

# Numerical methods for a hyperbolic system of balance laws arising in the formation of sandpile on a finite table

Based on Discontinuous flux for Hyperbolic Conservation Laws

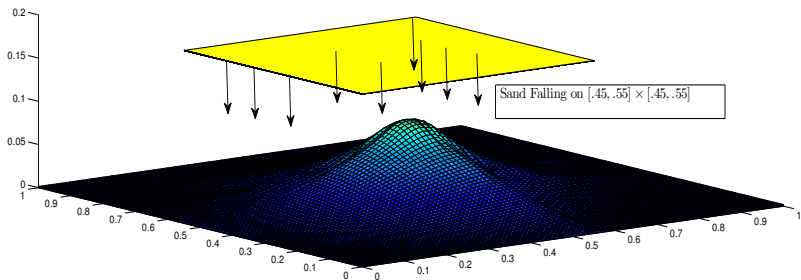
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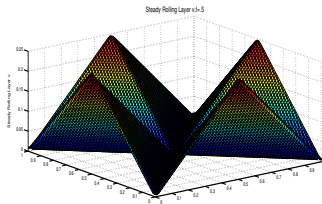
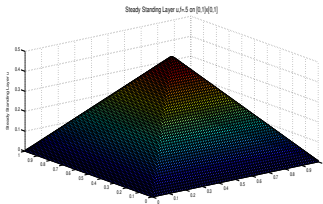
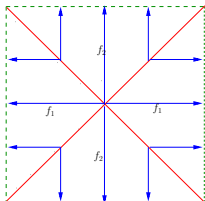
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- Hadeler-Kuttler system(HK) for Sandpile Growth
- Application of The Discontinuous Flux to HK system
- Discretization of the system in 1 dimension
- Extension to 2 dimensions
- Open table and Partially Open table problems
- Comparison with the finite difference scheme by Vita and Falcone
- Numerical results



- (a) **Standing layer:**  $u(x, t)$  collects the amount of matter that remains at rest
- (b) **Rolling Layer:**  $v(x, t)$  represents matter moving down along the surface of the standing layer.
- No existence and uniqueness results known

# Open Square: $\Gamma_0 = \partial\Omega$



Top: Singular/Ridge set = { points where distance function is not differentiable }

Bottom: Standing Layer and Rolling Layer

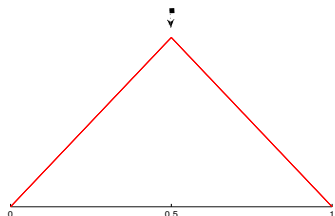
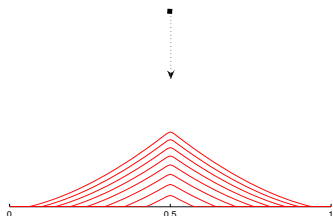
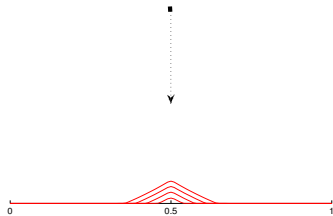
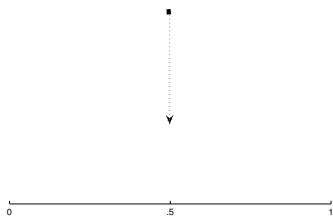
## A 2 layer system in 2d; Haderler-Kuttler Model

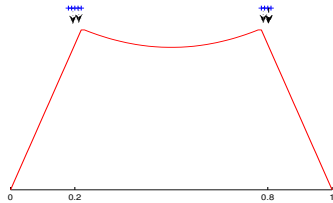
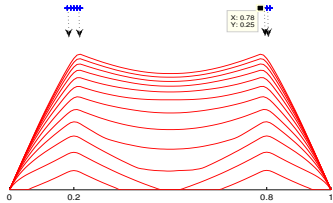
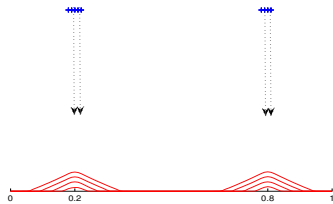
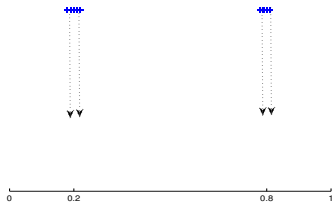
$$v_t - (vu_x)_x - (vu_y)_y = f - (1 - \sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2})v, \text{ on } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

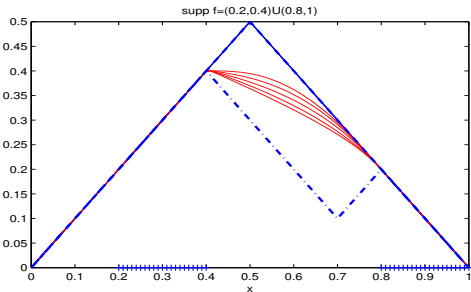
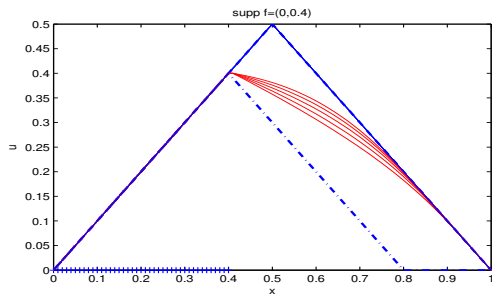
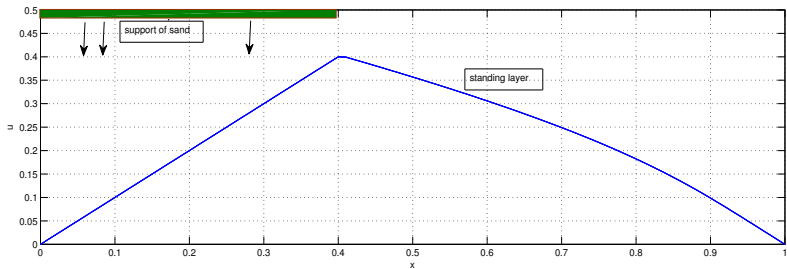
$$u_t = (1 - \sqrt{u_x^2 + u_y^2})v, \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

with  $u_0 = 0, v_0 = 0$  on  $\Omega, u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

