

Divergence-free discontinuous Galerkin method for ideal compressible MHD equations

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Maxwell Equations

Linear hyperbolic system

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{J}$$

\mathbf{B} = magnetic flux density

\mathbf{D} = electric flux density

\mathbf{E} = electric field

\mathbf{H} = magnetic field

\mathbf{J} = electric current density

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \varepsilon \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \quad \mu, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \text{ symmetric}$$

ε = permittivity tensor

μ = magnetic permeability tensor

σ = conductivity

Constraints

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho \quad (\text{electric charge density}), \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

Two fluid MHD

Non-linear hyperbolic system

Conservation laws for each species

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{v}_\alpha) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{v}_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{v}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{v}_\alpha + p_\alpha \mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha q_\alpha (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_\alpha \times \mathbf{B}), \quad \alpha = i, e$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [(\mathcal{E}_\alpha + p_\alpha) \mathbf{v}_\alpha] = \frac{1}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha q_\alpha \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v}_\alpha$$

$$\text{Total energy:} \quad \mathcal{E}_\alpha = \frac{p_\alpha}{\gamma_\alpha - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_\alpha |\mathbf{v}_\alpha|^2$$

Coupled with Maxwell's equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = -\mu_0 (\rho_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i + \rho_e q_e \mathbf{v}_e)$$

together with the constraints

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\rho_i q_i + \rho_e q_e)$$

Ideal compressible MHD equations

Nonlinear hyperbolic system

Compressible Euler equations with Lorentz force

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (P\mathbf{I} + \rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot ((\mathcal{E} + P)\mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B})\mathbf{B}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) = 0$$

$$P = p + \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{B}|^2, \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho|\mathbf{v}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{B}|^2$$

Magnetic monopoles do not exist: $\implies \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

Divergence constraint

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{E}}_{=0} = 0$$

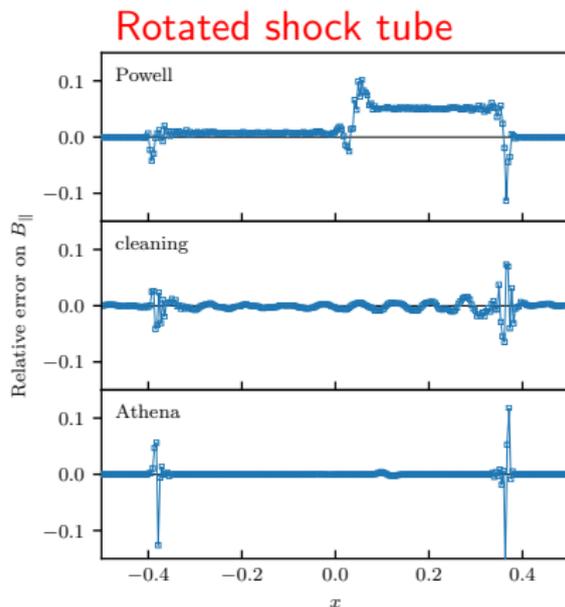
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = 0 \quad \implies \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Intrinsic property, not dynamical eqn

Lorentz force \perp to \mathbf{B}

$$\begin{aligned} & \nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{B}|^2 \mathbf{I} \right) \\ &= (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$



Guillet et al., MNRAS 2019

Discrete div-free \implies positivity
(Kailiang Wu)

Objectives

- Based on conservation form of the equations
- Upwind-type schemes using Riemann solvers (Godunov approach)
- Divergence-free schemes for Maxwell's and compressible MHD
 - ▶ Cartesian grids at present
 - ▶ Divergence preserving schemes (RT)
- High order accurate
 - ▶ discontinuous-Galerkin FEM
- Non-oscillatory schemes for MHD
 - ▶ using limiters
 - ▶ div-free reconstruction using BDM¹
- Explicit time stepping
 - ▶ local mass matrices
- Based on previous work for induction equation
 - ▶ [J. Sci. Comp., Vol. 79, pp, 79-102, 2019](#)

¹Hazra et al., JCP, Vol. 394, 2019

Some existing methods

Exactly divergence-free methods

- Yee scheme (Yee (1966))
- Projection methods (Brackbill & Barnes (1980))
- Constrained transport (Evans & Hawley (1989))
- Divergence-free reconstruction (Balsara (2001))
- Globally divergence-free scheme (Li et al. (2011), Fu et al, (2018))

Approximate methods

- Locally divergence-free schemes (Cockburn, Li & Shu (2005))
- Godunov's symmetrized version of MHD (Powell, Gassner et al., C/K)
- Divergence cleaning methods (Dedner et al.)

MHD equations in 2-D

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v_x \\ \rho v_y \\ \rho v_z \\ \mathcal{E} \\ B_x \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{F}_x = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v_x \\ P + \rho v_x^2 - B_x^2 \\ \rho v_x v_y - B_x B_y \\ \rho v_x v_z - B_x B_z \\ (\mathcal{E} + P)v_x - B_x(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathfrak{B}) \\ 0 \\ -E_z \\ v_x B_z - v_z B_x \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{F}_y = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v_y \\ \rho v_x v_y - B_x B_y \\ P + \rho v_y^2 - B_y^2 \\ \rho v_y v_z - B_y B_z \\ (\mathcal{E} + P)v_y - B_y(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathfrak{B}) \\ E_z \\ 0 \\ v_y B_z - v_z B_y \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\mathfrak{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z), \quad P = p + \frac{1}{2}|\mathfrak{B}|^2, \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho|\mathbf{v}|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\mathfrak{B}|^2$$

E_z is the electric field in the z direction

$$E_z = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathfrak{B})_z = v_y B_x - v_x B_y$$

Ideal MHD in one dimension

Divergence constraint $\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} = 0 \implies B_x = \text{constant}$

Conservation laws

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ \mathcal{E} \\ B_y \\ B_z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ P + \rho u^2 - B_x^2 \\ \rho u v - B_x B_y \\ \rho u w - B_x B_z \\ (\mathcal{E} + P)u - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B})B_x \\ u B_y - v B_x \\ u B_z - w B_x \end{bmatrix}$$

