

# Upwind difference schemes for scalar conservation laws with flux interfaces

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# 0. Introduction

# Introduction

- Will discuss simple difference schemes for scalar conservation laws
- One of two types of interface may be present
- 1- Discontinuity in a spatially varying flux parameter
- 2- Network junction
- The design principle: Hide the interfaces at the centers of computational cells
- Allows for standard scalar numerical flux at cell boundaries (will use Godunov, Engquist-Osher)

# Introduction

- If no interface present, the theory for both the conservation law and the difference scheme have been well developed for many years
- Difference schemes are monotone (only first order accuracy)
- Much more accurate computational techniques exist for the case with no interface
- If solution to Riemann problem is known at the interface, it can be used to construct a better solution than provided by these schemes

# Introduction

- These algorithms are interesting anyway, for several reasons
- 1- Provide a way to proceed if the solution to the Riemann problem is not yet known
- 2- Interesting analytical properties
- 3- Seem to have a built-in selection principle (entropy satisfaction)
- 4- Upwind property gives better resolution than Lax-Friedrichs, which is another approach

# 1. Concave flux with a discontinuous coefficient

# Concave flux - Cauchy problem

- Cauchy problem:

$$u_t + (k(x)f(u))_x = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$$

- $k \in BV \Rightarrow$  Kruzkov theory does not apply
- $f > 0$ , strictly concave,  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ .  
Single maximum  $u = u^*$ .
- $u_0 \in BV \cap L^1$ ,  $u_0 \in [0, 1]$
- $0 < \underline{k} \leq k(x) \leq \bar{k}$



## Concave flux- as a system

- Possible to view the equation as a non-strictly hyperbolic system

$$u_t + (kf(u))_x = 0, \quad k_t = 0$$

- Simple model of "resonant" system - eigenvalues ( $\lambda^k = 0$ ,  $\lambda^u = kf'(u)$ ) coincide when  $f' = 0$
- The equation  $u_t + (kf(u))_x$  often used to model more complicated resonant systems

# Concave flux-background

- Temple (1982) used Glimm scheme to establish global weak solution for  $2 \times 2$  resonant system modeling multiphase flow
- First use of the "singular" transformation to establish compactness
- Lin, Temple, Wang (1995): Godunov method for

$$u_t + f(k(x), u)_x = 0, \quad k_t = 0$$

modeling resonant system

- Established convergence of Godunov method (singular mapping, again), linear growth rate for  $TV(u)$ , assuming  $TV(u_0)$ ,  $TV(k)$ ,  $TV(k')$  bounded

# Concave flux-background

- Klingenberg, Risebro (1995):  $u_t + (kf(u))_x = 0$  with conditions on  $f$  similar to  $f$  concave,  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$
- Solved Riemann problem, used solution to construct front tracking algorithm
- Established compactness for approximate solutions using a singular mapping, analysis of wave interactions
- Will use this version of singular mapping for difference scheme
- Limit of front tracking approximations satisfies a "wave entropy" condition, implying uniqueness

## Concave flux - background

- For periodic  $u_0$  and  $k$ , the asymptotic solution is a standing N-wave
- Klausen, Risebro (1997):  $u_t + f(a(x), u)_x = 0$
- Similar to  $u_t + (k(x)f(u))_x = 0$  with  $f$  concave and  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$
- Solution depends continuously (in  $L^1(\mathbf{R})$ ) on the initial data  $u_0$  and the coefficient  $k$
- First prove for smoothed version of  $k$ , then proceed via approximation

# Concave flux - background

- Tveito, Winther (1995): Discussed use of  $2 \times 2$  Lax-Friedrichs scheme for

$$u_t + (k(x)f(u))_x = 0, \quad k_t = 0$$

- No Riemann solvers required (not even scalar) due to central differences
- Motivation was as an alternative approach when either no solution to Riemann problem, or using  $2 \times 2$  Riemann solvers causes variation blow-up
- Lax-Friedrichs is robust but produces excessive smearing
- Convergence of Lax-Friedrichs ( $2 \times 2$  or scalar version) for  $k \in BV$  is an open problem

## Scheme for concave flux - the goal

- Devise a "scalar" difference scheme that does not require knowledge of the solution to the  $2 \times 2$  Riemann problem
- Preferably an upwind scheme, since shocks are resolved better
- Purpose of the scheme - a tool for understanding solutions of the Cauchy problem, especially the Riemann problem

## Scheme for concave flux - the approach

- Place jumps in  $k$  at centers of computational cells - away from cell boundaries
- The conserved quantity  $u$  and the coefficient are discretized on meshes that are staggered
- Use standard scalar Riemann solvers, eg., scalar Godunov or Engquist-Osher (EO) numerical flux

## Scheme for concave flux

- Uniform mesh size  $\Delta x$  on x-axis -  $x_j = j\Delta x$ ,  $j \in \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, \dots\}$
- $I_j = [x_j - \Delta x/2, x_j + \Delta x/2]$ ,  $\chi_j(x)$  its characteristic function
- $I_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = [x_j, x_{j+1}]$ ,  $\chi_{j+\frac{1}{2}}(x)$  its characteristic function
- Uniform spacing of time steps -  $t^n = n\Delta t$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$
- $I^n = [t^n, t^{n+1})$ ,  $\chi^n(t)$  its characteristic function



## Scheme for concave flux

- The marching algorithm:

