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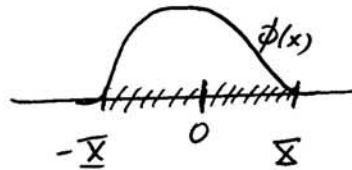
2.2 Simple Differences Schemes for a Kinematic Wave Equation.

Kinematic Wave Equ.

$$\begin{cases} u_t + a(u)u_x = 0, & -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0 \quad (1) \\ u(x, 0) = \phi(x), & -\infty < x < \infty. \quad (2) \end{cases}$$

For computational purposes, we need finite domain
This can be accomplished by asking

$$\phi(x) \equiv 0, \quad |x| > \bar{x}$$



or be periodic

$$\phi(x + \bar{x}) = \phi(x), \quad \bar{x} > 0.$$

We will use forward finite differences to approximate the derivatives in (1)

Neglecting the local discretization errors, we obtain

$$\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} + a(U_j^n) \frac{U_{j+1}^n - U_j^n}{\Delta x} = 0.$$

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$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n - \underbrace{\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} a(U_j^n)}_{\alpha_j^n} [U_{j+1}^n - U_j^n] = 0$$

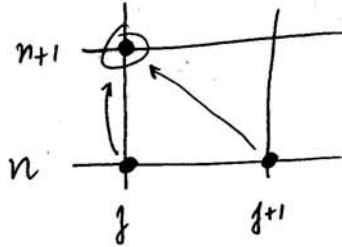
or
$$U_j^{n+1} = (1 + \alpha_j^n) U_j^n - \alpha_j^n U_{j+1}^n \quad (2.1)$$

FORWARD-TIME and FORWARD-SPACE

The number $\alpha_j^n = a(U_j^n) \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$ is called the

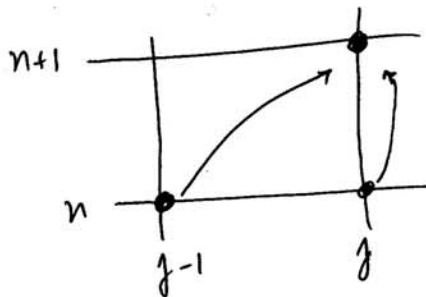
Courant number.

Formula (3.1) involves 3 points.



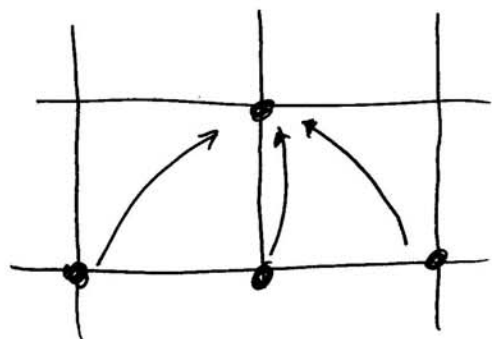
FORWARD TIME - BACKWARD SPACE

$$U_j^{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_j^n) U_j^n + \alpha_j^n U_{j-1}^n \quad (2.2)$$



FORWARD-TIME and CENTERED-SPACE

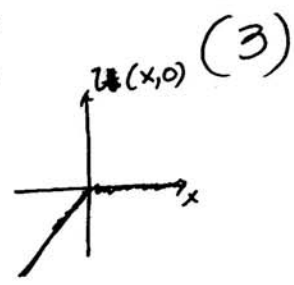
$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n - \frac{\Delta x^n}{2} (U_{j+1}^n - U_{j-1}^n) \quad \text{Verify it! (3.1)}$$



Example 2.2.1

$$\begin{cases} U_t + aU_x = 0 \\ U(x,0) = \phi(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \le 0 \\ 0, & x > 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

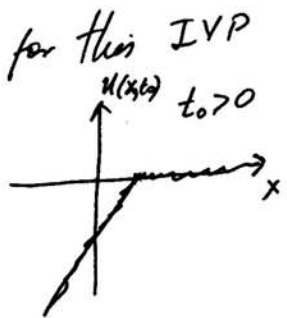
$-\infty < x < \infty, t > 0$



It has exact solution: $U(x,t) = \phi(x-t)$.

Obtain a numerical solution for this IVP using

$\Delta x = 1/10, \quad \Delta t = 1/20$

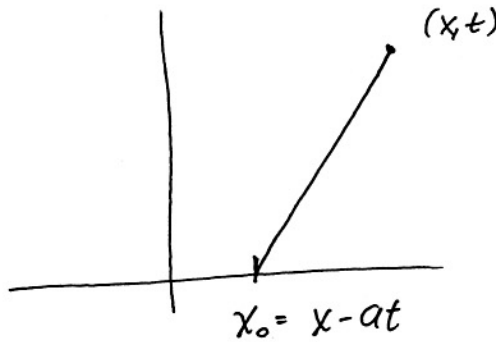


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and Graphs of the numerical solution.