Flux jacobian matrix

$$A = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \quad \text{has seven real eigenvalues and eigenvectors}$$

$$u - c_f \leq u - c_a \leq u - c_s \leq u \leq u + c_s \leq u + c_a \leq u + c_f$$

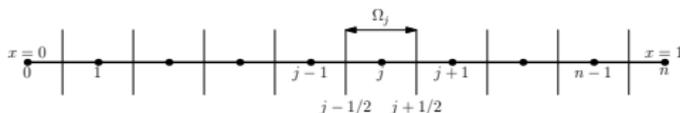
$$c_a = \frac{|B_x|}{\sqrt{\rho}} \quad a = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}} \quad c_{f/s} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[a^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 \pm \sqrt{(a^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2)^2 - 4a^2 b_x^2} \right]} \quad \mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\sqrt{\rho}}$$

Alfven speed

Sound speed

Fast/slow magnetosonic speeds

Finite volume method



Weak solution: Satisfy conservation law on each finite volume

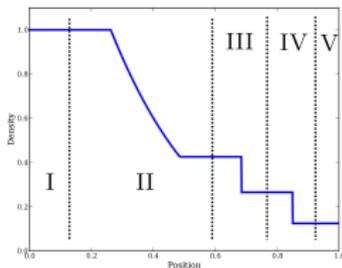
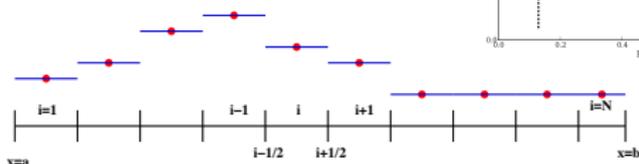
$$\Delta x \frac{dU_j}{dt} + F_{j+1/2} - F_{j-1/2} = 0$$

Basic unknown:
mean value in each cell

$$U_j^n \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_{j+1/2}} U(x, t_n) dx$$

What is the flux ?

Riemann problem at each cell face

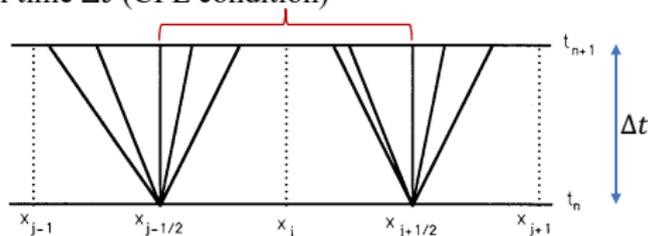


$$U(x, t_n) = \begin{cases} U_j^n & x < x_{j+1/2} \\ U_{j+1}^n & x > x_{j+1/2} \end{cases} \quad \longrightarrow \quad U(x, t) = U_R \left(\frac{x - x_{i+1/2}}{t - t_n}; U_j^n, U_{j+1}^n \right), \quad t > t_n$$

Self-similar solution of RP

Finite volume method

Evolve waves for small time Δt (CFL condition)



Average solution at new time level

$$\mathbf{U}_j^{n+1} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[\int_{x_{j-1/2}}^{x_j} \mathbf{U}_R \left(\frac{x - x_{j-1/2}}{\Delta t}; \mathbf{U}_{j-1}^n, \mathbf{U}_j^n \right) dx + \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1/2}} \mathbf{U}_R \left(\frac{x - x_{j+1/2}}{\Delta t}; \mathbf{U}_j^n, \mathbf{U}_{j+1}^n \right) dx \right]$$

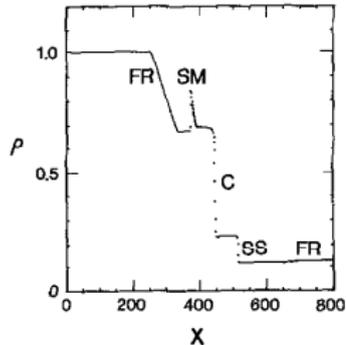
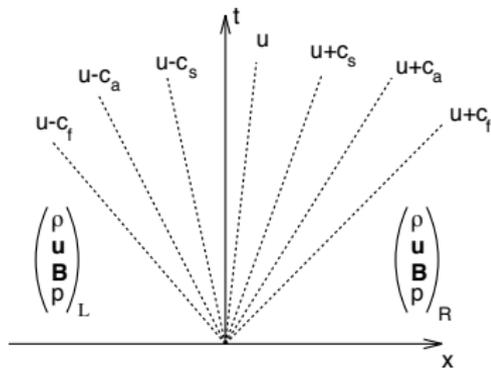
Finite volume form

$$\mathbf{U}_j^{n+1} = \mathbf{U}_j^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_R(0; \mathbf{U}_j^n, \mathbf{U}_{j+1}^n)) - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}_R(0; \mathbf{U}_{j-1}^n, \mathbf{U}_j^n))]$$

RP \rightarrow Evolve \rightarrow Average: Godunov finite volume scheme

MHD Riemann problem

- 7 waves
- $u \pm c_f$ fast shock/rarefaction wave
 - $u \pm c_a$ rotational discontinuity
 - $u \pm c_s$ slow shock/rarefaction wave
 - u contact discontinuity
- Neither genuinely non-linear nor linearly degenerate
- Linearly degenerate



$c_s \leq c_a \leq c_f$: Wave speeds can coincide \rightarrow non-strictly hyperbolic

Non-regular waves: compound waves, over-compressive intermediate shocks possible

Riemann solution is not always unique

MHD in multi-dimensions

x -direction Riemann problem

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_x}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \implies \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial t} + \mathcal{A}_x \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \mathcal{A}_x = \mathcal{F}'_x(\mathcal{U})$$

\mathcal{A}_x : 8 real eigenvalues, one zero, 7 lin. ind. eigenvectors only !!!

In the Riemann problem, $(B_x)_L \neq (B_x)_R$

Modify the MHD equations (Godunov, Powell)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_y}{\partial y} + \Phi \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

8 real eigenvalues and 8 lin. ind. eigenvectors

- Build approximate Riemann solver (Powell et al.)
- Build entropy stable schemes (C/Klingenberg, Winters et al.)

