

# Introduction to numerical methods to hyperbolic PDE's

Literature:

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## Lecture I: Basic concepts

# Outline of the first lecture

- Finite difference vs. finite volume methods
- Convergence
- Local truncation error, consistency
- Stability and the CFL condition
- Upwind methods
- Lax-Friedrichs, Lax-Wendroff
- Diffusion, dispersion, modified equations

Here is a typical example of a system of PDEs we want to numerically discretise:

**Euler equations of compressible gas dynamics:**

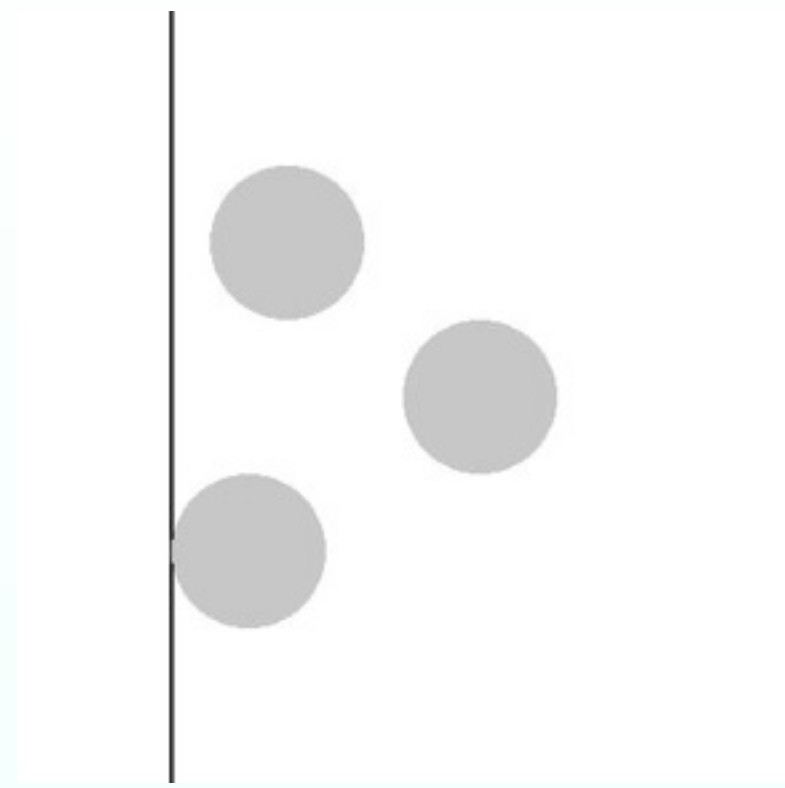
$$\rho_t + (\rho u)_x = 0 \quad \text{conservation of mass}$$

$$(\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x = 0 \quad \text{conservation of momentum}$$

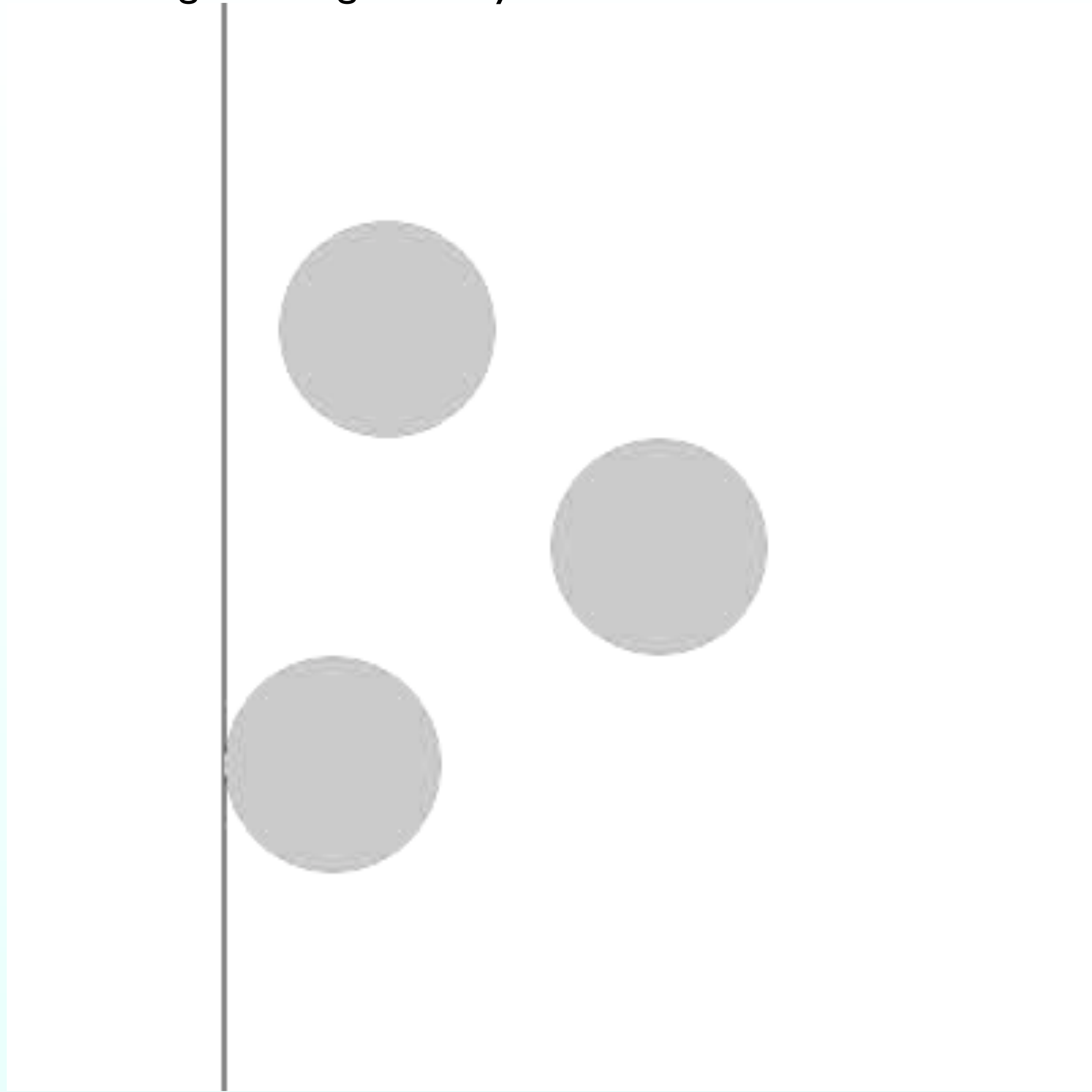
$$E_t + (u(E + p))_x = 0 \quad \text{conservation of total energy}$$

closure relationship - equation of state:  $E = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{1}{2}\rho u^2$  polytropic gas

a planar shock wave in a gas hitting three cylinders



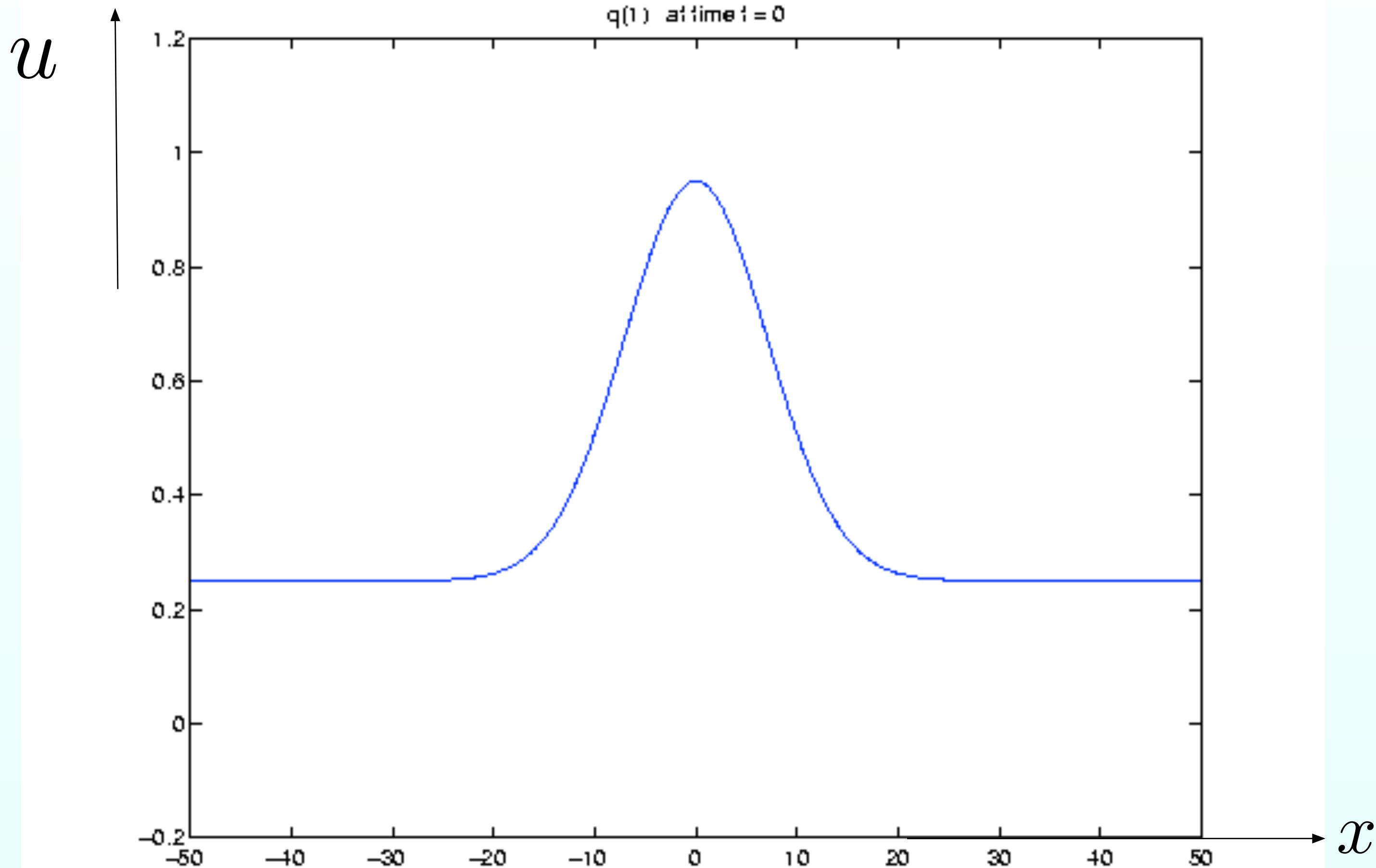
$t = 0$



*In order to study the numerical discretization of such equations we first study simpler equations.*

Given smooth initial data for such equations, the solution will evolve into something not smooth.

consider  $u = u(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}$  Burgers equation:  $u_t + \left(\frac{u^2}{2}\right)_x = 0$

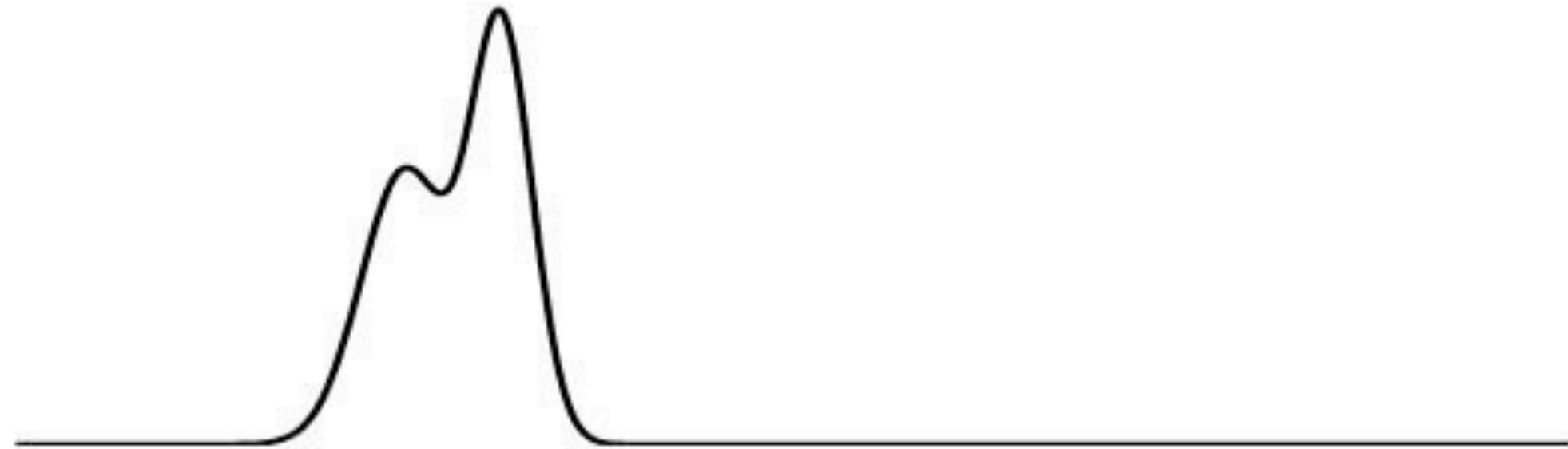


# Linear advection equation

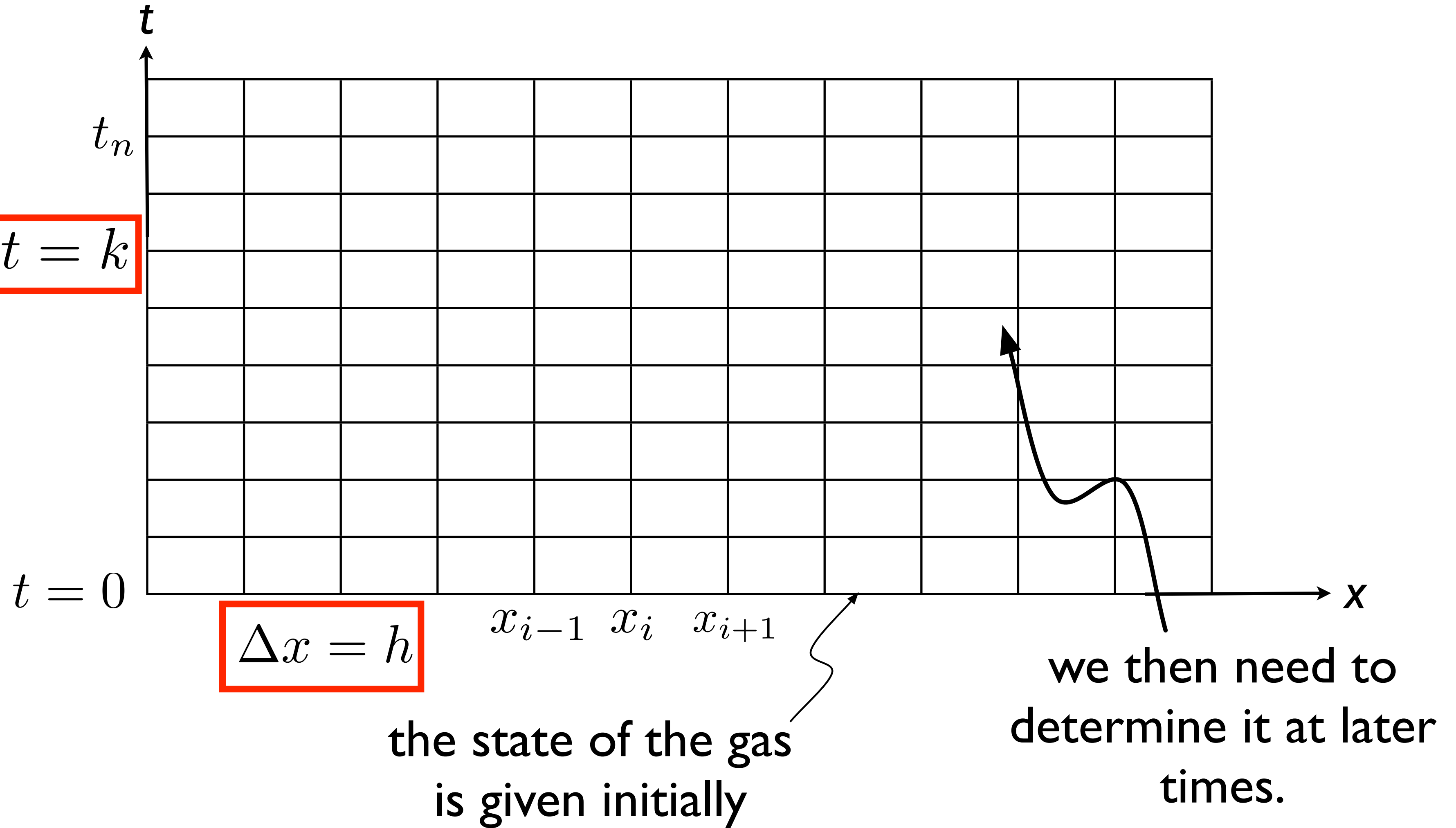
$$q_t + uq_x = 0$$

True solution:  $q(x, t) = q(x - ut, 0)$

Assume  $u > 0$  so flow is to the right.



Numerical methods use space- and time discretization:



# Finite difference method

Based on point-wise approximations:

$$Q_i^n \approx q(x_i, t_n), \quad \text{with } x_i = ih, \quad t_n = nk.$$

Approximate derivatives by finite differences.

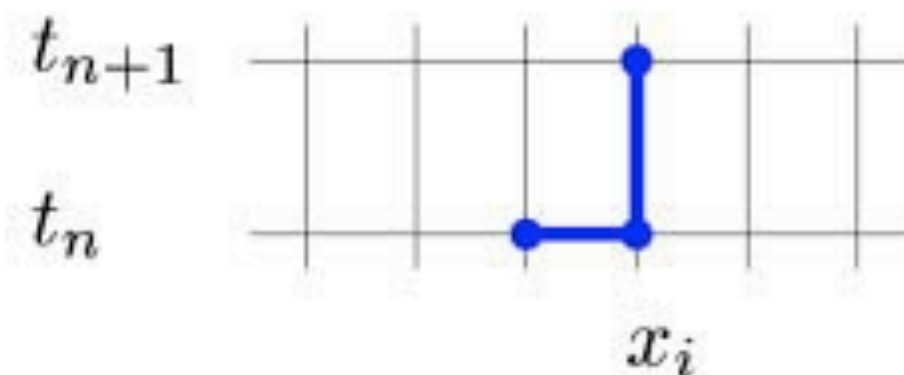
**Ex:** Upwind methods for advection equation  $q_t + uq_x = 0$ :

$$\frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{k} + u \left( \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{h} \right) = 0$$

or

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} u (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n).$$

Stencil:





# Finite volume method

Based on cell averages:

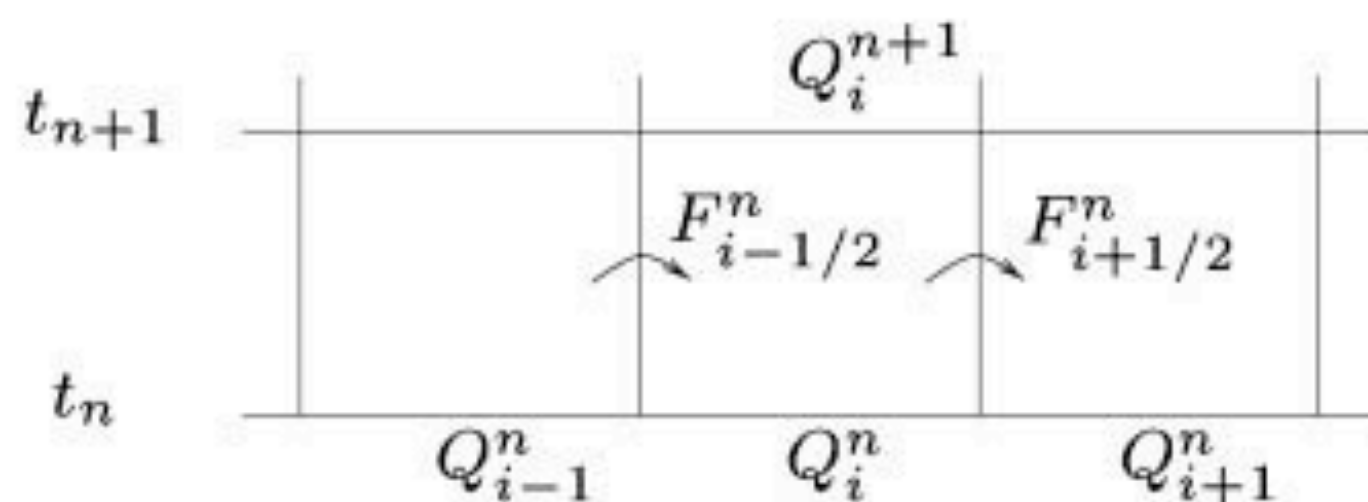
$$Q_i^n \approx \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t_n) dx$$

Update cell average by flux into and out of cell:

**Ex:** Upwind methods for advection equation  $q_t + uq_x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i^{n+1} &= Q_i^n - \frac{k(uQ_{i-1}^n - uQ_i^n)}{h} \\ &= Q_i^n - \frac{ku}{h} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) \end{aligned}$$

Stencil:



# Convergence

Global error  $E_i^n = Q_i^n - q(x_i, t_n)$

We want:  $E$  at fixed  $(x, t)$  to approach 0 as  $k, h \rightarrow 0$ .

or  $\|Q^N - q(\cdot, T)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, h \rightarrow 0$  with  $Nk = T$ .

Method is **order**  $p$  (globally) if

$$E(k, h) = O(k^p + h^p) \quad \text{as } k, h \rightarrow 0.$$

Hard to deal with directly: more and more points as grid is refined

Study **local error** and **stability**.

# Local truncation error $\tau$

Difference formula:

$$\frac{Q_i^{n+1} - Q_i^n}{k} + u \left( \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{h} \right) = 0$$

Insert true solution into formula to determine LTE:

$$\tau(x, t) = \frac{q(x, t+k) - q(x, t)}{k} + u \left( \frac{q(x, t) - q(x-h, t)}{h} \right)$$

For smooth  $q$  we can use Taylor series to expand:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(x, t) &= (q_t + kq_{tt} + \dots) + u(q_x + hq_{xx} + \dots) \\ &= (q_t + uq_x) + kq_{tt} + hq_{xx} + \dots \\ &= O(k + h) \end{aligned}$$

Upwind is first order accurate (locally)

# Consistency

A method is **consistent** if  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  as  $k, h \rightarrow 0$ .

The **one-step error** is  $k\tau$ :

$$k\tau = q(x, t + k) - \left( q(x, t) - \frac{uk}{h}(q(x, t) - q(x - h, t)) \right).$$

An error of this magnitude is made in each of  $T/k$  time steps.

This suggests  $E \approx (T/k)(k\tau) = T\tau$ :

If  $\tau = O(h^p + k^p) \implies$  global error is  $O(h^p + k^p)$

The method is  $p$ th order accurate

**But:**

This is valid **provided** the method is **stable!**

Consistency + stability = convergence

# Fundamental theorem:

**Consistency + Stability = Convergence**

**ODE:** zero-stability, stability on  $q'(t) = 0$  is enough.  
Dahlquist Theorem.

**Linear PDE:** Lax-Richtmyer stability  
Uniform power boundedness of a family of matrices  
Lax equivalence Theorem.

**Scalar conservation law:** total variation stability

**Systems of conservation laws:** ?? — few convergence proofs

## Lax-Richtmyer stability

Linear method:  $Q^{n+1} = B_k Q^n$  (with  $k/h$  fixed).

