

# 5. BASIC NUMERICAL METHODS FOR DISCRETE VELOCITY KINETIC EQUATIONS

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## 5.1 ONE DIMENSION CASE

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- DISCRETE VELOCITY KIN. EQ:

$$\partial_t F_k + v_k \partial_x F_k = Q_k(F) = \frac{1}{Z} (M_k(p, u, T) - F_k)$$

- FINITE DIFFERENCE APPROXIMATIONS:

$x \in \mathbb{R}$  : DISCRETIZED WITH NODES  $x_i = i \Delta x$   
( $i$  FROM  $-\infty$  TO  $+\infty$ )

$t \geq 0$  : ——— DISCRETE TIMES  $t_n = n \Delta t$   
( $n \geq 0$ )

—  $F_k(t_n, x_i) \approx F_{ki}^n$  ( $\approx f(t_n, x_i, v_k)$ )

—  $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ u \\ T \end{pmatrix} (t_n, x_i) \approx \begin{pmatrix} p_{i:}^n \\ u_{i:}^n \\ T_{i:}^n \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_D} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v_k \\ \frac{1}{2} v_k^2 \end{pmatrix} F_{ki}^n \omega_k$

## NUMERICAL METHODS :

- BASED ON FINITE DIFFERENCE APPROXIMATION

- 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER EXPLICIT TIME DISCRETIZATION  
(BACKWARD EULER EXPLICIT SCHEME)

- 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDER UPWIND SCHEME IN SPACE  
(  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} : a^+ = \max(a, 0) \quad a^- = \min(a, 0)$  )

NUMERICAL SCHEME :  $\partial_t F_k + v_k \cdot \partial_x F_k = \frac{1}{2} (M_k[\rho, u, T] - F_k)$

$$\frac{F_{k,i}^{n+1} - F_{k,i}^n}{\Delta t} + v_k^+ \frac{F_{k,i}^n - F_{k,i-1}^n}{\Delta x} + v_k^- \frac{F_{k,i+1}^n - F_{k,i}^n}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{2} \left( M_k[\rho_i^n, u_i^n, T_i^n] - F_{k,i}^n \right)$$

$k = 1 \text{ TO } N$   
 $i \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad n \geq 0$

IF  $(F_{k,i}^n)_{k,i}$  THEN  $(F_{k,i}^{n+1})_{k,i}$  CAN BE COMPUTED

## PROPERTIES OF THE SCHEME :

① IT PRESERVES THE POSITIVITY OF  $(F_{k,i}^n)$

$$\left( F_{k,i}^n \geq 0 \quad \forall k,i \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_{k,i}^{n+1} \geq 0 \quad \forall k,i \right)$$

UNDER A CONSTRAINT ON THE TIME STEP .

② IT IS CONSERVATIVE : WE HAVE DISCRETE CONSERVATION LAWS

③ IT IS STABLE .

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↳ SEE NEXT SLIDE

① ASSUME  $F_{k,i}^n \geq 0 \quad \forall k, i$

THEN :

$$F_{k,i}^{n+1} = \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} |v_u| - \frac{\Delta t}{z_i^n}\right)}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{F_{k,i}^n}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} v_u^+}_{\geq 0} F_{k,i-1}^n - \underbrace{\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} v_u^-}_{\geq 0} F_{k,i+1}^n + \underbrace{\frac{\Delta t}{z_i^n} M_k(p_i^n, u_i^n, T_i^n)}_{\geq 0}$$

$\geq 0$  IF  $\Delta t \left( \frac{|v_u|}{\Delta x} + \frac{1}{z_i^n} \right) \leq 1$

THEREFORE :

$F_{k,i}^{n+1} \geq 0 \quad \forall k, i$  IF

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{\frac{v_{\max}}{\Delta x} + \frac{1}{\min_i z_i^n}}$$

CFL CONDITION

FINALLY :

IF  $F_{k,i}^0 \geq 0 \quad \forall k, i$  THEN  $F_{k,i}^n \geq 0 \quad \forall k, i, n$   
 (IF CFL CONDITION IS SATISFIED AT EVERY  $n$ )

NOTE: THE CFL CONDITION IS RESTRICTIVE WHEN:

- $v_{max}$  is LARGE (HIGH SPEED FLOWS)
- $z^u_i$  is SMALL (DENSE GASES = CLOSE TO CONTINUOUS REGIMES  
↳ SEE CHAPTER 6).

