



# On an efficient solution strategy of Newton type for implicit finite element schemes based on algebraic flux correction

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# Overview

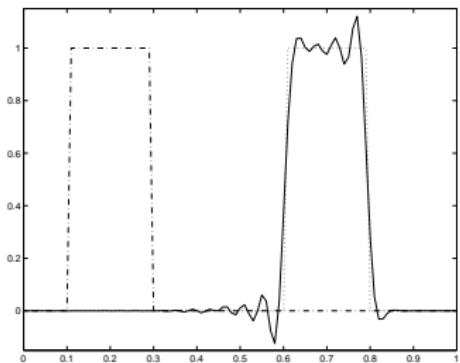
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## Motivation

## Scalar transport equation

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

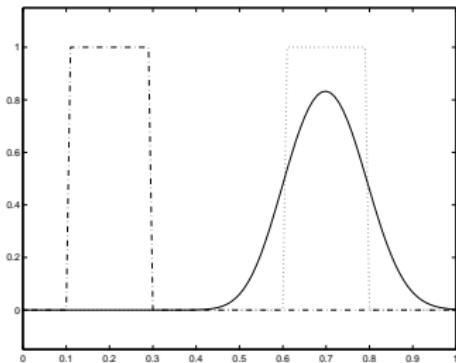
High-order methods: *wiggles*



Standard Galerkin FEM

$$M_c \frac{du}{dt} + Ku = 0$$

Low-order methods: *smearing*



Remedy: **nonlinear** combination of high- and low-order discretizations.



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Nonlinear high-resolution scheme containing limited antidiffusion

$$M_l \frac{du}{dt} + \mathbf{Lu} = \mathbf{f}, \quad \mathbf{f}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_{ij} f_{ij}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha_{ij} \leq 1$$



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# Flux limiting

Nonlinear high-resolution scheme (*lumped-mass version*)

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$\alpha_{ij} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{f} = 0 \Rightarrow M_I \frac{du}{dt} + \textcolor{red}{L}\textcolor{blue}{u} = 0$  low-order scheme

$\alpha_{ij} \equiv 1 \Rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{f} = \textcolor{blue}{D}\textcolor{blue}{u} \Rightarrow M_I \frac{du}{dt} + \textcolor{red}{K}\textcolor{blue}{u} = 0$  high-order scheme

Goal: Determine  $\alpha_{ij}$  as close to 1 as possible such that

$$(\textcolor{red}{L}\textcolor{blue}{u} - \textcolor{blue}{f})_i = \sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij}(u_j - u_i), \quad q_{ij} \leq 0 \quad \forall j \neq i$$



# Nonlinear solution algorithm

Nonlinear algebraic system for  $0 < \theta \leq 1$        $N(u) := \textcolor{red}{L}u - \textcolor{blue}{f}$

$$M_I \frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\Delta t} + \theta N(u^{n+1}) + (1 - \theta) N(u^n) = 0$$

Fixed-point iteration     $u^{(0)} := u^n$

$$u^{(m+1)} = u^{(m)} - C^{-1} \textcolor{green}{F}(u^{(m)}), \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

until     $\|\textcolor{green}{F}(u^{(m+1)})\| \leq \text{tol}$     or     $\|\textcolor{green}{F}(u^{(m+1)})\| \leq \text{tol} \|\textcolor{green}{F}(u^n)\|.$

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# Choice of preconditioner

Linearized system       $C\Delta u^{(m+1)} = F(u^{(m)})$

- Diagonal mass matrix     $C = M_I/\Delta t$ 
  - cheap, but only usable for very small time steps
  
- Low-order operator     $C = M_I/\Delta t + \theta L$ 
  - fixed-point defect correction scheme may converge slowly
  - no update needed if the velocity field remains unchanged
  
- Jacobian operator     $C = M_I/\Delta t + \theta \frac{\partial N(u)}{\partial u}$ 
  - nonlinear operator  $N(u)$  is constructed discretely
  - flux limiter may not be globally differentiable