Domain of Dependence.

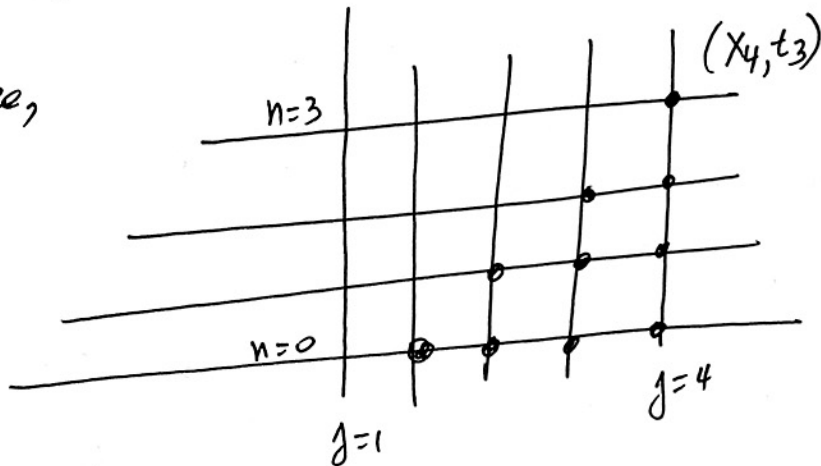
(I) $u_t + a u_x = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = \phi(x) \quad (1)$
 $a > 0$



Domain of dep. of ^{IVP}(1) at (x, t) is the point $(x_0, 0)$ Since this point determine the soln. at (x, t) .

(II) FT-BS : $U_j^{n+1} = (1-d)U_j^n + d U_{j-1}^n \quad (2)$
 Domain of dep. of of num. scheme (2) at (x_j, t_n) is $[(j-n)\Delta x, j\Delta x]$ $d \equiv \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x}$

For instance,

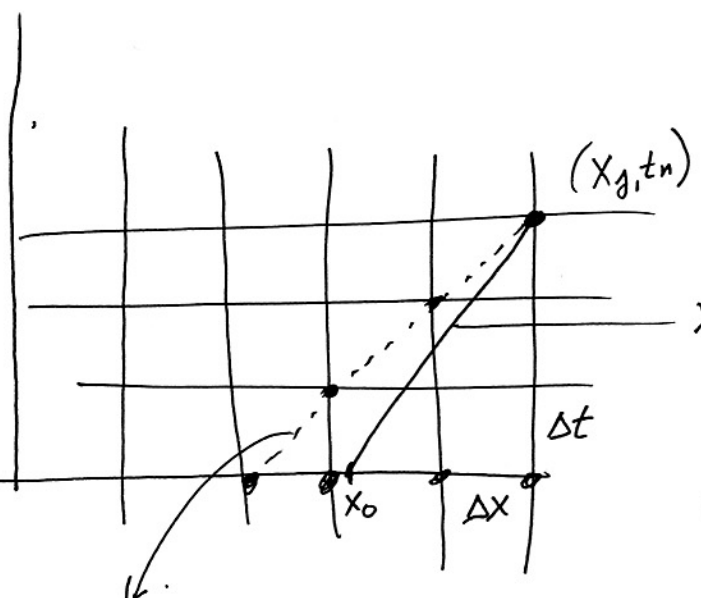


Domain of dep. at (x_4, t_3) of num. scheme (2) is $[\Delta x, 4\Delta x]$

CFL Theorem

A necessary condition for the convergence of the soln. of a finite diff. approx. to the soln. of (1) for ARBITRARY INITIAL DATA is that

Domain of dep. of N. Schm \supset Domain of dep. of IVP. (1)



$$x - at = x_j - at_n$$

$$\downarrow = x_0$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

Necessary Condition for Convergence:

Courant number $\frac{1}{a} \geq \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \Rightarrow a \leq \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