② DISCRETE CONSERVATION LAWS: TAKE  $\sum_{k=1}^N \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v_k \\ \frac{1}{2} v_k^2 \end{pmatrix} (-) \omega_k$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n \\ \rho_i^{n+1} u_i^{n+1} - \rho_i^n u_i^n \\ E_i^{n+1} - E_i^n \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left( \bar{\Phi}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \bar{\Phi}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n \right) = 0$$

WITH :

$$\bar{\Phi}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \sum_{k=1}^N \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v_k \\ \frac{1}{2} v_k^2 \end{pmatrix} (v_k^- F_{k,i+1}^n + v_k^+ F_{k,i}^n) \omega_k$$

CONSERVATION  
PROP. OF THE DISCRETE  
COLLISION OPERATOR.

NUMERICAL FLUX

## GLOBAL CONSERVATION PROPERTIES :

EXAMPLE: TOTAL MASS  $M^n = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho_i^n \Delta x \quad (\approx \int \rho dx)$

↳ TAKE  $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} (\text{CONSERVATION LAW OF } \rho_i^n) \Delta x \rightarrow$

$$\frac{M^{n+1} - M^n}{\Delta t} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} (\Phi_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,1} - \Phi_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{n,1})}_{=0} = 0$$

= 0 SINCE EVERY TERM VANISHES!!

THEN .  $M^{n+1} = M^n = \dots = M^0$

CONSERVATION OF THE TOTAL MASS .

### ③ STABILITY :

$$\|F^n\| = \sum_{k,i} |F_{k,i}^n| \omega_k \Delta x \quad (\text{"NORM" OF } F^n = (F_{k,i}^n))$$

UNDER THE CFL CONDITION :  $\|F^n\| \leq \|F^0\|$   
 ( THE NORM OF  $F^n$  IS CONTROLLED BY THE  
 INITIAL DATA ) = STABILITY

PROOF : CFL CONDITION  $\Rightarrow$   $F_{k,i}^n \geq 0$  ( IF  $F_{k,i}^0 \geq 0$  )  
 $(\ominus) \quad \forall k,i$

$$\Rightarrow \|F^n\| = \sum_{k,i} F_{k,i}^n \omega_k \Delta x = \mathcal{M}^n$$

$$\ominus \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}^n = \mathcal{M}^0 (= \|F^0\|)$$

THEN  $\|F^n\| = \|F^0\|$  .





PROBLEM: IF  $i = 0 \rightarrow$  THE SCHEME

NEEDS  $F_{k, -1}^{n+1} \rightarrow$  NOT DEFINED

FOR  $\nu_k > 0$  ONLY.

(FOR  $\nu_k < 0$  : EVERY TERM IS KNOWN  $\Rightarrow F_{k, 0}^{n+1}$  CAN BE DEFINED )

How to compute  $F_{k, 0}^{n+1}$  for  $\nu_k > 0$  ?

L<sub>1</sub> WE CANNOT USE THE SCHEME .

L<sub>2</sub> USE THE SPECULAR REFLECTION .

$$F_{k, 0}^{n+1} = F_{k', 0}^{n+1} \quad (\text{WHERE } k' \text{ S.T. } \nu_{k'} = -\nu_k)$$

(FOR  $k$  S.T.  $\nu_k > 0$ )

THEN:  $F_{k, i}^{n+1}$  CAN BE DEFINED FOR EVERY  $k$   
 $i$   
 $n$

EXERCISE: ① DO THE SAME ANALYSIS  
FOR THE DIFFUSE REFLECTION

② DO THE SAME FOR THE BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM

$x \in [0, 1]$  (TWO BOUNDARIES)

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## 6. ASYMPTOTIC PRESERVING SCHEMES

— REMEMBER THAT WHEN  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  (DENSE GAS)  
 (IN RESCALED VARIABLES) THE MACROSCOPIC QUANTITIES  
 ARE SOLUTIONS OF THE EULER EQUATIONS  
 (ASYMPTOTIC REGIME)

— WHAT DOES HAPPEND AT THE NUMERICAL LEVEL?