# One dimensional steady state solution









## A 2 layer system in 1d

$$v_t - (vu_x)_x = f - (1 - |u_x|)v, \text{ on } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

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$$\text{with } u_0 = 0, v_0 = 0 \text{ on } \Omega, u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

By setting  $\alpha = u_x$ , last equation becomes

$$\alpha_t + ((|\alpha| - 1)v)_x = 0$$

$$\alpha_t + G(\alpha, v)_x = 0$$

where  $G$  is convex in  $w$  and  $G(-1, v) = G(1, v) = 0$  for all  $v$

Ref:1) Amadori, D., Shen, W. (2009). Global Existence of large BV solutions in a Model of Granular Flow. *Communications in Partial Differential Equations*, 34(9), 1003-1040.

2) Cannarsa, P., Cardaliaguet, P. (2004). Representation of equilibrium solutions to the table problem of growing sandpiles. *Journal of the European Mathematical Society*, 6(4), 435-464.

# Discontinuous Flux Approach

- The equation for  $v$ ,

$$v_t - (vu_x)_x = f - (1 - |u_x|)v \dots$$

$-vu_x$  is a **linear** function with discontinuous coefficient  $u_x$

**AIM: Add source  $f$  as a part of the convection term**

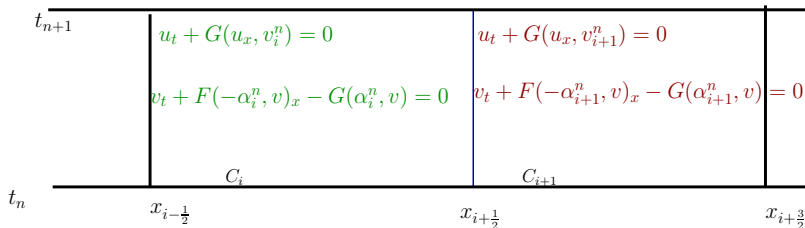
Let

$$g(x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy, \quad F(-u_x, v) = -(vu_x - g)$$

- Then equation becomes

$$v_t + F(-u_x, v)_x + (1 - |u_x|)v = 0$$

# We use the idea of Discontinuous Flux for Hyperbolic Conservation Laws.



Structure of the Riemann Problem for the system

where

$$\alpha_i^n = (u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - u_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n)/h$$

$$G(u_x, v_i^n) \approx ((-1 + |u_x|)v)_{x_i}^{t_n}$$

$$F(\alpha_i^n, v) \approx (-u_x v - g)_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{t_n} \text{ where } g(x) \approx (\int_0^x f(y) dy)$$

How to define  $G(u_x, v_i^n)$  and  $F(\alpha_i^n, v)$  ?

# Discretization of the equation $\alpha$

Discontinuous Godunov Flux for  $(|\alpha| - 1)v =$

$$\max((|\max(\alpha_i^n, 0)| - 1)v_i^n, (|\min(\alpha_{i+1}^n, 0)| - 1)v_{i+1}^n)$$

is used.

Ref:(with Adimurthi and Jerome Jaffre) SIAM J. Numer.  
Anal.42(1):179-208(2004)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(F(K(x), u)) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$$

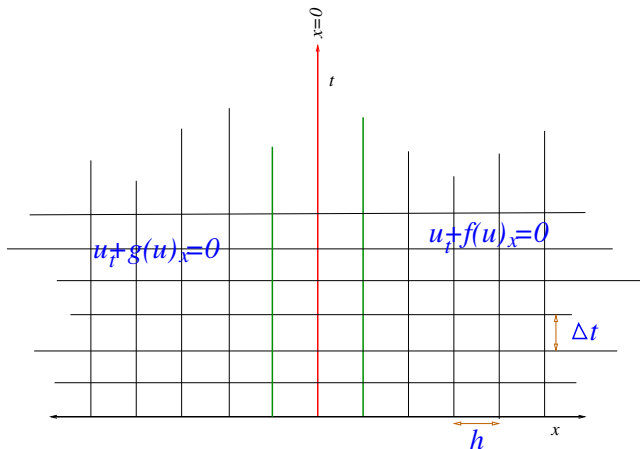
$K(x)$  is a known function discontinuous in  $x$ . When  $K(x) = H(x)$  is given by

$$F(x, u) = H(x)f(u) + (1 - H(x))g(u)$$

which is a **discontinuous function of  $x$** ,  $H$  is the **Heaviside function**, where both  $f$  and  $g$  are smooth and convex type.

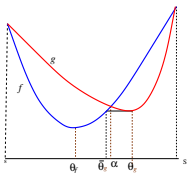
**Application: Modeling two phase flow in porous media, sedimentation problem and in traffic flow.**

# Godunov Scheme



Compute the solution of **Riemann Problem** by using explicit formula.