The method is Lax-Richtmyer stable in some norm  $\| \cdot \|$  if, for every time  $T > 0$ , there is a constant  $C_T$  such that

$$\|B_k^N\| \leq C_T$$

for all  $k, N$  with  $Nk \leq T$ .

It is sufficient to show that there is an  $\alpha$  for which

$$\|Q^{n+1}\| \leq (1 + \alpha k) \|Q^n\|.$$

since then

$$\|Q^N\| \leq (1 + \alpha k)^N \|Q^0\| \leq e^{\alpha k N} \|Q^0\| \leq e^{\alpha T} \|Q^0\|.$$

# Stability of upwind

The upwind method is stable in the 1-norm for  $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$ , where  $\nu = uk/h$ .

$$\begin{aligned}Q_i^{n+1} &= Q_i^n - \nu(Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) \\ &= (1 - \nu)Q_i^n + \nu Q_{i-1}^n\end{aligned}$$

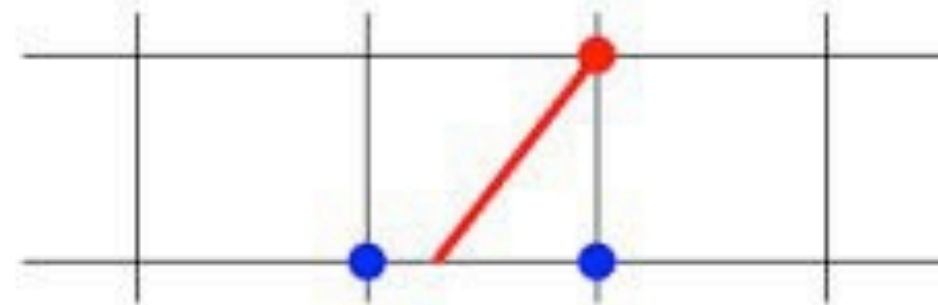
Note: convex combination if  $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\|Q^{n+1}\|_1 &= h \sum_i |Q_i^{n+1}| \\ &= h \sum_i |(1 - \nu)Q_i^n + \nu Q_{i-1}^n| \\ &\leq (1 - \nu)h \sum_i |Q_i^n| + \nu h \sum_i |Q_i^n| \quad \text{if } 0 \leq \nu \leq 1 \\ &= h \sum_i |Q_i^n| = \|Q^n\|_1\end{aligned}$$

# Upwind as interpolation

$$q(x_i, t_{n+1}) = q(x_i - uk, t_n)$$

Trace back along characteristic,  
interpolate between grid values



Linear interpolation  $\implies q(x_i, t_{n+1}) \approx \nu Q_{i-1}^n + (1 - \nu) Q_i^n$

Note: Upwind is **exact** if  $uk/h = 1$ ,

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_{i-1}^n.$$



# The CFL Condition

**Domain of dependence:** The solution  $q(X, T)$  depends on the data  $q(x, 0)$  over some set of  $x$  values,  $x \in \mathcal{D}(X, T)$ .

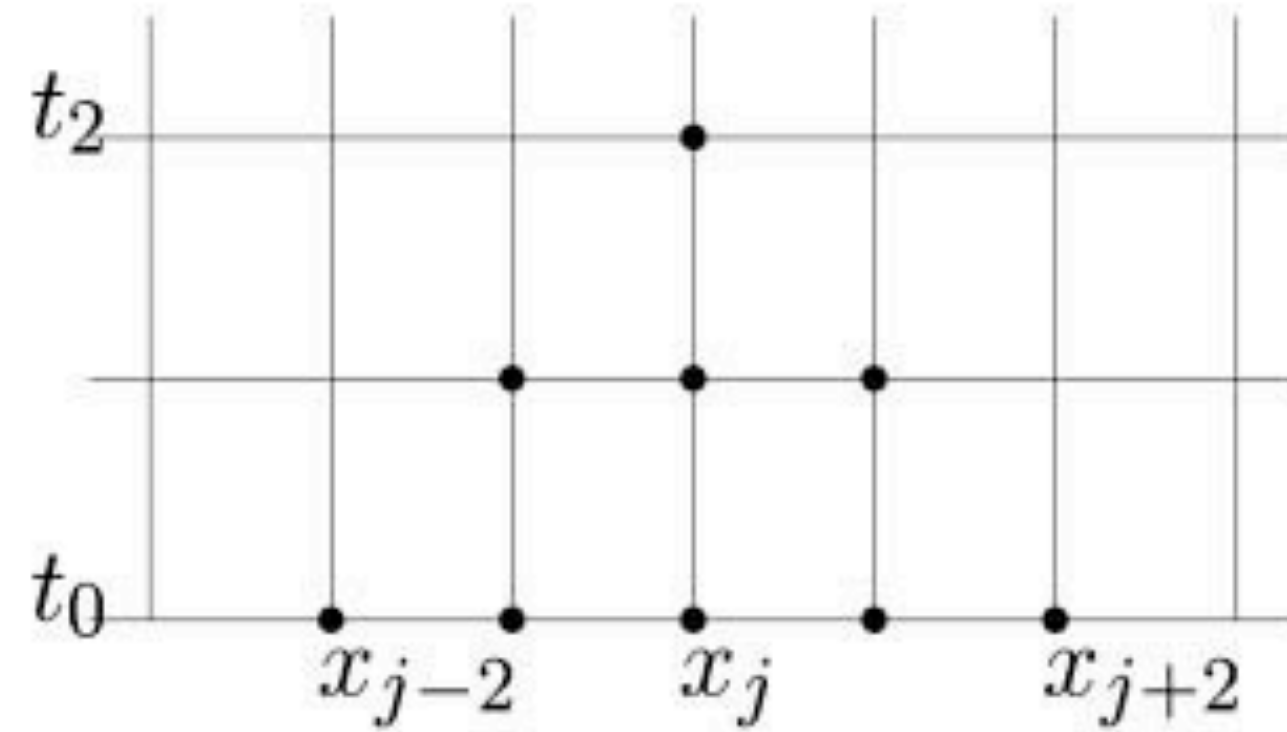
**Advection:**  $q(X, T) = q(X - uT, 0)$  and so  $\mathcal{D}(X, T) = \{X - uT\}$ .

**The CFL Condition:** A numerical method can be convergent only if its numerical domain of dependence contains the true domain of dependence of the PDE, at least in the limit as  $k$  and  $h$  go to zero.

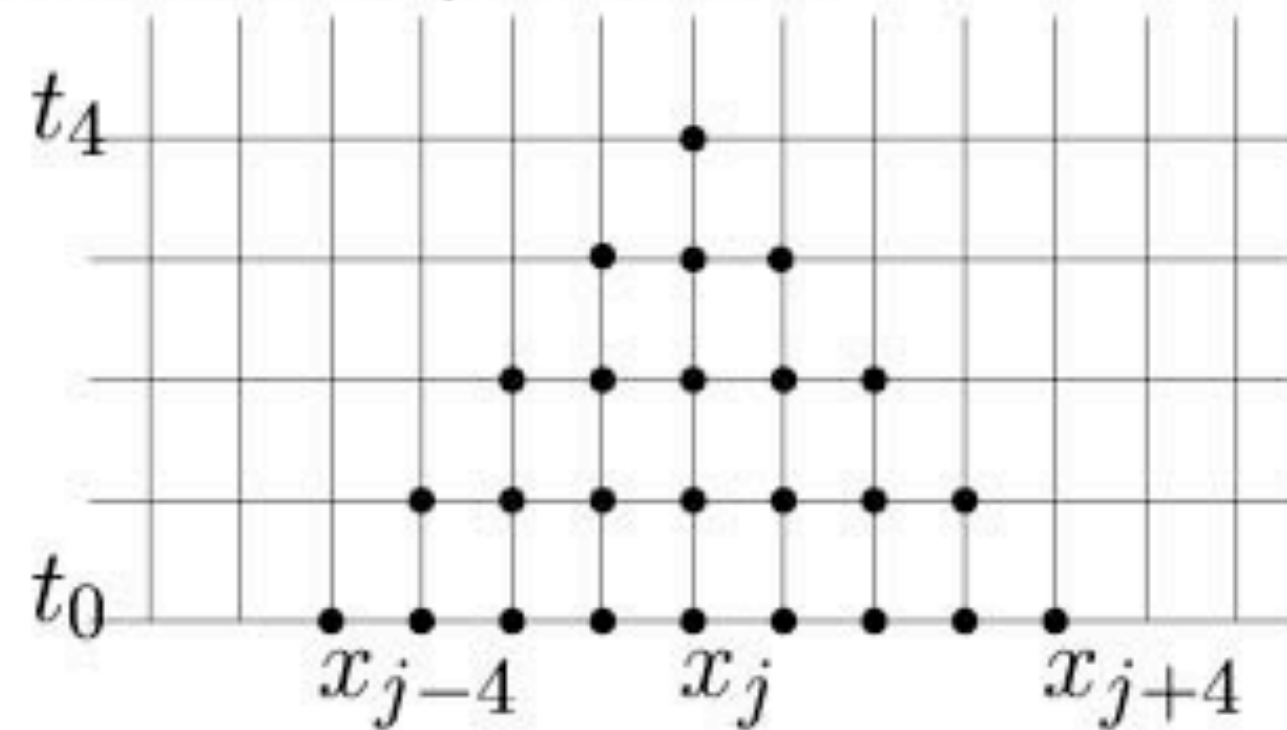
Note: Necessary but **not sufficient** for stability!

# Numerical domain of dependence

With a 3-point explicit method:



On a finer grid with  $k/h$  fixed:



# The CFL Condition

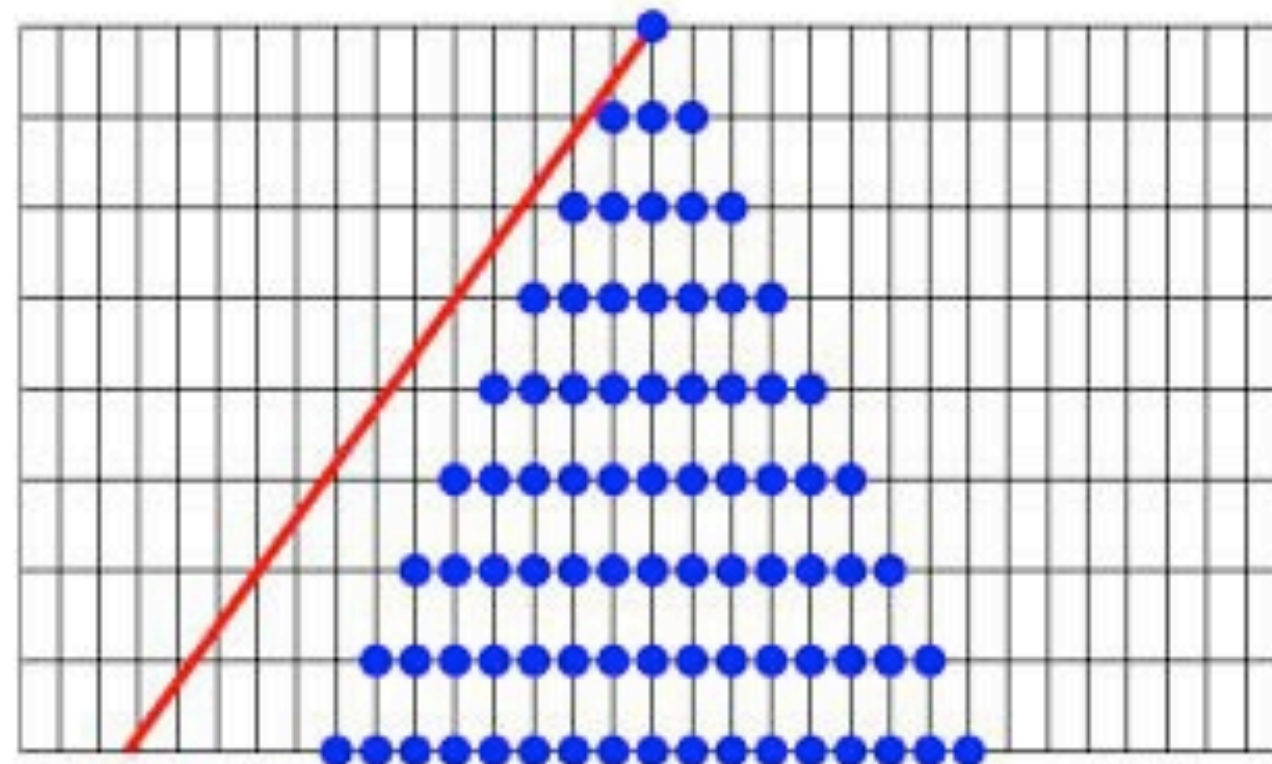
For the method to be stable, the numerical domain of dependence must include the true domain of dependence.

For advection, the solution is constant along characteristics,

$$q(x, t) = q(x - ut, 0)$$

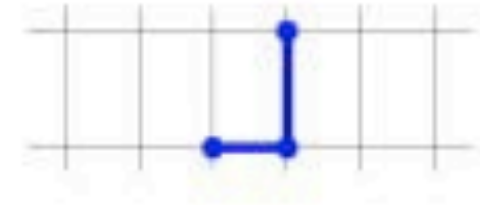
For a 3-point method, CFL condition requires  $\left| \frac{uk}{h} \right| \leq 1$ .

If this is violated:

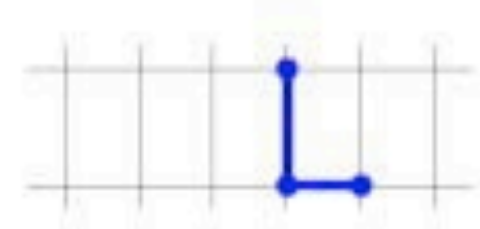


# Stencil

# CFL Condition

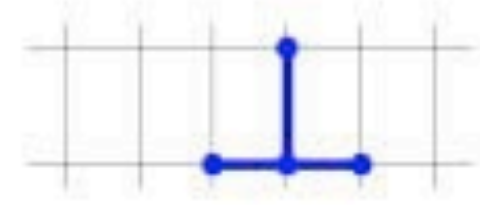


$$0 \leq \frac{uk}{h} \leq 1$$

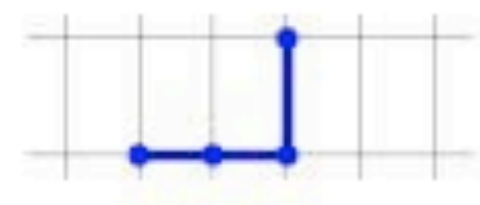


$$-1 \leq \frac{uk}{h} \leq 0$$

Lax-Wendroff



$$-1 \leq \frac{uk}{h} \leq 1$$



$$0 \leq \frac{uk}{h} \leq 2$$

# Hyperbolic systems

$$q_t + Aq_x = 0$$

$A$  is  $m \times m$  with eigenvalues  $\lambda^p$  and eigenvectors  $r^p$ , for  $p = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

Let  $R$  be matrix of right eigenvectors and  $v = R^{-1}q$ .

$$R^{-1}q_t + R^{-1}AR R^{-1}q_x = 0$$

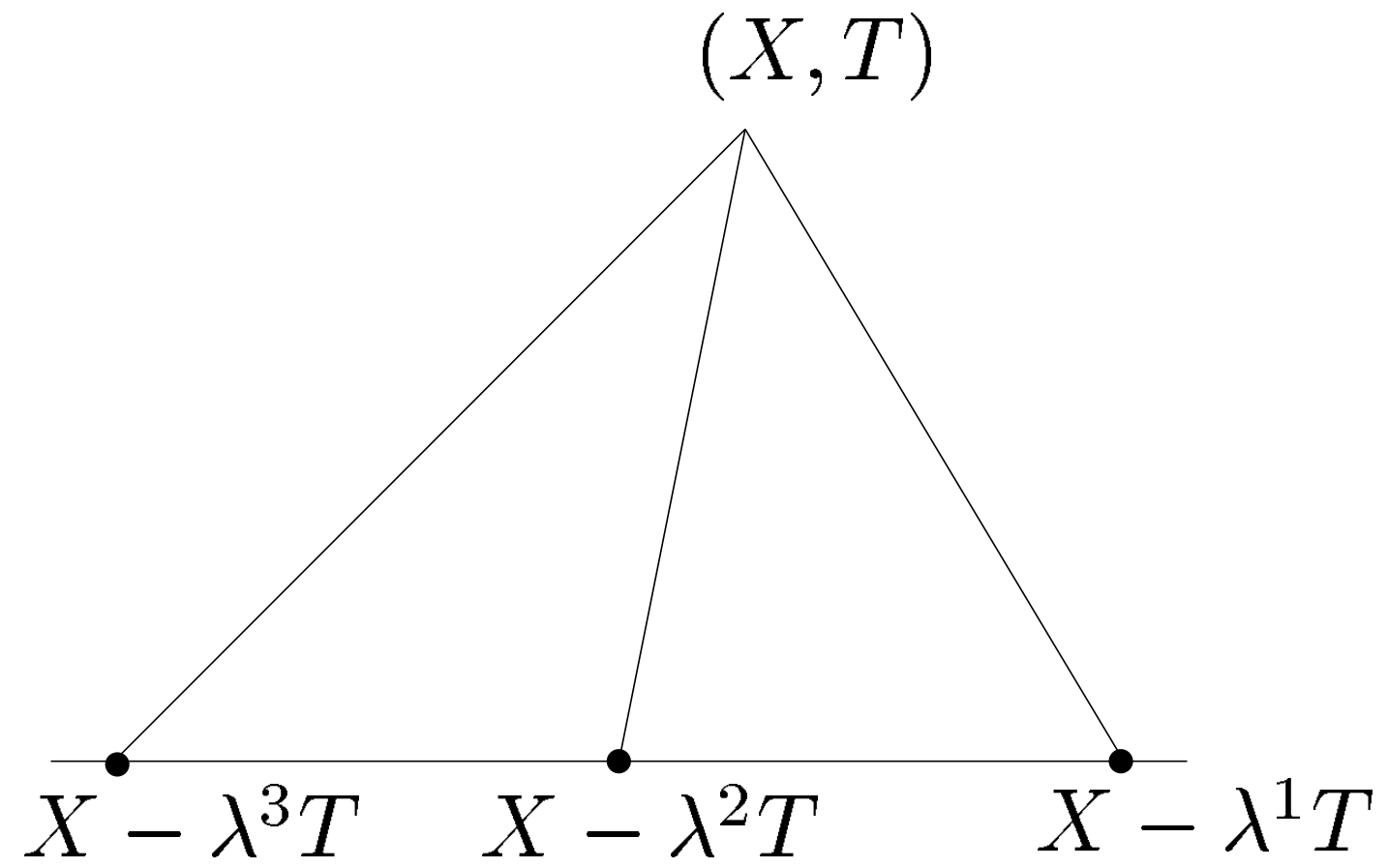
Since  $R^{-1}AR = \Lambda$ , this diagonalizes the system:

$$v_t + \Lambda v_x = 0.$$

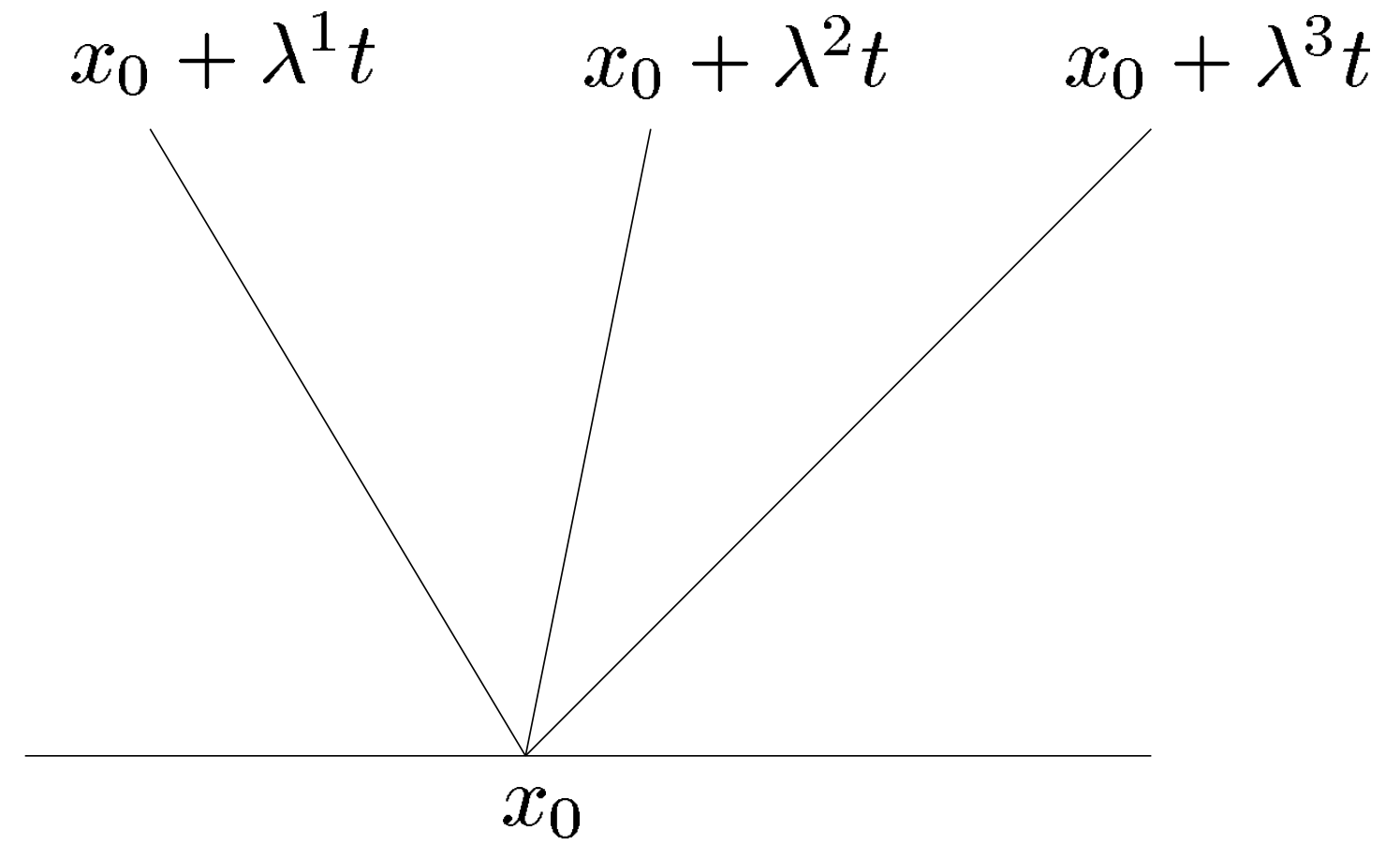
This is a system of  $m$  decoupled advection equations

$$v_t^p + \lambda^p v_x^p = 0.$$

3 equations with  $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$

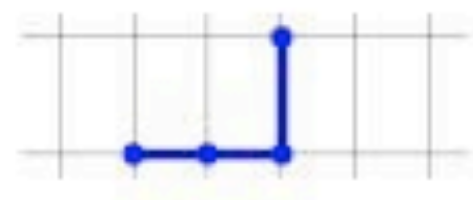
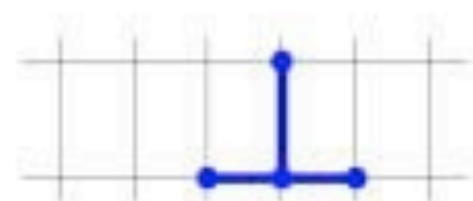
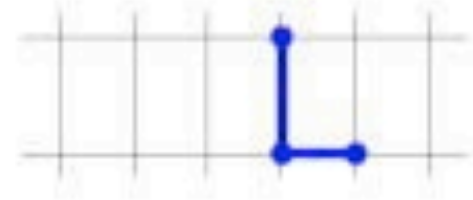
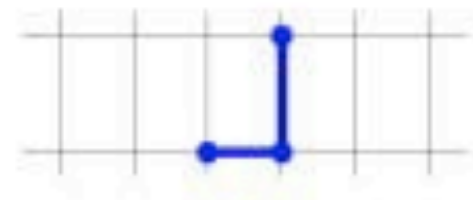


domain of dependence



range of influence

## Stencil



## CFL Condition

$$0 \leq \frac{\lambda^p k}{h} \leq 1, \quad \forall p$$

$$-1 \leq \frac{\lambda^p k}{h} \leq 0, \quad \forall p$$

$$-1 \leq \frac{\lambda^p k}{h} \leq 1, \quad \forall p$$

$$0 \leq \frac{\lambda^p k}{h} \leq 2, \quad \forall p$$

# Upwind for a linear system

The one-sided method

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} A (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

is stable only if  $0 \leq k\lambda^p/h \leq 1$  for all  $p$ .

