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CSE 566

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7 February 2019

Class #8

**EXAM 1:**  
1 week  
from  
today

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**Plan for Today**

- 1) REVIEW
  - Stability; Phase error
- 2) CODE/DATA:
  - Program #2 - continued
- 3) NUMERICAL METHODS :
  - The modified equation
    - ✦ Shift condition
    - ✦ "Implicit" damping
    - ✦ Lax Equivalence Theorem
  - Multidimensional advection
    - ✦ *split, unsplit approaches*
    - ✦ *Smolarkiewicz discussion*

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**Review: stability example #1**

- We started with:
 
$$q_j^{n+1} - q_j^n = K \frac{(q_{j+1}^n - 2q_j^n + q_{j-1}^n)}{\Delta x^2}$$
- And substituted this:
 
$$q_j^n = \hat{q}^n e^{ikj\Delta x}$$
- Resulting in the following:
 
$$\lambda = 1 - 4\sigma \sin^2\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2}\right)$$
- We looked at above expression to arrive at:
 

$-1 \leq 1 - 4\sigma \sin^2\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2}\right) \leq 1$

$0 \leq \sigma \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{2K}$

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**Review: Applying von Neumann's method**

Some comments on application of the Von Neumann method:

- Don't forget the **absolute value** ...
  - ✦  $|\lambda|$  must be less than or equal to 1, not just  $\lambda$ .
- If  $\lambda$  is **complex**, you must compute  $|\lambda|^2$  ...
  - ✦ for  $\lambda = (x+iy)$ ,  $|\lambda|^2 = (x^2+y^2)$
  - ✦ this must be less than or equal to 1 for stability.

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**Review: Fourier series - square wave**

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- **Sum of first three waves.**
- **More waves ...**
  - Gives a better approximation
  - Gibbs oscillation remains
- **Decomposition**
  - ... of arbitrary solution into component waves

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**Review: Phase errors**

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- **Dispersion** distorts the solution by introducing **wavenumber-dependent phase errors**
- The **phase relationship** between the different wave components is changed as they propagate at different speeds.

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**Computer Program 2**

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Staggered "C-grid"

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**The modified equation**

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**WHY WE SEE CHARACTERISTIC (OR REALLY, DOMINANT) ERRORS FOR TYPES OF SCHEMES**

**SEE NOTES FROM LAST CLASS!**

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## "Implicit" damping in weak flow

- **Kniewicz, Bryan, and Hacker paper (2005)**
  - Weather Research and Forecasting model
  - Noticed cases with very noisy fields
  - Problem tied to **flow-dependent implicit viscosity**

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Divergence (contours) and terrain elevation (shaded)  
 Unmodified WRF Model  
 Domain: 3 Model level: 1  
 23-h forecast valid 2300 UTC 14 July 1998

Kniewicz et al. (2005)  
 Figure at left: divergence (red >0; blue <0)  
 Noise pronounced in areas of low wind speed.

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## Summary: Errors vs. order of accuracy

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- **Explicit artificial viscosity**
  - An added term in a difference equation *designed* to add damping
- **Implicit artificial viscosity**
  - Unphysical damping as a *consequence* of the finite difference scheme
- **Summary of error properties**
  - **Dispersion** - **distortion of waves** as a result of **odd** derivative terms in the truncation error - **even order accuracy!**
  - **Dissipation** - **reduction of gradients** as a result of **even** derivative terms in the truncation error - **odd order accuracy!**
  - **Diffusion**: combined effect of **dissipation** and **dispersion**

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## Convergence

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**We've discussed:**

- Finite difference approximations to derivatives
- Truncation error
  - Taylor series
  - Order of accuracy  $(\Delta t)^p$ ,  $(\Delta x)^q$ , then
- Consistency
- Stability
  - Von Neumann's method

**Convergence - Lax equivalence theorem**

**If a finite difference scheme is:**

- Linear
- Stable
- Accurate of order  $(\Delta t)^p$ ,  $(\Delta x)^q$ , then

**It is convergent of order (p,q)**

- *This has not been shown to apply to nonlinear PDE's !!*
- Durrant, §2.1.3, p. 40

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# Multidimensional advection