or $\left(\frac{a \Delta t}{\Delta x}\right) \leq 1$

phys. wave speed \downarrow

Num wave speed \downarrow

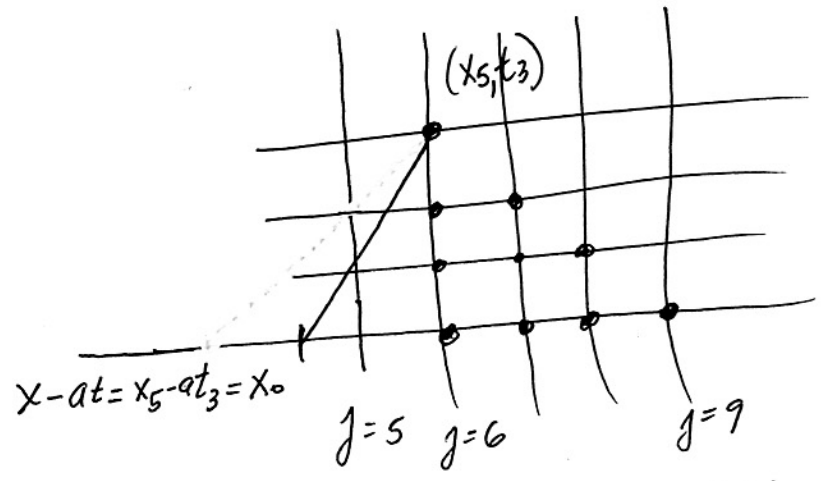
" Domain of dep. of finite difference approx. contains domain of dependence of IVP (1). "

Logical Statement and implications:

Convergence \Rightarrow CFL cond.

\neg CFL cond \Rightarrow \neg convergence.

FT-FS :
$$U_j^{n+1} = (1 + \alpha_j^n) U_j^n - \alpha_j^n U_{j+1}^n \quad (3)$$



Domain of dep. Num. scheme
 $[5\Delta x, 9\Delta x]$

$x_0 \notin [5\Delta x, 9\Delta x]$ CFL is not satisfied.

Therefore, soln. of (3) does not converge to the soln. of (1) for arbitrary I.C.

CFL Thm can be proved by ^{assuming} defining NO CFL and all I.C. such

that
$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{in dom. of dep. N.S. for } (x,t) \\ 1, & \text{in dom of dep. IVP. for } (x,t) \end{cases}$$

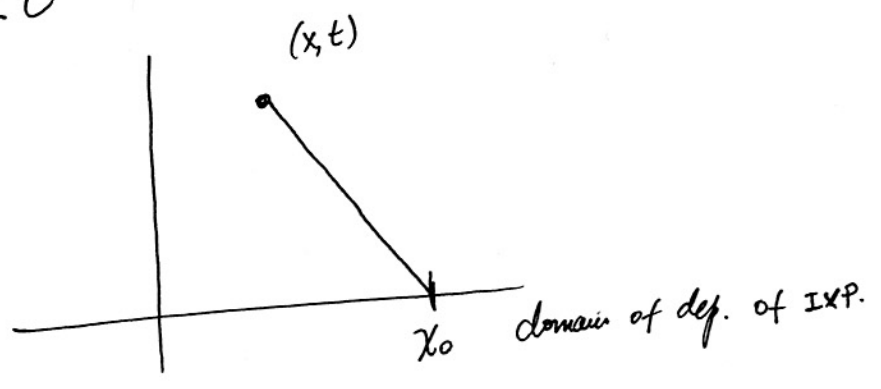
Then, soln. of N.S. is zero at (x,t) , while soln of IVP is nonzero at (x,t) .

If we consider the IVP.

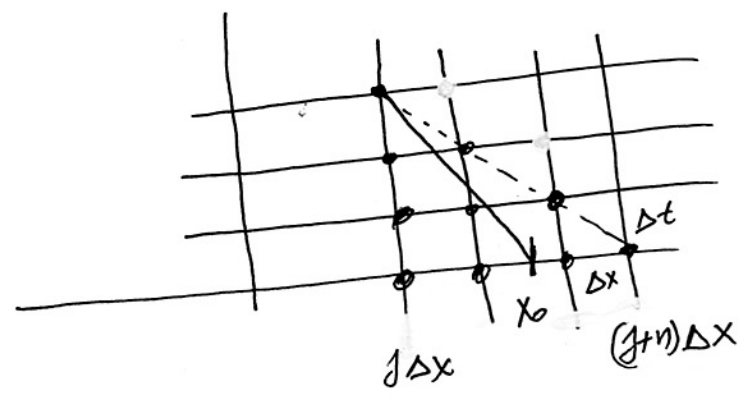
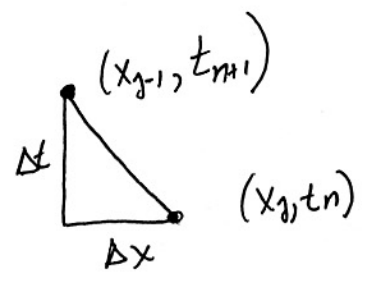
$$u_t + au_x = 0, \quad u(x,0) = \phi(x)$$

$$a < 0$$

Then



Also, FT-FS scheme (3)



$$\text{slope} = \frac{t_{n+1} - t_n}{x_{j-1} - x_j} = \frac{\Delta t}{-\Delta x}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{-\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

So CFL condition is $x_0 \in [j\Delta x, (j+n)\Delta x]$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{-\Delta t}{\Delta x} \Leftrightarrow a \geq -\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{a\Delta t}{\Delta x} \geq -1}$$

CFL #