**Upwind method based on sign of each  $\lambda^p$ :**

Let  $\lambda^+ = \max(\lambda, 0)$ ,  $\lambda^- = \min(\lambda, 0)$ ,

$$\Lambda^+ = \text{diag}((\lambda^p)^+), \quad \Lambda^- = \text{diag}((\lambda^p)^-),$$

$$A^+ = R\Lambda^+R^{-1}, \quad A^- = R\Lambda^-R^{-1}$$

Then

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} A^+ (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) - \frac{k}{h} A^- (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n).$$



# Symmetric methods

Centered in space, forward in time:

$$\begin{aligned}Q_i^{n+1} &= Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} \left( \frac{1}{2} A \right) (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) - \frac{k}{h} \left( \frac{1}{2} A \right) (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n) \\ &= Q_i^n - \frac{k}{2h} A (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n)\end{aligned}$$

Centered approximation to  $q_x$ , but **unstable** for any fixed  $k/h$ .

**Lax-Friedrichs:**

$$Q_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (Q_{i-1}^n + Q_{i+1}^n) - \frac{k}{2h} A (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

This is stable if  $\left| \frac{\lambda^p k}{h} \right| \leq 1$  for all  $p$ .

# Numerical dissipation

**Lax-Friedrichs:**

$$Q_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{i-1}^n + Q_{i+1}^n) - \frac{k}{2h}A(Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n)$$

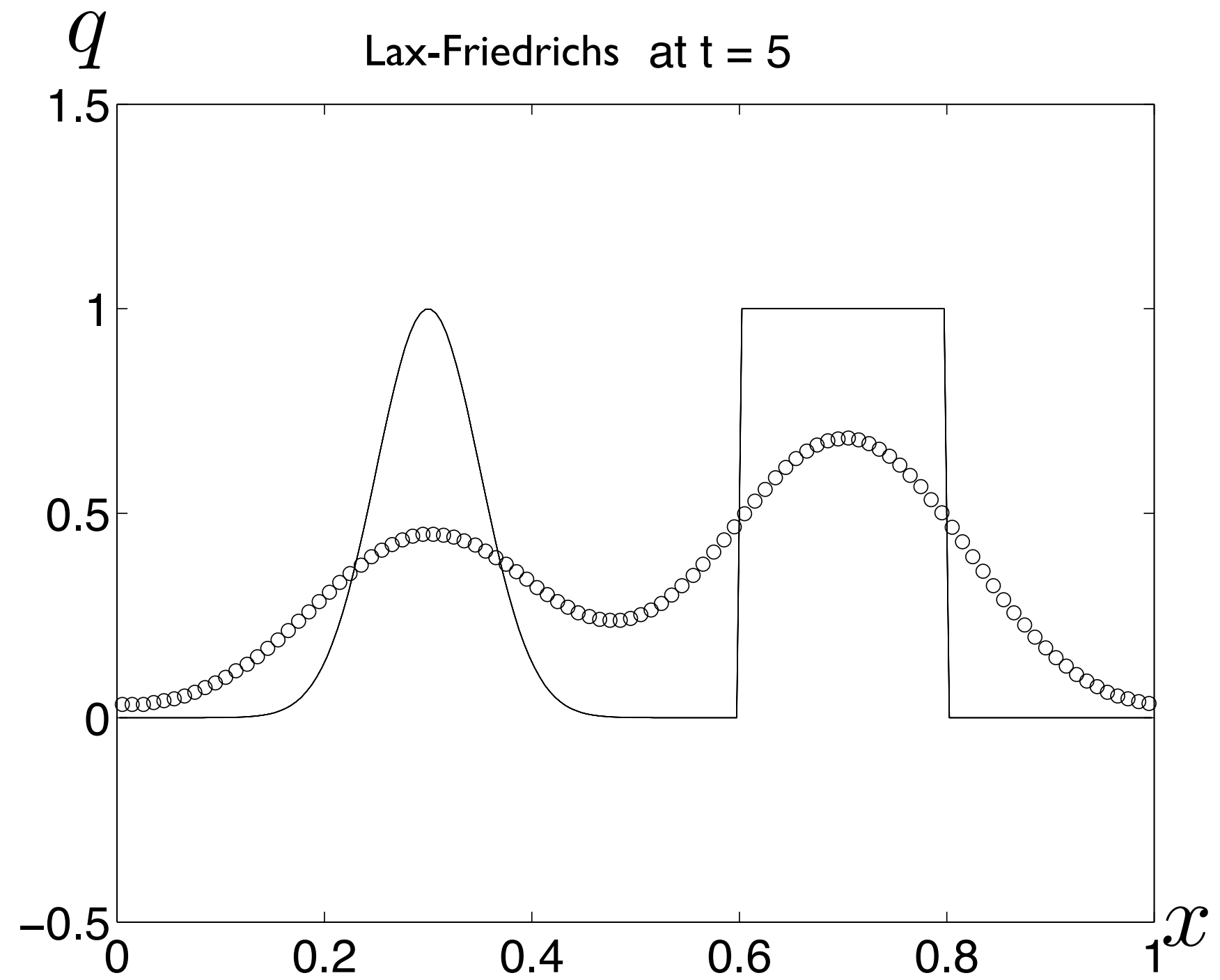
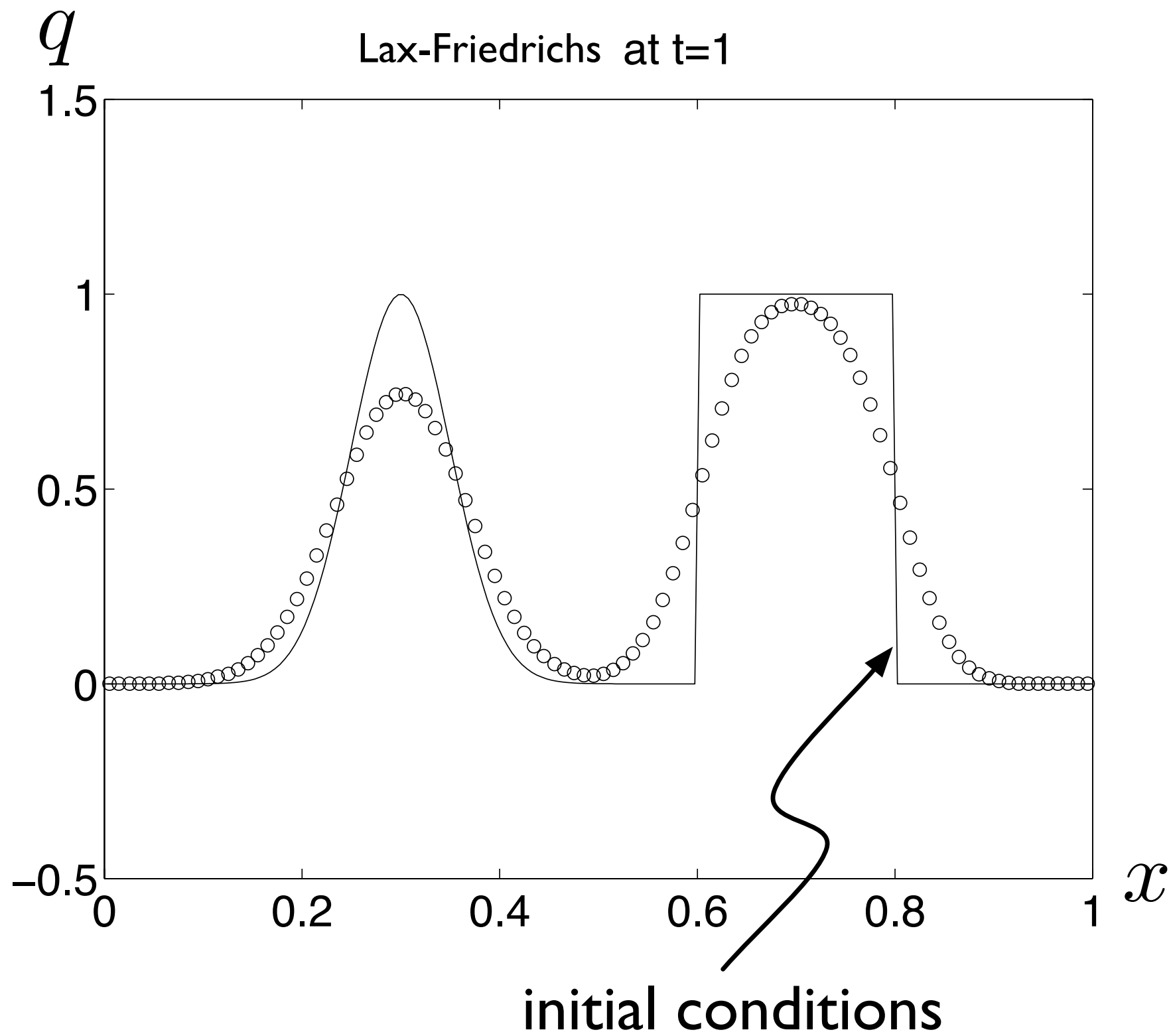
This can be rewritten as

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{2h}A(Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n) + \frac{1}{2}(Q_{i-1}^n - 2Q_i^n + Q_{i+1}^n)$$

Looks like the unstable method with the addition of an approximation to  $\frac{1}{2}h^2q_{xx}$ .

Approximates  $q_t + Aq_x = \epsilon q_{xx}$ . (modified equation)

$$q_t + q_x = 0 \quad \text{with periodic boundary conditions}$$



# Lax-Wendroff

Second-order accuracy?

Taylor series:

$$q(x, t + k) = q(x, t) + kq_t(x, t) + \frac{1}{2}k^2q_{tt}(x, t) + \dots$$

From  $q_t = -Aq_x$  we find  $q_{tt} = A^2q_{xx}$ .

$$q(x, t + k) = q(x, t) - kAq_x(x, t) + \frac{1}{2}k^2A^2q_{xx}(x, t) + \dots$$

Replace  $q_x$  and  $q_{xx}$  by centered differences:

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{2h}A(Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{k^2}{h^2}A^2(Q_{i-1}^n - 2Q_i^n + Q_{i+1}^n)$$

# Modified equations

The upwind method

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h}u(Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n).$$

gives a first-order accurate approximation to  $q_t + uq_x = 0$ .

But it gives a **second-order** approximation to

$$q_t + uq_x = \frac{uh}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{uk}{h} \right) q_{xx}.$$

This is an advection-diffusion equation.

Indicates that the numerical solution will diffuse.

Note: coefficient of diffusive term is  $O(h)$ .

# Modified Equation for Lax-Wendroff

The Lax-Wendroff method

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{2h} A(Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{k^2}{h^2} A^2(Q_{i-1}^n - 2Q_i^n + Q_{i+1}^n)$$

gives a second-order accurate approximation to  $q_t + uq_x = 0$ .

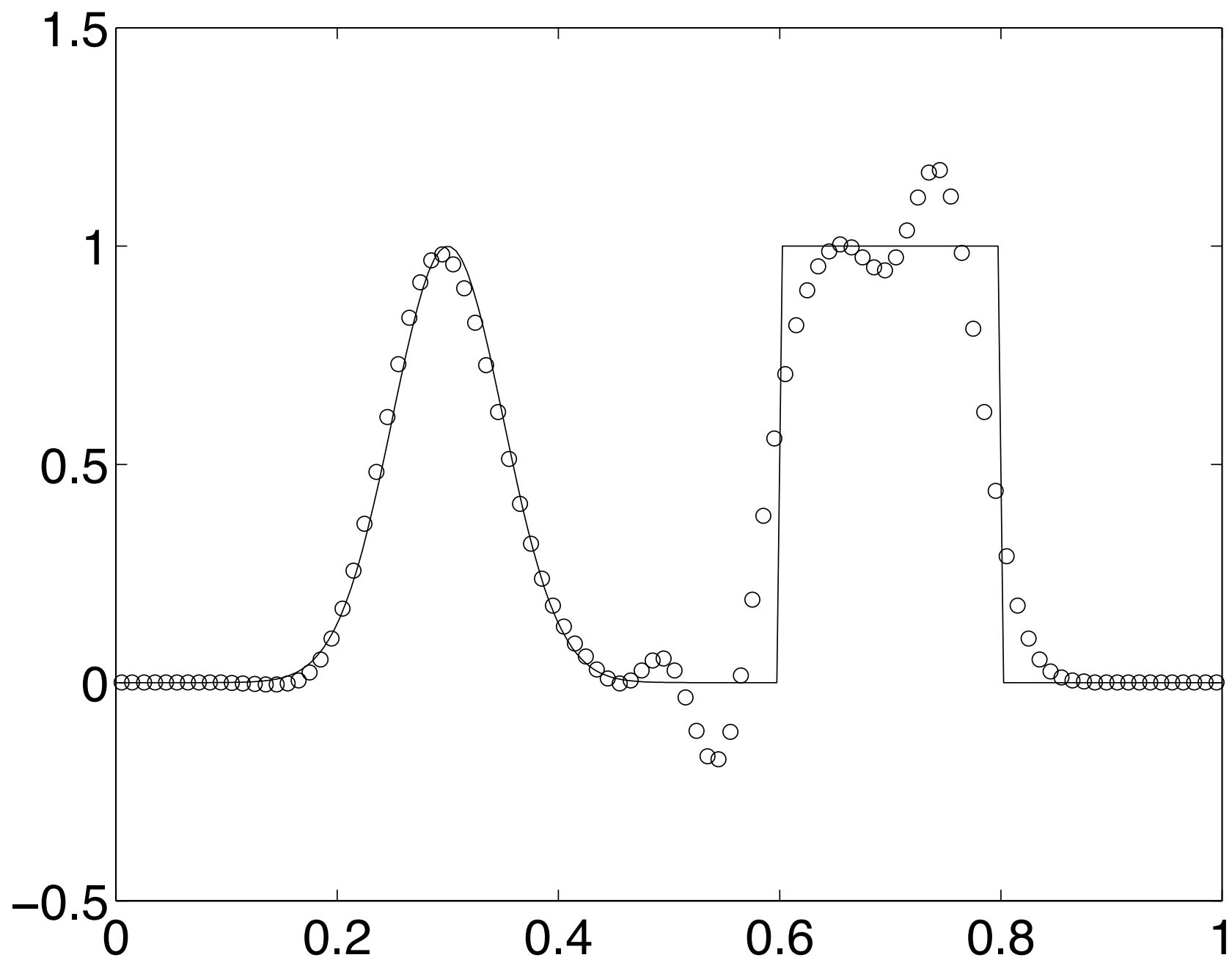
But it gives a **third-order** approximation to

$$q_t + uq_x = -\frac{uh^2}{6} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{uk}{h} \right)^2 \right) q_{xxx}.$$

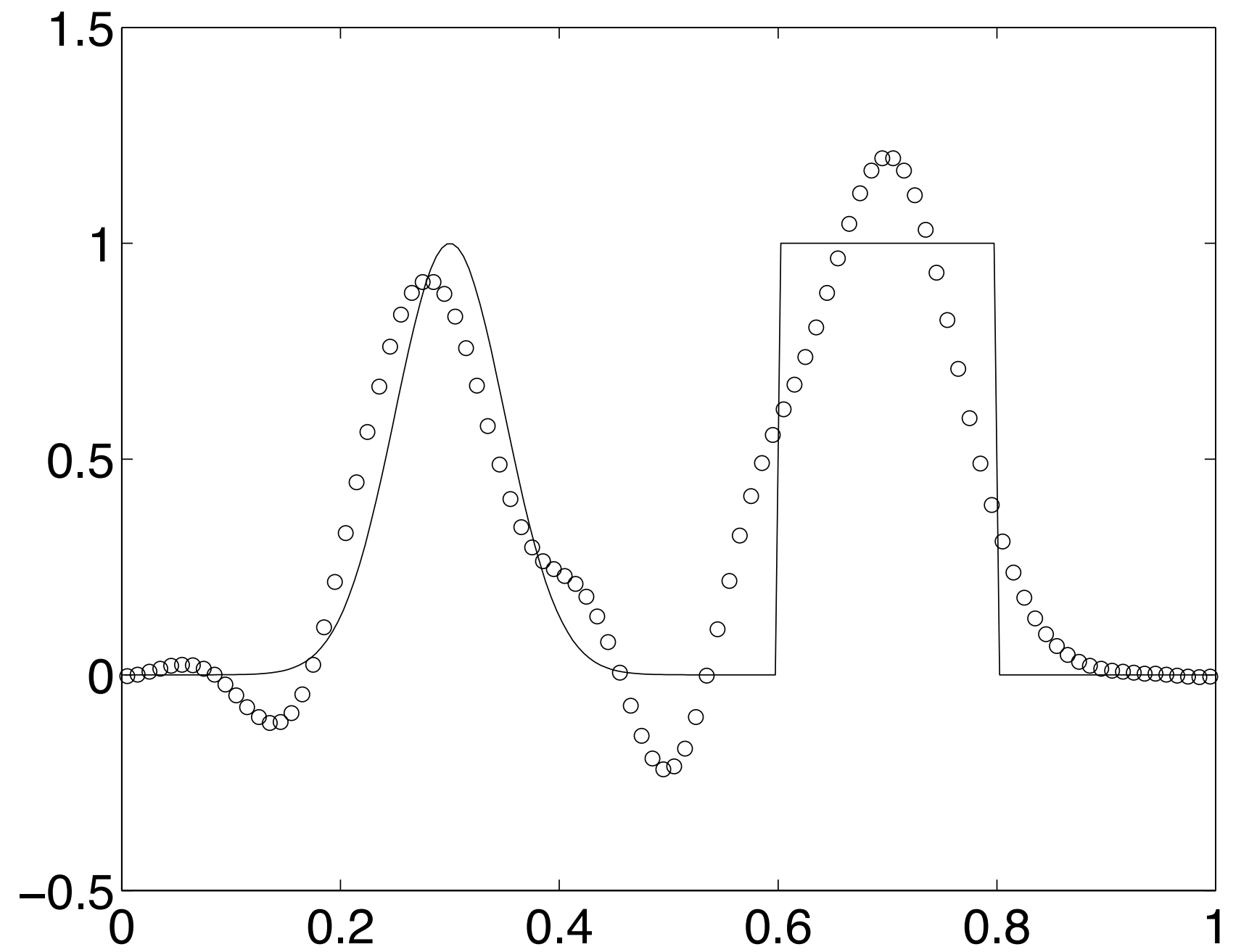
This has a **dispersive** term with  $O(h^2)$  coefficient.

Indicates that the numerical solution will become oscillatory.

Lax–Wendroff at  $t = 1$



Lax–Wendroff at  $t = 5$



# Dispersion relation

Consider a single Fourier mode:

$$q(x, 0) = e^{i\xi x} \implies q(x, t) = e^{i(\xi x - \omega t)}$$

Determine  $\omega(\xi)$  based on the PDE. This is the **dispersion relation**.

$$q_t = -i\omega q, \quad q_x = i\xi q, \quad q_{xx} = -\xi^2 q, \quad q_{xxx} = -i\xi^3 q, \dots$$

$$q_t + uq_x = 0 \implies \omega(\xi) = u\xi, \quad q(x, t) = e^{i\xi(x-ut)}$$

$$q_t + uq_x = \epsilon q_{xx} \implies q(x, t) = e^{-\epsilon\xi^2 t} e^{i\xi(x-ut)}$$

$$q_t + uq_x = \beta q_{xxx} \implies q(x, t) = e^{i\xi(x-(u+\beta\xi^2)t)}$$



# Dispersive behavior

$$q_t + uq_x = \beta q_{xxx} \implies q(x, t) = e^{i\xi(x - (u + \beta\xi^2)t)}$$

Dispersion relation:  $\omega(\xi) = u\xi + \beta\xi^3$ .