# Explicit formula for Godunov Flux



- At the interface for convex fluxes  $f$  and  $g$ :

$$\bar{F}(a, b) = \max\{g(\max(a, \theta_g)), f(\min(\theta_f, b))\}$$

- When  $f = g$ ,  $f$  convex,

$$F(a, b) = \max\{f(\max(a, \theta_f)), f(\min(\theta_f, b))\}$$

- Scheme is monotone under  $\text{CFL} = \frac{\Delta t}{h} \sup \max\{f', g'\} \leq 1$
- **Failure of the consistency property**

$$\bar{F}(a, a) \neq g(a) \quad \text{or} \quad f(a)$$



# Discretization of $u$ -Standing Layer

Discontinuous Godunov (**DFLU**) Flux for  $(|\alpha| - 1)v$

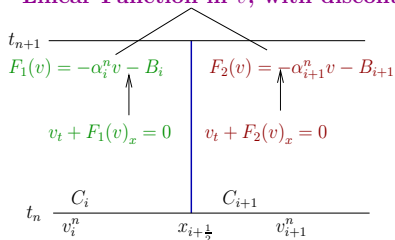
$$G_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \max((|\max(\alpha_i^n, 0)| - 1)v_i^n, (|\min(\alpha_{i+1}^n, 0)| - 1)v_{i+1}^n)$$

and

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = u_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \Delta t G_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n$$

# Discretization of $v$ -rolling layer

Linear Function in  $v$ , with discontinuous coefficients  $\alpha_i^n, \alpha_{i+1}^n$  at  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$



$$v_t - (u_x v - g)_x = -(1 - |u_x|)v$$

Define  $B_i = \int_0^{x_i} f(s) ds$  then  $B_i \leq B_{i+1}$ .

We want :

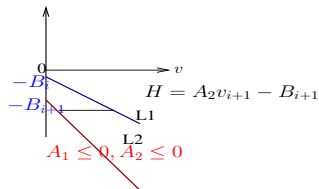
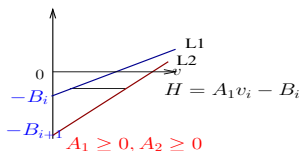
$$v_i^{n+1} = v_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{h} (H_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n - H_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^n) + \Delta t v_i^n (|\alpha_i^n| - 1)$$

# Flux selection $H_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ in $v$ by solving pb at $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$

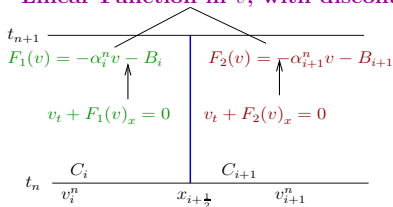
Existence condition for a weak solution:  $F_1(u^-) = F_2(u^+)$

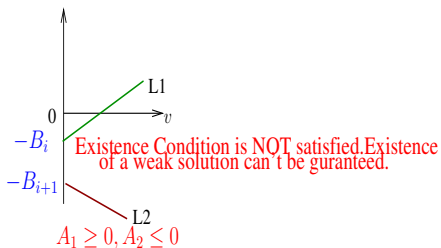
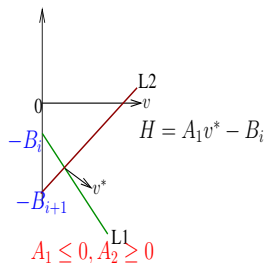
Uniqueness of weak solution:  $F_1'(u^-) < 0, F_2'(u^+) > 0$  not allowed

$$A_1 = -\alpha_i^n, A_2 = -\alpha_{i+1}^n, L_1 = A_1 v - B_i, L_2 = A_2 v - B_{i+1}$$

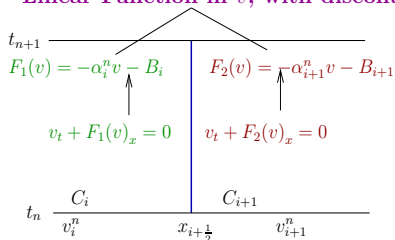


Linear Function in  $v$ , with discontinuous coefficients  $\alpha_i^n, \alpha_{i+1}^n$  at  $x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$

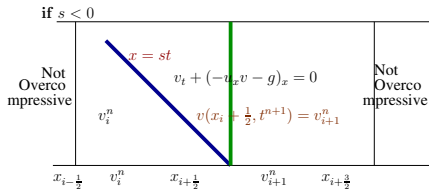
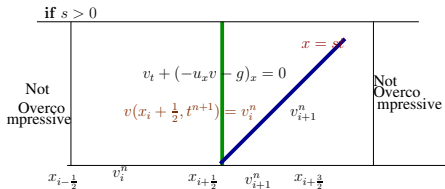




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Case :  $A_1 > 0, A_2 < 0$



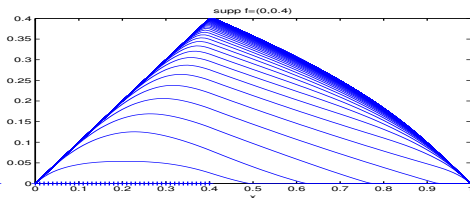
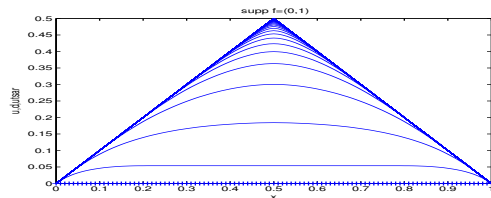
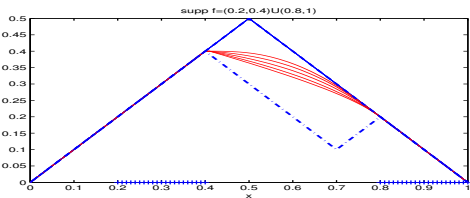
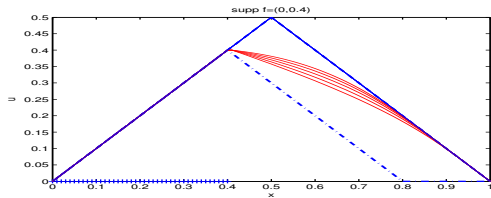
$$s = \frac{(-\alpha_i^n v_i^n - B_i) - (-\alpha_{i+1}^n v_{i+1}^n - B_{i+1})}{v_i^n - v_{i+1}^n} \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } v_i^n \geq v_{i+1}^n \\ < 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