BUT: not divergence-free, not conservative

MHD equations in 2-D

Split into two parts

$$\mathbf{U} = [\rho, \rho\mathbf{v}, \mathcal{E}, B_z]^\top, \quad \mathbf{B} = (B_x, B_y)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{B}) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = 0$$

The fluxes $\mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{F}_x, \mathbf{F}_y)$ are of the form

$$\mathbf{F}_x = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v_x \\ P + \rho v_x^2 - B_x^2 \\ \rho v_x v_y - B_x B_y \\ \rho v_x v_z - B_x B_z \\ (\mathcal{E} + P)v_x - B_x(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathfrak{B}) \\ v_x B_z - v_z B_x \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}_y = \begin{bmatrix} \rho v_y \\ \rho v_x v_y - B_x B_y \\ P + \rho v_y^2 - B_y^2 \\ \rho v_y v_z - B_y B_z \\ (\mathcal{E} + P)v_y - B_y(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathfrak{B}) \\ v_y B_z - v_z B_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Constraint preserving finite difference

Store magnetic field on the faces: $(B_x)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j}$, $(B_y)_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt}(B_x)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} + \frac{(E_z)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}} - (E_z)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt}(B_y)_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{(E_z)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}} - (E_z)_{i-\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta x} = 0$$

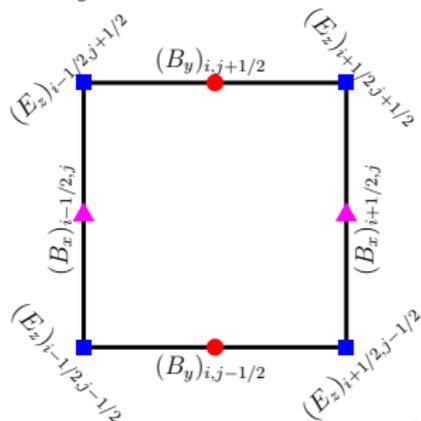
Measure divergence at cell center

$$\nabla_h \cdot \mathbf{B}_{i,j} = \frac{(B_x)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j} - (B_x)_{i-\frac{1}{2},j}}{\Delta x} + \frac{(B_y)_{i,j+\frac{1}{2}} - (B_y)_{i,j-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta y}$$

Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \nabla_h \cdot \mathbf{B}_{i,j} = 0$$

The corner fluxes cancel one another !!!



Approximation of magnetic field

$\mathbf{B}_h \in V_h =$ some finite element space

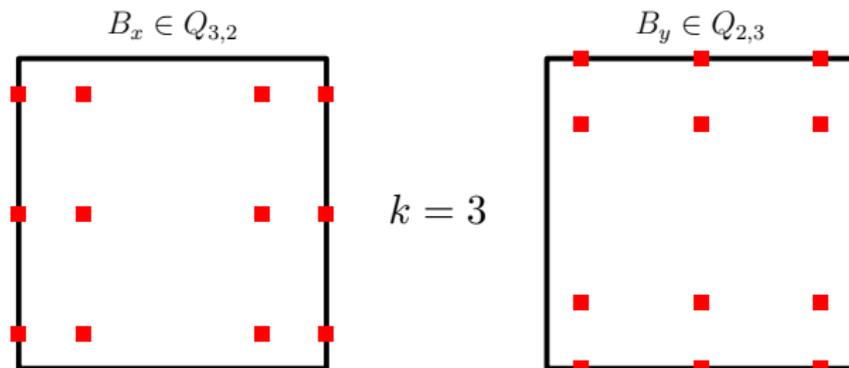
If we want $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}_h = 0$, it is natural to look for approximations in

$$\mathbf{B}_h \in V_h \subset H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) = \{\mathbf{B} \in L^2(\Omega) : \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{B}) \in L^2(\Omega)\}$$

Conformal approximation of functions in $H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)$ on a mesh \mathcal{T}_h with piecewise polynomials, we need

$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ continuous across element faces

Possible options: Brezzi-Douglas-Marini, Raviart-Thomas, etc.



Approximation spaces: Degree $k \geq 0$

Map cell K to reference cell $\hat{K} = [-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}] \times [-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}]$

$$\mathbb{P}_r(\xi) = \text{span}\{1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^r\}, \quad \mathbb{Q}_{r,s}(\xi, \eta) = \mathbb{P}_r(\xi) \otimes \mathbb{P}_s(\eta)$$

Hydrodynamic variables in each cell

$$U(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=0}^k U_{ij} \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\eta) \in \mathbb{Q}_{k,k}$$

Normal component of B on faces

$$\text{on vertical faces : } b_x(\eta) = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j \phi_j(\eta) \in \mathbb{P}_k(\eta)$$

$$\text{on horizontal faces : } b_y(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^k b_j \phi_j(\xi) \in \mathbb{P}_k(\xi)$$

$\{\phi_i(\xi)\}$ are **orthogonal polynomials** on $[-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}]$, with $\text{degree}(\phi_i) = i$.

Approximation spaces: Degree $k \geq 0$

For $k \geq 1$, define certain **cell moments**

$$\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_{ij}(B_x) := \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} B_x(\xi, \eta) \underbrace{\phi_i(\xi)\phi_j(\eta)}_{\mathbb{Q}_{k-1,k}} d\xi d\eta, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k$$

$$\beta_{ij} = \beta_{ij}(B_y) := \frac{1}{m_{ij}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} B_y(\xi, \eta) \underbrace{\phi_i(\xi)\phi_j(\eta)}_{\mathbb{Q}_{k,k-1}} d\xi d\eta, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k-1$$

$$m_{ij} = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} [\phi_i(\xi)\phi_j(\eta)]^2 d\xi d\eta = m_i m_j, \quad m_i = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} [\phi_i(\xi)]^2 d\xi$$

α_{00}, β_{00} are **cell averages** of B_x, B_y

Solution variables

$$\{\mathbf{U}(\xi, \eta)\}, \quad \{b_x(\eta)\}, \quad \{b_y(\xi)\}, \quad \{\alpha, \beta\}$$

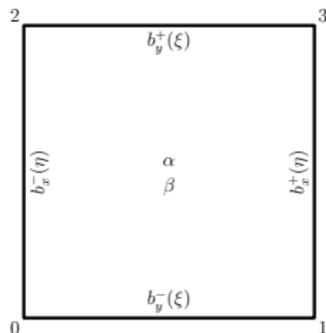
The set $\{b_x, b_y, \alpha, \beta\}$ are the dofs for the **Raviart-Thomas** space.