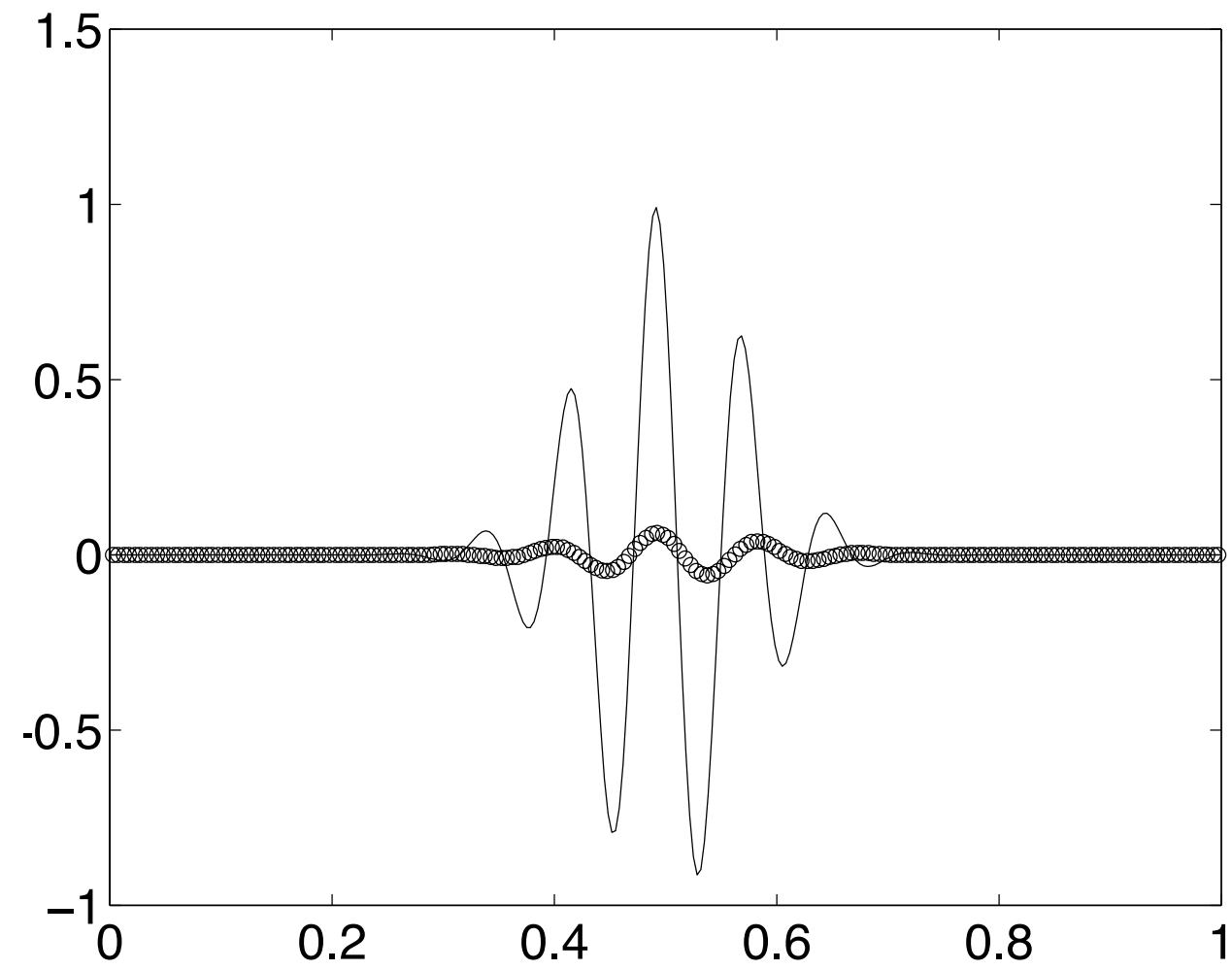
Wavenumber  $\xi$  propagates with **phase velocity**

$$c_p(\xi) = \frac{\omega(\xi)}{\xi} = u + \beta\xi^2.$$

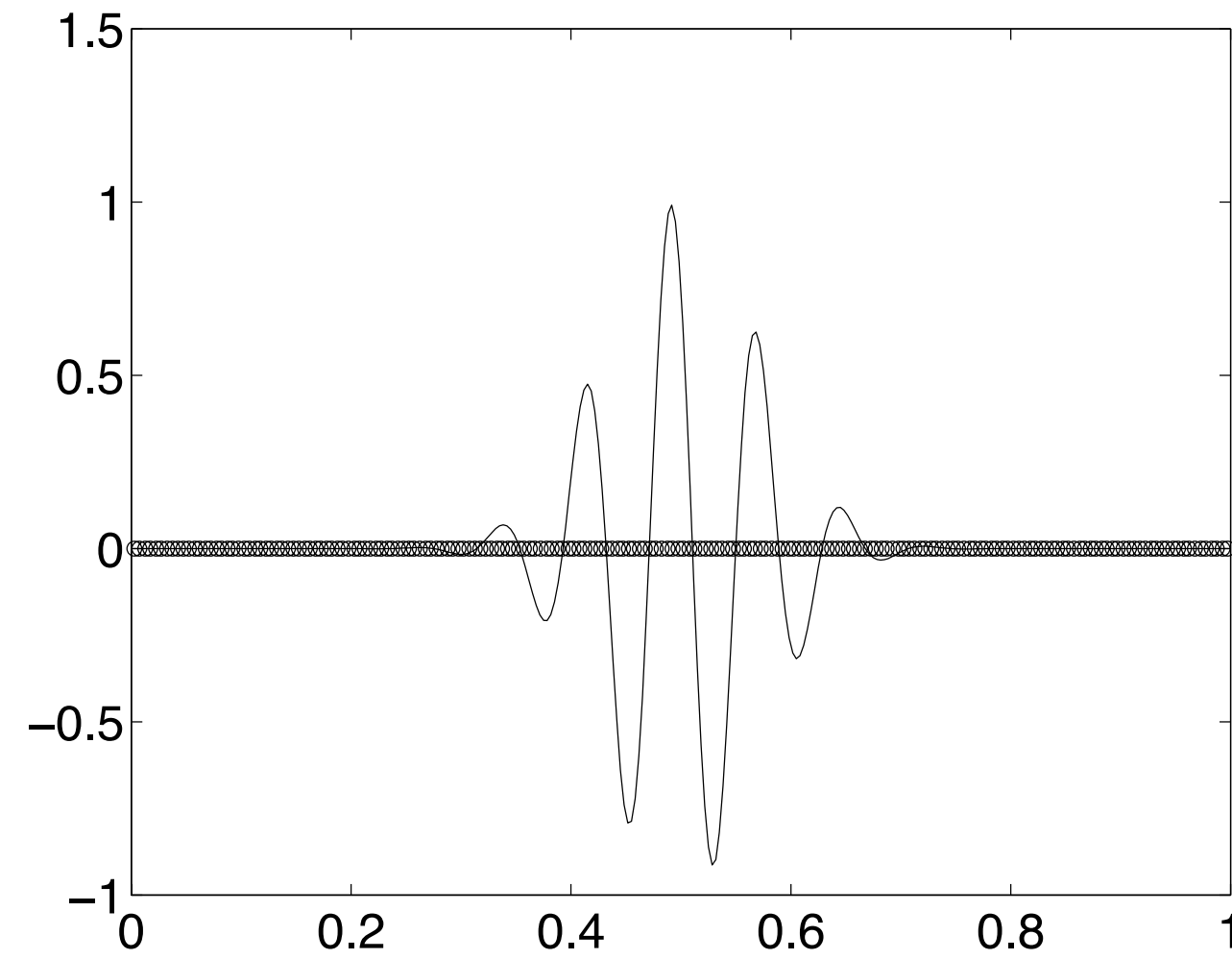
Energy propagates with the **group velocity**

$$c_g(\xi) = \omega'(\xi) = u + 3\beta\xi^2.$$

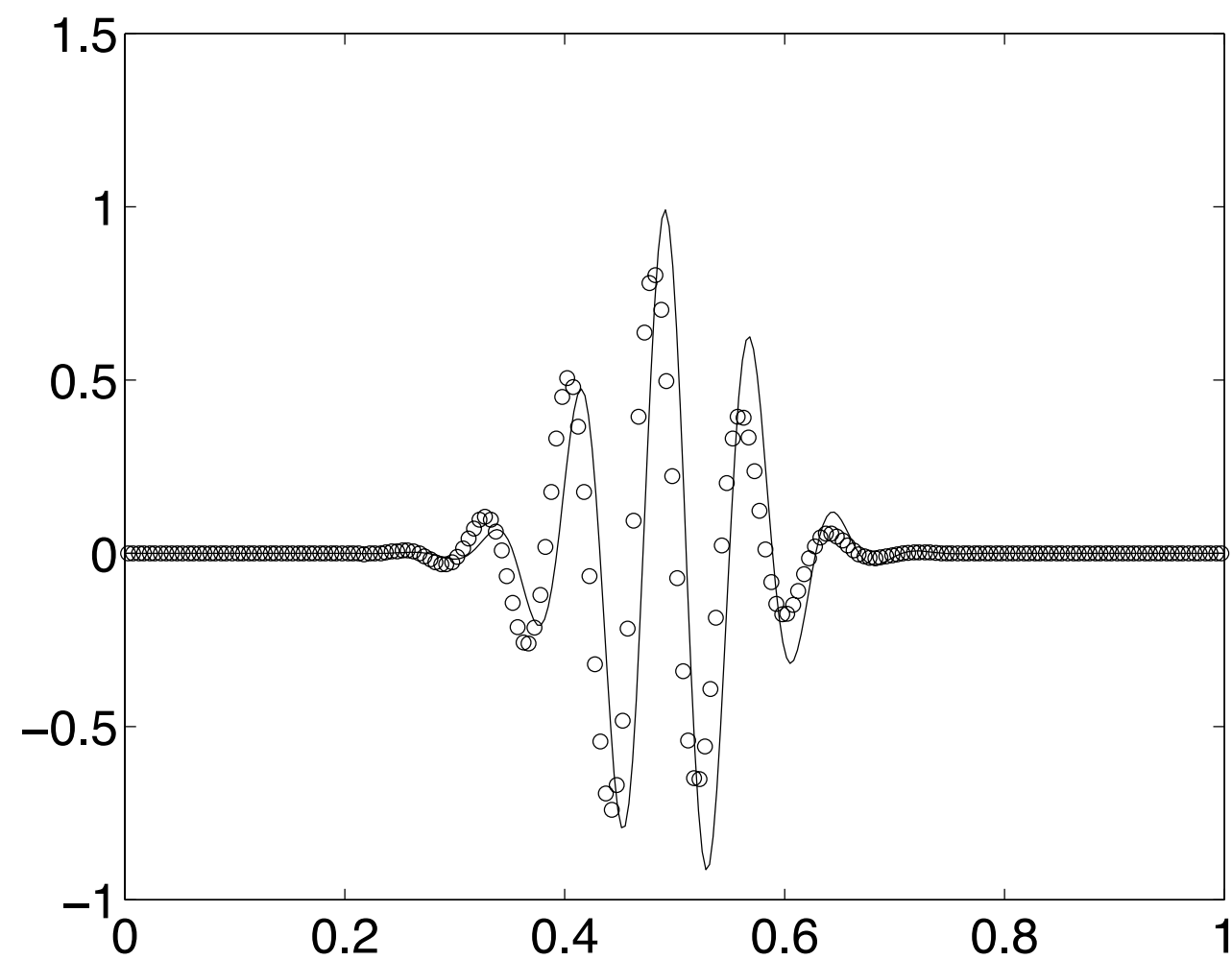
Upwind at t = 1



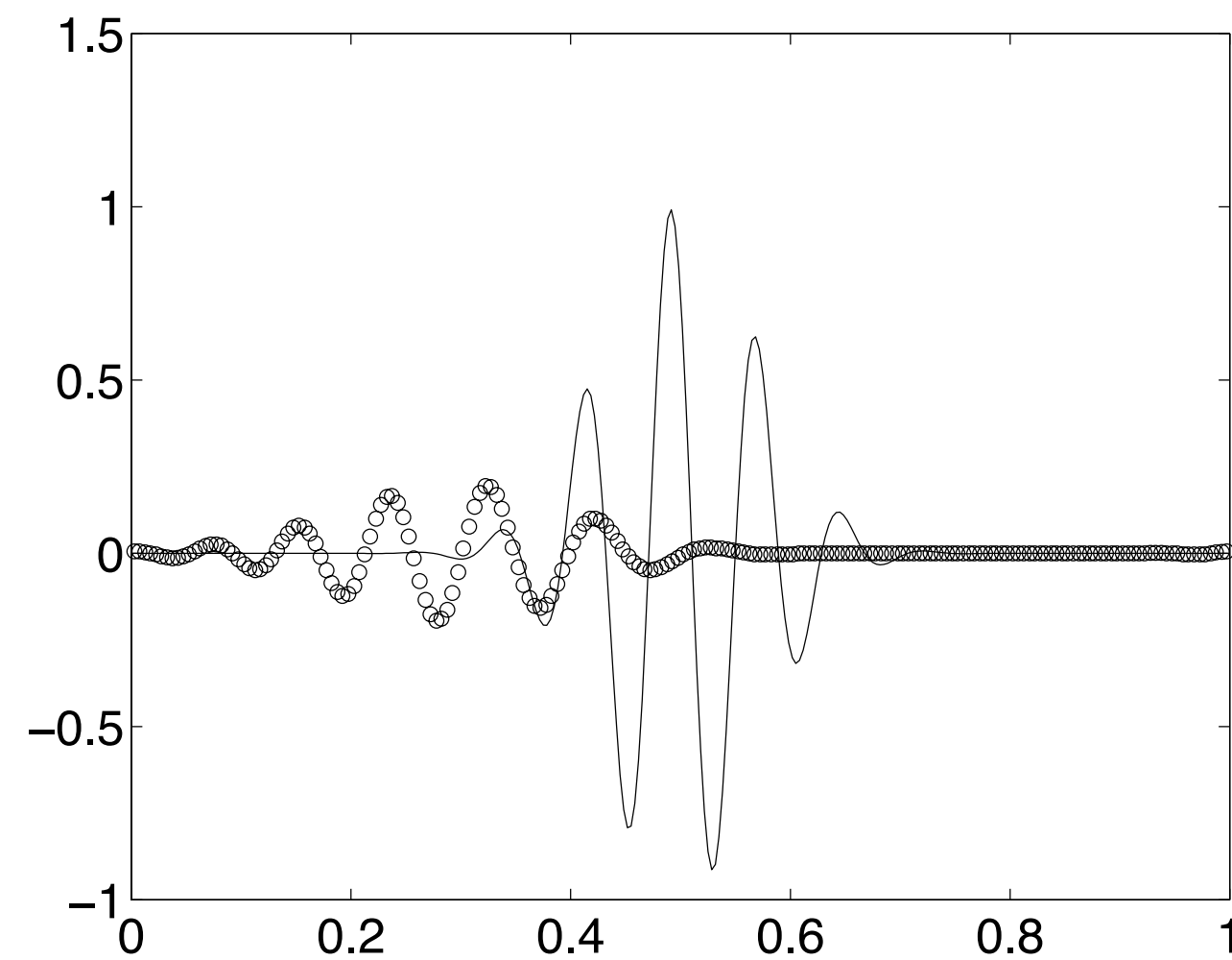
Upwind at t = 10



Lax-Wendroff at t = 1



Lax-Wendroff at t = 10







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## Lecture 2: High resolution finite volume methods

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# Outline

- Finite volume methods
- Godunov's method
- High-resolution methods, TVD methods
- Slope limiters, flux limiters, wave limiters
- Nonlinear problems, convergence to weak solutions
- Conservation form, Lax-Wendroff theorem

# Finite volume method

$$q_t + f(q)_x = 0$$

Integral form: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t) dx = f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) - f(q(x_{i+1/2}, t))$$

Integrate from  $t_n$  to  $t_{n+1} \implies$

$$\int q(x, t_{n+1}) dx = \int q(x, t_n) dx + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) - f(q(x_{i+1/2}, t)) dt$$

$$\frac{1}{h} \int q(x, t_{n+1}) dx = \frac{1}{h} \int q(x, t_n) dx - \frac{k}{h} \left( \frac{1}{k} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(q(x_{i+1/2}, t)) - f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) dt \right)$$

Numerical method: 
$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} (F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n) \quad Q_i^n = \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t_n) dx$$

Numerical flux: 
$$F_{i-1/2}^n \approx \frac{1}{k} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) dt.$$

# Finite volume method

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} (F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n)$$

Advection equation:  $f(q) = uq$

$$F_{i-1/2} \approx \frac{1}{k} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} uq(x_{i-1/2}, t) dt.$$

First order upwind:

$$F_{i-1/2} = u^+ Q_{i-1}^n + u^- Q_i^n$$

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{k}{h} (u^+ (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) + u^- (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n)).$$

where  $u^+ = \max(u, 0)$ ,  $u^- = \min(u, 0)$ .

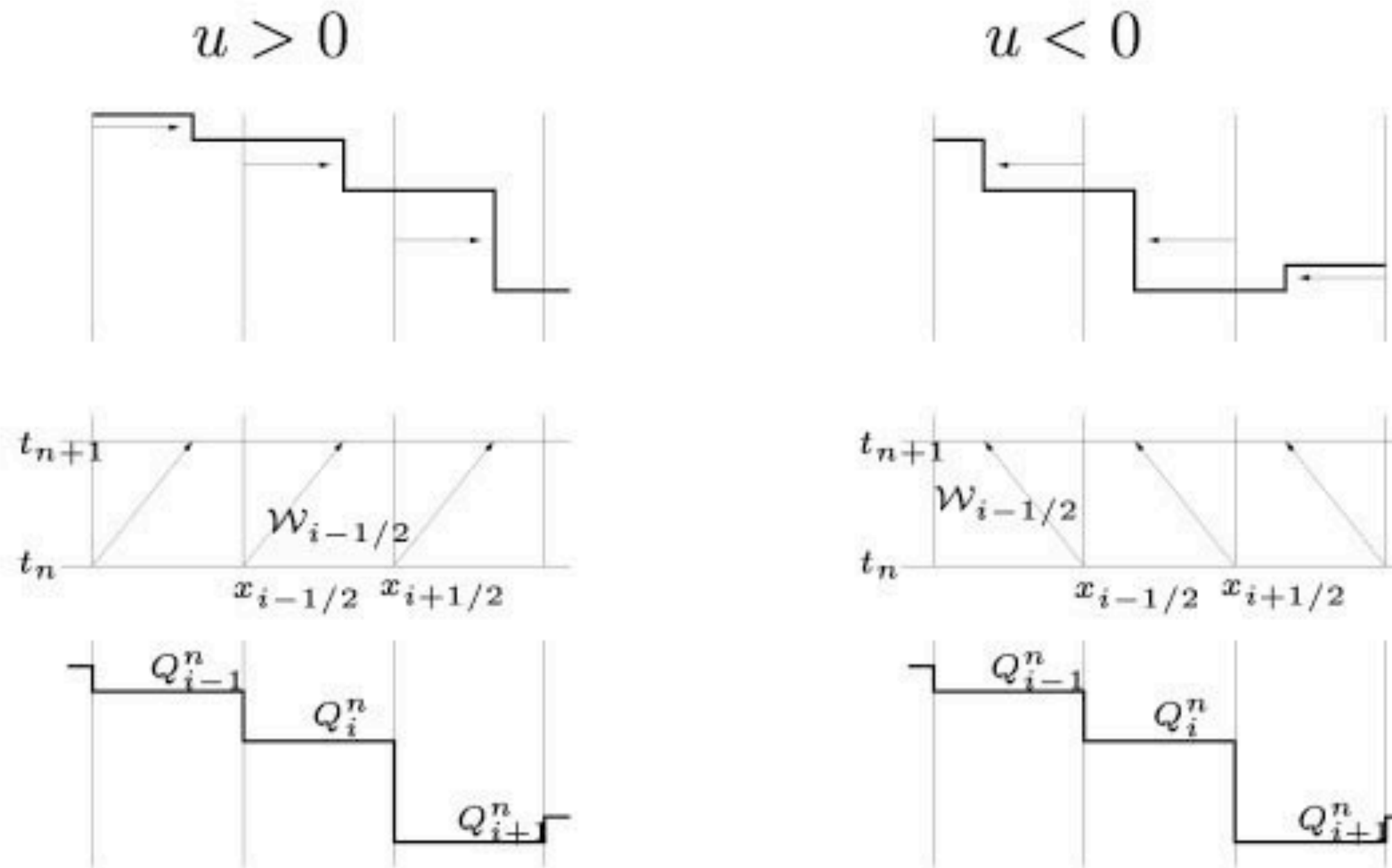


# Godunov's method for advection

$Q_i^n$  defines a piecewise constant function

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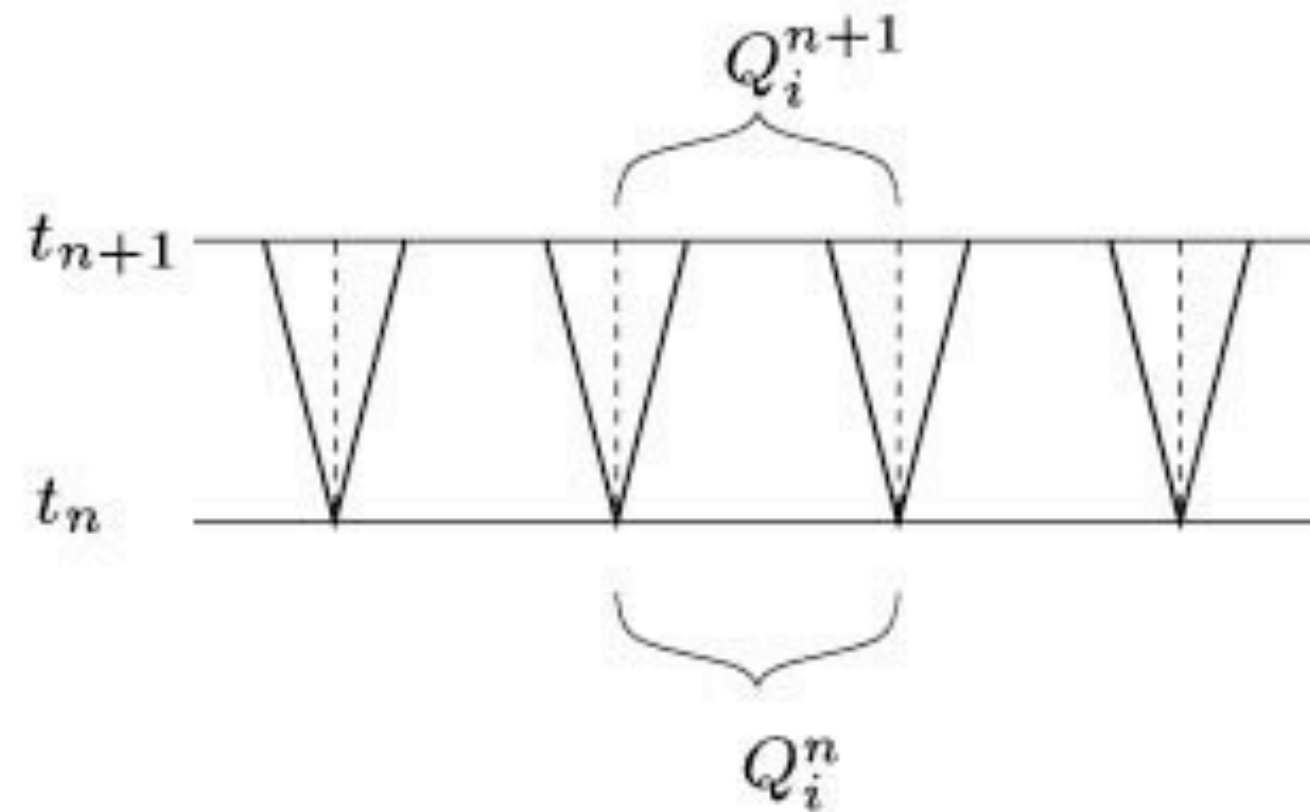


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$$\tilde{q}^n(x_{i-1/2}, t) \equiv q^\downarrow(Q_{i-1}, Q_i) \quad \text{for } t > t_n.$$

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = \frac{1}{k} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(q^\downarrow(Q_{i-1}^n, Q_i^n)) dt = f(q^\downarrow(Q_{i-1}^n, Q_i^n)).$$