Idea: approximate by divided differences and see what happens



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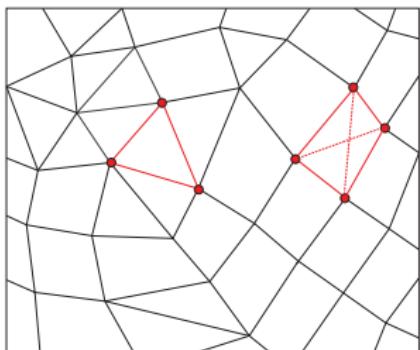
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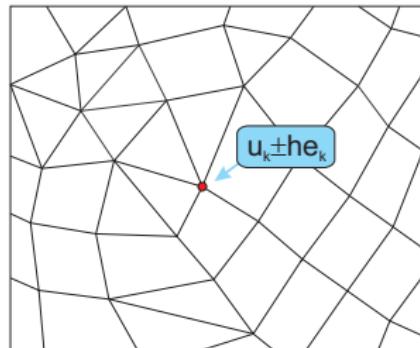
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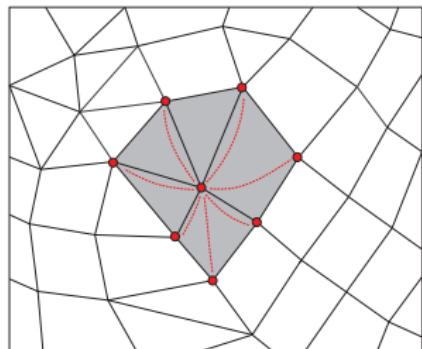
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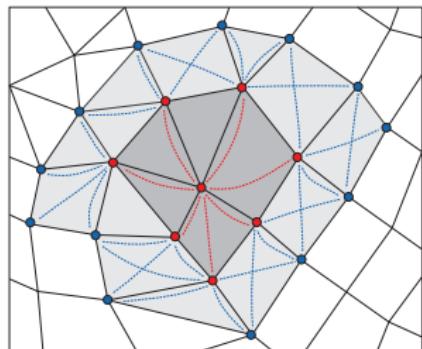
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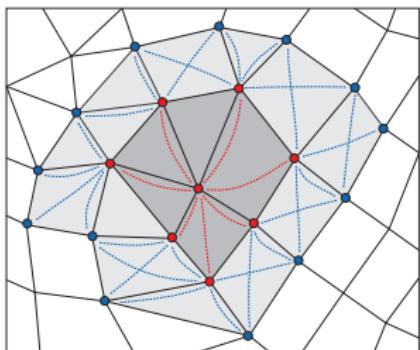
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# Example: *Stationary convection-diffusion*

Convection-diffusion equation

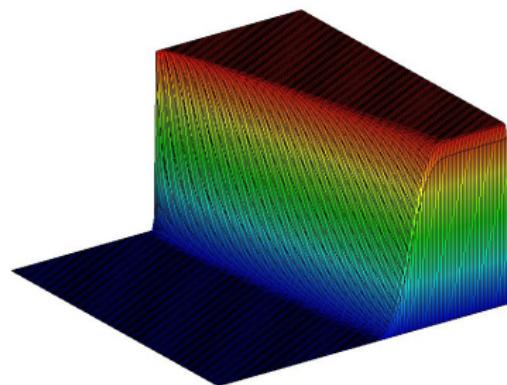
$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u - d \Delta u = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (\cos 10^\circ, \sin 10^\circ)$$

Initial guess in  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$

$$u_u(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - x & \text{if } y \geq 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

FEM-TVD:  $d = 10^{-3}$



$128 \times 128 Q_1\text{-elements}$

Boundary conditions

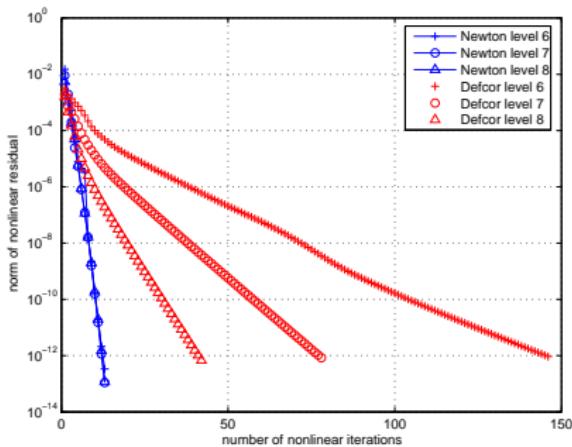
$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, 1) = 0, \quad u(0, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y \geq 0.5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$u(1, y) = 0,$$