RT reconstruction: $b_x^\pm(\eta), b_y^\pm(\xi), \alpha, \beta \rightarrow \mathbf{B}(\xi, \eta)$

Given $b_x^\pm(\eta) \in \mathbb{P}_k$ and $b_y^\pm(\xi) \in \mathbb{P}_k$,
and set of cell moments

$$\{\alpha_{ij}, 0 \leq i \leq k-1, 0 \leq j \leq k\}$$

$$\{\beta_{ij}, 0 \leq i \leq k, 0 \leq j \leq k-1\}$$



Find $B_x \in \mathbb{Q}_{k+1,k}$ and $B_y \in \mathbb{Q}_{k,k+1}$ such that

$$B_x(\pm \frac{1}{2}, \eta) = b_x^\pm(\eta), \quad \eta \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}], \quad B_y(\xi, \pm \frac{1}{2}) = b_y^\pm(\xi), \quad \xi \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\frac{1}{m_{ij}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} B_x(\xi, \eta) \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\eta) d\xi d\eta = \alpha_{ij}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k$$

$$\frac{1}{m_{ij}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} B_y(\xi, \eta) \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\eta) d\xi d\eta = \beta_{ij}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k-1$$

- (1) \exists unique solution. (2) $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ continuous.
- (3) Data div-free \implies reconstructed \mathbf{B} is div-free.

DG scheme for B on faces

On every vertical face of the mesh: $\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial b_x}{\partial t} \phi_i d\eta - \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{E}_z \frac{d\phi_i}{d\eta} d\eta + \frac{1}{\Delta y} [\tilde{E}_z \phi_i] = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k$$

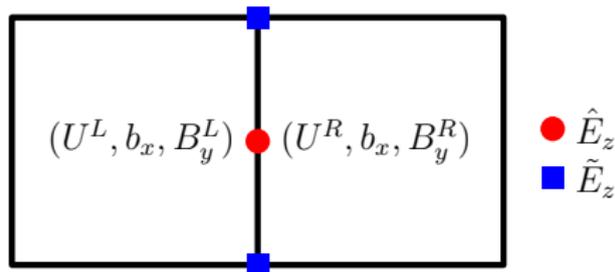
On every horizontal face of the mesh: $\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x} = 0$

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial b_y}{\partial t} \phi_i d\xi + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{E}_z \frac{d\phi_i}{d\xi} d\xi - \frac{1}{\Delta x} [\tilde{E}_z \phi_i] = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k$$

Numerical fluxes

\hat{E}_z : on face, 1-D Riemann solver

\tilde{E}_z : at vertex, 2-D Riemann solver



DG scheme for B on cells

$$\begin{aligned}m_{ij} \frac{d\alpha_{ij}}{dt} &= \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\eta) d\xi d\eta, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k \\&= -\frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial \eta} \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\eta) d\xi d\eta \\&= -\frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} [\hat{E}_z(\xi, \frac{1}{2}) \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(\frac{1}{2}) - \hat{E}_z(\xi, -\frac{1}{2}) \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j(-\frac{1}{2})] d\xi \\&\quad + \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} E_z(\xi, \eta) \phi_i(\xi) \phi_j'(\eta) d\xi d\eta\end{aligned}$$

Numerical fluxes

\hat{E}_z : on face, 1-D Riemann solver

Not a Galerkin method, test functions ($\mathbb{Q}_{k-1,k}$) different from trial functions ($\mathbb{Q}_{k+1,k}$)

DG scheme for \mathbf{U} on cells

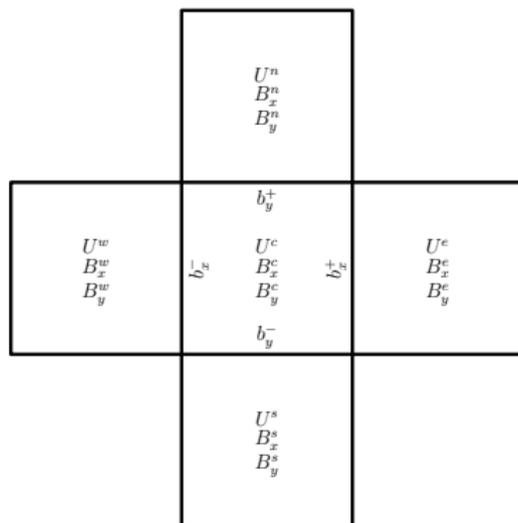
For each test function $\Phi(\xi, \eta) = \phi_i(\xi)\phi_j(\eta) \in \mathbb{Q}_{k,k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}^c}{\partial t} \Phi(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta - \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{1}{\Delta x} \mathbf{F}_x \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\Delta y} \mathbf{F}_y \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \eta} \right] d\xi d\eta \\ + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{\mathbf{F}}_x^+ \Phi(\tfrac{1}{2}, \eta) d\eta - \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{\mathbf{F}}_x^- \Phi(-\tfrac{1}{2}, \eta) d\eta \\ + \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y^+ \Phi(\xi, \tfrac{1}{2}) d\xi - \frac{1}{\Delta y} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y^- \Phi(\xi, -\tfrac{1}{2}) d\xi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Numerical fluxes

$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_x^\pm, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y^\pm$: on face, 1-D Riemann solver