# First order REA Algorithm

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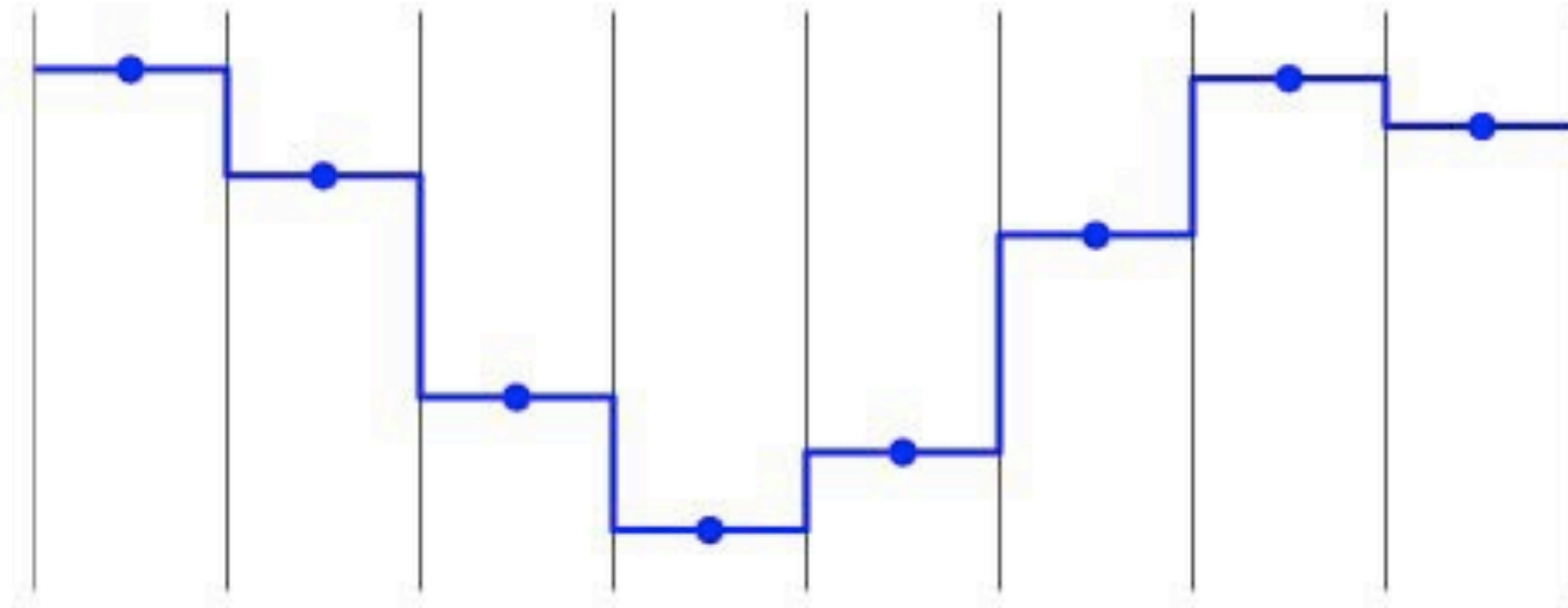
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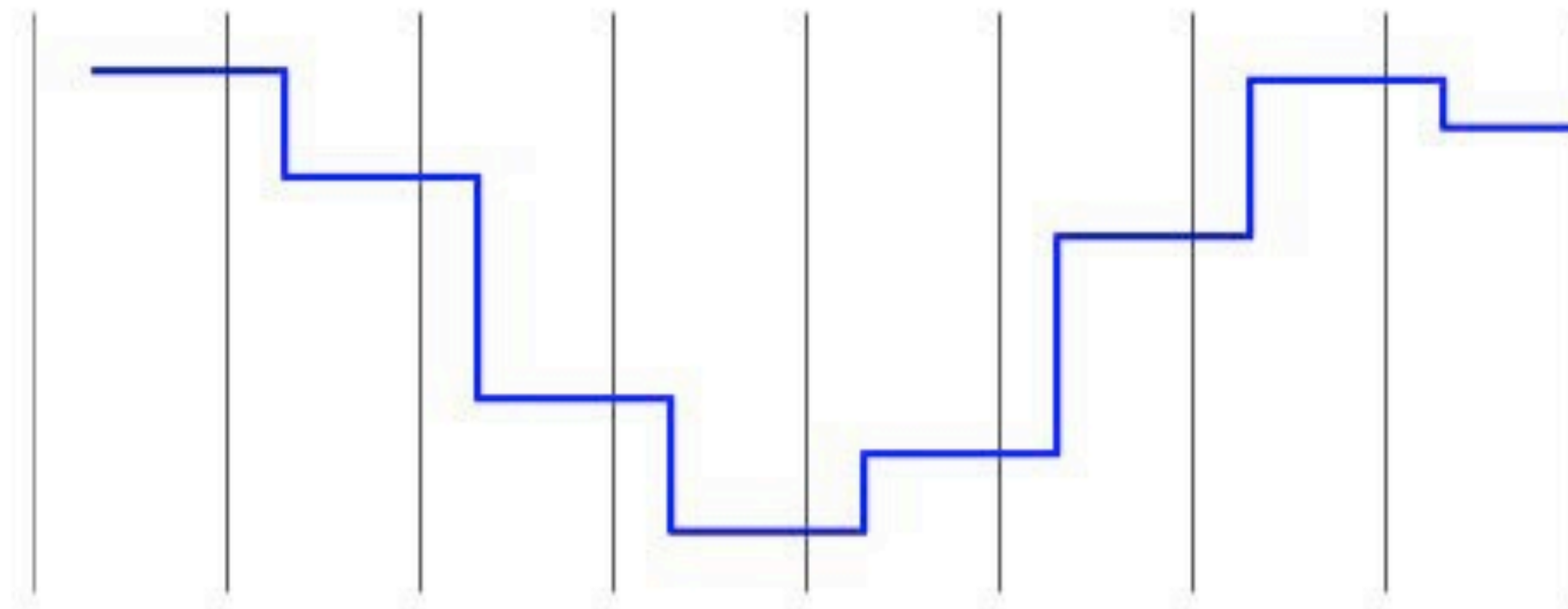
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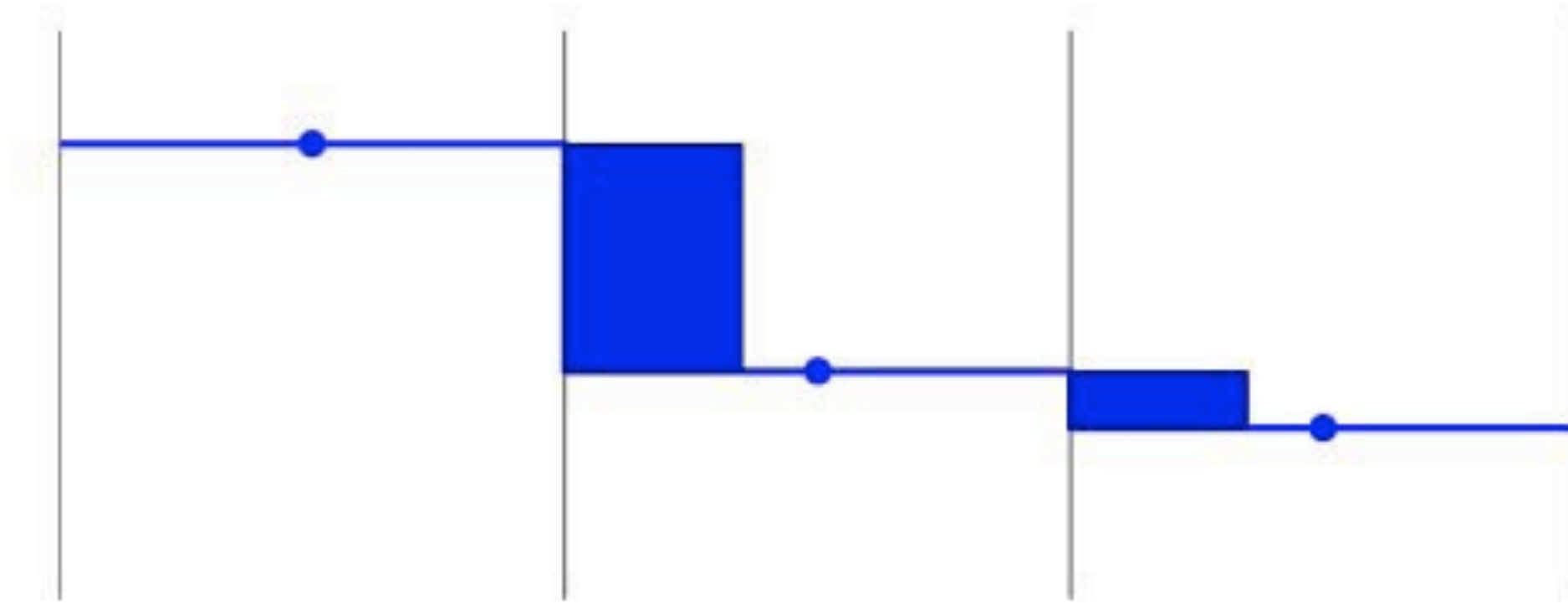
Cell averages and piecewise constant reconstruction:



After evolution:



# Cell update



The cell average is modified by

$$\frac{ku \cdot (Q_{i-1}^n - Q_i^n)}{h}$$

So we obtain the upwind method

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{ku}{h} (Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n).$$

## Second-order REA Algorithm

1. **Reconstruct** a piecewise **linear** function  $\tilde{q}^n(x, t_n)$  defined for all  $x$ , from the cell averages  $Q_i^n$ .

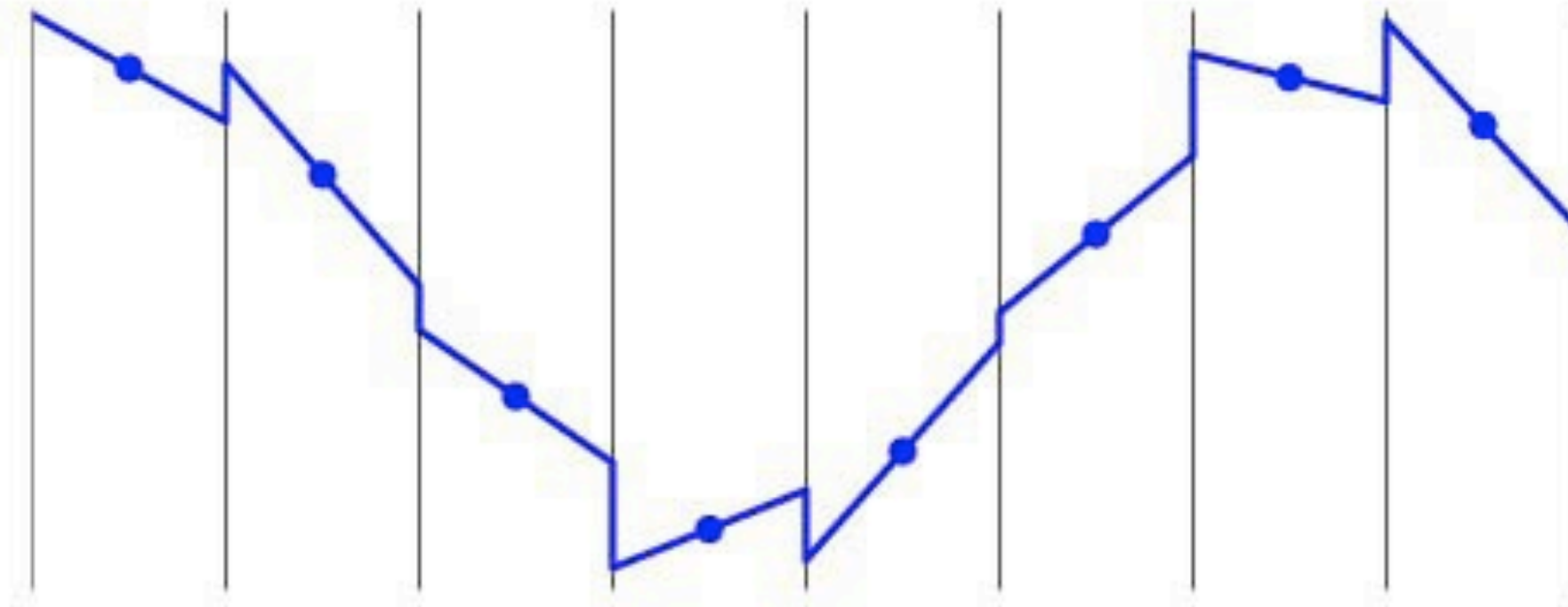
$$\tilde{q}^n(x, t_n) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{C}_i.$$

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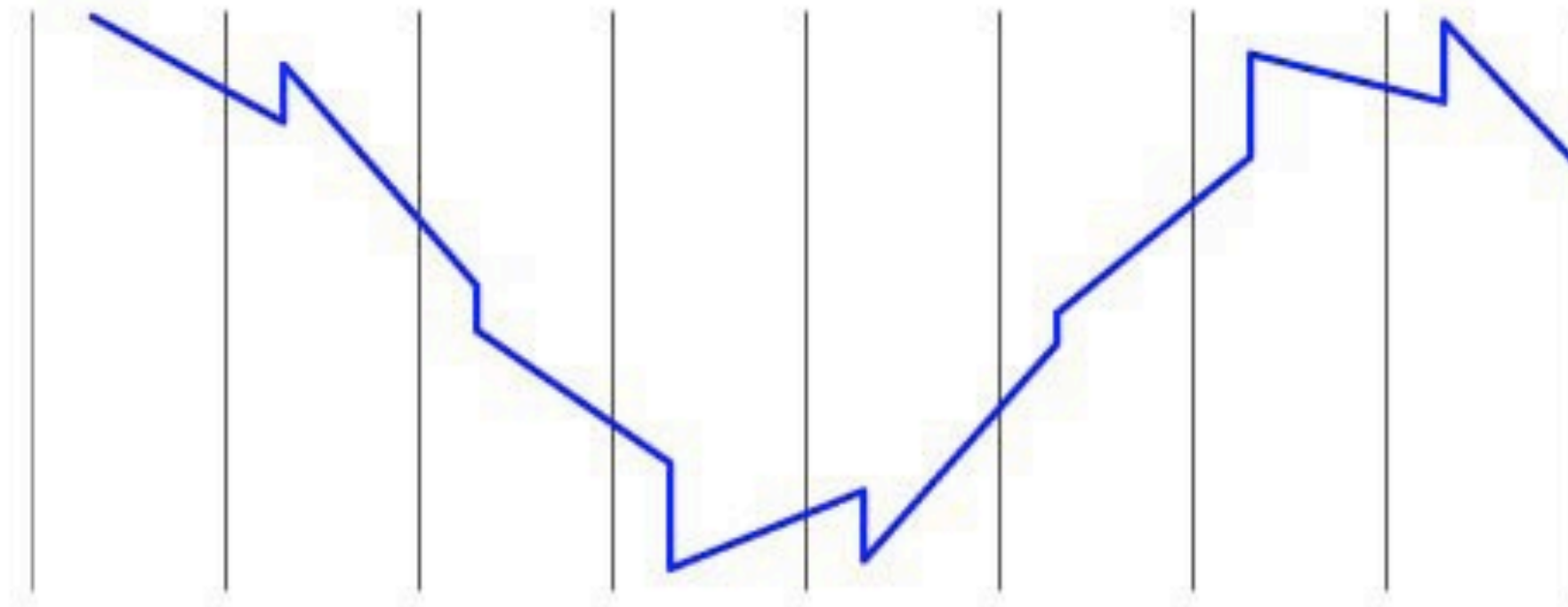
$$Q_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{h} \int_{\mathcal{C}_i} \tilde{q}^n(x, t_{n+1}) dx.$$

# Second-order REA Algorithm

Cell averages and piecewise linear reconstruction:



After evolution:



# Choice of slopes

$$\tilde{Q}^n(x, t_n) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i) \quad \text{for } x_{i-1/2} \leq x < x_{i+1/2}.$$

Applying REA algorithm gives:

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{ku}{h}(Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{ku}{h}(h - uk)(\sigma_i^n - \sigma_{i-1}^n)$$

**Choice of slopes:**

Centered slope:  $\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{2h}$  (Fromm)

Upwind slope:  $\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{h}$  (Beam-Warming)

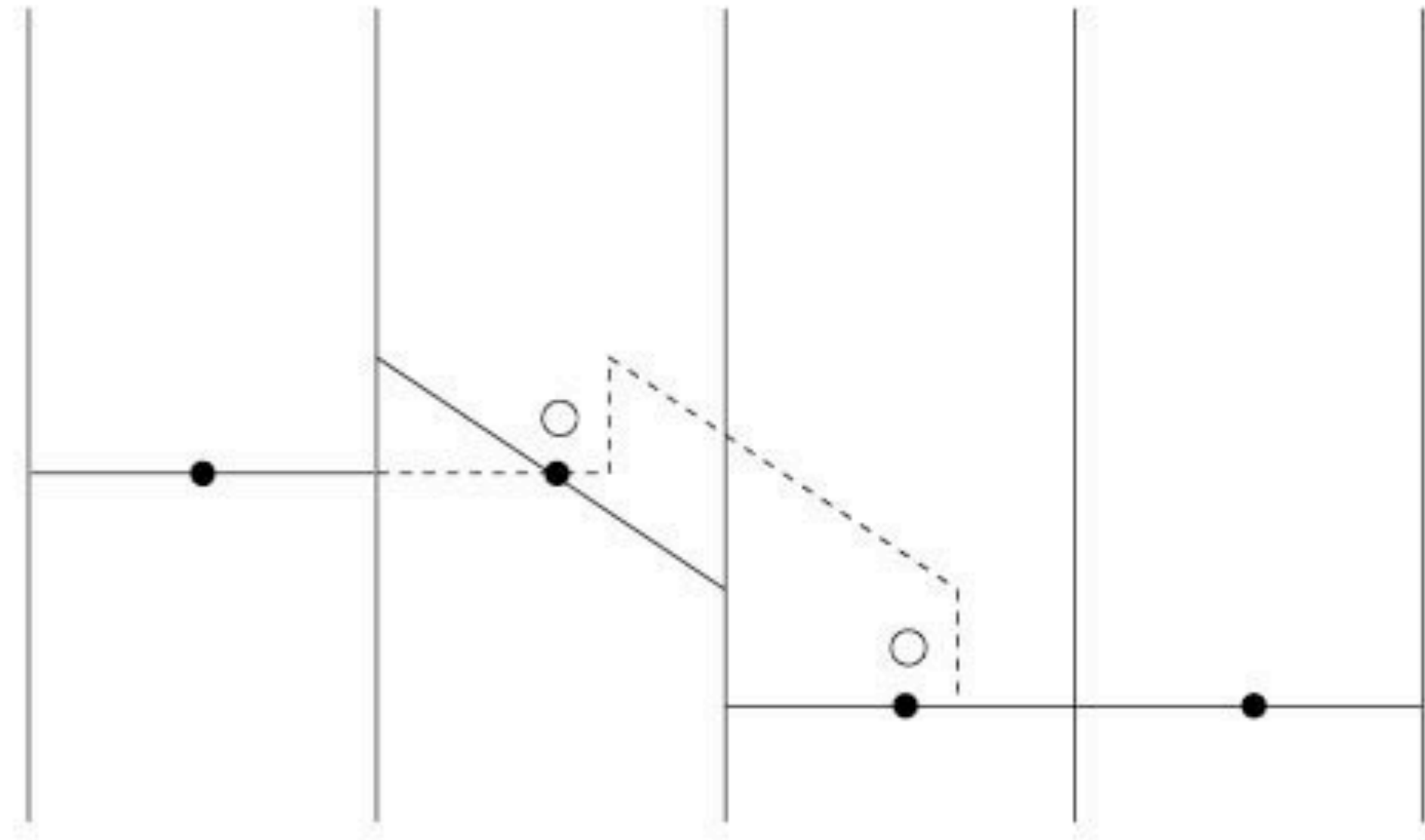
Downwind slope:  $\sigma_i^n = \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{h}$  (Lax-Wendroff)



# Oscillations

Any of these slope choices will give oscillations near discontinuities.

Ex: Lax-Wendroff:



# High-resolution methods

Want to use slope where solution is smooth for “second-order” accuracy.

Where solution is not smooth, adding slope corrections gives oscillations.

**Limit the slope** based on the behavior of the solution.

$$\sigma_i^n = \left( \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{h} \right) \Phi_i^n.$$

$\Phi = 1 \implies$  Lax-Wendroff,

$\Phi = 0 \implies$  upwind.

## Minmod slope

$$\text{minmod}(a, b) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } |a| < |b| \text{ and } ab > 0 \\ b & \text{if } |b| < |a| \text{ and } ab > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } ab \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Slope:

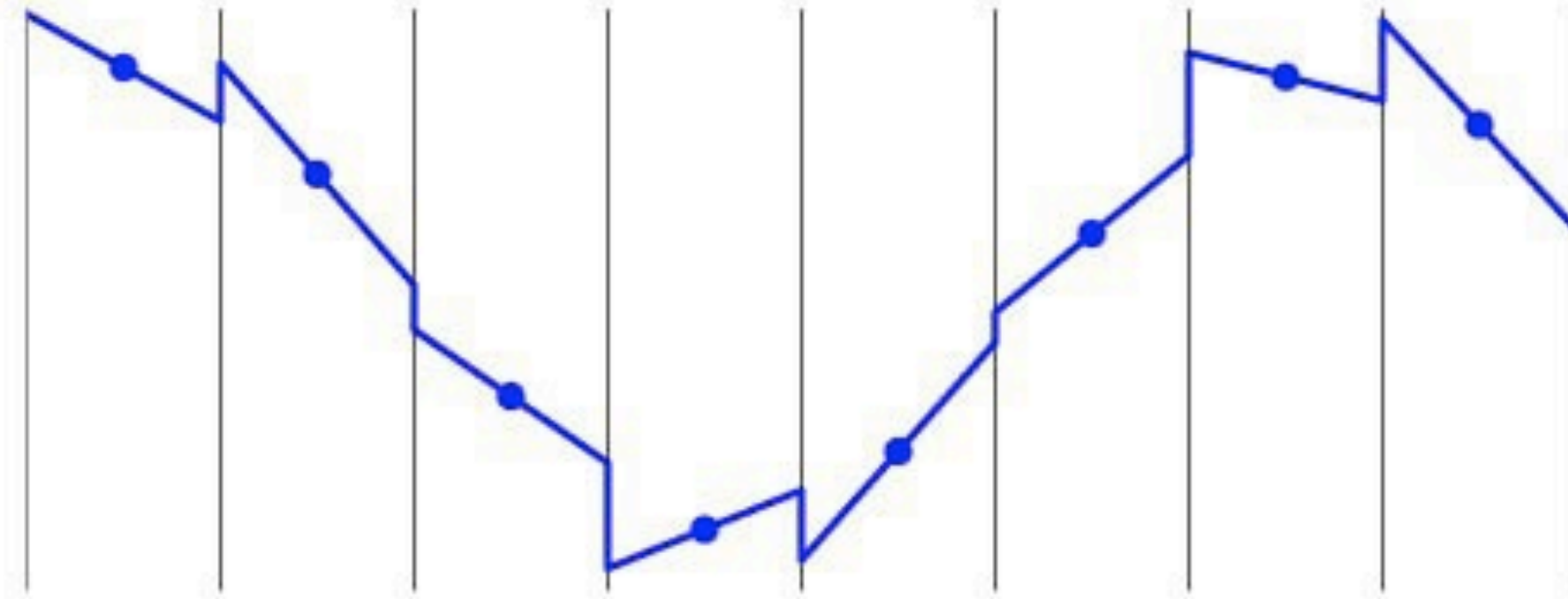
$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_i^n &= \text{minmod}((Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n)/h, (Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n)/h) \\ &= \left( \frac{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n}{h} \right) \Phi(\theta_i^n) \end{aligned}$$

where

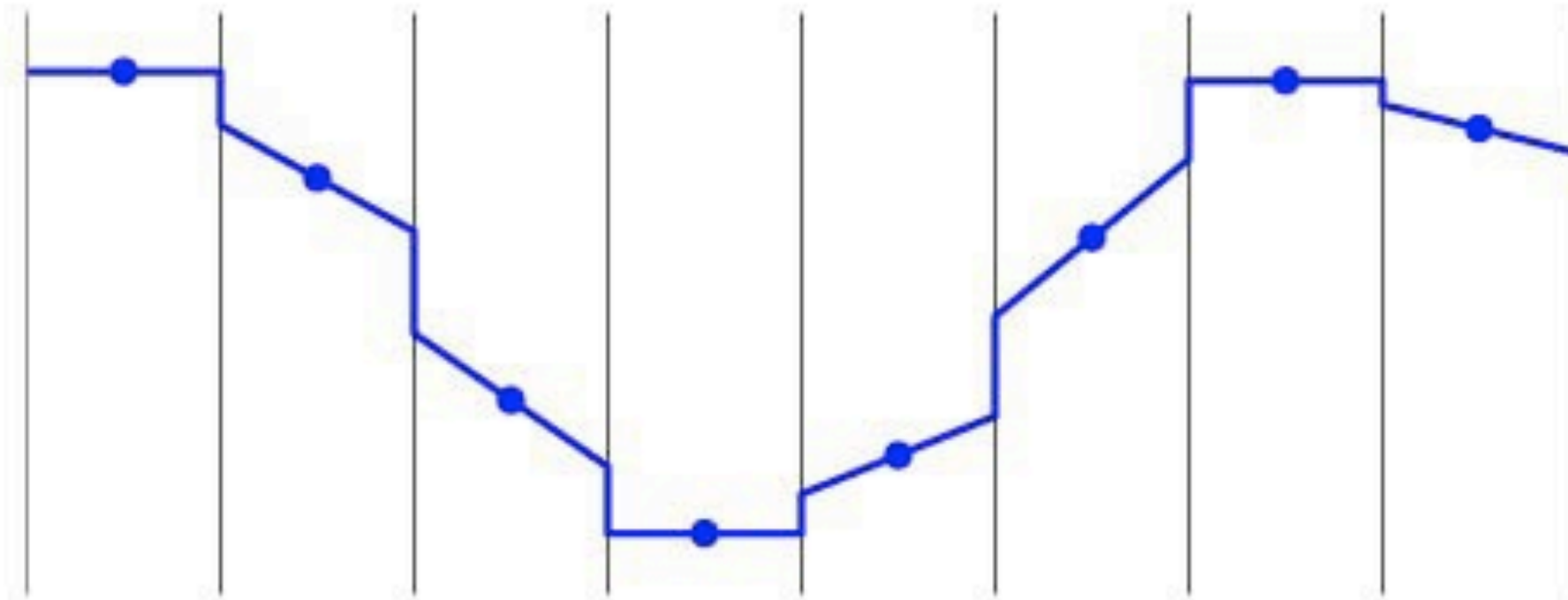
$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i^n &= \frac{Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n}{Q_{i+1}^n - Q_i^n} \\ \Phi(\theta) &= \text{minmod}(\theta, 1) \end{aligned}$$

# Piecewise linear reconstruction

Lax-Wendroff reconstruction:



Minmod reconstruction:



# TVD Methods

Total variation:

$$TV(Q) = \sum_i |Q_i - Q_{i-1}|$$

For a function,  $TV(q) = \int |q_x(x)| dx$ .