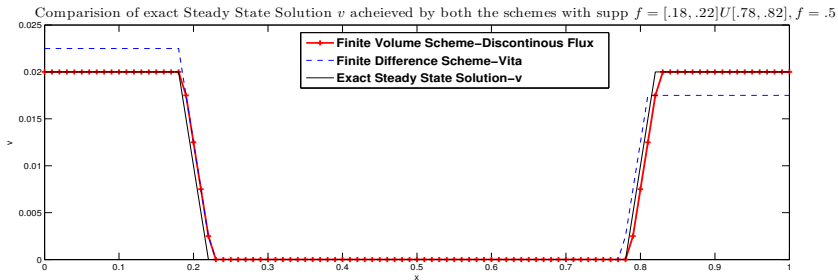
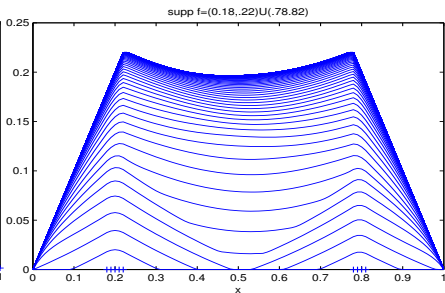
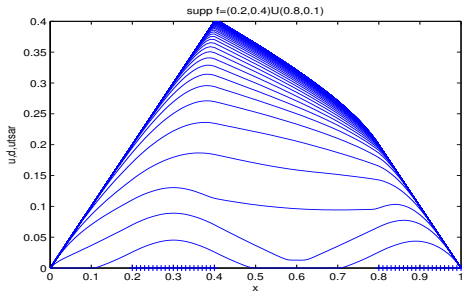
since  $B_i \leq B_{i+1}$

$$\therefore H_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \begin{cases} -\alpha_i^n v_i^n - B_i & \text{if } v_i^n \geq v_{i+1}^n \\ -\alpha_{i+1}^n v_{i+1}^n - B_{i+1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Numerical Results in 1d

$$0 \leq f_1 \leq f_2 \text{ in } D_f \Rightarrow u_1 \leq u_2 \leq d \text{ in } [0, 1].$$





# Properties of the scheme

- This scheme is **monotone** with an almost uniform convergence rate of **1**.
- **Physical properties** are preserved:  $v^n \geq 0, |\alpha^n| \leq 1, u^{n+1} \geq u^n$  under the CFL condition:

$$\lambda \leq 1 - \Delta t,$$

and

$$\lambda \sup_i v_i^n \leq 1.$$

- It is **well-balanced** for **piecewise constant source terms** in the case when
  - a **unique equilibrium**  $(u_f, v_f)$  exists.
  - otherwise, under the additional assumption that  $\alpha_{J+1} = 0, \alpha_i \leq 0$  where  $f(x) = 0 \forall x > x_{J+\frac{1}{2}}$ .



# Well-Balanced Scheme

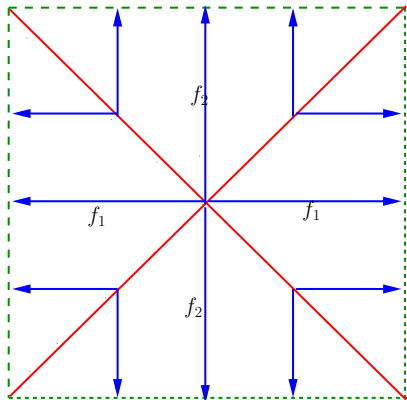
M	$L^\infty$ error		$L^1$ error	
	(FV)	(S)(T)	(FV)	(S)(T)
50	$4.85 \times 10^{-16}$	.0050	$9.60 \times 10^{-17}$	$7.2 \times 10^{-4}$
100	$9.85 \times 10^{-16}$	.0025	$1.008 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
200	$2.31 \times 10^{-15}$	.0012	$2.08 \times 10^{-16}$	$4.5 \times 10^{-5}$
400	$3.95 \times 10^{-15}$	$6.18 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.05 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-5}$

**Table:**  $\lambda = .9$ ,  $T = \Delta t$ , double precision error in  $v_h$  computed by **(FV)** scheme and **(S)** and **(T)** schemes.

**AIM:**As in 1 dimension,include  $f$  with the convection term  $(-vu_x)_x - (vu_y)_y$ .

**DIFFICULTY:**How to distribute the  $f(x, y)$  **properly** in both the dimensions!!

$$v_t + (-vu_x)_x - (vu_y)_y = f(x, y)$$



# Approx. of $u_t + (|\nabla u| - 1)v = 0$ , Extension of **DFLU** flux

Extend

$$G_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \max(|\max(\alpha_i^n, 0)| - 1)v_i^n, |\min(\alpha_{i+1}^n, 0)| - 1)v_{i+1}^n$$

$$(u_x)^2 \approx G_{i+\frac{1}{2},k}^{n,x} = \max(|\max(\alpha_{i,k}^n, 0)|, |\min(\alpha_{i+1,k}^n, 0)|)^2$$

and

$$(u_y)^2 \approx G_{i,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,y} = \max(|\max(\beta_{i,k}^n, 0)|, |\min(\beta_{i,k+1}^n, 0)|)^2$$