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \lambda(k_{j+\frac{1}{2}}h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - k_{j-\frac{1}{2}}h_{j-\frac{1}{2}})$$

$$h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = h(u_{j+1}^n, u_j^n)$$

- Discretization of  $u_0$  and  $k$

$$u^\Delta(x, 0) = \sum_j \chi_j(x) u_j^0, \quad u_j^0 = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{I_j} u_0(x) dx,$$

$$k^\Delta(x) = \sum_j \chi_{j+\frac{1}{2}}(x) k_{j+\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{I_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} k(x) dx.$$

# Scheme for concave flux - the numerical flux

- Godunov

$$h(v, u) = \begin{cases} \min_{[u, v]} f(w), & \text{if } u \leq v \\ \max_{[v, u]} f(w), & \text{if } u \geq v \end{cases}$$

- Engquist-Osher (EO)

$$h(v, u) = \frac{1}{2}(f(u) + f(v)) - \frac{1}{2} \int_u^v |f'(w)| dw$$

- Two-point monotone, upwind fluxes
- Observation: Godunov and EO are identical except when  $u$  and  $v$  are connected by a sonic shock ( $u < u^* < v$ ).

## Concave flux - elementary properties of the scheme

- Conservation form
- Scheme is monotone with CFL condition  $\lambda \|k\|_{\infty} \|f'\|_{\infty} \leq 1$  (check partial derivatives)
- Approximations  $u_j^n$  remain in  $[0, 1]$  (from monotonicity and  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ )
- Time-continuity:  $\sum_j |u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n| \leq C$ , where  $C$  is independent of  $\Delta$  and  $n$  (Crandall-Tartar lemma)

## Concave flux - the singular mapping

- The idea - prove compactness for transformed version  $z = \Psi(u, k)$  of  $u$
- The approach was first used by Temple (1982)
- The version used by Klingenberg, Risebro (1995) works for the difference schemes:

$$\Psi(u, k) = k\sigma(u - u^*)(1 - f(u)/f^*)$$

## Concave flux - properties of the singular function

- Strictly increasing as a function of  $u$ , for each fixed  $k$
- $\Psi_u > 0$  everywhere except at  $u = u^*$  ("singular" at  $u^*$ )
- For  $0 < \underline{k} \leq k \leq \bar{k}$ , maps  $[0, 1] \times [\underline{k}, \bar{k}]$  into  $[-\bar{k}, \bar{k}]$
- Lipschitz continuous in both variables

## Concave flux - transforming $u$ to $z$

- Have approximation

$$u^\Delta(x, t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} \chi_j^n(x, t) u_j^n$$

$$\chi_j^n(x, t) = \chi_j(x) \chi^n(t)$$

- $\chi_j(x) =$  characteristic function for  $[x_j - \Delta x/2, x_j + \Delta x/2)$ ,  $\chi^n(t) =$  characteristic function for  $[t^n, t^n + \Delta t)$
- Transform to  $z^\Delta(x, t)$  via

$$z^\Delta(x, t) = \Psi(u^\Delta(x, t), k^\Delta(x, t))$$

## Concave flux - transforming $u$ to $z$

- $z^\Delta(x, t)$  is piecewise constant. In the  $x$ -direction, it has jumps at cell boundaries (due to  $u^\Delta$ ) and jumps at cell centers (due to  $k^\Delta$ )
- Not hard to check that  $z^\Delta$  inherits  $L^\infty$  bound and time-continuity from  $u^\Delta$
- For compactness, we need to bound  $TV(z^\Delta)$ .

## Concave flux - variation bound for $z^\Delta$

- Jumps at cell centers (due to  $k^\Delta$ ) contribute  $constant \times TV(k)$  to  $TV(z^\Delta)$
- We need an estimate of  $\sum_j |\Delta_+^u z_j|$ , the contribution from cell boundaries (due to jumps in  $u^\Delta$ )
- Requires an interesting fact about the Engquist-Osher and Godunov schemes when  $k = 1$



## Concave flux - Lemma on constant- $k$ EO scheme

- First write the singular function as

$$\Psi(u, k) = \frac{k}{f^*} \int_{u^*}^u |f'(w)| dw$$

- Define

$$\phi(u) = \int_{u^*}^u |f'(w)| dw$$

- Note that  $\phi$  is strictly increasing
- Notation:  $\chi_+(w) = 1$  if  $f'(w) > 0$ , zero otherwise;  $\chi_-$  is defined similarly.  $f'_+(w) = \max(0, f'(w))$ ;  $f'_-(w)$  is defined similarly.

## Concave flux - Lemma on constant- $k$ EO scheme

- The lemma:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\phi_j - \phi_{j+1})_+ &\leq \chi_-(u_j) |h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}| \\
 &\quad + \chi_+(u_{j+1}) |h_{j+\frac{3}{2}} - h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}|
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\chi_-(w) = 1$  if  $f'(w) < 0$ , and zero otherwise;  
 $\chi_+(w) = 1$  if  $f'(w) > 0$ , and zero otherwise

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$$\phi_j = \phi(u_j^n) = \int_{u^*}^{u_j^n} |f'(w)| dw$$

## Concave flux - Proof of lemma

- Assume  $u_j > u_{j+1}$ ; otherwise proof is immediate
- Then Godunov and EO are identical, so we can use EO flux formulas
- A pair of identities

$$\phi_j - \phi_{j+1} = \int_{u_{j+1}}^{u_j} f'_+(w) dw - \int_{u_{j+1}}^{u_j} f'_-(w) dw$$

$$h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}} = \int_{u_{j-1}}^{u_j} f'_+(w) dw + \int_{u_j}^{u_{j+1}} f'_-(w) dw$$