DG scheme for U on cells



$$\mathbf{F}_x = \mathbf{F}_x(U^c, B_x^c, B_y^c), \quad \mathbf{F}_y = \mathbf{F}_y(U^c, B_x^c, B_y^c)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_x^+ = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_x((U^c, b_x^+, B_y^c), (U^e, b_x^+, B_y^e)), \quad \hat{\mathbf{F}}_x^- = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_x((U^w, b_x^-, B_y^w), (U^c, b_x^-, B_y^c))$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_y^+ = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y((U^c, B_x^c, b_y^+), (U^n, B_x^n, b_y^n)), \quad \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y^- = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y((U^s, B_x^s, b_y^-), (U^c, B_x^c, b_y^-))$$

Constraints on \mathbf{B}

Definition (Globally divergence-free)

A vector field \mathbf{B} defined on a mesh is strongly divergence-free if

- 1 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ in each cell $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$
- 2 $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ is continuous at each face $F \in \mathcal{T}_h$

Theorem

(1) The DG scheme satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_K (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) \phi dx dy = 0, \quad \forall \phi \in \mathbb{Q}_{k,k}$$

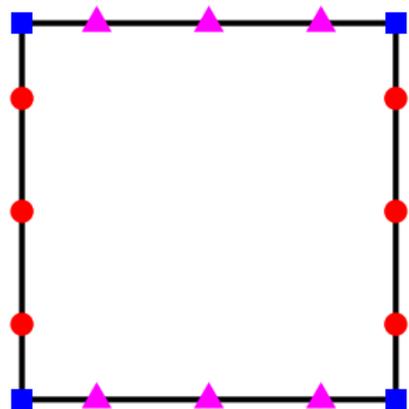
and since $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{Q}_{k,k} \implies \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \text{constant wrt time}$.

(2) If $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} \equiv 0$ at $t = 0 \implies \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} \equiv 0$ for $t > 0$

But: Applying a limiter in a post-processing step destroys div-free property !!!

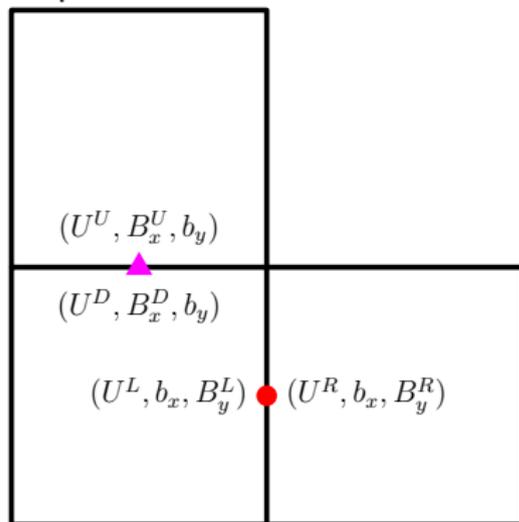
Numerical fluxes

$(k + 1)$ -point Gauss-Legendre quadrature on faces



(a)

- \tilde{E}_z
- $\hat{E}_z, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_x$
- ▲ $\hat{E}_z, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_y$



(b)

(a) Face quadrature points and numerical fluxes. (b) 1-D Riemann problems at a vertical and horizontal face of a cell

Numerical fluxes

To estimate $\hat{\mathbf{F}}_x$, \hat{E}_z , solve 1-D Riemann problem at each face quadrature point

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_x}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \mathcal{U}(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{U}^L = \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{U}^L, b_x, B_y^L) & x < 0 \\ \mathcal{U}^R = \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{U}^R, b_x, B_y^R) & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_x = \begin{bmatrix} (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_1 \\ (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_2 \\ (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_3 \\ (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_4 \\ (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_5 \\ (\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{E}_z = -(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_7$$

Riemann problem can lead to 7 waves !!! Solve approximately.

HLL solver in 1-D: slowest and fastest waves: $S_L < S_R$

- Intermediate state from conservation law

$$U^* = \frac{S_R U^R - S_L U^L - (\mathcal{F}_x^R - \mathcal{F}_x^L)}{S_R - S_L}$$

- Satisfying conservation law over half Riemann fan

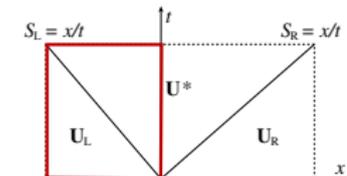
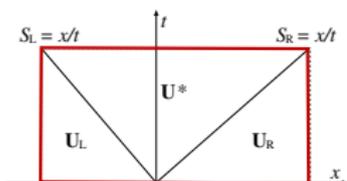
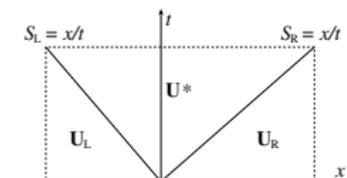
$$\mathcal{F}_x^* = \frac{S_R \mathcal{F}_x^L - S_L \mathcal{F}_x^R + S_L S_R (U^R - U^L)}{S_R - S_L}$$