A method is **Total Variation Diminishing (TVD)** if

$$TV(Q^{n+1}) \leq TV(Q^n).$$

If  $Q^n$  is monotone, then so is  $Q^{n+1}$ .

No spurious oscillations generated.

Gives a form of stability useful for proving convergence, also for **nonlinear scalar** conservation laws.

# TVD REA Algorithm

1. **Reconstruct** a piecewise **linear** function  $\tilde{q}^n(x, t_n)$  defined for all  $x$ , from the cell averages  $Q_i^n$ .

$$\tilde{q}^n(x, t_n) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{C}_i$$

**with the property that**  $TV(\tilde{q}^n) \leq TV(Q^n)$ .

2. **Evolve** the hyperbolic equation exactly (or approximately) with this initial data to obtain  $\tilde{q}^n(x, t_{n+1})$  a time  $k$  later.
3. **Average** this function over each grid cell to obtain new cell averages

$$Q_i^{n+1} = \frac{1}{h} \int_{\mathcal{C}_i} \tilde{q}^n(x, t_{n+1}) dx.$$

**Note:** Steps 2 and 3 are always TVD.

# Some popular limiters

Linear methods:

$$\theta_j = \frac{U_j - U_{j-1}}{U_{j+1} - U_j}$$

upwind :  $\phi(\theta) = 0$

Lax-Wendroff :  $\phi(\theta) = 1$

Beam-Warming :  $\phi(\theta) = \theta$

Fromm :  $\phi(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \theta)$

High-resolution limiters:

minmod :  $\phi(\theta) = \text{minmod}(1, \theta)$

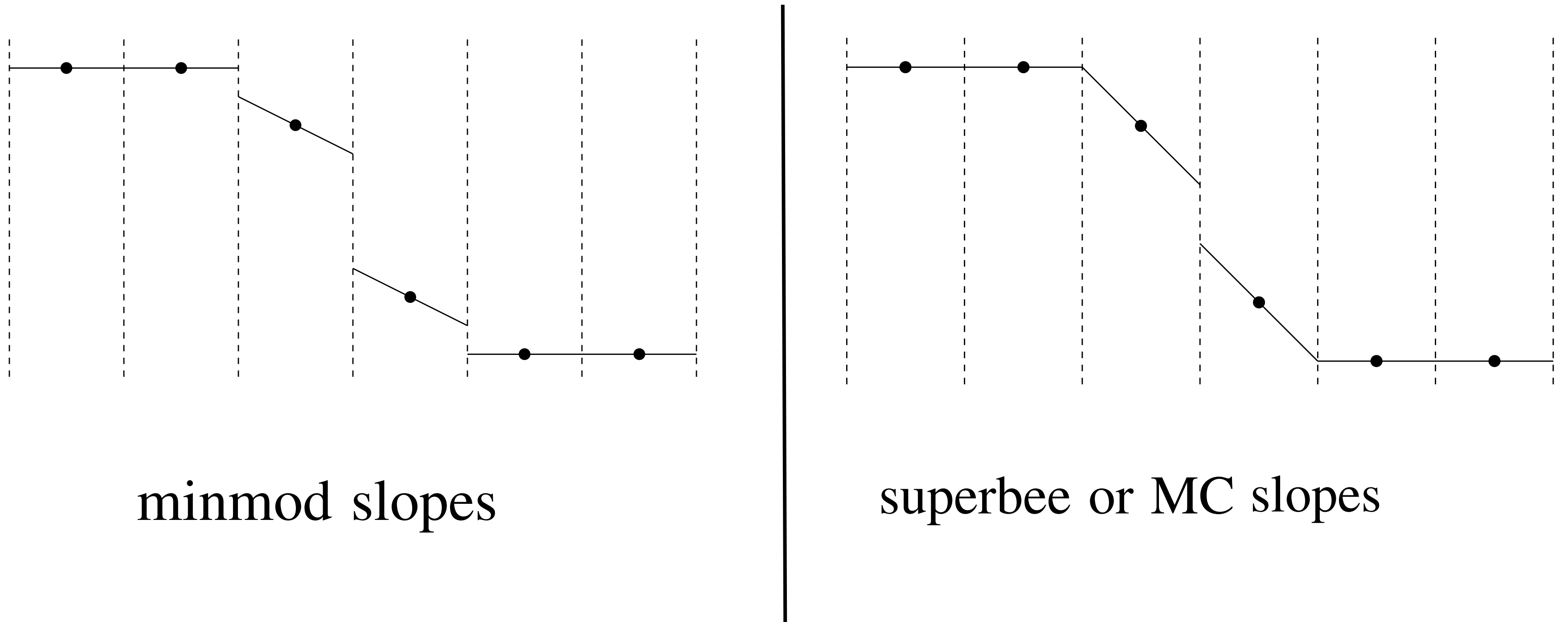
superbee :  $\phi(\theta) = \max(0, \min(1, 2\theta), \min(2, \theta))$

MC :  $\phi(\theta) = \max(0, \min((1 + \theta)/2, 2, 2\theta))$

van Leer :  $\phi(\theta) = \frac{\theta + |\theta|}{1 + |\theta|}$

# Piecewise linear reconstruction

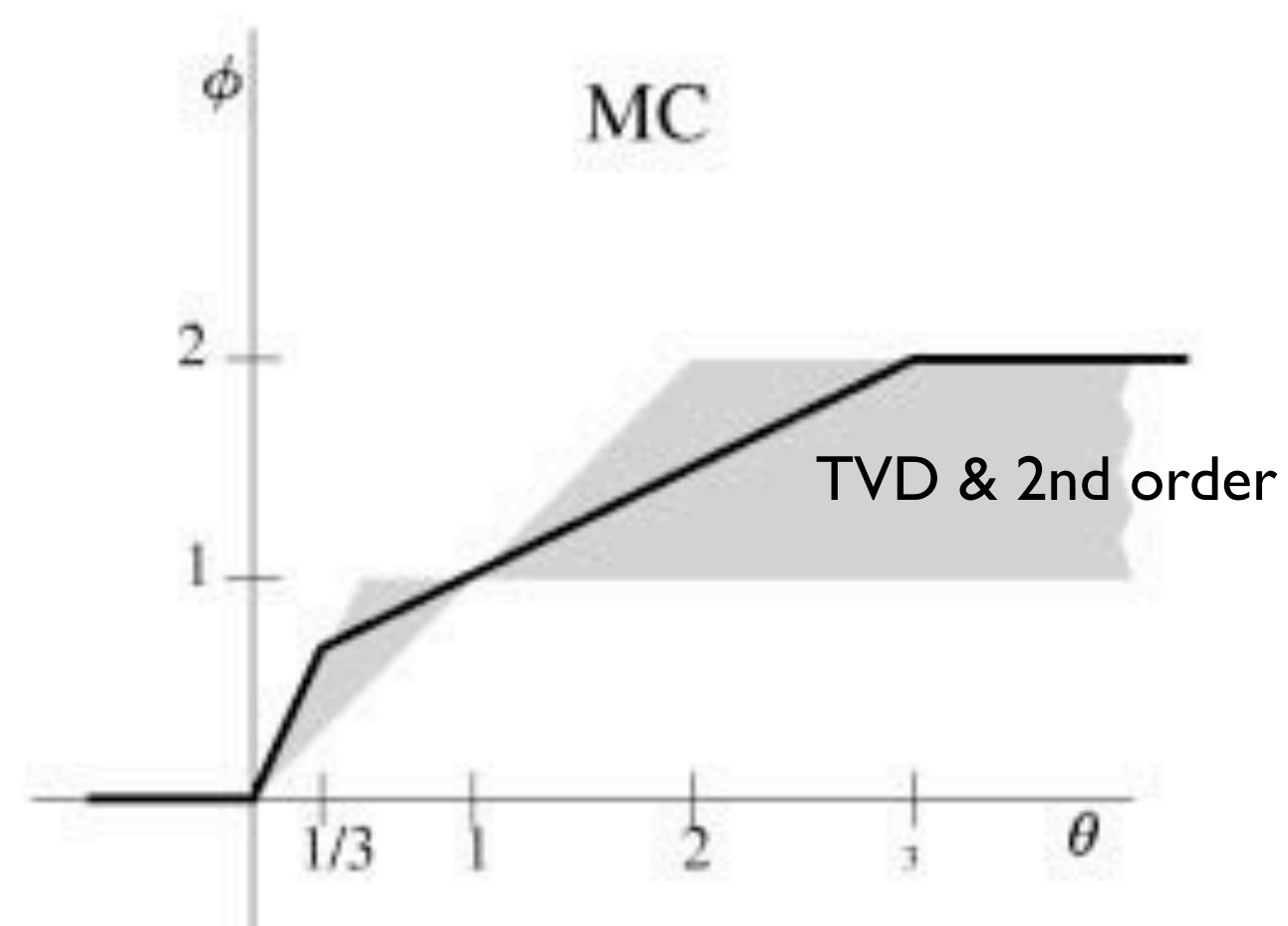
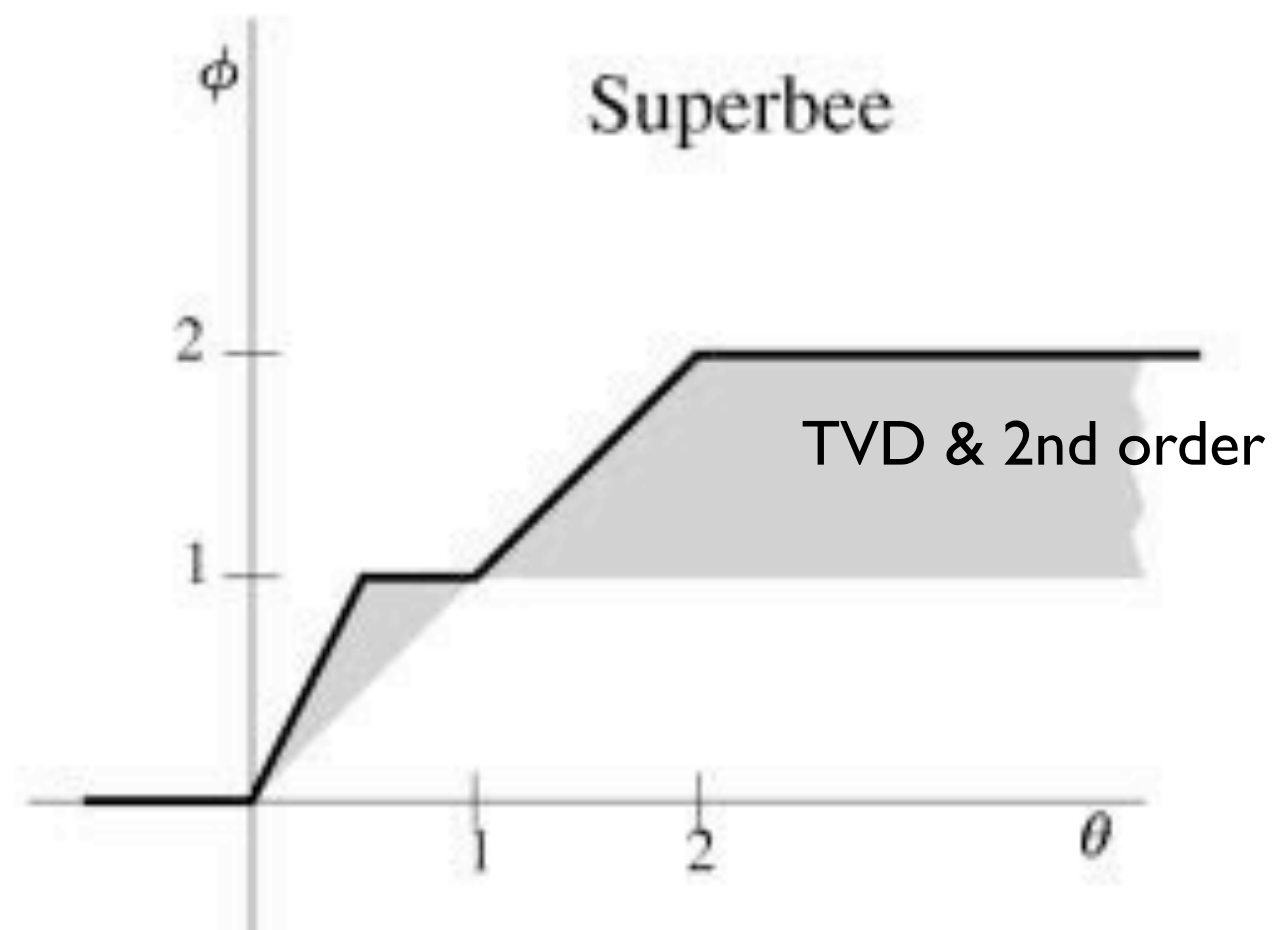
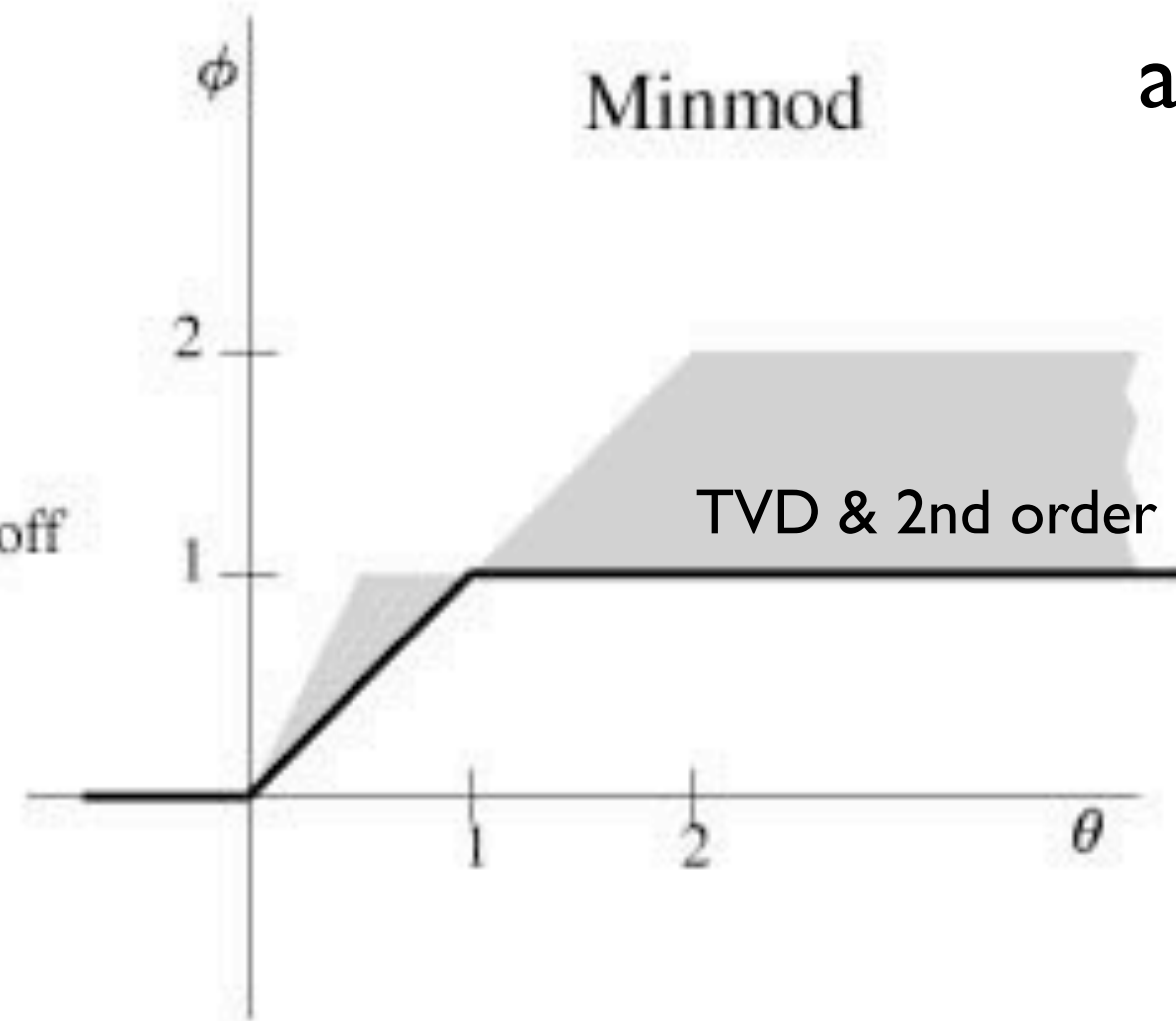
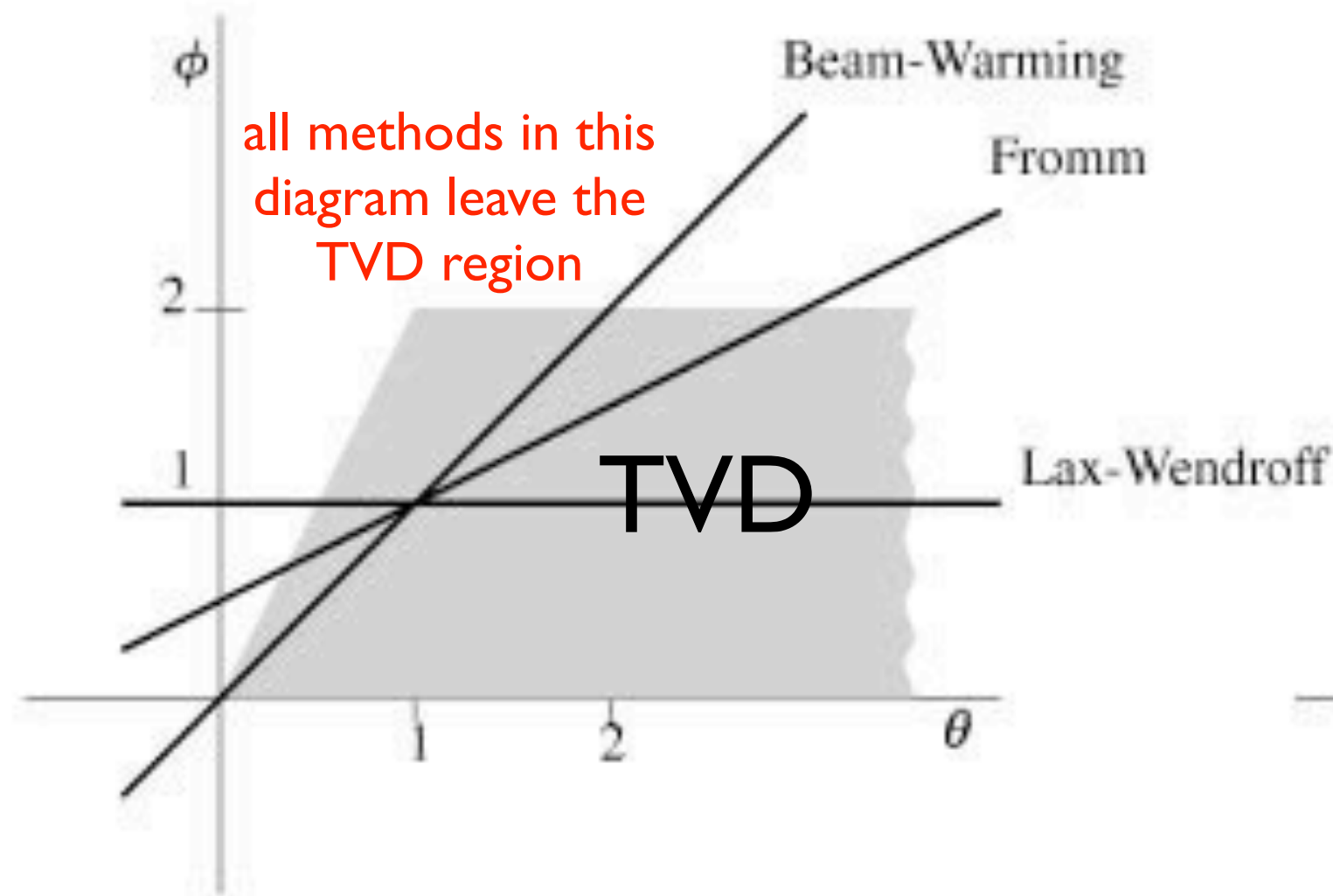
Grid values  $Q^n$  and reconstructed  $\tilde{q}^n(\cdot, t_n)$  using





# Sweby diagram

Regions in which function values  $\phi(\theta)$  must lie in order to give TVD and second order TVD methods.