Define

$$W_{i,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,x} = (\sqrt{(|\max(\alpha_{i,k}^n, 0)|)^2 + G_{i,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,y}} - 1)v_{i,k}^n,$$

$$W_{i+1,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,x} = (\sqrt{|\min(\alpha_{i+1,k}^n, 0)|^2 + G_{i,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,y}} - 1)v_{i+1,k}^n,$$

$$W_{i+\frac{1}{2},k}^{n,y} = (\sqrt{|\max(\beta_{i,k}^n, 0)|^2 + G_{i+\frac{1}{2},k}^{n,x}} - 1)v_{i,k}^n \text{ and}$$

$$W_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+1}^{n,y} = (\sqrt{|\min(\beta_{i,k+1}^n, 0)|^2 + G_{i+\frac{1}{2},k}^{n,x}} - 1)v_{i,k+1}^n$$

Define the numerical fluxes in the  $x$ - direction by

$$Gx_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \max(W_{i,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,x}, W_{i+1,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,x})$$

and in the  $y$ - direction

$$Gy_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \max(W_{i+\frac{1}{2},k}^{n,y}, W_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+1}^{n,y})$$

respectively. Now, define

$$G_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n = \max(Gx_{i+\frac{1}{2},k}^{n,x}, Gy_{i,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n,y})$$

- Consistency with the **upwind flux by Rouy and Tourin** the case when  $v$  is **continuous**.
- Consistency with **one dimensional DFLU flux**.

$$u_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = u_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n - \Delta t G_{i+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n$$

# Numerical Scheme for Equation in $v$

$$v_t + (-vu_x)_x + (-vu_y)_y = f + \dots$$

Aim:

$$v_t + (-vu_x - g^x)_x + (-vu_y - g^y)_y = \dots$$

We want to solve

$$g_x^x + g_y^y = f$$

Define  $g^x(x, y) = \int_0^x f_1(z, y) dz \quad \forall y \in [0, 1]$

$g^y(x, y) = \int_0^y f_2(x, z) dz \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$

where  $f_1, f_2$  denotes the distribution of source in  $x, y$ - direction respectively.

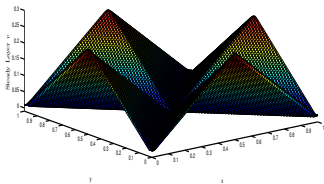
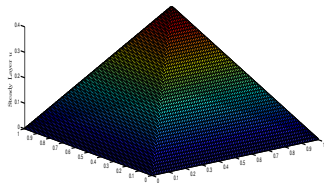
Calculate  $H^x$  and  $H^y$  as in 1 dimension by solving Riemann Problem for  $v$  in each direction.

The equation(9) can be approximated by:

$$v_{i,k}^{n+1} = v_{i,k}^n - \lambda(F_{xi+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{xi-\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n) - \lambda(F_{yi+\frac{1}{2},k+\frac{1}{2}}^n - F_{yi+\frac{1}{2},k-\frac{1}{2}}^n) + \Delta t v_{i,k}^n (\sqrt{(\alpha_{i,k}^n)^2 + (\beta_{i,k}^n)^2} - 1)$$

# Numerical Experiments in 2d

$f = .5$  on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$





# CFL comparisons with the FDM by Falcone and Vita

Discontinuous Flux Scheme

N	f=1	f=2	f=3
201	.995	.995	.67
401	.9975	.9975	.6683
601	.9983	.9983	.6678
801	.9988	.9988	.6675

Comparison in 1 dimension

Finte Difference Scheme[FV06]

N	f=1	f=2	f=3
201	.6	.52	.46
401	.552	.476	.424
601	.528	.45	.41
801	.5	.43	.39

Discontinuous Flux Scheme

N	f=.5	$f = \max(0, \sin(2\pi x) + \cos(2\pi y) - \sin(2\pi xy))$
51	.9	.9
101	.8979	.7354
201	.8058	.6448

Comparison in 2 dimension

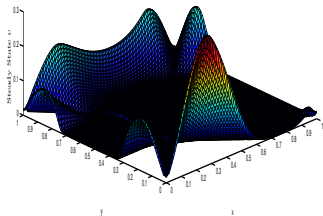
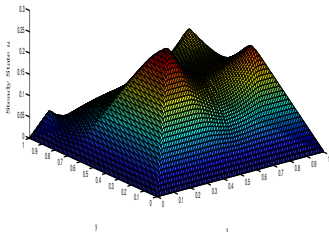
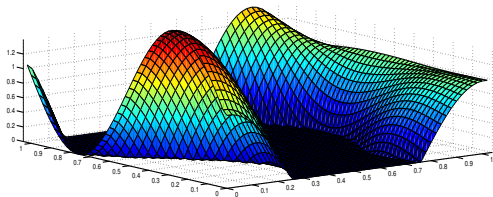
Finte Difference Scheme[FV06]

N	f=.5	$f = \max(0, \sin(2\pi x) + \cos(2\pi y) - \sin(2\pi xy))$
51	.7	.6
101	.6	.5
201	.4	.4

- Since  $\lambda * \max_{[0,1]} v \leq 1$  and  $\|v\|_{\infty} \leq C\|f\|_{\infty}$   
 CFL decreases as  $f$  gets bigger,  
 but for our scheme the decrease is much slower.