- Numerical flux is given by

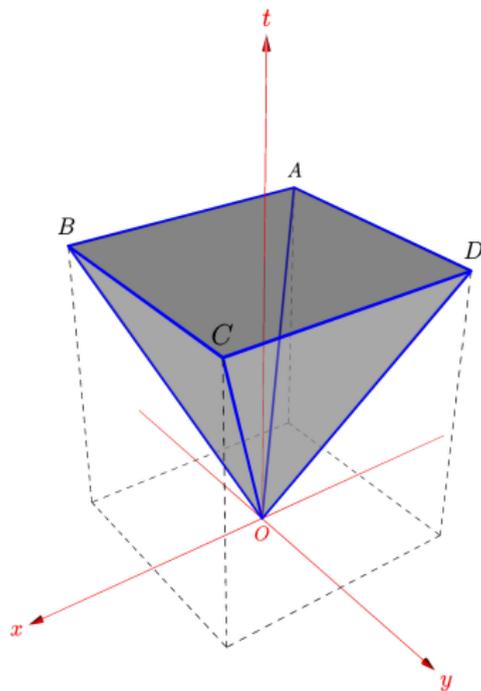
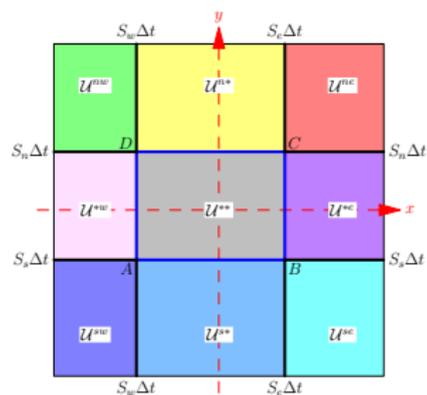
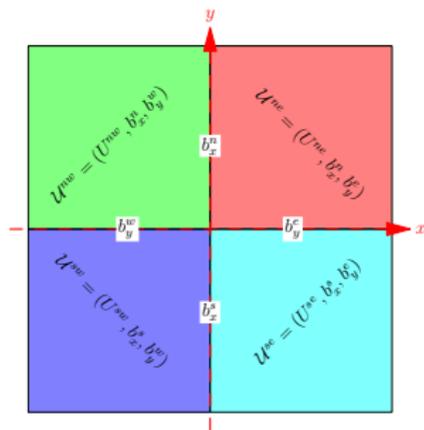
$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x = \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}_x^L & S_L > 0 \\ \mathcal{F}_x^R & S_R < 0 \\ \mathcal{F}_x^* & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Electric field from 7'th component

$$\hat{E}_z(U^L, U^R) = -(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)_7 = \begin{cases} E_z^L & S_L > 0 \\ E_z^R & S_R < 0 \\ \frac{S_R E_z^L - S_L E_z^R - S_L S_R (B_y^R - B_y^L)}{S_R - S_L} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



2-D Riemann problem



2-D Riemann problem

Strongly interacting state

$$B_x^{**} = \frac{1}{2(S_e - S_w)(S_n - S_s)} \left[2S_e S_n B_x^{ne} - 2S_n S_w B_x^{nw} + 2S_s S_w B_x^{sw} - 2S_s S_e B_x^{se} \right. \\ \left. - S_e (E_z^{ne} - E_z^{se}) + S_w (E_z^{nw} - E_z^{sw}) - (S_e - S_w)(E_z^{n*} - E_z^{s*}) \right]$$

$$B_y^{**} = \frac{1}{2(S_e - S_w)(S_n - S_s)} \left[2S_e S_n B_y^{ne} - 2S_n S_w B_y^{nw} + 2S_s S_w B_y^{sw} - 2S_s S_e B_y^{se} \right. \\ \left. + S_n (E_z^{ne} - E_z^{nw}) - S_s (E_z^{se} - E_z^{sw}) + (S_n - S_s)(E_z^{*e} - E_z^{*w}) \right]$$

Jump conditions b/w ** and $\{n^*, s^*, *e, *w\}$

$$E_z^{**} = E_z^{n^*} - S_n (B_x^{n^*} - B_x^{**})$$

$$E_z^{**} = E_z^{s^*} - S_s (B_x^{s^*} - B_x^{**}) \quad 4 \text{ equations}$$

$$E_z^{**} = E_z^{*e} + S_e (B_y^{*e} - B_y^{**}) \quad 1 \text{ unknown}$$

$$E_z^{**} = E_z^{*w} + S_w (B_y^{*w} - B_y^{**})$$

2-D Riemann problem

Over-determined, least-squares solution (Vides et al.)

$$E_z^{**} = \frac{1}{4}(E_z^{n*} + E_z^{s*} + E_z^{*e} + E_z^{*w}) - \frac{1}{4}S_n(B_x^{n*} - B_x^{**}) - \frac{1}{4}S_s(B_x^{s*} - B_x^{**}) \\ + \frac{1}{4}S_e(B_y^{*e} - B_y^{**}) + \frac{1}{4}S_w(B_y^{*w} - B_y^{**})$$

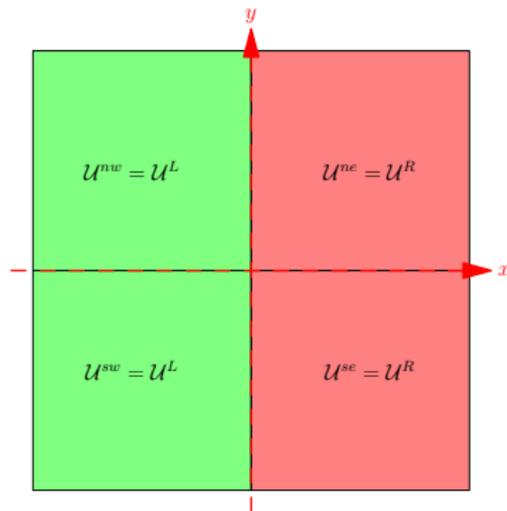
Consistency with 1-D solver

$$U^{nw} = U^{sw} = U^L$$

$$U^{ne} = U^{se} = U^R$$

then

$$E_z^{**} = \hat{E}_z(U^L, U^R) = \text{1-D HLL}$$



1-D solver

- Slowest and fastest waves S_L, S_R , and contact wave $S_M = u_*$
- Two intermediate states: U^{*L}, U^{*R}
- No unique way to satisfy all jump conditions: Gurski (2004), Li (2005)
- Common value of magnetic field $B^{*L} = B^{*R}$
- Common electric field $E_z^{*L} = E_z^{*R}$, same as in HLL

2-D solver

- Electric field estimate E_z^{**} same as HLL
- Consistent with 1-D solver

Limiting procedure

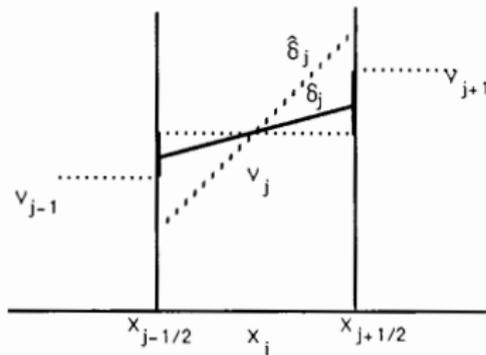
Given $U^{n+1}, b_x^{n+1}, b_y^{n+1}, \alpha^{n+1}, \beta^{n+1}$

- 1 Perform RT reconstruction $\implies \mathbf{B}(\xi, \eta)$.
- 2 Apply TVD limiter in characteristic variables to $\{U(\xi, \eta), \mathbf{B}(\xi, \eta)\}$.
- 3 On each face, use limited left/right $\mathbf{B}(\xi, \eta)$ to limit b_x, b_y

$$b_x(\eta) \leftarrow \text{minmod} \left(b_x(\eta), B_x^L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \eta\right), B_x^R\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \eta\right) \right)$$

Do not change mean value on faces.

