

5 Overview: Space differencing

- **Task: Isolate just the spatial errors**
 - **differential-difference equation**
 - ✦ leave time derivative: as a derivative
 - ✦ apply differencing to spatial derivative
 - ✦ insert complex exponential involving time
 - ✦ simplify to obtain frequency
 - **computing phase speed**
 - ✦ frequency divided by wavenumber
 - ✦ if phase speed depends on k: dispersive.
 - if this was a linear, constant speed problem, wavenumber dependence $c(k)$ represents *numerical error*.
 - **compute group velocity**
 - ✦ derivative of frequency w.r.t. wavenumber

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- **How to address space/time differencing separately?**
 - **Space: differential-difference equations**
 - ✦ Wherein we say: *what* time differencing?
 - ✦ Let's look at just **2nd-order centered space**
 - no $n+1, n, \dots$ superscripts
 - $$\frac{du_j}{dt} + c \left(\frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2\Delta x} \right) = 0$$
 - ✦ And we substitute a slightly different form:
 - $u_j(t) = e^{i(\beta \Delta x - \omega_c t)}$
 - ✦ Key point: frequency ω can **still** be complex!!
 - Why is this important? (we'll discuss this further, later)

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- Frequency eqn for 2nd-order ctr space
 - $$\frac{du_j}{dt} + c \left(\frac{u_{j+1} - u_{j-1}}{2\Delta x} \right) = 0$$
 - substitute: $u_j(t) = e^{i(\beta \Delta x - \omega_c t)}$
- We get **frequency equation**:
 - $$-i\omega_c u = -\frac{c}{2\Delta x} (e^{i\beta \Delta x} - e^{-i\beta \Delta x}) u \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{c \sin \beta}{\Delta x}$$
 - **Real frequency: no amplitude error.** See Durran § 3.3.1
 - **Is this dispersive? Yes, $c(k)$!**
 - $$c_{2c} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c \sin \beta}{k}$$
; for small $k\Delta x$, $c_{2c} \approx c \left(1 - \frac{\beta^2}{6} \right)$
 - Note $\beta \rightarrow 0$ case

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- Our expression for the **phase speed**:
 - $$c_{2c} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c \sin \beta}{k}$$
; for small $k\Delta x$, $c_{2c} \approx c \left(1 - \frac{\beta^2}{6} \right)$
 - Lagging phase error. Note $c_{2c}(2\Delta x) = 0!$
- **Group velocity**:
 - $$c_{g,2c} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \left(\frac{c \sin \beta}{\Delta x} \right) = c(\cos \beta)$$
 - **good** for small β (long waves);
 - **terrible** for small waves!! (why?)

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2nd vs. 4th order space diff.

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Summary: 2nd-order centered space differencing

higher is better!

- **Phase speed (left), group velocity (right)**
- **Second order (solid), 4th order (dashed)**
- **4th better at “intermediate” wavelengths**

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1st - 4th order space differencing

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- **Higher centered vs. odd-ordered schemes**

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Distortion of the solution

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- “**Centered schemes preserve the amplitude** of each individual Fourier component, [but] the various components propagate at different speeds, and thus the superposition of these components ceases to properly represent the true solution”
- *Durrant pp. 106-107*
- With phase errors, wavelengths interfere – causing amplitude errors

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Group velocities

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- “In the absence of dissipation the large negative group velocities associated with the $2\Delta x$ wave rapidly spread short wavelength noise away from regions where $2\Delta x$ waves are forced.”
- *Durrant pp. 106-107*

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Group velocities

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- “The upstream propagation of the $2\Delta x$ wave [is worse with 4th order than 2nd].
- “Switching to a higher-order scheme does **not** improve the performance of finite-difference methods *when they are used to model poorly resolved features* like the spike ... in many respects the **4th-order solution is worse** than the 2nd-order result. - Durran pp. 106-107

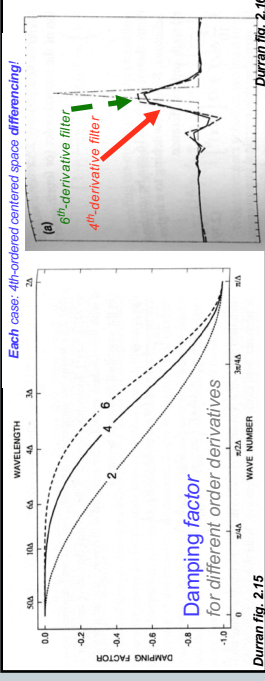
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Explicit Artificial Dissipation

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- Added explicit damping can be beneficial



Without filtering, errors w/dispersion of poorly-resolved Fourier components propagate without damping. Explicit diffusion reduces amplitude of these short waves.