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Newton's method			
4225	1	13	71
16641	4	13	102
66049	23	13	189
defect correction			
4225	3	146	1263
16641	9	78	1060
66049	35	43	1063

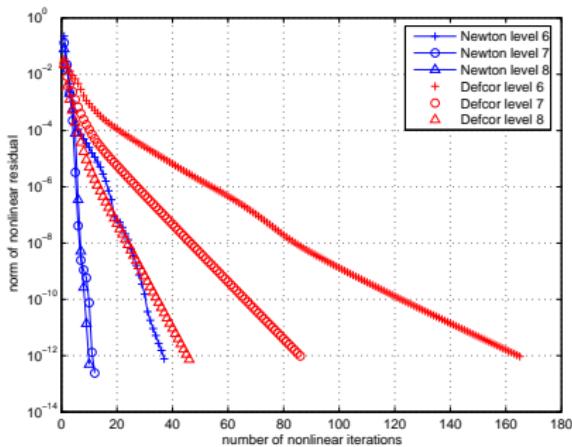
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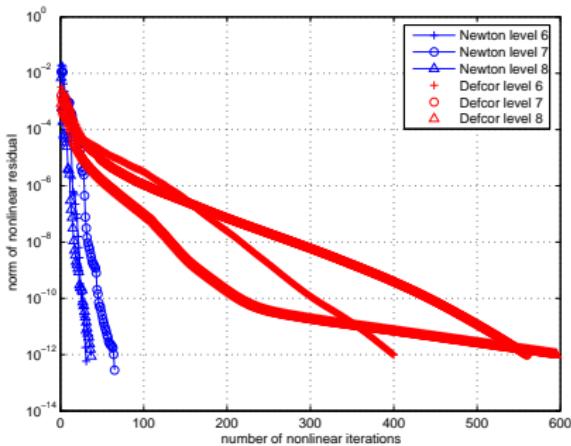
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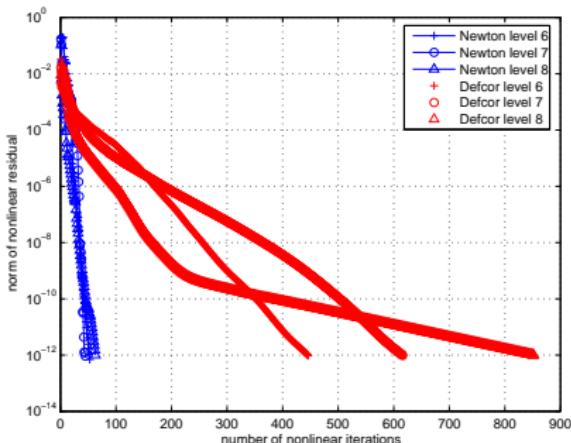


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4225	2	32	541
16641	54	65	3514
66049	95	37	1219
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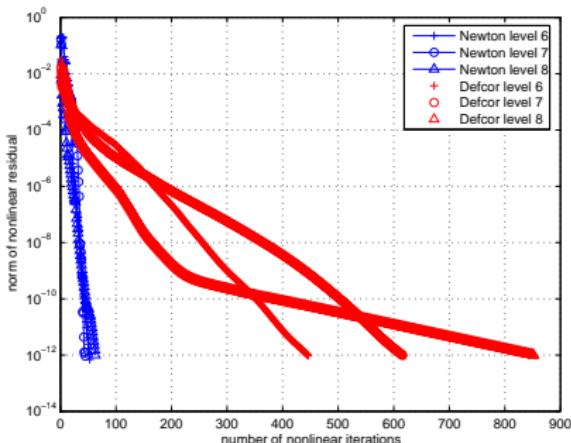