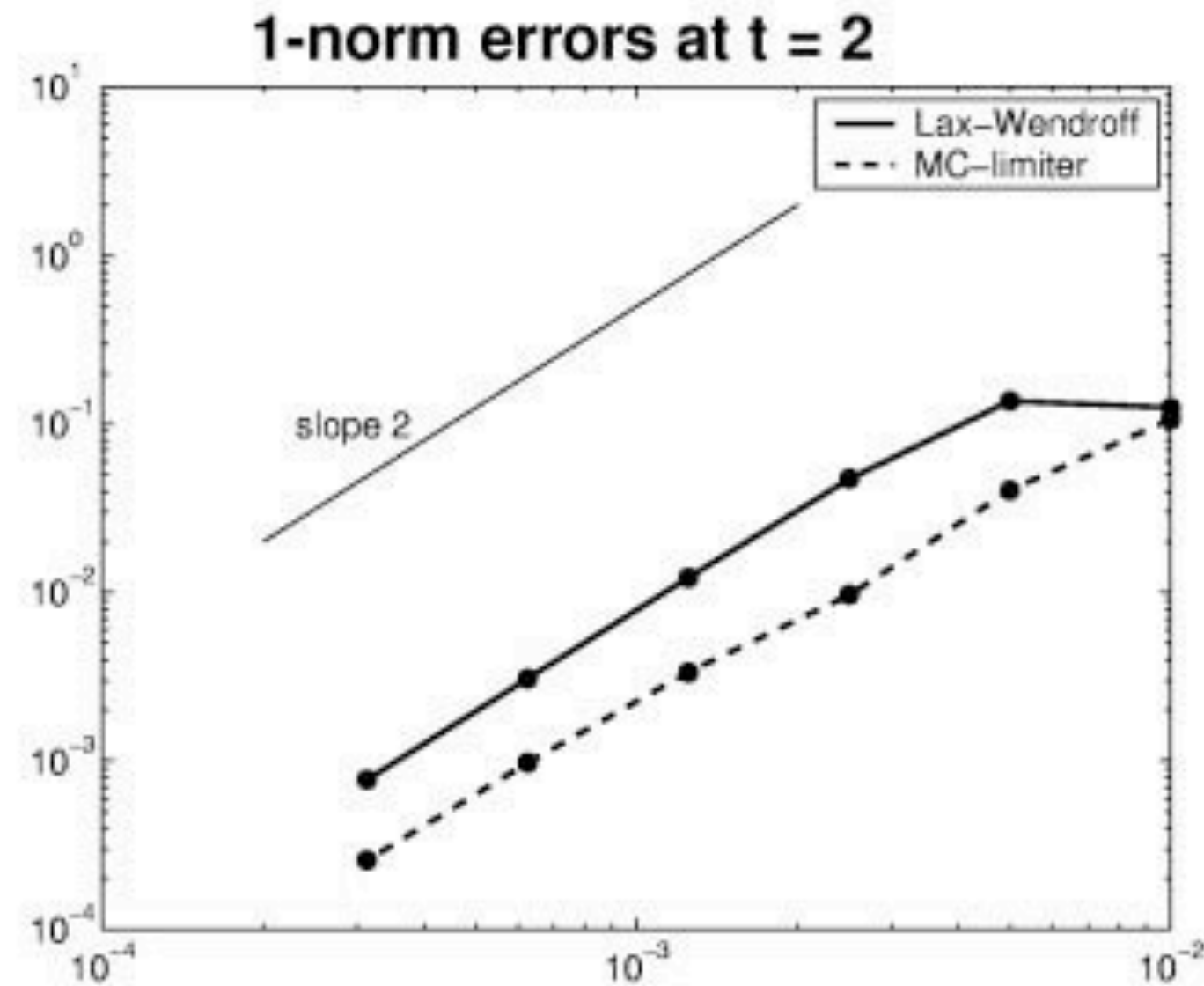
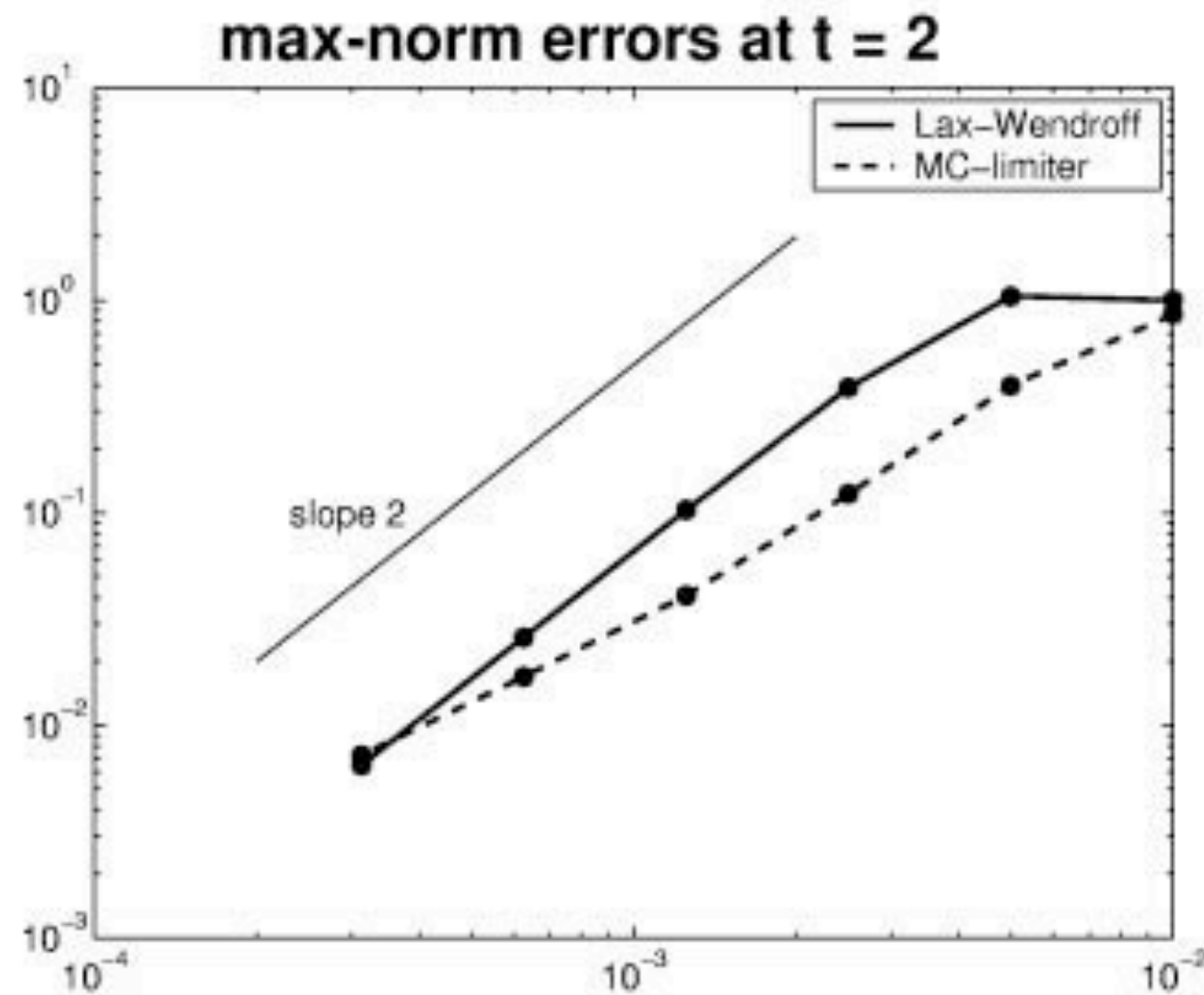


# Order of accuracy isn't everything

Comparison of Lax-Wendroff and a high-resolution method on linear advection equation with smooth data.

The high-resolution method is not formally second-order accurate, but is more accurate on realistic grids.

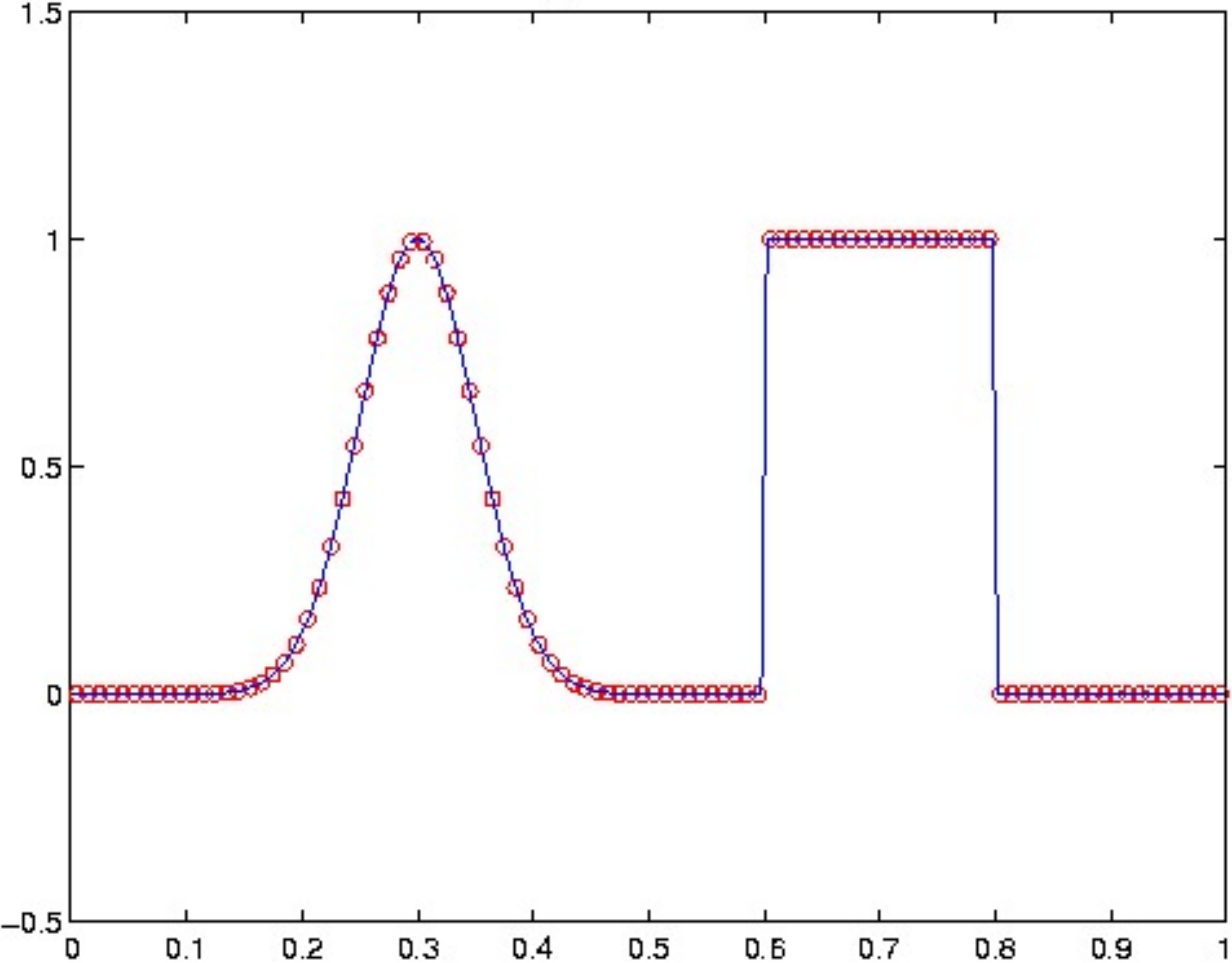
Crossover in the max-norm is at 2800 grid points.



