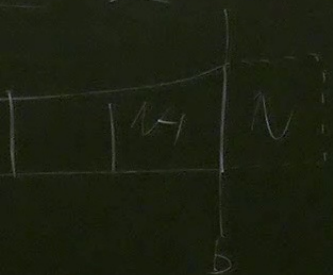
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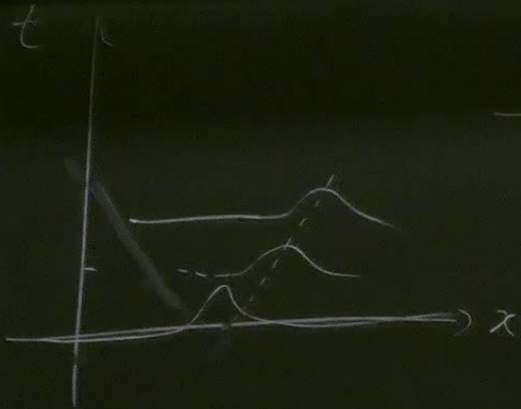
Unconditionally Unstable

$(u_{j+1}^n - u_{j-1}^n)$



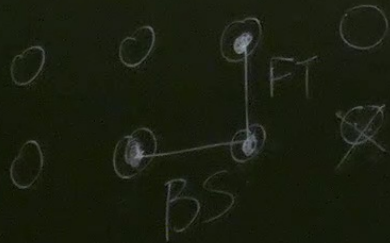
$$c = \frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$





Upwinding

→ only use information  
w/in light cone



$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \frac{a \Delta t}{\Delta x} (u_j^n - u_{j-1}^n) \quad \text{FTBS}$$

$$c = \frac{a \Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

$$E_j^n = A^n e^{i k x_j}$$

$$\rightarrow |A^{n+1}|^2 = |A^n|^2 \left[ 1 - 2c(1-c) \underbrace{(1 - \cos(k \Delta x))}_{>0} \right]$$

>0?

CFL Condition

$$c = \frac{a \Delta t}{\Delta x} < 1$$

We can *upwind* our solution by using a biased estimate for  $\partial_x u$ , only using  $u_{j-1}^n$  and  $u_j^n$ . This gives us the Forward-Time-Left-Space algorithm or FTLS.

FTLS is stable if  $\Delta t < \Delta x/a$ , the Courant-Freidrichs-Lewy (CFL) condition. We can enforce this by setting  $\Delta t$  with the equation:

$$\Delta t = \text{CFL} \times \Delta x/a$$

Where  $\text{CFL} < 1.0$  is a constant.

Let's try FTLS with  $\text{CFL} = 0.9$ ,  $N_x = 100$ , and  $T = 0.3$

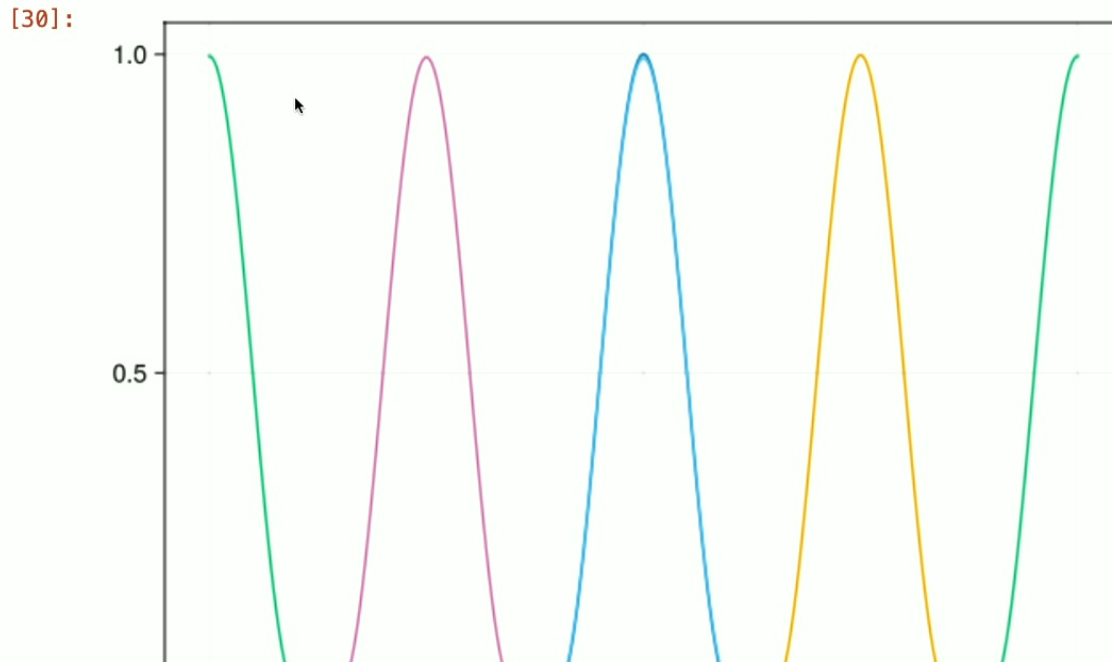
```
[10]: dx, x, xe = make_grid(0, 1, 100, 1)
      u = init_bump(x, 0.5, 0.1, 1)
      fig, ax = make_figure()
      add_to_plot(ax, x, u)
      a = 1.0
      CFL = 0.9
      dt = CFL * dx / a
      t_run = 0.1
      # run to 0.1 & save
      evolve(u, t_run, dx, dt, a, udot_ftls, periodic_BC)
```





```
# run for 0.25 more (1.0 total) & save
evolve(u, t_run, dx, dt, a, udot_ftls, periodic_BC)
add_to_plot(ax, x, u)

fig
```





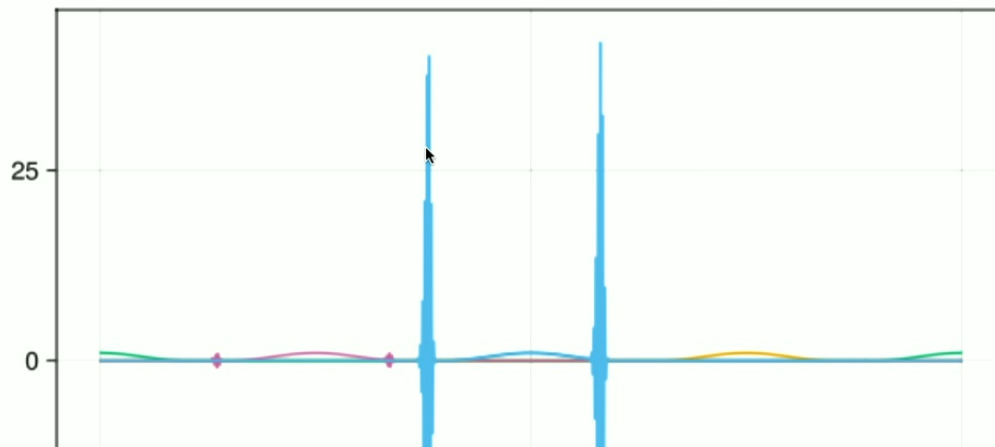
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evolve(u, t_run, dx, dt, a, udot_ftls, periodic_BC)
add_to_plot(ax, x, u)

# run for 0.25 more (0.75 total) & save
evolve(u, t_run, dx, dt, a, udot_ftls, periodic_BC)
add_to_plot(ax, x, u)

# run for 0.25 more (1.0 total) & save
evolve(u, t_run, dx, dt, a, udot_ftls, periodic_BC)
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[32]:





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