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66049	180	63	4147
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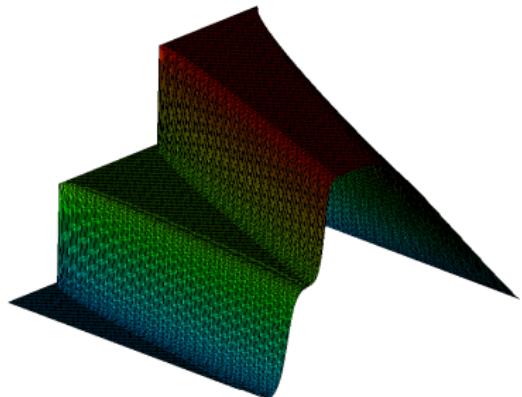
Space-time domain

$$\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 0.5)$$

Boundary conditions

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 0.4 \wedge t = 0 \\ 0.5 & \text{if } 0.4 \leq x \leq 8 \wedge t = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } 0.8 < x \leq 1 \wedge t = 0 \\ & \text{or } x = 0 \wedge 0 \leq t \leq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

Discrete upwind: 32,768  $P_1$ -elements



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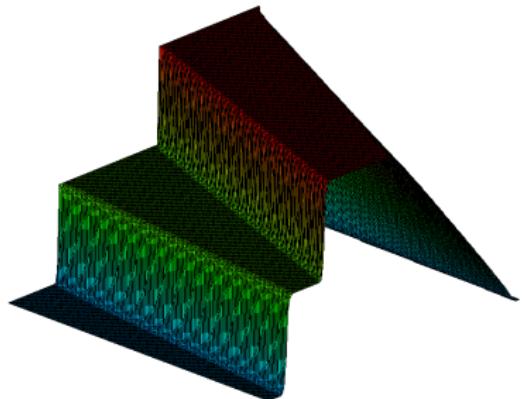
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FEM-TVD: 32,768  $P_1$ -elements



$$\|u - u_h\|_1 = 4.9211e - 3$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_2 = 1.9082e - 2$$



$$\text{Example: } \partial_\tau u + \partial_x \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) + \partial_t u = 0$$

Discrete upwind: 1 nit./ $\Delta\tau$ , BiCGSTAB+ILU,  $\text{rel}_{lin} \leq 10^{-3}$

$$\Delta\tau = 0.1$$

NVT	Newton			defect correction			error	
	CPU	NN	NL	CPU	NN	NL	$\ u - u_h\ _1$	$\ u - u_h\ _2$
4225	1	25	162	1	32	172	4.86e-2	7.84e-2
16641	2	24	287	3	35	352	2.93e-2	5.63e-2
66049	15	24	518	19	41	716	1.69e-2	4.01e-2

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▷ Discrete Jacobian operator yields robust Newton iteration



Example:  $\partial_\tau u + \partial_x(\frac{1}{2}u^2) + \partial_t u = 0$

FEM-TVD: up to 10 nit./ $\Delta\tau^n$ ,  $\Delta\tau^n \in [0.01, 1.0]$ ,  $\text{rel}_{nonl} \leq 10^{-3}$   
 BiCGSTAB+ILU,  $\text{rel}_{lin} \leq 10^{-3}$

Newton				defect correction			
CPU	NSTEP	NN	NL	CPU	NSTEP	NN	NL
10	38	119	5817	53	476	3741	42955
73	38	167	8597	224	254	2517	46755
1295	39	303	40162	3818	1065	6152	179584

error	4225	16641	66049
$\ u - u_h\ _1$	2.29e-2	1.01e-2	4.92e-3
$\ u - u_h\ _2$	5.34e-2	3.26e-2	1.90e-2

### Newton's method vs. defect correction

- ▷ total CPU time reduces by factor 3
- ▷ reduction of outer iterations by factor 15-30



