Convergence Properties of

Higher Order Advection Schemes



- first results and model developments -

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Outline:

- 1. Motivation
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1. Motivation:

Development of

scale selective (i.e. with no phase \rightarrow High order spatial schemes and amplitude error at resolved scales),

and conservative (at least mass) → non-dissipative dynamics, no numerical diffusion, skew-symmetric schemes



1. Motivation

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2. Higher order explicite spatial schemes

- 1. Construction of centered differences higher order advection schemes on a staggered grid
- 2. Wicker-Skamarock (2002)
- 3. COSMO, Baldauf (2008)
- 4. Incompressible, Morinishi (1998)

2.1 Centered differences higher order advection

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2.2 Flux schemes of Wicker/Skamarock

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Spatial scheme order 4:

$$\nabla(\mathbf{vq})_{i}^{\mathrm{WS}} = \frac{1}{12\Delta x} \Big\{ u_{i+1/2} \Big[7(q_{i+1}+q_i) - (q_{i+2}+q_{i-1}) \Big] - u_{i-1/2} \Big[7(q_i+q_{i-1}) - (q_{i+1}+q_{i-2}) \Big] \Big\}$$

General form:

$$\nabla(\mathbf{vq})_{i}^{WS} = \delta_{i}^{S1}(uq) = \delta_{i}^{S1}u(b_{1}\overline{q}^{S1,i} + b_{3}\overline{q}^{S3,i})$$

with $b_{1} = 7/6$ and $b_{3} = -1/6$

1stD of flux F=u q combined with a combination of S1 and S3 interpolation of q

Taylor expansion of the scheme:

$$\nabla(\mathbf{vq})_{i}^{\mathrm{WS}} = \nabla(\mathbf{vq})_{i} + \frac{1}{24} \Big[\partial_{i}^{3}(u_{i}q_{i}) - (u_{i+1/2}\partial_{i}^{2}q_{i+1/2} - u_{i-1/2}\partial_{i}^{2}q_{i-1/2}) \Big] (\Delta x)^{2} + O((\Delta x)^{4})$$

Taylor exp. of WS scheme: 4th order for special cases only, e.g. 1D advection with constant u

2.3 COSMO schemes for the advection operator

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Spatial schemes order 1 ... 6 (Baldauf (2008)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} f_{j}^{(1)}(q) & := & -u \frac{q_{j} - q_{j-1}}{\Delta x} & & & & \\ f_{j}^{(2)}(q) & := & -u \frac{q_{j+1} - q_{j-1}}{2 \,\Delta x} & & & \\ f_{j}^{(3)}(q) & := & -u \frac{2q_{j+1} + 3q_{j} - 6q_{j-1} + q_{j-2}}{6 \,\Delta x} & & & \\ f_{j}^{(4)}(q) & := & -u \frac{-(q_{j+2} - q_{j-2}) + 8(q_{j+1} - q_{j-1})}{12 \,\Delta x} & & & \\ f_{j}^{(5)}(q) & := & -u \frac{-3q_{j+2} + 30q_{j+1} + 20q_{j} - 60q_{j-1} + 15q_{j-2} - 2q_{j-3}}{60 \,\Delta x} & & \\ f_{j}^{(6)}(q) & := & -u \frac{(q_{j+3} - q_{j-3}) - 9(q_{j+2} - q_{j-2}) + 45(q_{j+1} - q_{j-1})}{60 \,\Delta x} & & \\ \end{array}$$

General form of the 4th order scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v})_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{O}4} &= u \delta_{\lambda}^{On} u + \overline{v}^{O2,\phi}^{O2,\lambda} \delta_{\phi}^{On} u + \overline{w}^{O2,z}^{O2,\lambda} \delta_{z}^{On} u \\ & \text{with} \quad a_{2} = 4/3 \quad \text{and} \quad a_{4} = -1/3 \end{aligned}$$

COSMO advection schemes are high order accurate for special cases only, e.g. 1D advection of u

3. Results of idealised tests

- 1. Small disturbance growth in a channel flow: Amplitude and Phase error of 2nd to 6th order schemes
- 2. 2D mountain flow in the COSMO model: Convergence of 2nd to 6th order COSMO advection schemes

3.Results of idealised tests

1. Small disturbance growth in a channel flow: Amplitude and Phase error of 2nd to 6th order schemes

scheme	form of	quadratic and viscous terms		$\partial p/\partial q$ and $\partial u_q/\partial q$
		$\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial z$	$\partial/\partial y$	for $q = x$ and $q = z$
xz2y2p2e	divergence	2nd expl.	2nd expl.	2nd expl.
xz4y2p4e	divergence	4th expl.	2nd expl.	4th expl.
xz6y2p2e	skew-sym.	6th impl.	2nd expl.	2nd expl.
xz6y2p4e	skew-sym.	6th impl.	2nd expl.	4th expl.
xz6y2p6e	skew-sym.	6th impl.	2nd expl.	6th expl.
xz6y4p6e	skew-sym.	6th impl.	4th expl.	6th expl.