## Concave flux - Proof of lemma

- Suffices to prove the two inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{-}(u_j) \left| \int_{u_{j-1}}^{u_j} f'_{+}(w)dw + \int_{u_j}^{u_{j+1}} f'_{-}(w)dw \right| \\ \geq \int_{u_j}^{u_{j+1}} f'_{-}(w)dw\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{+}(u_j) \left| \int_{u_{j-1}}^{u_j} f'_{+}(w)dw + \int_{u_j}^{u_{j+1}} f'_{-}(w)dw \right| \\ \geq - \int_{u_{j-1}}^{u_j} f'_{+}(w)dw\end{aligned}$$

- The rest of the proof consists of checking the various cases, i.e., the location of  $u_j$ ,  $u_{j+1}$ ,  $u_{j-1}$  with respect to  $u^*$

# Concave flux - interpreting the lemma

- Lemma gives information on the evolution of rarefactions
- Substitute  $(u_j^n - u_j^{n+1})/\lambda$  for  $h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$
- If  $u_j^n > u^*$  and  $u_j^n > u_{j+1}^n$ , then  $u_j^n$  decreases at the next time step, and

$$u_j^{n+1} \leq u_j^n - \lambda \int_{u_j^n}^{u_j^{n+1}} f'_-(w) dw$$

- If  $u_j^n < u^*$  and  $u_j^n < u_{j-1}^n$ , then  $u_j^n$  increases at the next time step, and

$$u_j^{n+1} \geq u_j^n - \lambda \int_{u_{j-1}^n}^{u_j^n} f'_+(w) dw$$

## Concave flux - the variation bound

- Turns out that the proof is only slightly more difficult with variable  $k$ , so set  $k = 1$
- With  $k = 1$ ,  $\psi = \phi/f(u^*)$
- Will show that the negative variation of  $\phi(u^\Delta(x, t))$  is bounded
- A bound on the total variation then follows since  $\phi(u^\Delta(x, t))$  is bounded

## Concave flux - the variation bound

- Start from the lemma

$$\begin{aligned}(\phi_j - \phi_{j+1})_+ &\leq \chi_-(u_j) |h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}| \\ &\quad + \chi_+(u_{j+1}) |h_{j+\frac{3}{2}} - h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}|\end{aligned}$$

- Substitute  $(u_j^n - u_j^{n+1})/\lambda$  for  $h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$  to get

$$\begin{aligned}(\phi_j - \phi_{j+1})_+ &\leq \chi_-(u_j) |u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n|/\lambda \\ &\quad + \chi_+(u_{j+1}) |u_{j+1}^{n+1} - u_{j+1}^n|/\lambda\end{aligned}$$

## Concave flux - the variation bound

- Sum over  $j$ , and shift indices to get

$$\sum_j (\phi_j - \phi_{j+1})_+ \leq \sum_j |u_j^{n+1} - u_j^n|/\lambda$$

- The sum on the right is bounded uniformly, basically due to the fact that the scheme is  $L^1$ -contractive
- When the coefficient  $k$  is properly accounted for, the same bounds result, modulo terms of the form  $constant \times TV(k)$



## Concave flux - convergence

- Standard compactness arguments (Helly's theorem) are used to show that a subsequence  $z^\Delta \rightarrow z$  in  $L^1_{loc}$  and boundedly a.e.
- Define  $u = \psi^{-1}(z, k)$ . By continuity of  $\psi^{-1}$ ,  $u^\Delta \rightarrow u$  in  $L^1_{loc}$  and boundedly a.e.
- The limit  $u$  is a weak solution, by the Lax-Wendroff theorem applied to the system

$$u_t + (kf(u))x = 0, \quad k_t = 0$$

# Singular function, entropy flux, EO flux

- Kruzkov entropy flux associated with entropy  $V(u) = |u - u^*|$

$$F(u) = \sigma(u - u^*)(f(u) - f(u^*)) = - \int_{u^*}^u |f'(w)| dw$$

- Singular mapping

$$\Psi(u, k) = k\sigma(u - u^*)(1 - f(u)/f^*) = -(k/f^*)F(u)$$

- EO flux

$$h(v, u) = \frac{1}{2}(f(u) + f(v)) - \frac{1}{2} \int_u^v |f'(w)| dw$$

## Concave flux - geometric entropy conditions

- Kruzkov entropy condition for smooth  $k$

$$\int_{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}^+} (|u - c| \psi_t + k \sigma(u - c) (f(u) - f(c)) \psi_x - \sigma(u - c) k' f(c) \psi) dx dt \geq 0$$

- $\psi$  any smooth nonnegative test function with support in  $x > 0$ , any  $c \in \mathbf{R}$
- Not applicable if  $k$  is not smooth, but still applicable to this problem away from jumps in  $k$
- Will focus on the Godunov version of the scheme - use the scheme to derive a geometric entropy condition at jump in  $k$

## Concave flux - geometric entropy conditions

- Cell entropy for variable- $k$  Godunov scheme derived from constant- $k$  Godunov scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} V_j^{n+1} &\leq V_j^n - \lambda \Delta_+ (k_{j-\frac{1}{2}} H_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad + (V_j^{n+1} - V(w_j^n)) + \lambda H_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \Delta_+ k_{j-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

- $(V, F)$  any convex entropy pair,  $H_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = F(u^G(u_{j+1}^n, u_j^n))$ ,  $V_j^n = V(u_j^n)$

- $w_j^n$  defined by

$$w_j^n = u_j^n - \lambda k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} (h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - h_{j-\frac{1}{2}})$$