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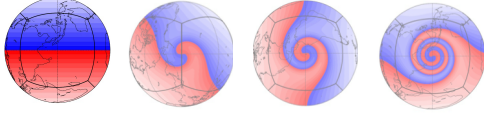
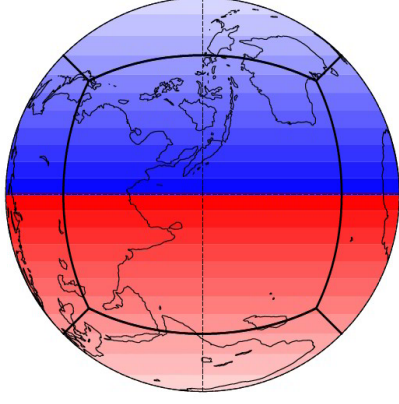
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AND DIRECTIONAL SPLITTING –  
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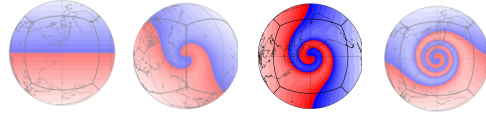
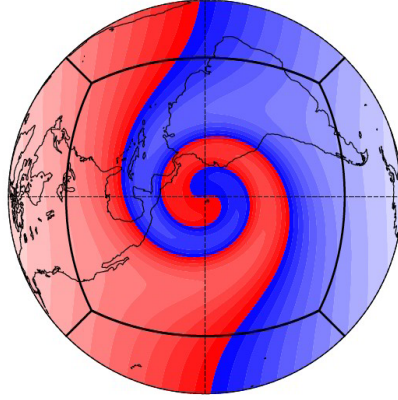
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(a) Initial Vortex Field



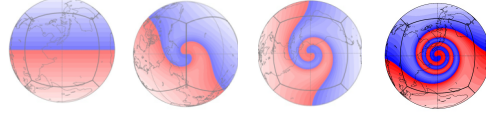
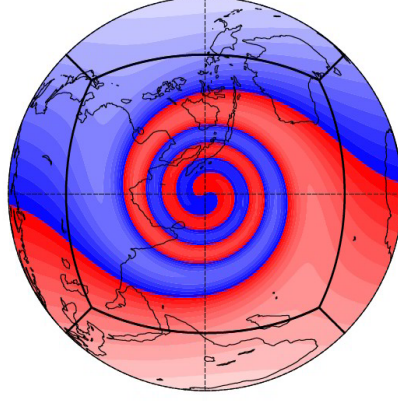
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(c) SLDG Numerical Solution (day 6)



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(d) SLDG Numerical Solution (day 12)



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### Multidimensional advection (17)

*We're already doing this in our programs!*

- But let's look in detail at some issues when moving from 1-D to higher dimensions:
  - can we simply add more terms for 2-D and 3-D?
    - ✦ methodology
    - ✦ stability
    - ✦ consistency
    - ✦ what about directional splitting?

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### 1-D to 2-D: Options (18)

- Add terms to difference expression
  - this is an *unsplit* approach
    - ✦ unsplit in the sense that each operator is independent.
    - ✦ discussion
- Directional splitting
  - same operator, applied in multiple dimensions
    - ✦ this is a *split* approach, IF we use results of each step in next
    - ✦ discussion

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### Extending Lax-Wendroff, part 1 (19)

- 1-D Lax-W:
 

$$\delta_x \phi = -c \delta_x \phi_j^n + \frac{c^2 \Delta t}{2} \delta_{xx} \phi_j^n$$
- In Durrant's operator notation
 

$$\phi^{n+1} = [1 - L(\Delta t)] \phi^n \text{ where } L(\Delta t) = c \Delta t \delta_{2,x} - \frac{c^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{xx}$$
- Let's try a simple *unsplit* extension to 2-D.
 

$$\phi_{i,j}^{n+1} = (1 - L_1 - L_2) \phi_{i,j}^n$$

$L_1 = U \Delta t \delta_{2,x} - \frac{U^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{xx}$

$L_2 = V \Delta t \delta_{2,y} - \frac{V^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{yy}$

$L_1, L_2$  are *x* and *y* advection!