# Example: *Swirling flow, Leveque*

Swirling flow in  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$

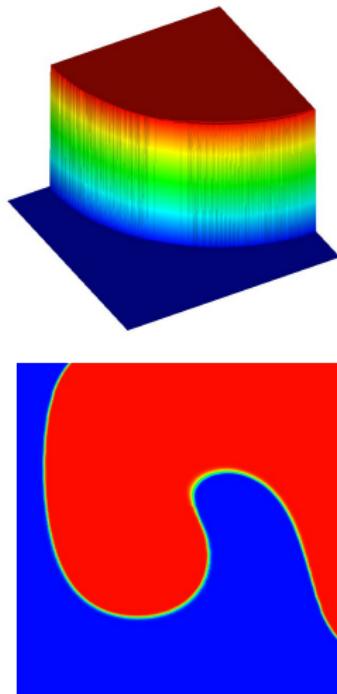
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Time-dependent velocity  $t \in (0, T)$

$$\begin{aligned} v_x &= \sin^2(\pi x) \sin(2\pi y) g(t) \\ v_y &= -\sin^2(\pi y) \sin(2\pi x) g(t) \\ g(t) &= \cos(\pi t/T), \quad T = 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

Time step control:

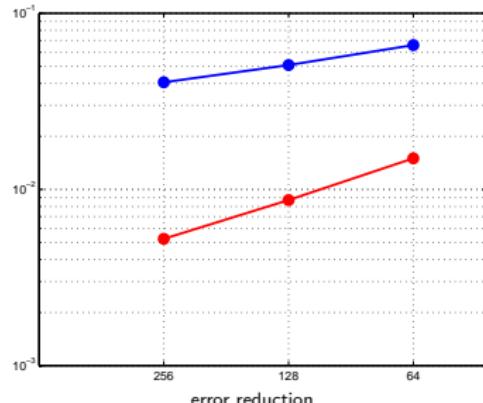
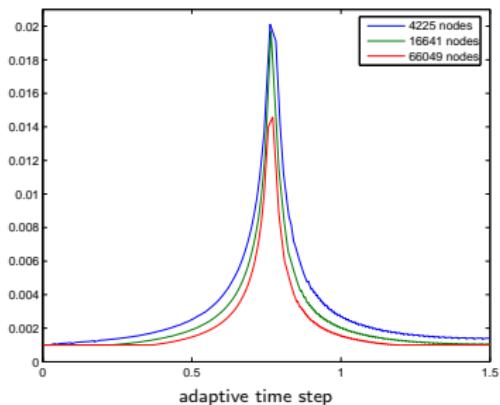
$$\Delta t \in [10^{-3}, 10^{-1}], \frac{\|u^{n+1} - u^n\|}{\|u^{n+1}\|} \leq 0.5\%$$





# Example: *Swirling flow*, contd.

NVT	NSTEP	Newton			defect correction		
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66049	1126 (66)	1220	5988	5990	5592	42410	42410

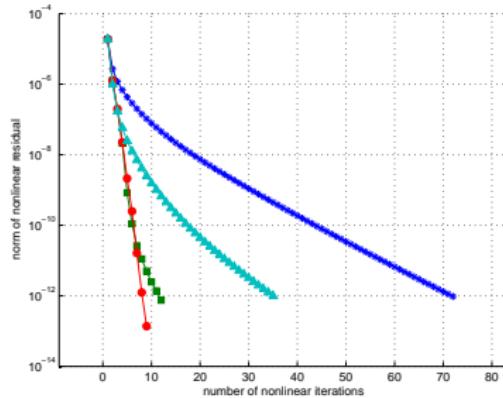
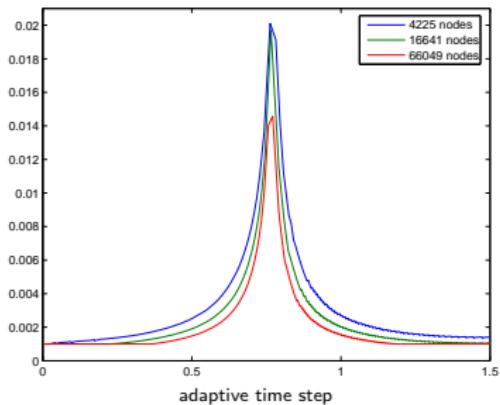


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# Outlook: Compressible flows, Kuz05b