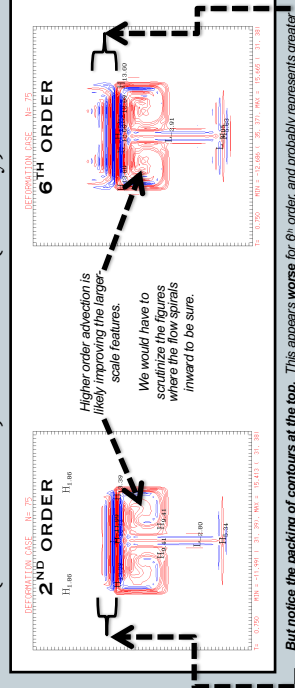
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Review: Added Dissipation

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- No damping here; just deformational flow tests with 2nd order (Lax-Wendroff) and 6th-order (Crowley) advection.



But notice the packing of contours at the top. This appears worse for 6th order, and probably represents greater dispersion in the region of sharpest gradients, in the deformational flow near the top of each figure.

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Programming input/output

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- To learn more:
 - web-search for
 - Linux I/O redirect
 - [Fortran or C] I/O
 - XML programming [Fortran or C]
 - NetCDF example [Fortran or C] or [go here](#)

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Linux I/O

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- Three classes of I/O, and ways to redirect I/O:
 - **stdin**: standard input
 - ✦ Fortran: `read(*,nplot` or `read(5,*) nplot`
 - ✦ C: `scanf("%d",&nplot);`
 - ✦ Linux shell: `program < filename`
 - **stdout**: standard output
 - ✦ Fortran: `print*,nplot` or `write(6,*) nplot`
 - ✦ C: `printf("%d", nplot);`
 - ✦ Linux shell: `program > filename` or `program >> appendfile`
 - ✦ Linux shell, in+out: `program < inputfile > outputfile`
 - **stderr**: standard error
 - ✦ `stderr`: the *other* output stream ...
 - ✦ this can also be *redirected*.
 - ✦ the syntax depends on your command interpreter (shell).
 - C-shell & *tcsh*: redirect *both* stdout, stderr with: `program >& file`
 - Bash: redirect *both* stdout, stderr with: `program > file 2>&1`

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A short script to run your program

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- So are you **tired** of this yet?
 - `login2% pgm2`
 - `360`
 - `.075`
 - `5`
 - `y`
- So much better to run your program with the input **specified directly in a script**.
 - See example at right!
 - Good resource to get answers to your programming questions: stackoverflow.com
- Don't forget to make the script **executable**
 - `chmod u+x myscript`
 - adds **execute** permission for the **user** (you).

```
#!/bin/tcsh #!/bin/bash
pgm2 << EOF
360
.075
5
y
1
... EOF
pgm2 << StackOfPgm2
... StackOfPgm2
```

EOF is a common LINUX abbreviation, short for "End of File". Really any word will work here!

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Fortran and C: read/write text to file

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- **Fortran**
 - **read from file directly:**

```
open(i,file='filename', &
status='old')
read(i,*) nplot
read(i,*) morestuff
close(i)
```
 - **write to file directly:**

```
open(i,file='newfile', &
status='unknown')
rewind(i)
write(i,*) nplot
close(i)
```
- **C**
 - **read from file directly:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
FILE *fp,*fopen();
fp=fopen("filename", "r");
fscanf(fp, "%d", &nplot);
fclose(fp);
```
 - **write to file directly:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
FILE *fp,*fopen();
fp=fopen("newfile", "w");
fprintf(fp, "%d", nplot);
fclose(fp);
```

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Fortran input via a namelist

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- The code looks like:
 - `namelist /namelist_name/ variable1, variable2, variable3 ...`
 - ! ... you still have to declare all these variable types!
 - `open(i,file='namelist_filename',status='old')`
 - `read(i, NML=namelist_name)`
 - `close(i)`
- The namelist file looks like:
 - `&namelist_name`
 - `variable1 = -12.45,`
 - `variable2 = 73,123,`
 - `variable3 = .true.,`
 - `/`

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Reading and writing XML

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- XML – eXtensible Markup Language
 - designed to carry data.
 - example at right
- For Fortran: *not really supported, but try these:*
 - <http://xml-fortran.sourceforge.net>
 - <http://homepages.see.leeds.ac.uk/~earawa/ForX/>
 - <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S235271101630036X>