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### Extending Lax-Wendroff, part 1 (20)

ANALYSIS FOLLOWING WILHELMSON

- Von Neumann analysis:
 

$$\lambda = 1 - \frac{U \Delta t}{2 \Delta x} 2i \sin k \Delta x + \frac{U^2 \Delta t^2}{2 \Delta x^2} (2 \cos k \Delta x - 2) - \frac{V \Delta t}{2 \Delta y} 2i \sin l \Delta y + \frac{V^2 \Delta t^2}{2 \Delta y^2} (2 \cos l \Delta y - 2)$$

$$\lambda = 1 - i \mu \sin k \Delta x - 2 \mu^2 \sin^2 \frac{k \Delta x}{2} - i \nu \sin l \Delta y - 2 \nu^2 \sin^2 \frac{l \Delta y}{2}$$

  - Let  $\mu = v$  and  $k \Delta x = l \Delta y = \pi/3$ :
 

$k \Delta x = l \Delta y = \pi/3 \implies \sin 0 = \sqrt{3}/2; |\lambda|^2 = 1 + \mu^2 + \nu^2 > 1$
  - *This approach is unstable.*
    - ✦ simply adding terms for extra dimensions did not work.

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## Extending Lax-Wendroff, part 2

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- **1-D Lax-W:** 
$$\delta_t \phi = -c \delta_x \phi_j^n + \frac{c^2 \Delta t}{2} \delta_{xx} \phi_j^n$$
- How about our directional **splitting** approach?
 

$$\left. \begin{aligned} L_1 &= U \Delta t \delta_x - \frac{U^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{xx} \\ L_2 &= V \Delta t \delta_y - \frac{V^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{yy} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{where}$$

$$\phi_{i,j}^n = [1 - L_1(\Delta t)] \phi_{i,j}^n$$

$$\phi_{i,j}^{n+1} = [1 - L_2(\Delta t)] \phi_{i,j}^n$$
- If  $|A_1| \leq 1$  and  $|A_2| \leq 1$ , the scheme is **stable**.
- This **2-D** stability condition is the **same as** for **1-D**; is **less restrictive** than many 2-D schemes

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## Why did the unsplit attempt fail?

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- **Crowley extension (Smolarkiewicz 1982):**
  - Failed because **cross-derivative terms** were missing
    - \* noted by *Leith (1965)*; see *Smolarkiewicz p. 1969, right column*
  - Smolarkiewicz (1982):
    - \* a two-dimensional **second-order** Taylor-series yields the following, with a **new added term**\*:

$$\phi_{ij}^{n+1} = \phi_{ij}^n - u \Delta t \delta_x \phi - v \Delta t \delta_y \phi + \frac{u^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{xx} \phi + \frac{v^2 \Delta t^2}{2} \delta_{yy} \phi + (uv \Delta t^2 \delta_{xy} \phi)$$

- Stability condition:  $\sqrt{(u \Delta t / \Delta x)^2 + (v \Delta t / \Delta y)^2} \leq 0.5$
- Order  $(\Delta t + \Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2)$

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## Smolarkiewicz (1982)

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- **Crowley extension (cont)**
- Smolarkiewicz also found:
  - \* Diagonal flow ...
    - with  $u \Delta t / \Delta x = v \Delta t / \Delta y$
    - is the case of **maximum instability**;
  - \* Most unstable waves are those with  $k \Delta x = \lambda \Delta y$
  - \* Including the “cross term” **not enough** for stability with
 

$$\sqrt{(u \Delta t / \Delta x)^2 + (v \Delta t / \Delta y)^2} \approx 1$$
  - \* He went on to derive a scheme with **higher-order approximations and averaging**
    - this allowed a larger time step.

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## Directional splitting (‘fractional steps’)

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- **What about directional splitting?**
  - it works; contains cross-term; is efficient ... but ...
- **Substitute..**

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* &= \phi^n - \Delta t U \delta_x \phi^n; \quad \phi^{*1} = \phi^* - \Delta t V \delta_y \phi^* \\ \phi^{n+1} &= \phi^* - \Delta t V \delta_y \phi^* \\ &= \phi^n - \Delta t U \delta_x \phi^n - \Delta t V \delta_y \phi^n + \Delta t^2 UV \delta_{xy} \phi^n + \dots? \end{aligned}$$
- **What term are we missing in this equation?**
  - Compare to the fully multidimensional scheme from Smolarkiewicz, this term does not belong here.
  - This “source” term is a **consequence of the splitting**.

ANALYSIS FOLLOWING XUE (2000)

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