Divergence Form

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \sum_{d=1}^3 \frac{\partial F^d}{\partial x_d} = 0$$

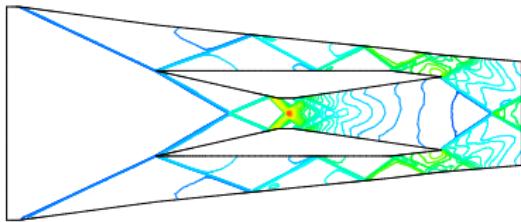
Quasi-linear form

$$A^d = \frac{\partial F^d}{\partial U}$$

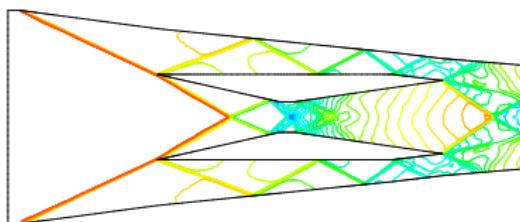
$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \sum_{d=1}^3 A^d \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_d} = 0$$

FEM discretization  $[M_C \frac{dU}{dt}]_i = \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij} (U_j - U_i)$        $A_{ij} = R_{ij} \Lambda_{ij} R_{ij}^{-1}$

Transformation to *local characteristic variables* makes it possible to perform upwinding and algebraic flux correction as in the scalar case.



$M_\infty = 3, \alpha = 0^\circ, \text{ density}$

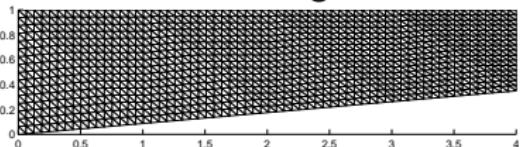


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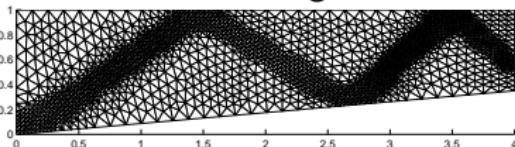


# Grid adaption, *Moe06*

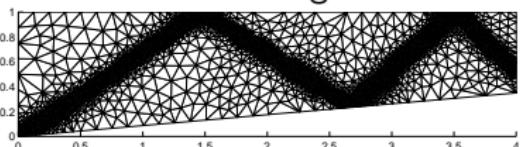
2048 triangles



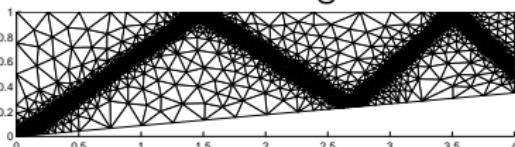
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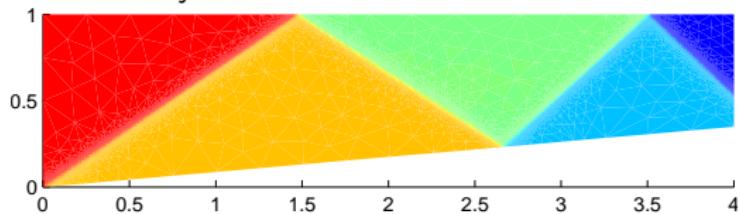
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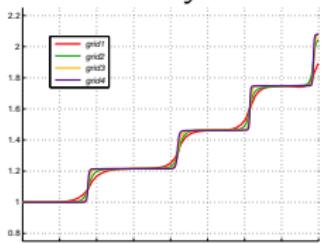
15664 triangles



Density distribution on the final mesh



cutline at  $y = 0.6$





# Conclusions and Outlook

- nonlinear high-resolution schemes can be constructed by adding artificial diffusion + limited antidiffusion
- implicit flux correction schemes can be combined with algebraic Newton methods to speed up convergence
- Jacobian matrix is approximated by divided differences and assembled efficiently edge-by-edge in a black-box fashion
- the sparsity pattern of the Jacobian needs to be extended which can be accomplished by standard matrix multiplication