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<p5input>
<dt> 0.5</dt>
<dx>100</dx>
</p5input>
```

- For C:
 - Google “C xml parser library” : code.google.com/p/libroxml
 - Gnome xml C parser, libxml : xmlsoft.org; also, wikipedia
 - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9387610/what-xml-parser-should-i-use-in-c>

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Reading and writing NetCDF

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- NetCDF is a data format with C and Fortran APIs
 - an API is an Application Program Interface
 - “a set of routines, protocols and tools for building software applications. An API specifies how software components interact” - webopedia
- NetCDF data has *your* data but also *metadata*
 - metadata is a set of data that describes and gives information about other data (*google*)
 - so your file could contain your array dimensions, field names, field units, and of course the data itself.
- Learn more here:
 - <https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/examples/programs/>

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NEST PLACEMENT ALGORITHM

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Review: Nesting routines

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Determining the nest location (1)

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- Compute the 2-D truncation error (*T.E.*)
 - Done *consistent with 1-D directional splitting*; estimates T.E. from the max of the absolute value in the X- and Y-directions
- Locating the nest (*position on coarse grid*)
 - Set T.E. *threshold* as 50% of max T.E. over the 2-D T.E. array
 - “Search” inward from left, right, top, bottom edges, noting the I,J bounds at which you first find T.E. \geq the *threshold* value.
 - Nest *center* = integer, truncated value: $(I_1+I_2)/2$, $(J_1+J_2)/2$
 - Nest *size* = $(NX-1)/\text{refinement_ratio}$
 - NestX1 = Icenter-nestsize/2; NestX2 = NestX1 + nestsize
 - NestY1 = Jcenter-nestsize/2; NestY2 = NestY1 + nestsize
 - Check if nest runs off coarse grid edge; fix if so.

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Determining the nest location (2)

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Cartoon of T.E. on coarse grid.

- Example of finding left, right edges of T.E. region
 - For each *i* column, left to right ... check $TE(i,j)$ for all *j* rows – determine max value
 - Find first and last column (*i*) for which max \geq threshold.
- Do same for top/bottom.
- Average I_1, I_2, J_1, J_2 for nest *center*. Nest *edges* depend on nest *size*.

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Skamarock & Klemp

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Nesting strategy

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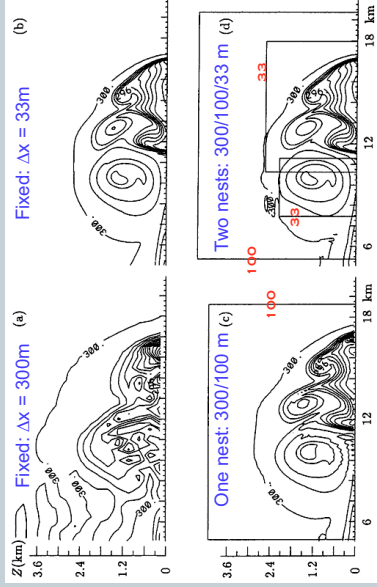
- Identification
 - grid points exceeding some threshold, e.g. truncation error
 - Clustering
 - fit to enclose points
 - general AMR allows overlapping grids, arbitrary orientation
 - Nest: Initial conditions
 - Interpolated from coarse grid, or existing nests
 - Nest: Bound. conditions
 - Time dependent
 - ✖ from coarse grid, using current and 'next' step.
 - Spatial dependence
 - ✖ interpolated from coarse grid. in our case, nest BC overlap with coarse points
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- Feedback: nest to coarse grid
 - Average nest interior to coarse points

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Results: 2D outflow problem

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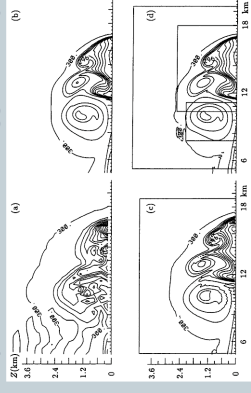


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How much refinement?

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- Their AMR is a **local** refinement method!
 - efficiency reduced as larger area refined (AMR has a cost)
 - break-even: 50-60% of coarse grid refined (= max to refine)
 - if you need to refine a bigger area: just refine entire grid

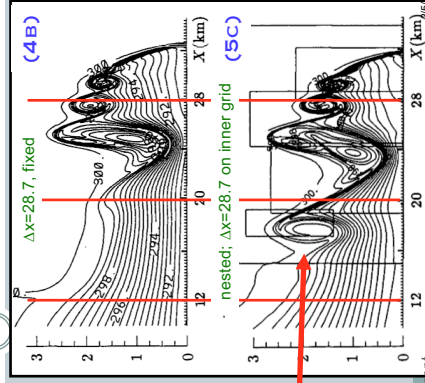


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BC noise, spurious waves

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- Fixed resolution run shown (top)
- Nested solution shown (bottom)
- Inner nested grid $\Delta x = 28.7m$
- This is not physical !!!



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Parameterization, convergence

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- **Parameterization of physical processes**
 - this refers to treatment of a sub-grid process using information on larger scales
 - common practice
 - may affect convergence!
- **Truncation error vs. grid size**
 - did not decrease as expected with improved resolution – error sometimes increased!
 - as a consequence of grid-scale-dependent parameterizations
 - smaller $\Delta x \Rightarrow$ smaller-scale features!!

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