## Concave flux - geometric entropy conditions

- Using the cell entropy inequality, and a Lax-Wendroff argument, the Kruzkov entropy inequalities are satisfied by limit solution  $u$  away from jumps in  $k$
- For piecewise smooth solutions, the usual geometric entropy condition is satisfied for a discontinuity in the smooth- $k$  region

$$kf'(u_L) > s > kf'(u_R)$$

- $s = k(f(u_R) - f(u_L))/(u_R - u_L) =$  shock speed,  $u_L$  and  $u_R$  are values of  $u$  on left and right side of shock

# Concave flux - geometric entropy conditions

- Assume finitely many jumps in  $k$ , located at  $\xi_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, M$

Now allow  $\psi$  to have support including jumps in  $k$ , and take  $c = u^*$ ,  $f^* = f(u^*)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (|u - u^*| \psi_t + k \sigma(u - u^*)(f(u) - f(u^*)) \psi_x) dx dt + \\ & f^* \int (|k'(x)| + \sum_{i=1}^M |k(\xi_i^+) - k(\xi_i^-)| \delta(x - \xi_i)) \psi dx dt \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- For  $u$  smooth on both sides of jump at  $\xi_i$ , this entropy inequality yields (with  $F(u) = \sigma(u - u^*)(f(u) - f^*)$ )

$$k_R F(u_R) - k_L F(u_L) \leq |k_R - k_L| f^*$$

## Concave flux - geometric entropy conditions

- The Rankine-Hugoniot condition at a jump in  $k$  is  $k_L f(u_L) = k_R f(u_R)$
- Lemma: For a pair of states satisfying the Rankine-Hugoniot condition

$$\begin{aligned} k_R F(u_R) - k_L F(u_L) &\leq |k_R - k_L| f(u^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow f'_-(u_L) f'_+(u_R) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- $f'_-(u_L) f'_+(u_R) = 0$  means that characteristics on at least one side of the jump in  $k$  can be drawn backward to the x-axis

## Concave flux - geometric entropy conditions

- Condition E: In smooth  $k$  region, characteristics on both sides of the discontinuity extend backward to the x-axis
- Condition E': At jumps in  $k$ , characteristics on at least one side of the discontinuity extends backward to the x-axis
- Recall theorem of Quinn (1971) that piecewise smooth solutions of  $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$  satisfying condition E form an  $L^1$ -contraction semigroup
- Theorem: Assuming  $k$  piecewise constant, piecewise smooth solutions of  $u_t + (kf(u))_x = 0$  satisfying conditions E and E' form an  $L^1$ -contraction semigroup



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## 2. Nonconvex flux with a discontinuous coefficient and source terms

# Nonconvex flux

- Cauchy problem:

$$u_t + (k(x)f(u) - a(x))_x = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$$

- $f$  can be nonconvex, but must have  $|f'| > 0$  a.e. to allow for inversion of singular mapping
- Allow  $f$  to have any finite number of critical points
- Have added a source term  $a(x)$ , which may also have jumps
- Assume  $a, k \in BV$ ,  $\underline{a} \leq a(x) \leq \bar{a}$ ,  $0 < \underline{k} \leq k(x) \leq \bar{k}$

# Nonconvex - background

- Klingenberg, Risebro (1999): Studied the nonconvex problem

$$\theta_t + (r(x)\sin(\theta))_x = 0, \quad r_t = 0$$

- Coefficient satisfies  $r > 0$ ,  $r \in BV$
- Assume  $\theta_0 \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , which is an invariant region
- Problem arose as auxiliary equation to model of 2-phase flow in porous medium
- Constructed solution to the Riemann problem, and used this to devise front tracking scheme

## Nonconvex - background

- Compactness via singular mapping and analysis of wave interactions
- Solution operator is  $L^1$ -contractive
- First prove this for smoothed coefficient  $r$ , then for  $r \in BV$  via approximation

# Nonconvex - background

- Ostrov (1999): Radar shape from shading (SFS) problem
- Hamilton-Jacobi formulation

$$u_r + g(I(y, r), u_y) = 0$$

- $g$  nonconvex,  $I(y, r)$  discontinuous
- Constructed monotone scheme and proved convergence, assuming that certain upper and lower limits are equal

## Source terms - background

- Greenberg, Leroux, Baraille, Noussair (1997):  
Studied  $u_t + f(u)_x = a_x$
- $f$  convex,  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f$  even
- Source term  $a$  assumed piecewise smooth
- Constructed entropy solution of Riemann problem using minimization of a certain functional as selection principle
- Used this to construct solution to Cauchy problem for  $a$  piecewise constant,  $u_0 \in L^\infty \cap L^1_{loc}$
- Solutions form  $L^1$ -contraction semigroup
- Constructed Godunov scheme based on solutions to Riemann problem

## Source terms - background

- Established  $L^\infty$  stability for Godunov scheme
- Compactness is an open problem



## Nonconvex flux - the scheme

- Scheme constructed in the same way, except source terms are present

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n - \lambda \left( (k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - a_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) - (k_{j-\frac{1}{2}} h_{j-\frac{1}{2}} - a_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \right)$$

- Discretization of source terms also staggered with respect to discretization of  $u$

$$a_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{I_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} a(x) dx$$

- Do not have to know the solution of Riemann problem involving jumps in  $u_0$ ,  $k$ ,  $a$  - possibly quite complicated
- The flux  $h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}$  is EO (Convergence for Godunov version is an open problem)

## Nonconvex flux - two things that make this problem harder

- $L^\infty$  bounds require more work for this problem than previously, where we had  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$
- Will use a version of the singular mapping to establish compactness, but the lemma about the EO scheme does not apply here

## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ bounds

- Previously assumed  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ , which made  $[0, 1]$  invariant
- Will allow for other conditions on the flux, basically that the flux is monotonically increasing or decreasing for  $|u|$  sufficiently large, and takes on a "sufficiently" large range of values
- "sufficiently" large range of values is determined by  $\bar{a} - \underline{a}$  and  $\bar{k}/\underline{k}$

## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ bounds

- Approach - find fixed points above and below the initial data  $u_0$
- Time advance operator:  $\Gamma^\Delta(u^\Delta(\cdot, t^n)) = u^\Delta(\cdot, t^{n+1})$
- $v^\Delta = \sum_{j,n} \chi_j^n(x, t) V_j^n$  is a fixed point if
$$\Gamma^\Delta(v^\Delta) = v^\Delta$$
- Sufficient condition for a fixed point:  $\exists$  constant  $\eta$  such that for all  $j$ ,

$$k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} h(V_{j+1}, V_j) - a_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \eta$$

## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ bounds

- The presence of  $h(V_{j+1}, V_j)$  makes this a difficult nonlinear system
- Make the problem easier - require  $h$  to be an upwind flux and  $f$  be nondecreasing or nonincreasing in the "interval of interest"
- Fixed point condition becomes (if  $f$  is non-decreasing):  $\exists$  constant  $\eta$  such that for all  $j$ ,

$$k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} f(V_j) - a_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \eta$$

- Replace  $f(V_j)$  by  $f(V_{j+1})$  if  $f$  nonincreasing

# Nonconvex flux - Lemma on $L^\infty$ bounds

- Assumptions:
- $u_0(x) \in [\tilde{w}, \tilde{v}] \subseteq [\bar{w}, \bar{v}]$ , and  $\lambda \|k\|_\infty \|f'\|_\infty \leq 1$  for  $u \in [\bar{w}, \bar{v}]$
- $f$  is monotone on each of the intervals  $[\bar{w}, \tilde{w}]$  and  $[\tilde{v}, \bar{v}]$
- There are constants  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  such that the following equations have solutions  $v \in [\tilde{v}, \bar{v}]$  and  $w \in [\bar{w}, \tilde{w}]$  for all  $a \in [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$  and all  $k \in [\underline{k}, \bar{k}]$ :

$$kf(v) - a = \eta, \quad kf(w) - a = \xi$$

# Nonconvex flux - Lemma on $L^\infty$ bounds

- Conclusions:
- The computed approximations  $u^\Delta(x, t)$  remain in  $[\overline{w}, \overline{v}]$ , and the CFL condition continues to be satisfied for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$
- The time advance operator  $\Gamma^\Delta$  is monotone on the computed approximations  $u^\Delta(x, t)$  (the scheme is monotone)
- The time continuity estimate holds

$$\sum_j |U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n| \leq C$$

## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ example 1

- $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$  ( $a = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ )

$$\tilde{w} = \overline{w} = \inf_x u_0(x), \quad \tilde{v} = \overline{v} = \sup_x u_0(x)$$

$$\xi = f(\inf_x u_0(x)), \quad \eta = f(\sup_x u_0(x))$$

$$w(x) = \inf_x u_0(x), \quad v(x) = \sup_x u_0(x)$$

- As expected, lemma yields

$$u^\Delta(x, t^n) \in [\inf_x u_0(x), \sup_x u_0(x)]$$



## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ example 2

- $u_t + (kf(u))_x = 0$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $\underline{k} \leq k(x) \leq \bar{k}$ ,  
 $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ ,  $u_0(x) \in [0, 1]$

$$\tilde{w} = \bar{w} = 0, \quad \tilde{v} = \bar{v} = 1$$

$$\xi = 0, \quad \eta = 0$$

$$w(x) = 0, \quad v(x) = 1$$

- As expected, lemma predicts that  $[0, 1]$  is invariant, another well-known fact

## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ example 3

- $u_t + (kf(u))_x = 0$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $0 < \underline{k} \leq k(x) \leq \bar{k}$ ,  $f$  strictly convex and even,  $f(0) = 0$ , eg.,  $f(u) = u^2/2$
- Let  $f_l^{-1}$  and  $f_r^{-1}$  denote the negative and positive branches of  $f^{-1}$ . The lemma yields:

$$\tilde{w} = \inf_x u_0(x), \quad \tilde{v} = \sup_x u_0(x)$$

$$\bar{w} = f_l^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{k}}{\underline{k}}f(\tilde{w})\right), \quad \bar{v} = f_r^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{k}}{\underline{k}}f(\tilde{v})\right)$$

$$\xi = \bar{k}f(\inf_x u_0(x)), \quad \eta = \bar{k}f(\sup_x u_0(x))$$

$$w(x) = f_l^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{k}}{k(x)}f(\tilde{w})\right), \quad v(x) = f_r^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{k}}{k(x)}f(\tilde{v})\right)$$