Further research: compressible Euler equations,  
time-dependent grid adaptation



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# PID time step control

Normalize relative changes

$$e_n = \frac{\|u^n - u^{n-1}\|}{\text{tol} \|u^n\|}$$

Reject time step if  $e_n > 1$

$$\Delta t^n := \beta \Delta t^n, \quad 0 < \beta < 1$$

Compute new time step

$$\Delta t^{n+1} = \left( \frac{e_{n-1}}{e_n} \right)^{k_p} \left( \frac{1}{e_n} \right)^{k_I} \left( \frac{e_{n-1}^2}{e_n e_{n-2}} \right)^{k_D} \Delta t^n$$

Parameters (*Valli, Carey, Coutinho*)

$$k_P = 0.075, \quad k_I = 0.175, \quad k_D = 0.01$$

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# Multidimensional flux correction

1. Compute the sums of positive/negative antidiffusive fluxes

$$P_i^+ = \sum_{j \neq i} \max\{0, f_{ij}\}, \quad P_i^- = \sum_{j \neq i} \min\{0, f_{ij}\}$$

2. Define the corresponding upper/lower bounds

$$Q_i^+ = \sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij} \max\{0, u_j - u_i\}, \quad Q_i^- = \sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij} \min\{0, u_j - u_i\}$$

3. Evaluate the nodal correction factors for positive/negative fluxes

$$R_i^+ = \min\{1, Q_i^+/P_i^+\}, \quad R_i^- = \min\{1, Q_i^-/P_i^-\}$$

4. Apply correction factors to the raw antidiffusive fluxes

$$f_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \alpha_{ij} f_{ij} \quad \alpha_{ij} = \begin{cases} \min\{R_i^+, R_j^-\}, & \text{if } f_{ij} \geq 0 \\ \min\{R_i^-, R_j^+\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Semi-implicit FCT limiter, Part I

- 1. Initialization  $P_i^\pm \equiv Q_i^\pm \equiv R_i^\pm \equiv 0$
- 2. Compute positivity-preserving intermediate low-order solution

$$\tilde{u} = u^n + (1 - \theta) \Delta t M_I^{-1} L u^n$$

- 3. Evaluate raw antidiffusive flux  $f_{ij}^n = \Delta t d_{ij}^n (u_i^n - u_j^n)$  and update

$$P_i^\pm := P_i^\pm + \frac{\max}{\min} \{0, f_{ij}^n\}, \quad P_j^\pm := P_j^\pm + \frac{\max}{\min} \{0, -f_{ij}^n\}$$

- 4. Update admissible increments for both nodes

$$Q_i^\pm := \frac{\max}{\min} \{Q_i^\pm, \tilde{u}_j - \tilde{u}_i\}, \quad Q_j^\pm := \frac{\max}{\min} \{Q_j^\pm, \tilde{u}_i - \tilde{u}_j\}$$

- 5. Limite the raw antidiffusive fluxes  $f_{ij}^n$

$$R_i^\pm := m_i Q_i^\pm / P_i^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{f}_{ij} := \begin{cases} \min\{R_i^+, R_j^-\} f_{ij}^n, & \text{if } F_{ij}^n > 0, \\ \min\{R_i^-, R_j^+\} f_{ij}^n, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Semi-implicit FCT limiter, Part II

- 1. Evaluate the target flux

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ij} &= [m_{ij} + \theta \Delta t d_{ij}^{(m)}] (u_i^{(m)} - u_j^{(m)}) \\ &- [m_{ij} - (1-\theta) \Delta t d_{ij}^n] (u_i^n - u_j^n) \end{aligned}$$

- 2. Constrain each flux by means of  $\tilde{f}_{ij}$

$$f_{ij}^* = \begin{cases} \min\{f_{ij}, \max\{0, \tilde{f}_{ij}\}\}, & \text{if } f_{ij} > 0, \\ \max\{f_{ij}, \min\{0, \tilde{f}_{ij}\}\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- 3. Insert the limited antidiffusive flux into the right-hand side

$$\tilde{b}_i^{(m)} := \tilde{b}_i^{(m)} + f_{ij}^*, \quad \tilde{b}_i^{(m)} := \tilde{b}_i^{(m)} - f_{ij}^*$$

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