- 4 Restore divergence-free property using divergence-free-reconstruction²



²Hazra et al., JCP, Vol. 394, 2019

Divergence-free reconstruction

For each cell, find $\mathbf{B}(\xi, \eta)$ such that

$$B_x(\pm \frac{1}{2}, \eta) = b_x^\pm(\eta), \quad \forall \eta \in [-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$B_y(\xi, \pm \frac{1}{2}) = b_y^\pm(\xi), \quad \forall \xi \in [-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\xi, \eta) = 0, \quad \forall (\xi, \eta) \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \times [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$$

We look for \mathbf{B} in (Brezzi & Fortin, Section III.3.2)

$$\text{BDM}(k) = \mathbb{P}_k^2 \oplus \nabla \times (x^{k+1}y) \oplus \nabla \times (xy^{k+1})$$

- For $k = 0, 1, 2$, we can solve the above problem
- For $k \geq 3$, we need additional information
 - ▶ $k = 3$: $b_{10} - a_{01} = \omega_1 = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}(0, 0)$
 - ▶ $k = 4$: ω_1 and $b_{20} - a_{11} = \omega_2 \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$, $b_{11} - a_{02} = \omega_3 \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$
 - ▶ ω_1 , etc. are known from α, β
- For more details, see [Hazra et al., JCP, Vol. 394, 2019](#)

Algorithm 1: Constraint preserving scheme for ideal compressible MHD

Allocate memory for all variables;

Set initial condition for $U, b_x, b_y, \alpha, \beta$;

Loop over cells and reconstruct B_x, B_y ;

Set time counter $t = 0$;

while $t < T$ **do**

 Copy current solution into old solution;

 Compute time step Δt ;

for *each RK stage* **do**

 Loop over vertices and compute vertex flux;

 Loop over faces and compute all face integrals;

 Loop over cells and compute all cell integrals;

 Update solution to next stage;

 Loop over cells and do RT reconstruction $(b_x, b_y, \alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$;

 Loop over cells and apply limiter on U, \mathbf{B} ;

 Loop over faces and limit solution b_x, b_y ;

 Loop over faces and perform div-free reconstruction;

 Apply positivity limiter;

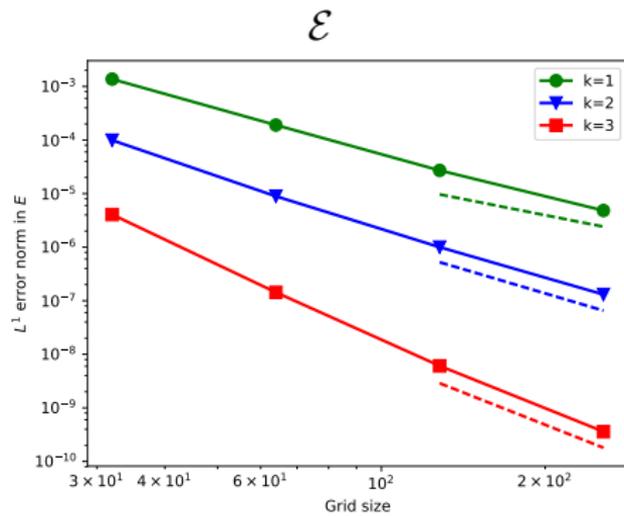
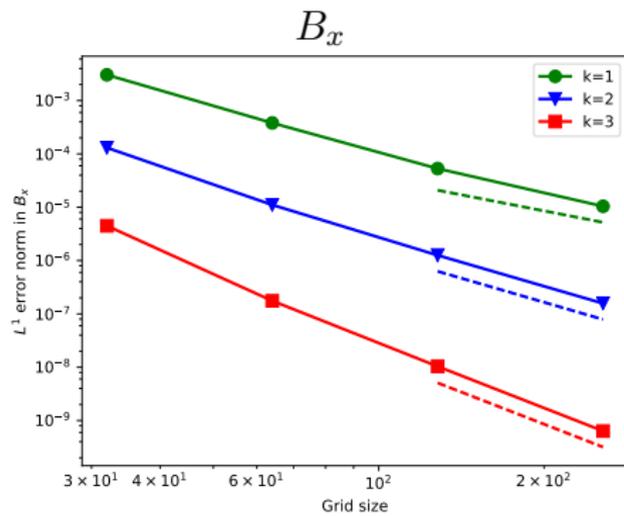
end

$t = t + \Delta t$;

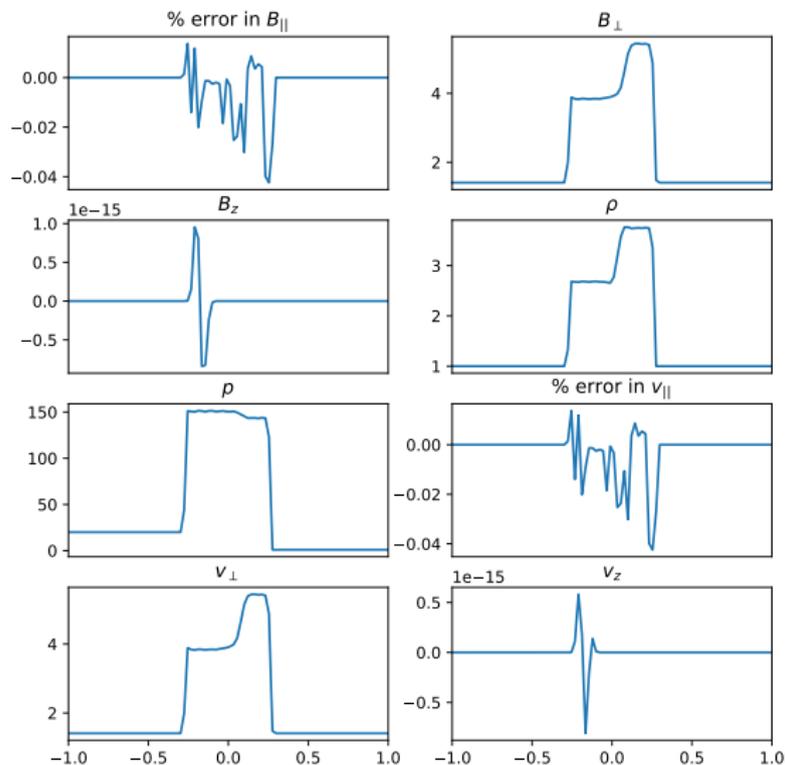
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Numerical Results