— USE RESCALED VARIABLES SUCH THAT THE  
 SCHEME READS :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{F_{ki}^{n+1} - F_{ki}^n}{\Delta t} + \nu_k^+ \frac{F_{ki}^n - F_{k,i-1}^n}{\Delta x} + \nu_k^- \frac{F_{k,i+1}^n - F_{ki}^n}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{Z_i^n} (M_k \rho_i^n u_i^n T_i^n - F_{ki}^n) \end{array} \right.$$

THE SCHEME IS STABLE IF

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\nu_{\max}}{\Delta x} + \frac{1}{\min(\varepsilon Z_i^n)}} = O(\varepsilon) \quad \text{WHEN } \varepsilon \ll 1$$

- IN THE FLUID REGIME,

$$\{\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

↳ THE SCHEME CANNOT BE USED  
( TOO EXPENSIVE )

- IDEA OF ASYMPTOTIC PRESERVING SCHEMES (SHI JIN)  
(A.P.)

→ SCHEME WHICH IS UNIFORMLY STABLE W.R.T.  $\varepsilon$   
(  $\Delta t$  SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF  $\varepsilon$  )

→ THE SCHEME OBTAINED AT THE LIMIT  $\varepsilon = 0$   
MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ASYMPTOTIC LIMIT  
OF THE KINETIC EQUATION (EULER EQUATIONS).

↳ GENERAL IDEA : TIME IMPLICIT SCHEMES

( BECAUSE THESE SCHEMES ARE KNOWN TO BE  
FREE OF CFL CONDITION )

EXAMPLE 1:

TAKE THE EXPLICIT SCHEME AND WE REPLACE

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon \Delta x} (M(\rho_i^n, u_i^n, T_i^n) - F_{u,i}^n)$$

$$\text{BY } \frac{1}{\varepsilon \Delta x} (M(\rho_i^n, u_i^n, T_i^n) - F_{u,i}^{n+1}) \geq 0$$

↳ THE SCHEME READS :

$$\underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{\Delta t}{\varepsilon \Delta x}\right)}_{\geq 0} F_{u,i}^{n+1} = \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} |v_{u,i}|}\right)}_{\geq 0} F_{u,i}^n + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} v_{u,i}^+ F_{u,i-1}^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} v_{u,i}^- F_{u,i+1}^n + \frac{\Delta t}{\varepsilon \Delta x} M(\rho_i^n, u_i^n, T_i^n)\right)}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\text{IF } \left| \Delta t \leq \frac{1}{\frac{v_{max}}{\Delta x}} \right|$$

CFL CONDITION DOES NOT DEPEND ON  $\varepsilon$ .

|| THE SCHEME IS UNIFORMLY STABLE  
W.R.T  $\varepsilon$

BUT : THE LIMIT  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  IS NOT  
CORRECT

THE SCHEME LEADS :

$$F_{u_i}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon z_i^n}} \left( \left(1 - \frac{\Delta t |v_{u_i}|}{\Delta x}\right) F_{u_i}^n + ( ) - ( ) \right) + \frac{\Delta t / \epsilon z_i^n}{1 + \Delta t / \epsilon z_i^n} M(\rho_i^n, u_i^n, \tau_i^n)$$

$\approx O(\epsilon)$  (pointing to the first term's denominator)  
 $\xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 1$  (pointing to the second term's denominator)

WHEN  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  :

$$F_{u_i}^{n+1} \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} M(\rho_i^n, u_i^n, \tau_i^n)$$

FOR  $\epsilon = 0$  :

$$F^{n+1} = M(\rho^n, u^n, \tau^n)$$

$$F^n = M(\rho^{n-1}, u^{n-1}, \tau^{n-1})$$

ETC...  
 FOR EVERY  $n$  :

$$F^n = F^0$$

THE FLOW DOES NOT EVOLVE.