## Nonconvex flux - $L^\infty$ example 4

- $u_t + (f(u) - a)_x = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ ,  $\underline{a} \leq a(x) \leq \bar{a}$ ,  $f$  strictly convex and even,  $f(0) = 0$ , eg.,  $f(u) = u^2/2$ . The lemma produces:

$$\tilde{w} = \inf_x u_0(x) < 0, \quad \tilde{v} = \sup_x u_0(x) > 0$$

$$\bar{w} = f_l^{-1}(f(\tilde{w}) + \bar{a} - \underline{a}), \quad \bar{v} = f_r^{-1}(f(\tilde{v}) + \bar{a} - \underline{a})$$

$$\xi = f(\tilde{w}) - \underline{a}, \quad \eta = f(\tilde{v}) - \underline{a}$$

$$w(x) = f_l^{-1}(f(\tilde{w}) + a(x) - \underline{a})$$

$$v(x) = f_r^{-1}(f(\tilde{v}) + a(x) - \underline{a})$$

- Get the following bound, which was already found (in stronger form) by Greenberg, et al (1997) for a Godunov-type scheme for this problem

$$f(u^\Delta(x, t^n)) \leq \sup_x f(u_0(x)) + \bar{a} - \underline{a}$$

# Nonconvex flux - the singular mapping

- $\Psi(u, k, a) = k \int_0^u |f'(w)| dw - a$
- $\Psi(\cdot, k, a)$  is strictly increasing due to assumption that there are only finitely many critical points
- As in the concave case, map  $u^\Delta$  to  $z^\Delta$  via
$$z^\Delta(x, t) = \Psi(u^\Delta(x, t), k^\Delta(x, t), a^\Delta(x, t))$$
- Prove compactness for  $z^\Delta$
- $L^\infty$  bound and time-continuity inherited from  $u^\Delta$

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\psi$

- For compactness, require a variation bound on  $z^\Delta$
- As in the convex case, the parameters  $k$  and  $a$  only make the proof slightly more involved
- Set  $a = 0$ ,  $k = 1$ . Will sketch proof of variation bound for  $\phi(u) = \int_0^u |f'(w)|dw$ , for the case of three critical points
- Preprint 2000-30 on the Conservation Laws Preprint Server ([www.math.ntnu.no](http://www.math.ntnu.no)) contains a proof for general  $a, k$  and finitely many critical points

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- Three critical points - assume

$$\bar{w} = u_0^* < u_1^* < u_2^* < u_3^* < u_4^* = \bar{v}$$

- Assume  $u_1^*$  is max,  $u_2^*$  is min,  $u_3^*$  is max

- Decompose  $\phi$ :

$$\phi(u) = \sum_{i=0}^3 \phi^i(u)$$

- $\phi^i(u) = \phi(u)$  in  $[u_i^*, u_{i+1}^*)$ , zero elsewhere
- Show that each  $\phi_i$  has bounded variation

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- Kruzkov entropy pairs:  $V(u) = |u - c|$ ,  
 $F(u) = \sigma(u - c)(f(u) - f(c))$

- Cell entropy inequality for EO scheme:

$$V(U_j^{n+1}) \leq V(U_j) - \lambda \Delta_+ H_{j-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- EO numerical entropy flux:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{j+\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2}(F(U_j) + F(U_{j+1})) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{U_j}^{U_{j+1}} \sigma(f'(w)) \sigma(w - c) f'(w) dw \end{aligned}$$

- Derived from formula for numerical entropy flux for monotone schemes in Crandall, Majda (1980)

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- A pair of identities for the EO flux

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(\Delta_+ H_{j-\frac{1}{2}} + \Delta_+ h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) = & \int_{U_j^n}^{U_{j+1}^n} \chi_r(w; c) f'_-(w) dw \\ & + \int_{U_{j-1}^n}^{U_j^n} \chi_r(w; c) f'_+(w) dw \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(\Delta_+ H_{j-\frac{1}{2}} - \Delta_+ h_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) = & - \int_{U_j^n}^{U_{j+1}^n} \chi_l(w; c) f'_-(w) dw \\ & - \int_{U_{j-1}^n}^{U_j^n} \chi_l(w; c) f'_+(w) dw \end{aligned}$$

- $\chi_r(w; c) = 1$  if  $w \in [c, \infty)$ , zero otherwise  
 $\chi_l(w; c) = 1$  if  $w \in (-\infty, c]$ , zero otherwise



# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

A pair of entropy inequalities:

$$\frac{1}{2}(\Delta_+ H_{j+\frac{1}{2}} + \Delta_+ h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}(U_j^n - U_j^{n+1})_+$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\Delta_+ H_{j+\frac{1}{2}} - \Delta_+ h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) \leq \frac{-1}{\lambda}(U_j^n - U_j^{n+1})_-$$

Proof:

$$\Delta_+ H_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}|U_j^n - U_j^{n+1}|$$

$$\Delta_+ h_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\lambda}(U_j^n - U_j^{n+1})$$

Add and divide by 2, subtract and divide by 2.

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- Another pair of entropy inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{U_j^n}^{U_{j+1}^n} \chi_r(w; c) f'_-(w) dw + \\
 & \int_{U_{j-1}^n}^{U_j^n} \chi_r(w; c) f'_+(w) dw \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} (U_j^n - U_j^{n+1})_+ \\
 & - \int_{U_j^n}^{U_{j+1}^n} \chi_l(w; c) f'_-(w) dw \\
 & - \int_{U_{j-1}^n}^{U_j^n} \chi_l(w; c) f'_+(w) dw \leq \frac{-1}{\lambda} (U_j^n - U_j^{n+1})_-
 \end{aligned}$$

- Proof: Compare the pair of identities with the previous pair of entropy inequalities

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- Take the  $\psi_l$  entropy inequality with  $c = u_1^*$   
- the only contribution is from  $[u_0^*, u_1^*]$

$$- \int_{U_{j-1}}^{U_j} \chi_l(w, u_1^*) f'_+(w) \leq \frac{-1}{\lambda} (U_j^n - U_j^{n+1})_-$$

- This yields

$$(\phi^0(U_{j-1}) - \phi^0(U_j))_+ \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} |U_j^n - U_j^{n+1}|$$

- Sum over  $j$  to get a bound on the negative variation of  $\phi^0$
- $TV(\phi^0) \leq C$ , since  $\phi^0$  is bounded

# Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- Proceed this way with the  $\chi_l$  inequalities using  $c = u_2^*$ ,  $c = u_3^*$  - get 2 more inequalities,

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi^1(U_{j+1}) - \phi^1(U_j)) &- (\phi^0(U_j) - \phi^0(U_{j-1})) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} |U_j^n - U_j^{n+1}| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi^1(U_{j+1}) - \phi^1(U_j)) &- (\phi^0(U_j) - \phi^0(U_{j-1})) \\ &- (\phi^2(U_j) - \phi^2(U_{j-1})) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} |U_j^n - U_j^{n+1}| \end{aligned}$$

- The first inequality, along with bound on  $TV(\phi^0)$  gives bound on  $TV(\phi^1)$ , similarly for  $TV(\phi^2)$  using the second inequality

## Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\phi$

- For  $\phi^3$ , use the  $\chi_r$  inequality with  $c = u_3^*$

$$\phi^3(U_j) - \phi^3(U_{j-1}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} |U_j^n - U_j^{n+1}|$$

- This gives a bound on  $TV(\phi^3)$

## Nonconvex flux - variation bound for $\psi$

- When  $k$  and  $a$  are accounted for, the same bounds result modulo terms of the form

$$C_1 TV(k) + C_2 TV(a)$$

## Maximum and minimum principles for the flux

- Define  $F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n = k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} h_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - a_{j+\frac{1}{2}}$ , and impose the more restrictive CFL condition  $\lambda \|k\| \|f'\| \leq 1/2$

- Max and min principles for the numerical flux:

$$\min_j F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^0 \leq F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n \leq \max_j F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^0$$

- Let  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ . Max and min principles for the limit of the difference scheme

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_x (k(x)f(u_0(x)) - a(x)) \\ & \leq k(x)f(u(x,t)) - a(x) \leq \\ & \sup_x (k(x)f(u_0(x)) - a(x)) \end{aligned}$$

## Maximum and minimum principles for the flux

- Greenberg, et. al. (1997) established these principles for  $u_t + f(u)_x = a_x$  and their Godunov scheme with  $f$  convex
- Resulted from their construction of the Riemann problem
- CFL:  $\lambda \|f'\| \leq 1$



# Max and min principles for the flux

- Write the numerical flux in incremental form:

$$F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n + C_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^+ \Delta + F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n - C_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^- \Delta - F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n$$

- Incremental coefficients ( $D_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \Delta + F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n$ )

$$C_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^+ = -\lambda k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^1 f'_-(U_{j+1}^n - \theta D_{j+\frac{1}{2}}) d\theta$$

$$C_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^- = +\lambda k_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^1 f'_+(U_j^n - \theta D_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) d\theta$$

- $\Rightarrow F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} \in co\{F_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^n, F_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^n, F_{j+\frac{3}{2}}^n\}$

# Nonconvex - entropy conditions

- Entropy inequality at a jump in  $k$  and  $a$ :  
For all  $c \in \mathbf{R}$

$$k_R F_R - k_L F_L \leq |f(c)(k_R - k_L) - (a_R - a_L)|$$

- $F(u) = \sigma(u - c)(f(u) - f(c))$ ,  $V(u) = |u - c|$
- Derived from the cell entropy for the scheme

$$\begin{aligned} V_j^{n+1} &\leq V_j^n - \lambda \Delta_+ (k_{j-\frac{1}{2}} H_{j-\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad + \lambda |f(c) \Delta_+ k_{j-\frac{1}{2}} - \Delta_+ a_{j-\frac{1}{2}}| \end{aligned}$$

- $H_{j-\frac{1}{2}} =$  Crandall-Majda numerical entropy flux

## Nonconvex - entropy conditions

- Take  $f \geq 0$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $k \geq \underline{k} > 0$ . Let  $c \in co\{u_L, u_R\}$
- $k_L \leq k_R, u_L \leq u_R \Rightarrow f_R \leq f(c)$
- $k_L \leq k_R, u_L \geq u_R \Rightarrow f_L \geq f(c)$
- $k_L \geq k_R, u_L \leq u_R \Rightarrow f_L \leq f(c)$
- $k_L \geq k_R, u_L \geq u_R \Rightarrow f_R \geq f(c)$
- When  $k_L = k_R$ , recover the usual geometric entropy conditions

### 3. Network junctions

# Network junctions - background

- Problem comes from traffic flow on a network of one-directional roads
- Subject of conservation laws on a network was initiated by Holden, Risebro (1995) [HR95]
- The scalar conservation law  $\rho_t + f(\rho)_x = 0$  holds on each "edge" of a finite directed graph
- $f$  concave,  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ , with a unique single max at  $\sigma \in [0, 1]$  (standard traffic flow modeling)
- Vertices of the directed graph correspond to junctions

# Network junctions - background

- Requires extension of notion of weak solution
- Weak solution [HR95]

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{a_i}^{b_i} \left( \rho_i \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial t} + f(\rho_i) \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x} \right) dx dt + \int_{a_i}^{b_i} \rho_{i,0}(x) \phi_i(x, 0) dx \right) = 0$$

for  $\{\phi_i\}_1^N$  any collection of smooth test functions with  $\phi_i$  defined on  $[a_i, b_i]$ , compactly supported

- Require that the  $\phi_i$  meet  $C^1$  smoothly at junctions

## Network junctions - background

- Rankine-Hugoniot condition at a junction  $J$  [HR95]

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(\rho_i(b_i, \cdot)) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+m} f(\rho_i(a_i, \cdot))$$