Results of SDG: Energy growth for n_x=8, n_y=256

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3.2 Results of idealised tests

2. 2D mountain flow in the COSMO model: Convergence of 2nd to 6th order COSMO advection schemes

3.2 Idealized Test Case: 2D Mountain Flow, System of Equations

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 $\delta_1 = 0/1$ thydrostatic / non-hydrostatic approximation $\delta_2 = 0/1$; incompressible / compressible $\delta_3 = 0/1$; shallow / deep atmosphere



3.2 2DM idealized test case: basic configuration

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stationary mountain flow, hydrostatic linear case (Baldauf, 2009)

Initial conditions: $w_0 = 0$, $u_0 = 10 \text{m/s}$ Typical quantities: $u_0 = 10 \text{m/s}$, $t_0 = a/u_0 = 1000 \text{s}$ a = 10 km (mountain half width)h = 10 mN = 0.01

Domain: $Lx=50 a, Lz = 1.95 a (2.5a), t = 360 t_0$

horizontal resolution: $dx^*: 0.0125 \text{ to } 0.4$ CFL = 0.05,

ke=195 (500) , $\Delta z^* \approx 0.01$ (0.005) (stretched)



4. 2DM idealized test case: Results



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Calculaiton of error norms; L0, L1, L2

$$\mathcal{L}_{0} = \max_{i=I1,k=K1}^{I2,K2} \| F_{\Delta x}(\lambda_{i}, z_{j}, t) - F_{Ref} \|$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{1} = \frac{1}{I \cdot K} \sum_{i=I1,k=K1}^{I2,K2} \| F_{\Delta x}(\lambda_{i}, z_{j}, t) - F_{Ref} \|$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{I \cdot K} \sum_{i=I1,k=K1}^{I2,K2} (F_{\Delta x}(\lambda_{i}, z_{j}, t) - F_{Ref})^{2}}$$
with $I = I2 - I1 + 1, \quad K = K2 - K1 + 1$

L₀ = maximum difference L₁ = mean absolute difference L₂ = root mean square difference



2D idealized test cases: Configuration 1

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L1 (u), Ref: 125m solution

L1(w)



Significant difference betwwen 2nd
other and the higher order schemes
Same slopes for all norms of u,
-inconsistent with theory!

2DM001: RK T'p', a₀=10km, h=10m, u₀=10 m/s, cosmo_4.11_itc1, t=360t₀, w_{ref}=w_{125m}(x,100h)



- Slopes inconsistent for different norms of w (intersection of lines)
- Slopes inconsistent with those of u
- Different convergence of different schemes



3.2 2DM idealized test case:

acuracy requirements

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See poster Ogaja/Will for more details

The assumptions of the test case and other model error sources have to be one order of magnitude smaller than the discretisation error investigated. Otherwise the convergence properties are significantly affected. This means:

1. Assumptions of the test case:

- 1.1. w=0 : solution of the discretised equation for the vertical pressure profile
- 1.2 Stationarity : t=360 t*=100h

2. Main Error sources

- 2.1 Time discretisation : CFL = 0.05
- 2.2 Vertical discretisation : ke=500 , $\Delta z^* \approx 0.005$ (stretched, 10m to 100m)
- 2.3 LB relaxation : exp(-12 x/x0)
- 2.4 UB Rayleigh damping : $sin^2(Pi x/x0)$ with tau=c*dt=400, x0=12km



3.2 2D idealized test cases:

w(100h)-w(99h), dx=125m, ke=500

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LBC: exp(-6 x/x0)

LBC: exp(-10 x/x0), RD, small tau





3.2 2DM idealized test cases: New Developments

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3.2 2DM idealized test cases:

New Developments: HO interpolation

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	Order of convergence for different terms and spatial directions				
Scheme	Horiz	contal			
	Derivative / Interpolation Pressure term		Vertical derivative / Interp.		
adv6	6 central / 2 central	2 central	2 central		
adv6-M6	6 central / 6 central	2 central	2 central		
adv5	5 upwind / 2 central	2 central	2 central		
Adv4	4 central / 2 central	2 central	2 central		
Adv4-M4	4 central / 4 central	2 central	2 central		
Adv3	3 upwind / 2 central	2 central	2 central		
Adv2	2 central / 2 central	2 central	2 central		



2D idealized test cases: Configuration ¹/₂, L1(u)

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Config 1, Ref: dx=125m

Config2, Ref: dx=250m

2DM001: RK T'p', a₀=10km, h=10m, u₀=10 m/s, cosmo_4.11_itc3h, t=504t₀, u_{ref}=u_{125m}(x,140h)





- Higher accuracy

- increased convergence for 2nd order
- no improvement due to 4th order interpolation



2D idealized test cases: Configuration ¹/₂, L1(w)

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-0.5

Config 1, Ref: dx=125m

Config2, Ref: dx=250m

2DM001: RK T'p', a₀=10km, h=10m, u₀=10 m/s, cosmo_4.11_itc3h, t=504t₀, w_{ref}=w_{125m}(x,140h)

 $\log_{10}(\Delta x^*)$

- 2nd order scheme consistent with

- consistent results for all HO schemes

- Higher accuracy

theory



2D idealized test cases: RD: (1+cos[Pi/2(x/x0+1)])⁴



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u

COSMO-

W



- 2nd order scheme exhibits the same results (without tuning of the coefficient).

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the investigation of the convergence properties of numerical schemes is a critical test for all parts of the model involved

→ the COSMO model (and probably other NWP&Climate models too) do not exhibit 2nd order convergence for the higher order advection schemes.

→ The possible reason for is the mixing of the orders of accuracy in the advection and the pressure term

→the realisation of higher order schemes and conservation properties requires the realisation of high order and conservation for all parts of the equation system involved

Thank you for your attention

Discretisation methods: Exlicite versus compact schemes



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