



# Numerical Algorithms

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## Exercise Sheet 4.

Due date: **Tuesday, 1.12.15.**

### Programming Exercise 1. (Godunov's method for linear systems)

Write a program `Godunov_linear_solve(A, q_l, q_r)` that given any  $m \times m$  matrix  $A$  and states  $q_l$  and  $q_r$  approximates the solution of the Riemann problem:

$$\begin{cases} q_t + Aq_x = 0, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ q(x, 0) = q_0(x), & t = 0. \end{cases} \quad q_0(x) := \begin{cases} q_l, & x < 0, \\ q_r, & x > 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with the Godunov's method (see equation (1.4.32)) for  $x \in [-2, 2]$  and  $t \in [0, 4]$ . The user should be able to choose the step sizes  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$  for the corresponding discretization of these intervals. Additionally, the code must produce plots of the components of the approximate solution as a function of  $x$  for at least 3 distinct values of  $t$  or, optionally you can adapt the [sample code](#) to show an animation of one of the components of the solution for all the discrete times. Test out your program with

a) A scalar advection equation with  $A = \bar{u} = 2$  and states  $q_l = 0$ ,  $q_r = 1$ .

b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 10^{-4} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $q_l = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $q_r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

c)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $q_l = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $q_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Run your solver with different magnitudes of the ratio  $c := \Delta t / \Delta x$ . Report your findings when  $c < 1$  and  $c \geq 1$ .

**Update:** Use periodic boundary conditions i.e  $q(-2, t) = q(2, t)$  for all  $t$ .

(6 points)