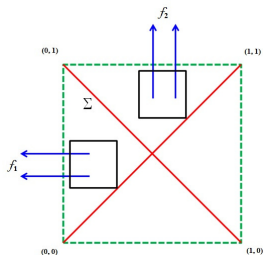
$$f = \max(0, \sin(2\pi x) + \cos(2\pi y) - \sin(2\pi xy))$$

Source: `max(0, sin(2*pi*x) + cos(2*pi*y) - sin(2*pi*x*y))`



# Open Square:

$$D_f = [0.1, 0.3] \times [0.5, 0.7] \cup [0.5, 0.7] \times [0.7, 0.9], f = .5$$



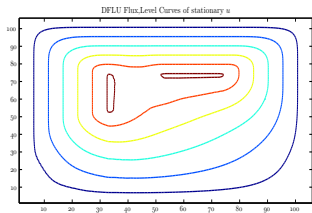
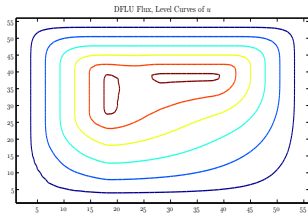
$$\Gamma_0 = \partial\Omega \text{ [---]},$$

Transport rays [ $\rightarrow$ ],

$\Sigma$  [—],

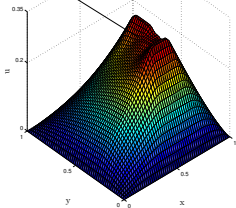
$$h = 1/55, 1/105,$$

$\lambda = .7$ , DFLU flux

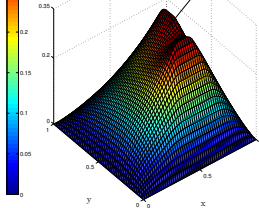


# Source term distribution crucial for capturing harder singularities like crests

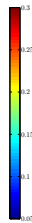
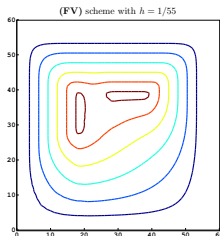
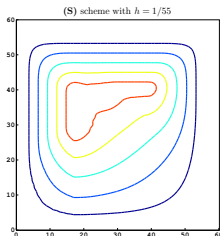
Splitting Method for Source Term  
Note the Smoothness in the solutions



Well-Balanced Method for Source Term based on Transport Rays  
Note the sharp crest in the solutions



$$f = .5, h = 1/55$$



Crest and level curves

# Boundary Conditions for the table problem

Let  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_w, \Gamma_0$ , a non-empty closed subset of  $\Omega$ .

- 1 **Open Table Problem** ( $\Gamma_0 = \partial\Omega$ ): The sand can fall from the table from each point of the boundary and nothing can deposit on  $\partial\Omega$ .
- 2 **Partially Open Table Problem** ( $\emptyset \neq \Gamma_0 \subset \partial\Omega$  and is closed): The sand can fall from the table from each point of  $\Gamma_0$  and nothing can deposit on  $\Gamma_0$ . No sand falls from the table from any point of  $\Gamma_w$ .

Boundary with wall means:

$$v \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_w$$

# The Singular Set of the Distance Function from $\Gamma_0$

- Let  $d_{\Gamma_0} : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the distance function from the set  $\Gamma_0$  defined by

$$d_{\Gamma_0}(x) = \min_{y \in \Gamma_0} |y - x|, \quad x \in \Omega$$

- Let  $\Pi_{\Gamma_0} : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow \Gamma_0$  be the projection of  $x$  to the  $\Gamma_0$  i.e.

$$\Pi_{\Gamma_0}(x) = \{y \in \Gamma_0 : d_{\Gamma_0}(x) = |y - x|\}$$

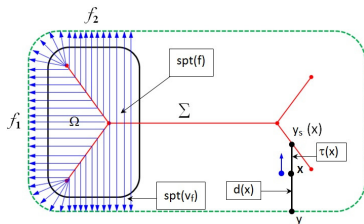
- *Singular set/Ridge* of  $d_{\Gamma_0}$  and is denoted by  $\Sigma$ ; equivalently

$$\Sigma = \{x \in \overline{\Omega}, l(x) = d_{\Gamma_0}(x)\}$$

where  $l(x)$  is the length of the transport rays.

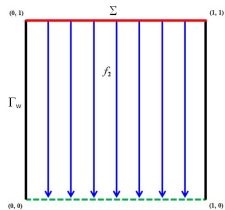
# Singular Set and Transport Rays

- Pick any  $x \in \Omega$  which is not a boundary point and also not in the singular set  $\Sigma$ . Find the point  $y = y(x)$  on the boundary which has minimal distance from  $x$ . Now draw the straight line joining  $y$  and  $x$  and beyond till it first touches the singular set  $\Sigma$  in  $y_s(x)$ . This is the transport ray through  $x$ .



- These are the lines along which the rolling layer flows from the source down to the edge of the table.

$$\Gamma_0 = \{0 < x < 1, y = 0\}$$



Steady State Solution  $u$

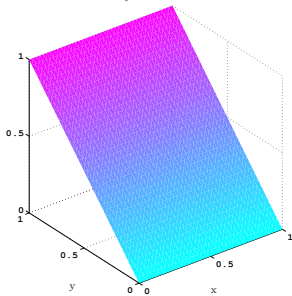
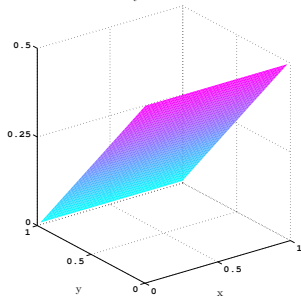


Figure:

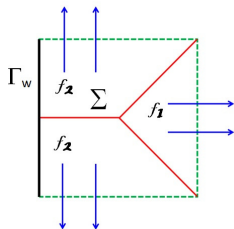
$\Gamma_0$ [- - -], Transport rays[→],  $\Sigma$ [-]