$\Rightarrow$  THIS SCHEME IS NOT A.P.

EXAMPLE 2:

EVALUATE

$M$  AT  $t_{n+1}$ :

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} (M_k(p, u, T) - F) \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{\epsilon^n} (M_k(p_i^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}, T_i^{n+1}) - F_{k,i}^{n+1})$$

THEN:

(UNIFORMLY STABLE W.R.T  $\epsilon$ )

$$F_{k,i}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon z^n}} \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta t / \epsilon z^n}{1 + \Delta t / \epsilon z^n} M_k(p_i^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}, T_i^{n+1}) \right)$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$

$$F_{k,i}^{n+1} = M_k(p_i^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}, T_i^{n+1})$$

NO TIME SHIFT.

CORRECT LIMIT. (AS IN THE CONTINUOUS CASE)

THEN:

$$\Phi_{k,i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \underset{(\epsilon=0)}{=} \sum_{k=1}^N v_k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v_k \\ \frac{1}{2} v_k^2 \end{pmatrix} M_k(p_i^n, u_i^n, T_i^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta x} (\Phi_{k,i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \Phi_{k,i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) \underset{(\epsilon=0)}{\approx} \int_{\mathbb{R}} v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v \\ \frac{1}{2} v^2 \end{pmatrix} M(p, u, T) dv$$

EULER FLUXES

AT THE LIMIT  $\epsilon = 0$  :  $(p^i, u^i, T^i)$  SATISFY

A DISCRETE APPROXIMATION OF THE EULER EQUATIONS

$\Rightarrow$  THE SCHEME IS AP

PROBLEM : NON-LINEAR IMPLICIT SCHEME

(  $F^{n+1}$  IS DIFFICULT TO BE COMPUTED  
↳ EXPENSIVE )



# EXAMPLE 3 : TIME SPLITTING SCHEME

(CORON - PERTHAME)

DECOMPOSE KINETIC EQ INTO TWO EQ. :

TRANSPORT STEP :

SOLVE

$$\partial_t f + v \partial_x f = 0$$

FOR  $t \in [0, \Delta t]$

COLLISION STEP :

SOLVE

$$\partial_t f = \frac{1}{\varepsilon Z} (M(\rho, u, \pi) - f)$$

FOR  $t \in [0, \Delta t]$

$\rho, u, \pi$  ARE CONSTANT !!!

$\Rightarrow$  CAN BE SOLVED EXACTLY :

$$f(\Delta t, x, v) = e^{-\Delta t / \varepsilon Z} f(0, x, v) + (1 - e^{-\Delta t / \varepsilon Z}) M(\rho, u, \pi)$$

FINALLY THE SCHEME READS :

TRANSPORT STEP: 
$$F_{ki}^{n+1/2} - F_{ki}^n + \nu_u^+ \frac{F_{ki}^n - F_{ki-1}^n}{\Delta x} + \nu_u^- \frac{F_{ki+n}^n - F_{ki}^n}{\Delta t} = 0$$

COLLISION STEP: 
$$F_{ki}^{n+1} = e^{-\frac{\Delta t}{\varepsilon z_i^n}} F_{ki}^{n+1/2} + (1 - e^{-\frac{\Delta t}{\varepsilon z_i^n}}) M(\rho_i^{n+1}, u_i^{n+1}, T_i^{n+1})$$
  

$$\rightarrow = (\rho_i^{n+1/2}, u_i^{n+1/2}, T_i^{n+1/2})$$

EXERCISE: PROVE THAT THIS SCHEME IS

- ① UNIFORMLY STABLE W.R.T  $\varepsilon$
- ② A.P.

HERE  $F_{ki}^{n+1}$  CAN BE COMPUTED EXPLICITLY.