- At this junction  $J$  there are  $N = n + m$  edges, the first  $n$  incoming, the last  $m$  outgoing
- The edges joining at  $J$  have endpoints  $[a_i, b_i]$  with  $b_i = c_i$  for an incoming edge,  $a_i = c_i$  for an outgoing edge,  $c_i$  being the junction point

# Network junctions - background

- Rankine-Hugoniot condition not enough to single out unique solution at a junction
- Approach of Holden, Risebro: Maximize the flow at  $J$ , measured by

$$\sum_{i=1}^N g(f(\rho_i)/f_{max})$$

subject to the Rankine-Hugoniot condition

- $g$  is strictly concave
- Theorem [RH95]: The Riemann problem for a junction has a unique solution under these conditions



## Network junctions - background

- The solution of the Riemann problem was used to construct a front tracking algorithm
- Theorem [HR95]: The front tracking algorithm converges to a weak solution of the Cauchy problem
- Compactness established using a version of the singular mapping, and analysis of wave interactions

# Network junctions - difference scheme approach

- Plan is to study this problem from the point of view of upwind difference schemes such as Godunov and EO
- Will hide the junctions at the centers of computational cells - finite volume approach
- What does the scheme produce as the solution to the Riemann problem?
- Can we characterize this solution? If so, how does it relate to the maximal flow solution of [HR95]?
- Does the scheme converge to a weak solution?

# Network junctions - difference scheme approach

- Will describe approach with a single-junction network, 2 incoming edges, 2 outgoing
- Incoming variables  $u(x, t)$ ,  $v(x, t)$ , each defined on  $(-\infty, 0)$ .
- Outgoing variables  $w(x, t)$ ,  $z(x, t)$ , each defined on  $(0, +\infty)$ .
- Junction variable  $c(t)$ , associated with  $x = 0$ .

## Network junctions - Discretize the network

- Spatial mesh width =  $\Delta x$
- Outgoing edges - cell centers at  $x_j = j\Delta x$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$
- Incoming edges - cell centers at  $x_j = j\Delta x$ ,  $j = -1, -2, \dots$
- That leaves an interval of length  $\Delta x/2$  at the beginning (end) of each outgoing (incoming) edge, which will belong to the junction cell

## Network junctions - Discretize the network

- The junction cell now has total measure  $4 \times \Delta x/2 = 2\Delta x$
- For a more general junction, the total measure of the junction cell will be  $N\Delta x/2$ , where  $N$  is the total number of edges meeting at the junction  $J$
- Let  $\lambda = \Delta x/\Delta t$
- Let  $U_j^n, V_j^n$  ( $j \leq -1$ ) be the incoming approximations,  $W_j^n, Z_j^n$  ( $j \geq 1$ ) the outgoing, and  $C^n$  the approximation for the junction cell

# Network junctions - the difference equations

- Outgoing edge (eg., the  $W$  edge):

$$W_j^{n+1} = W_j^n - \lambda \Delta_+ h(W_j^n, W_{j-1}^n), \quad j \geq 1$$

- Use  $W_0^n = C^n$  in this formula

- Incoming edge (eg., the  $U$  edge):

$$U_j^{n+1} = U_j^n - \lambda \Delta_- h(U_{j+1}^n, U_j^n), \quad j \leq -1$$

- Use  $U_0^n = C^n$

- Take  $h = \text{Godunov or EO flux consistent with } f$ , but other choices of 2-point numerical fluxes make sense

## Network junctions - the difference equations

- Difference equation for the junction cell

$$C^{n+1} = C^n - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (h(W_1^n, C^n) + h(Z_1^n, C^n) - h(C^n, U_{-1}^n) - h(C^n, V_{-1}^n))$$

- This approach works for more general junctions. Let  $\mu^\Delta(J)$  = measure of junction cell =  $N\Delta x/2$

$$C^{n+1} = C^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\mu^\Delta(J)} \left( \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+m} h_{\frac{1}{2}}^i - \sum_{i=1}^n h_{-\frac{1}{2}}^i \right)$$

- Similar to finite volume algorithm

# Network junctions - difference scheme properties

- Scheme designed to be conservative - preserves the integral over the network  $= \Omega$  with the natural measure on the network

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho^{\Delta}(x, t^{n+1}) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} \rho^{\Delta}(x, t^n) d\mu$$

- Scheme is monotone with the CFL condition  $\lambda \|f'\| \leq 1$ . Eg., check (with EO flux)

$$\frac{\partial C^{n+1}}{\partial C^n} = 1 - \frac{\Delta t}{2\Delta x} (2f'_+(C^n) - 2f'_-(C^n))$$

- If number of incoming edges  $\neq$  number of outgoing, a similar calculation shows that we get a more restrictive CFL condition



# Network junctions - difference scheme properties

- Monotonicity and  $f(0) = f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow$  solutions remain in  $[0, 1]$
- Monotonicity + preserves integral  $\Rightarrow$  time continuity (Crandall-Tartar lemma)

$$\int_{\Omega} |\rho^{\Delta}(x, t^{n+1}) - \rho^{\Delta}(x, t^n)| d\mu \leq C$$

where  $C$  depends on the the total variation of the initial data

- Using this bound, we can get a bound on the total variation of  $\Psi(\rho^{\Delta})$ , yielding compactness for the computed approximations

# Network junctions - Numerical experiments

- Currently trying to derive entropy condition based on output of this scheme (Godunov version) for Riemann problems
- Shocks smeared more than would occur in the usual (no junction) situation
- Have some numerical evidence that the scheme has a flow maximization mechanism built in