Steady State Solution  $v$



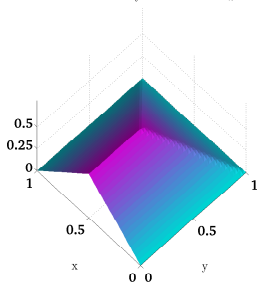


$$\Gamma_w = \{0 < y < 1, x = 0\}$$

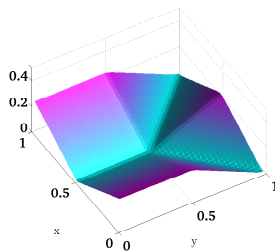


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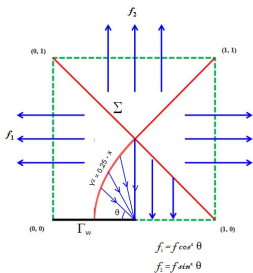
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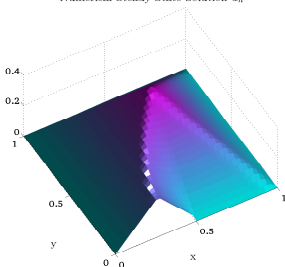


Only Half wall closed,  $\Gamma_w = \{0 < x < .5, y = 0\}$

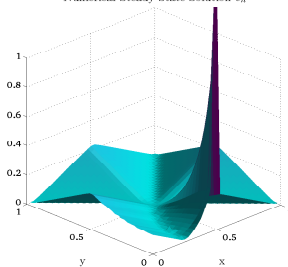


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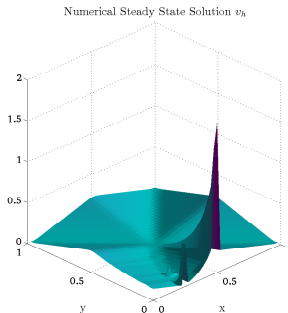
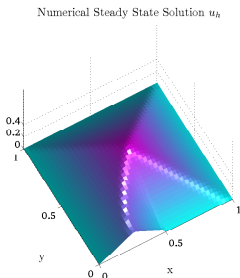
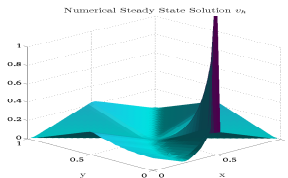
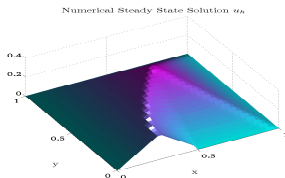
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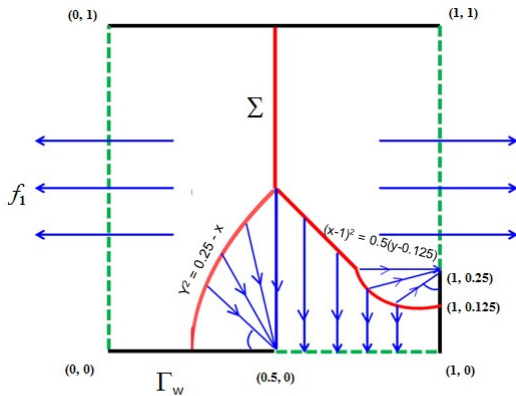


# Comparison with standard splitting for source term



Top: source term Inside, Bottom: splitting method.

$$\Gamma_w = \{0 < x < .5, y = 0\} \cup \{0 < y < .25, x = 1\} \cup \{0 < x < 1, y = 1\}$$

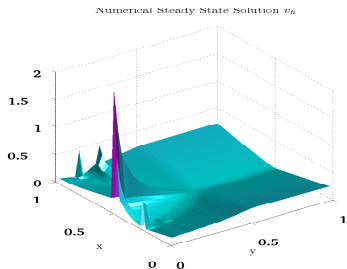
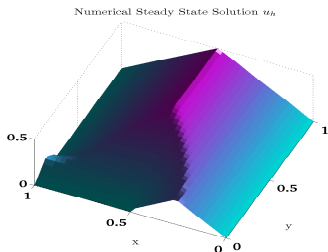
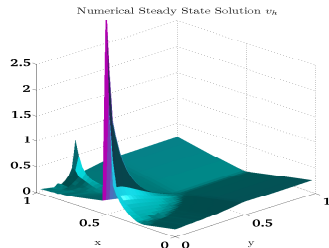
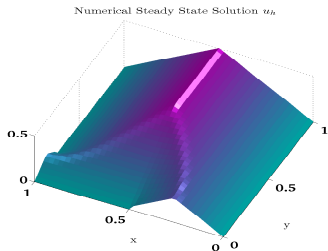


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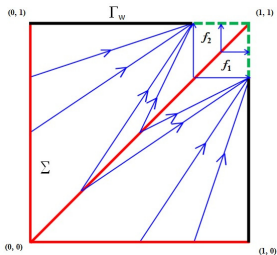
$$f_2 = f \sin^2 \theta$$

# Comparison with standard splitting for source term



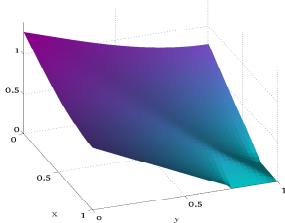
Top: source term inside, Bottom: splitting method.