Smooth vortex

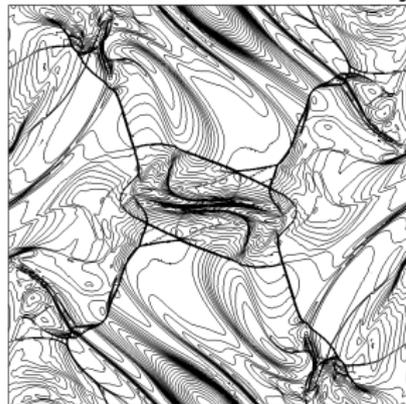


Rotated shock tube: $k = 1$, 128 cells, HLL

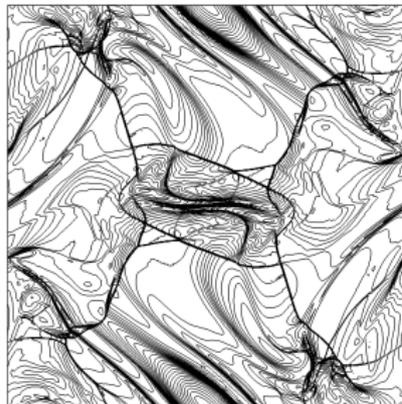


Orszag-Tang test

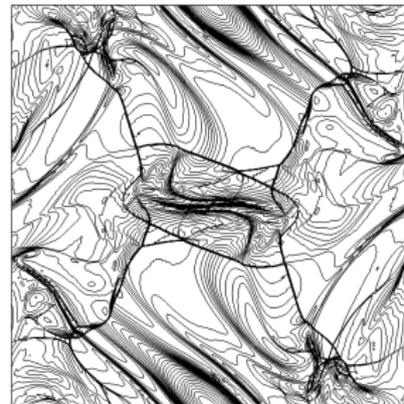
Density, $t = 0.5$, $k = 3$, 512×512 cells



LxF



HLL

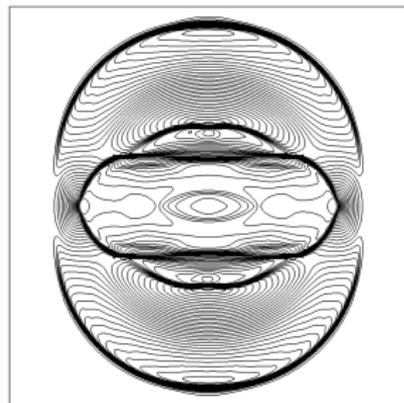


HLLC

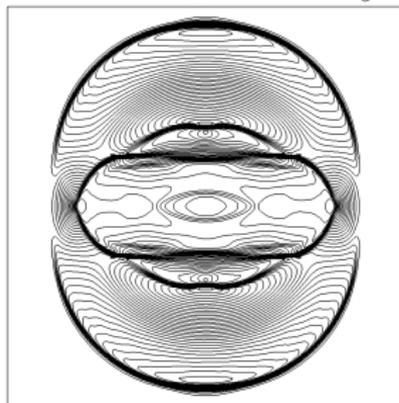
Blast wave: 200×200 cells

$$\rho = 1, \quad \mathbf{v} = (0, 0, 0), \quad \mathfrak{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}(100, 0, 0), \quad p = \begin{cases} 1000 & r < 0.1 \\ 0.1 & r > 0.1 \end{cases}$$

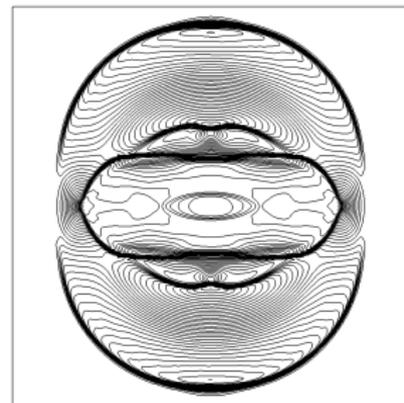
Contours of $\frac{1}{2}(B_x^2 + B_y^2)$



LxF



HLL



HLLC

Summary

- Div-free DG scheme using RT basis for \mathbf{B}
- Multi-D Riemann solvers essential
 - ▶ consistency with 1-d solver is not automatic; ok for HLL (2-wave) and HLLC (3-wave); what about HLLD (5-wave) ?
- Div-free limiting needs to ensure strong div-free condition
 - ▶ Reconstruction of \mathbf{B} using $\text{div}=0$ and $\text{curl}=\text{given}$
- Extension to 3-D seems easy, also AMR
- Extension to unstructured grids (use Piola transform)
- Limiters are still major obstacle for high order
 - ▶ WENO-type ideas
 - ▶ Machine learning ideas (Ray & Hesthaven)
- No proof of positivity limiter for div-free scheme
 - ▶ Not a fully discontinuous solution
- Extension to resistive case: $\mathbf{B}_t + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \times (\eta \mathbf{J}), \mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$

$$\frac{\partial B_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(E_z + \eta J_z) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(E_z - \eta J_z) = 0, \quad J_z = \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y}$$

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