$$\Gamma = \{.75 < x < 1, y = 1\} \cup \{.75 < y < 1, x = 1\}$$

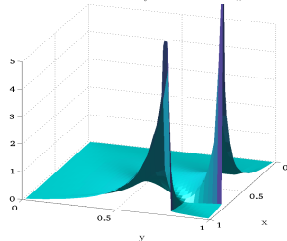


$\Gamma_0$  [---],  
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Numerical Steady State Solution  $v_h$



$$\Gamma = \{0 < x < .5, y = 0\}$$

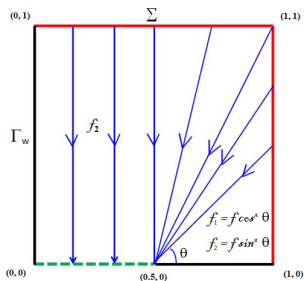
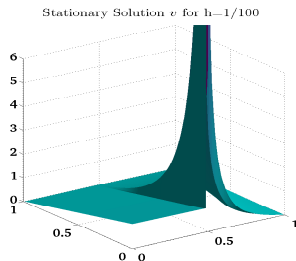
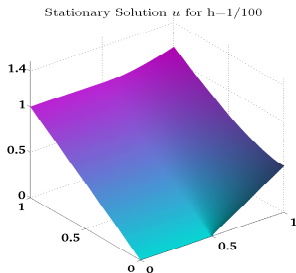
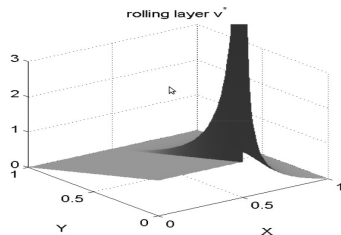
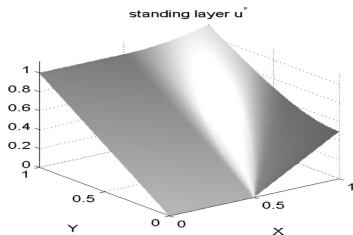


Figure:  $\Gamma_0$ [---], Transport rays[→],  $\Sigma$ [—]

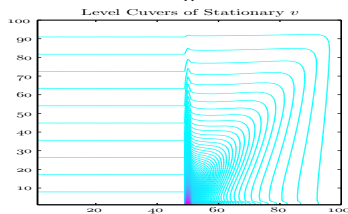
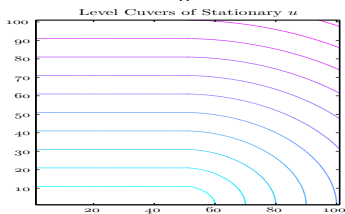
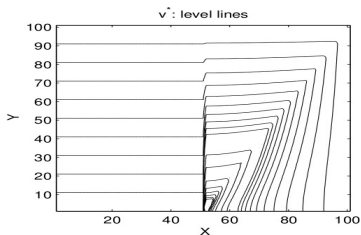
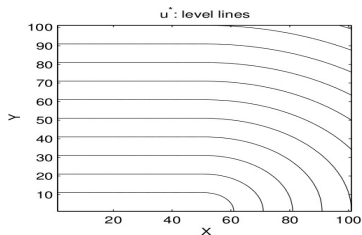
$$\Gamma = \{0 < x < .5, y = 0\}$$



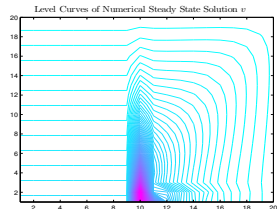
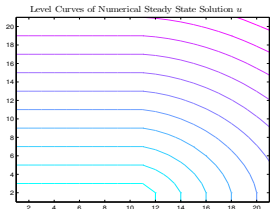
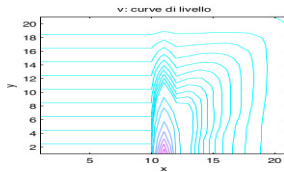
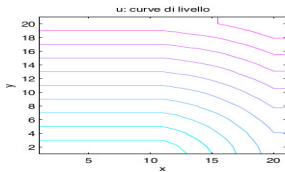
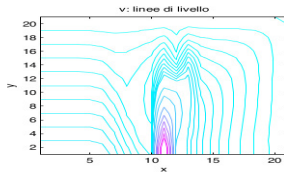
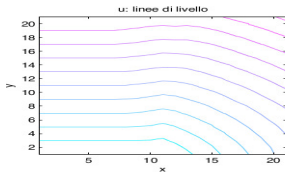
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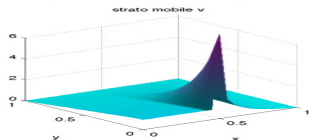
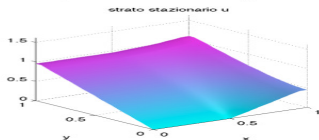
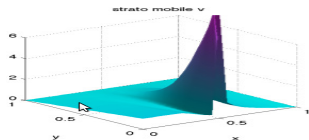
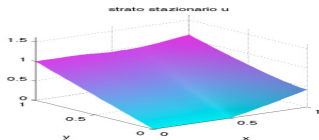
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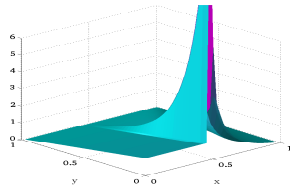
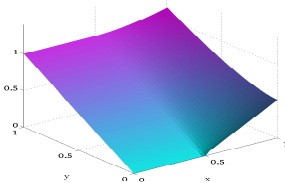


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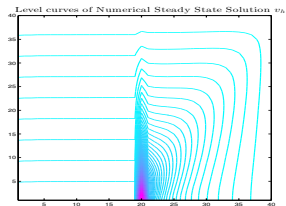
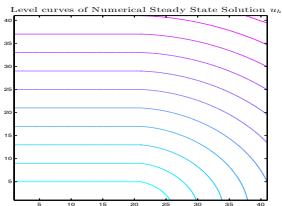
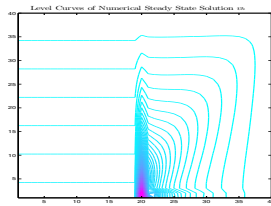
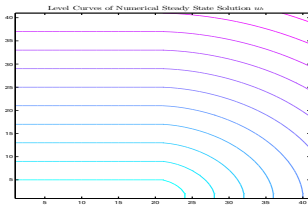


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Numerical Steady State Solution  $v_h$








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This work is dedicated to Prof. Jerome Jaffree on the occasion of his **65th** Birthday

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