# monotone convection

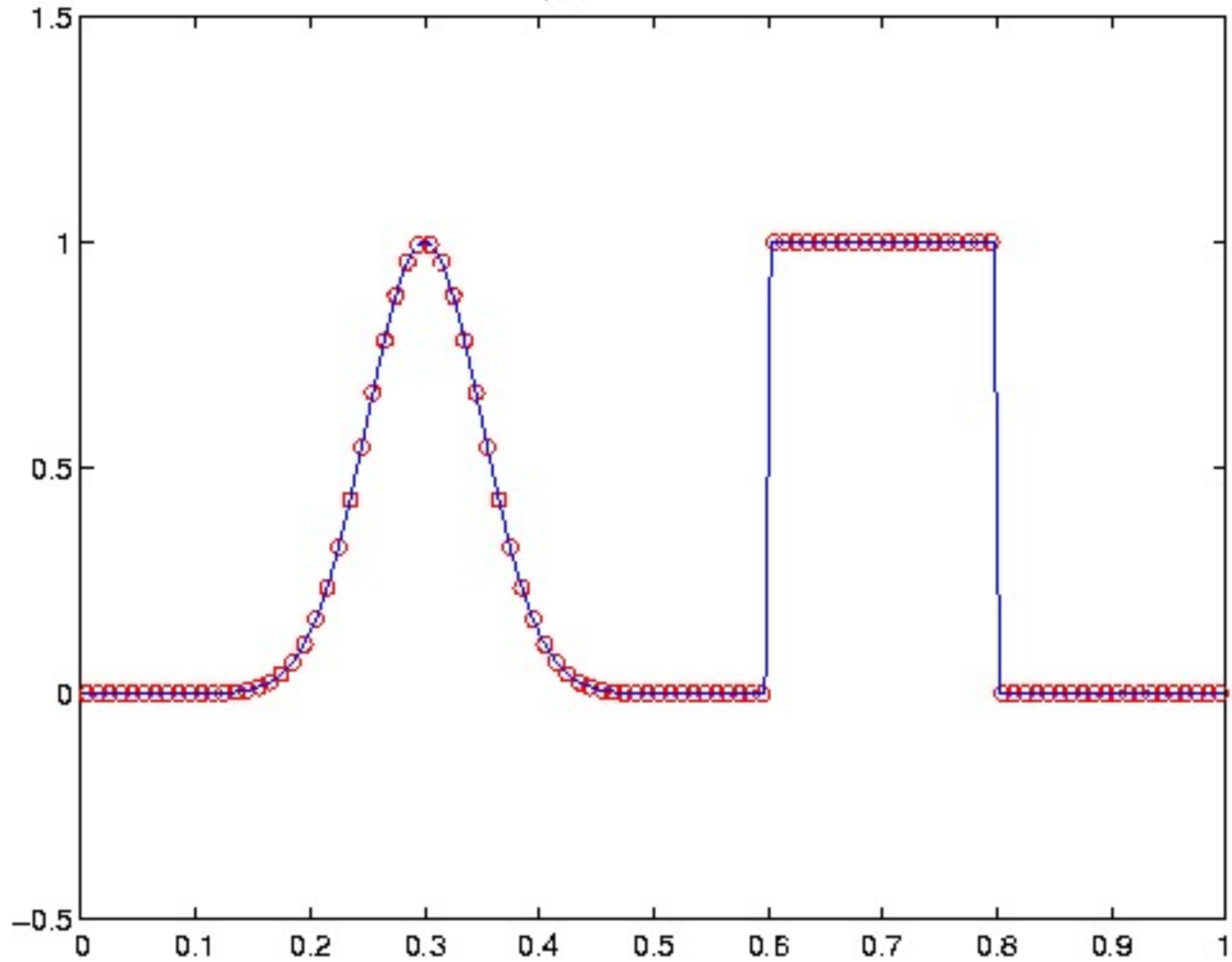
# Upwind algorithm

q(1) at time t = 0

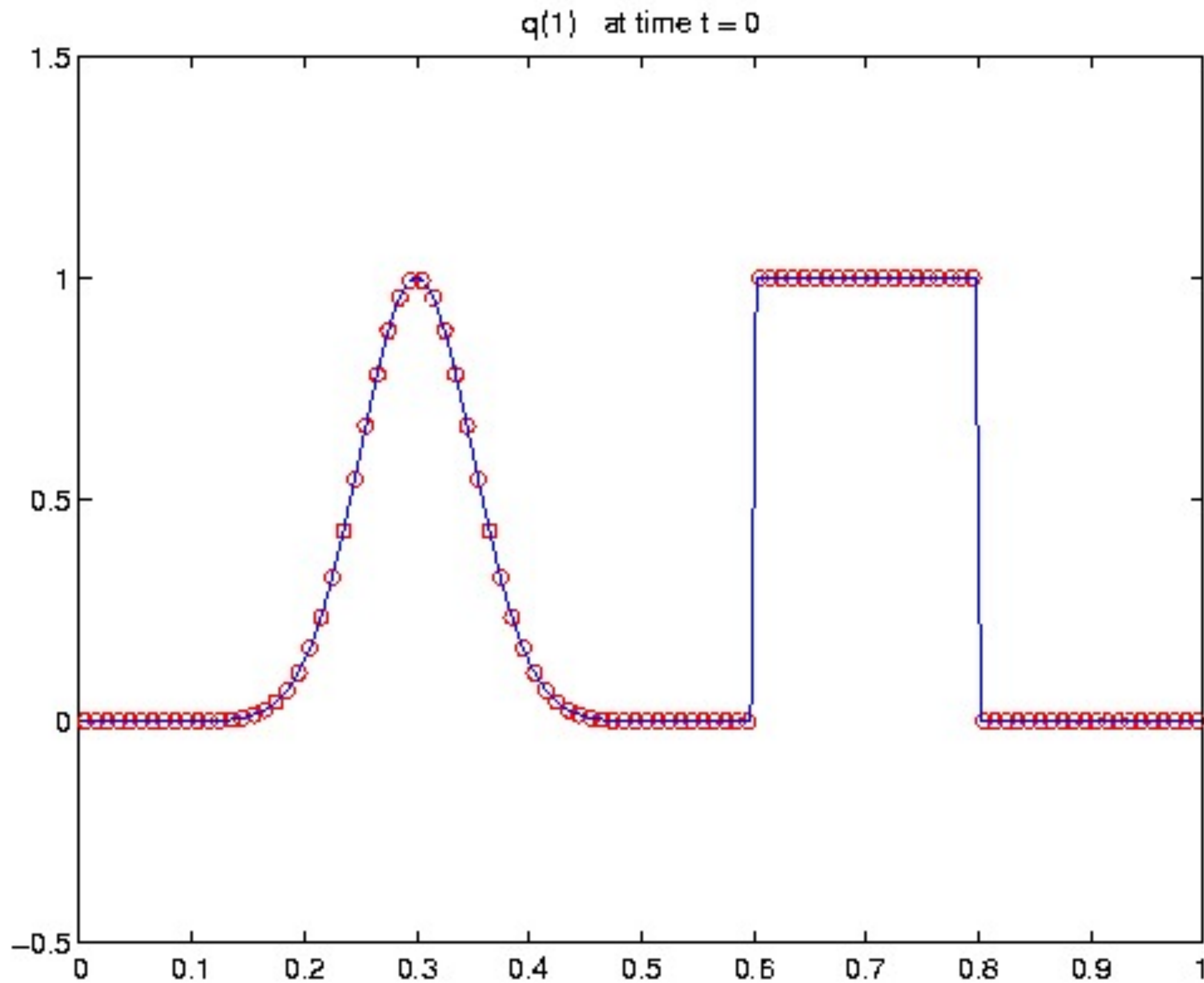


# Lax-Wendroff

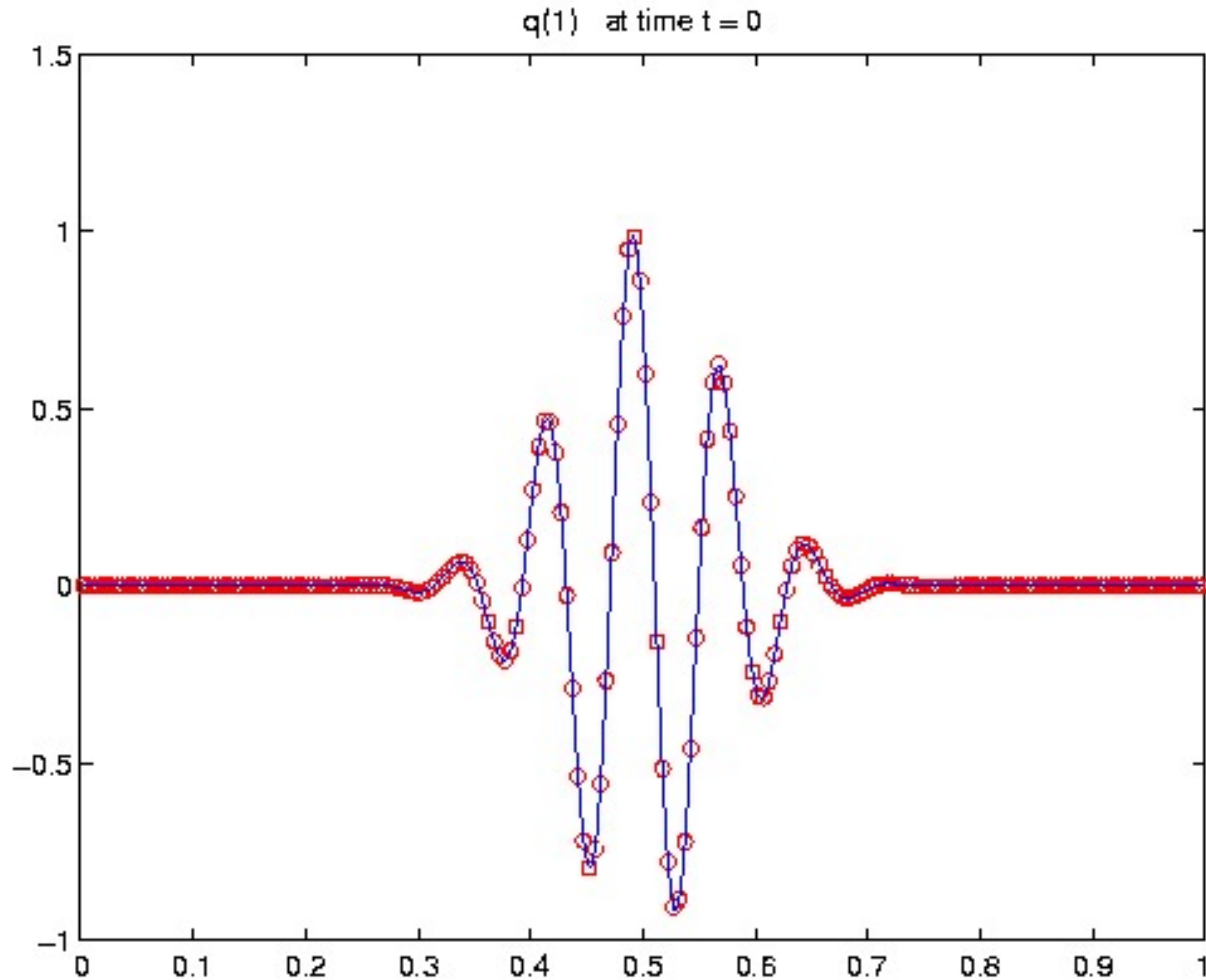
$q(1)$  at time  $t = 0$



# slope limited, MC limiter

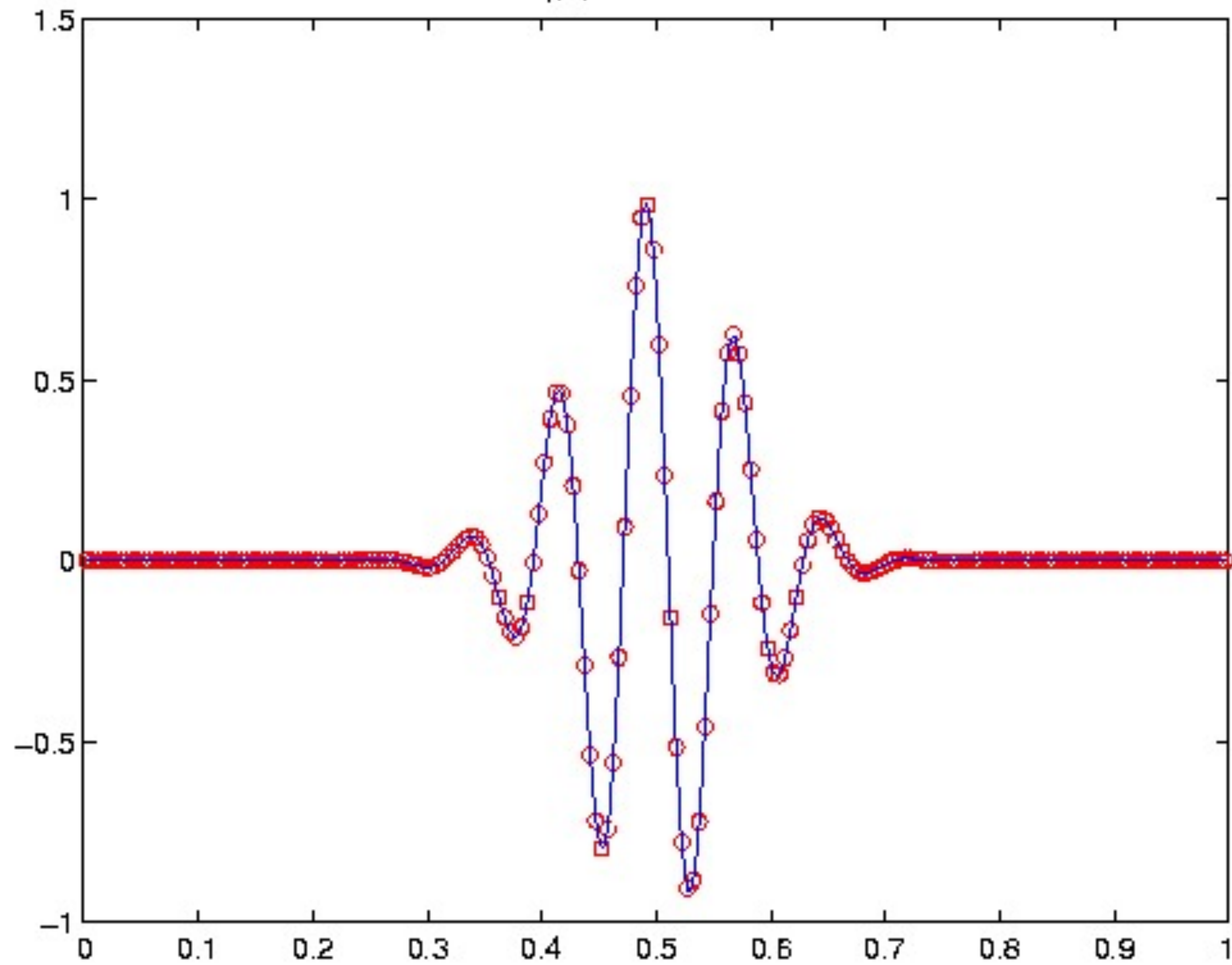


# Wave packet: Upwind algorithm

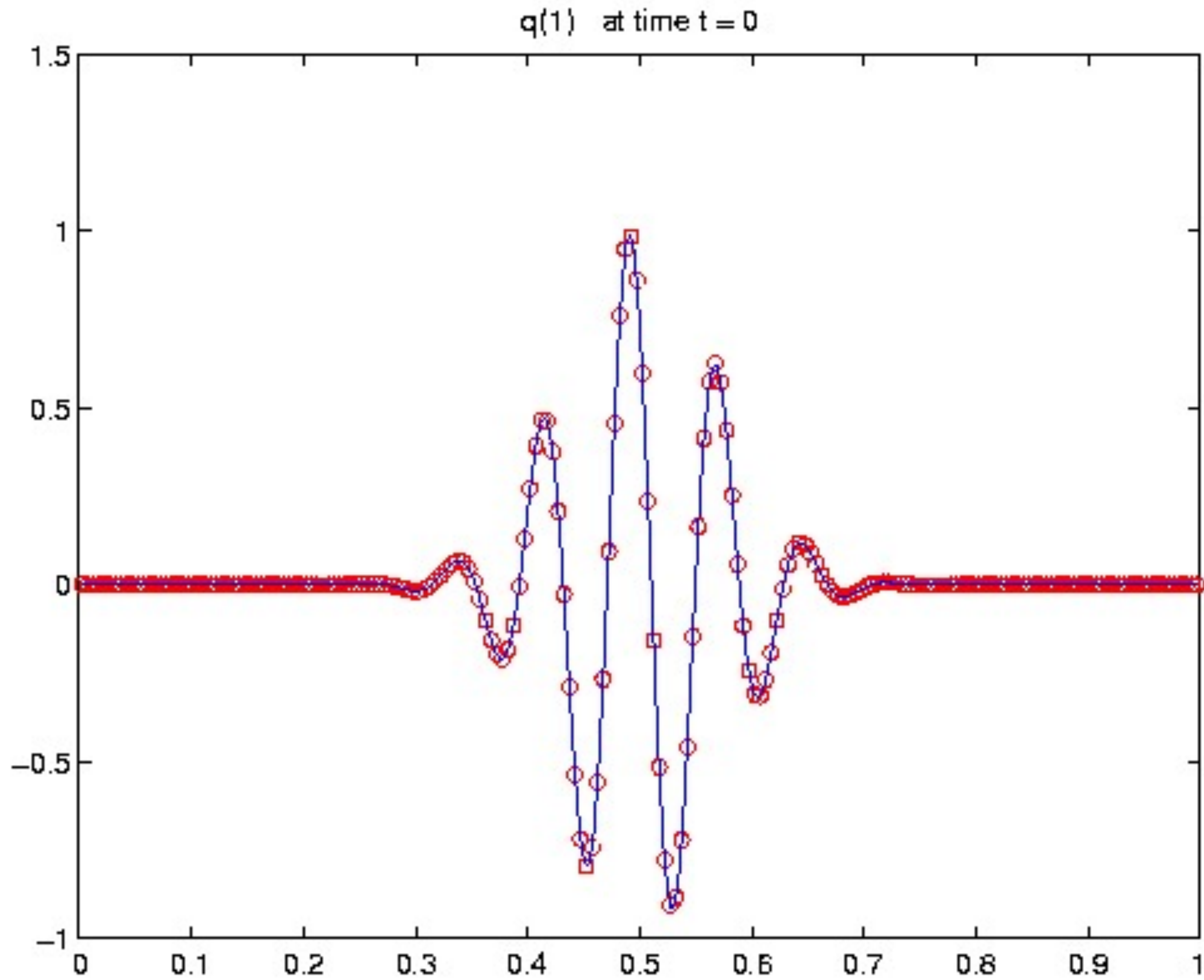


# Lax-Wendroff

$q(1)$  at time  $t = 0$



# slope limited, Superbee limiter





# Slope limiters and flux limiters

**Slope limiter formulation for advection:**

$$\tilde{Q}^n(x, t_n) = Q_i^n + \sigma_i^n(x - x_i) \quad \text{for } x_{i-1/2} \leq x < x_{i+1/2}.$$

Applying REA algorithm gives:

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{ku}{h}(Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{ku}{h}(h - uk)(\sigma_i^n - \sigma_{i-1}^n)$$

**Flux limiter formulation:**

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}(F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n)$$

with flux

$$F_{i-1/2}^n = uQ_{i-1}^n + \frac{1}{2}u(h - uk)\sigma_{i-1}^n.$$

# Wave limiters

Let  $\mathcal{W}_{i-1/2} = Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n$ .

Upwind:  $Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{ku}{h} \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}$ .

Lax-Wendroff:

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{ku}{h} \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2} - \frac{k}{h} (\tilde{F}_{i+1/2} - \tilde{F}_{i-1/2})$$

$$\tilde{F}_{i-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \left| \frac{ku}{h} \right| \right) |u| \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}$$

High-resolution method:

$$\tilde{F}_{i-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \left| \frac{ku}{h} \right| \right) |u| \tilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1/2}$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1/2} = \Phi_{i-1/2} \mathcal{W}_{i-1/2}$ .

# Extension to linear systems

**Approach 1:** Diagonalize the system to

$$v_t + \Lambda v_x = 0$$

Apply scalar algorithm to each component.

**Approach 2:**

Solve the linear Riemann problem to decompose  $Q_i^n - Q_{i-1}^n$  into waves.

Apply a wave limiter to each wave.

These are equivalent.

# Nonlinear scalar conservation laws

Burgers' equation:  $u_t + \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2\right)_x = 0.$

Quasilinear form:  $u_t + uu_x = 0.$

These are equivalent for **smooth** solutions, not for shocks!

**Upwind methods for  $u > 0.$**

Conservative:  $U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \left(\frac{1}{2}((U_i^n)^2 - (U_{i-1}^n)^2)\right)$

Quasilinear:  $U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} U_i^n (U_i^n - U_{i-1}^n).$

Ok for smooth solutions, not for shocks!

# Weak solutions depend on the conservation law

The conservation laws

$$u_t + \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right)_x = 0$$

and

$$(u^2)_t + \left( \frac{2}{3} u^3 \right)_x = 0$$

both have the same quasilinear form

$$u_t + uu_x = 0$$

but have different weak solutions,

**different shock speeds!**

# Conservation form

The method

$$Q_i^{n+1} = Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n)$$

is in **conservation form**.

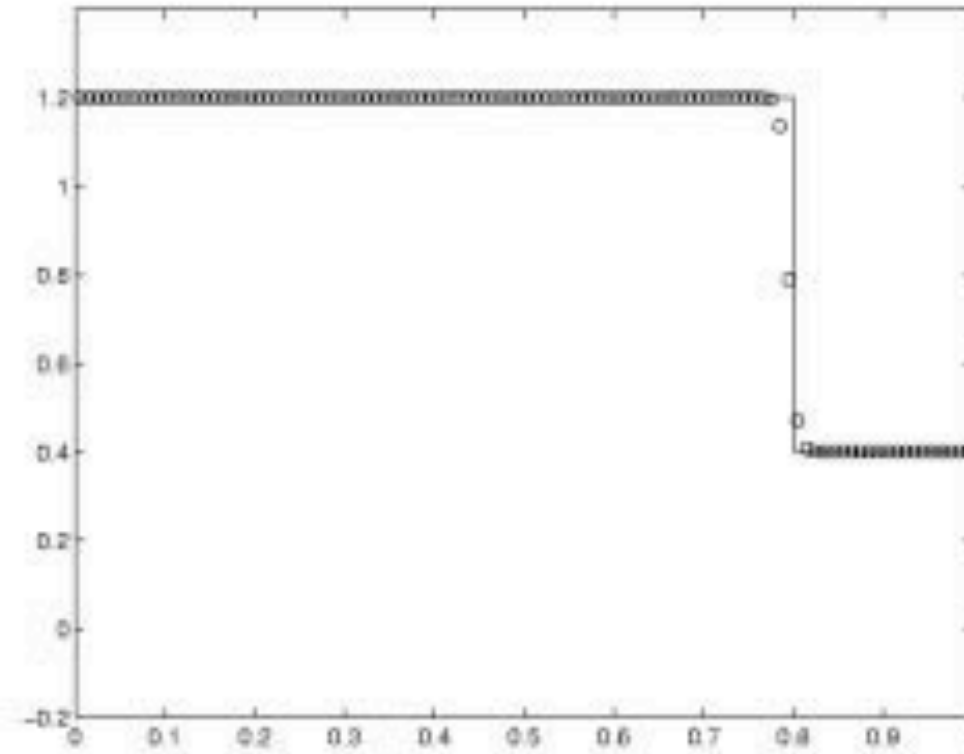
The total mass is conserved up to fluxes at the boundaries:

$$\Delta x \sum_i Q_i^{n+1} = \Delta x \sum_i Q_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (F_{+\infty} - F_{-\infty}).$$

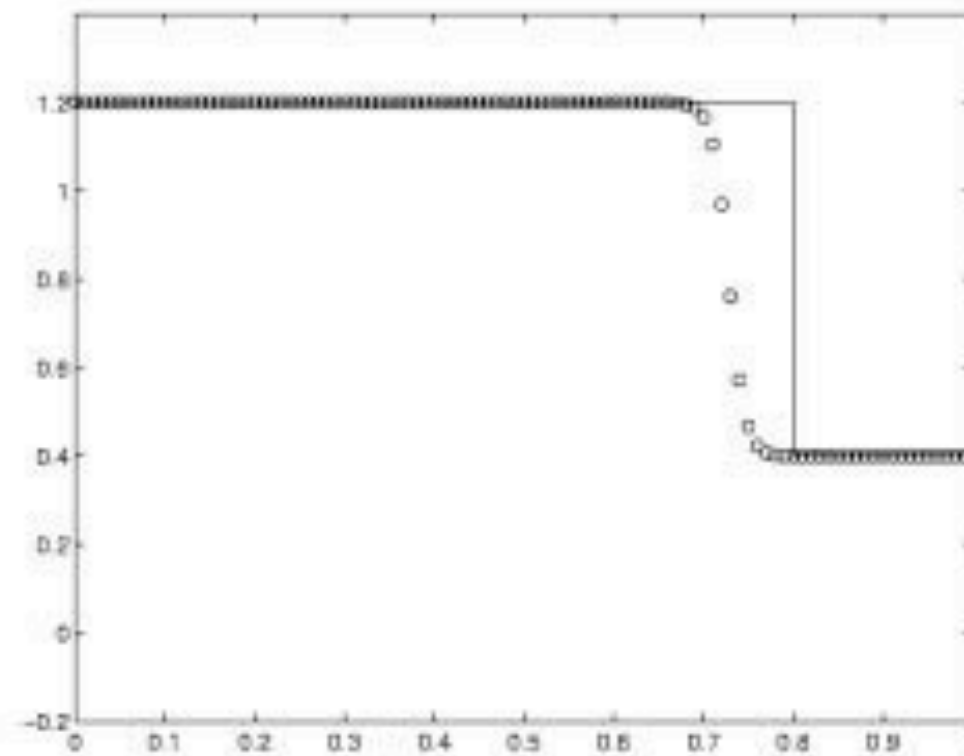
Note: an isolated shock must travel at the right speed!

# Importance of conservation form

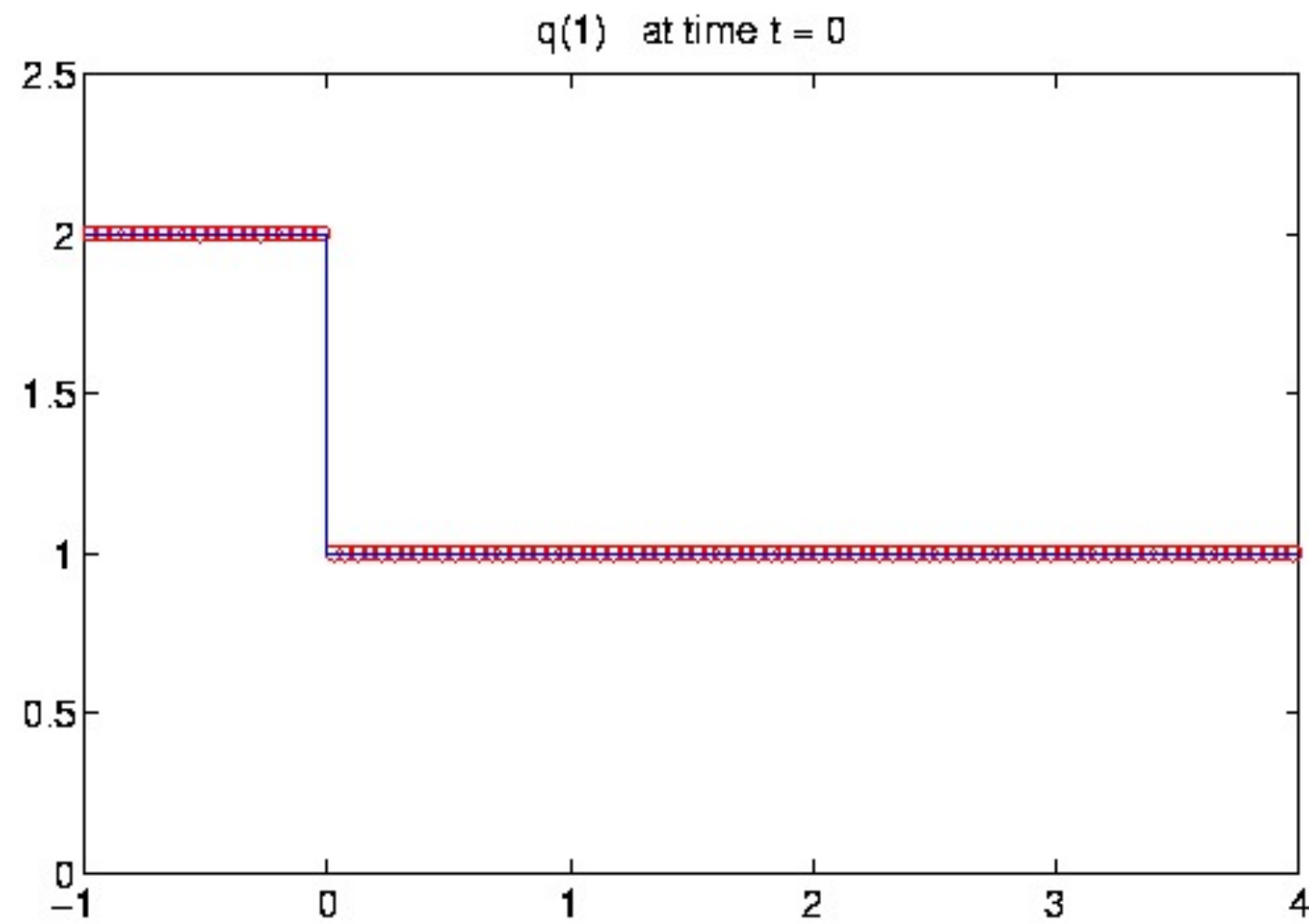
Solution to Burgers' equation using conservative upwind:



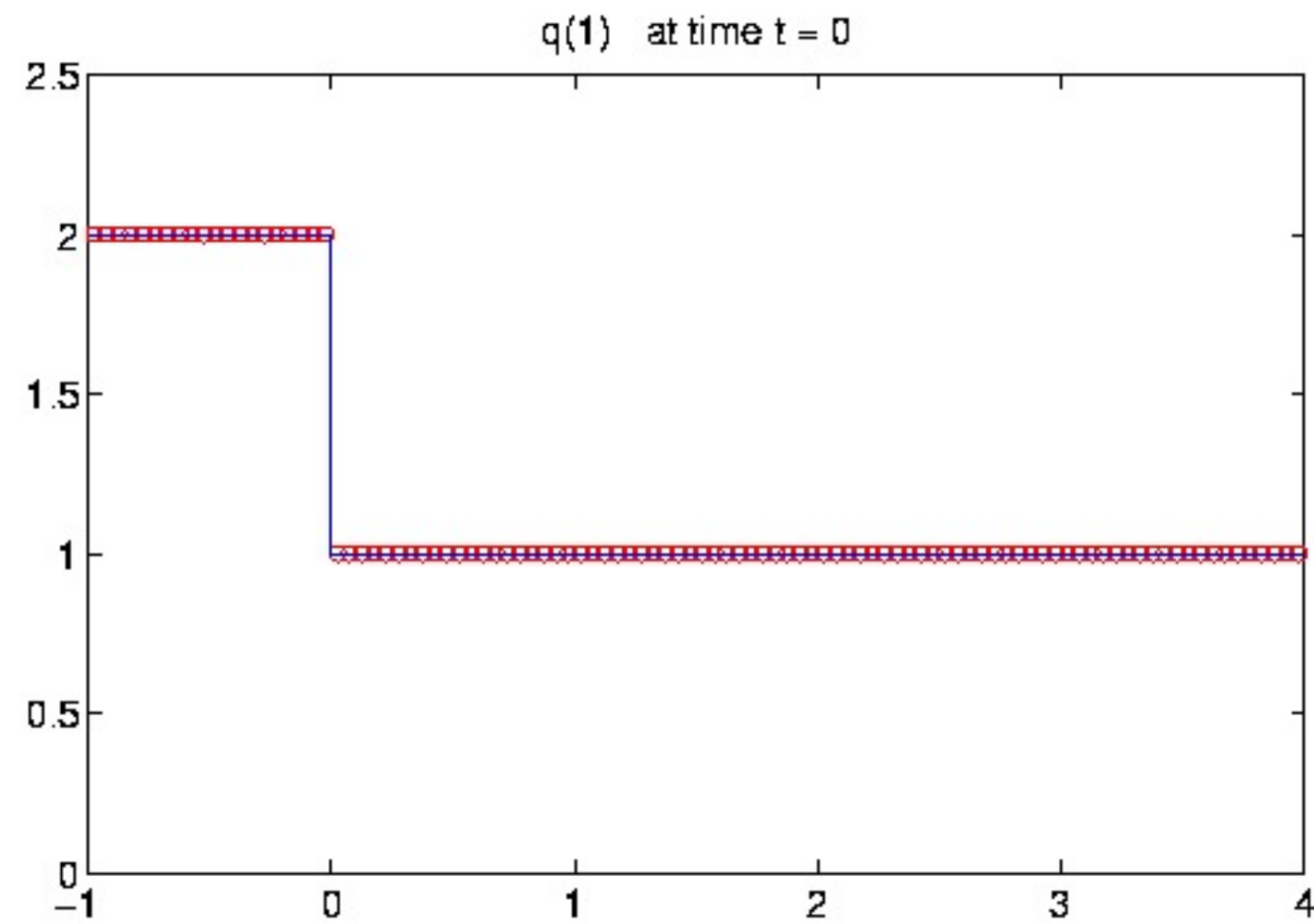
Solution to Burgers' equation using quasilinear upwind:



Burgers' equation solved with an upwind method, to demonstrate that this does not approximate the weak solution properly.



nonconservative method



conservative method



# Lax-Wendroff Theorem

Suppose the method is conservative and consistent with  $q_t + f(q)_x = 0$ ,

$$F_{i-1/2} = \mathcal{F}(Q_{i-1}, Q_i) \quad \text{with } \mathcal{F}(\bar{q}, \bar{q}) = f(\bar{q})$$

and Lipschitz continuity of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If a sequence of discrete approximations converge to a function  $q(x, t)$  as the grid is refined, then this function is a weak solution of the conservation law.

## Note:

Does not guarantee a sequence converges

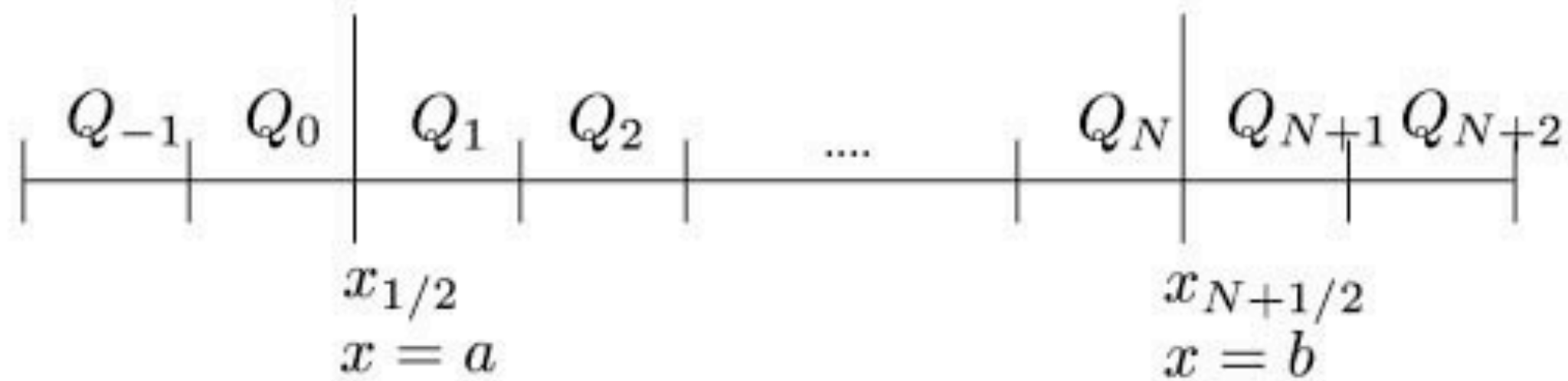
Two sequences might converge to **different** weak solutions.

Also need **stability** and **entropy condition**.

# Boundary conditions and ghost cells

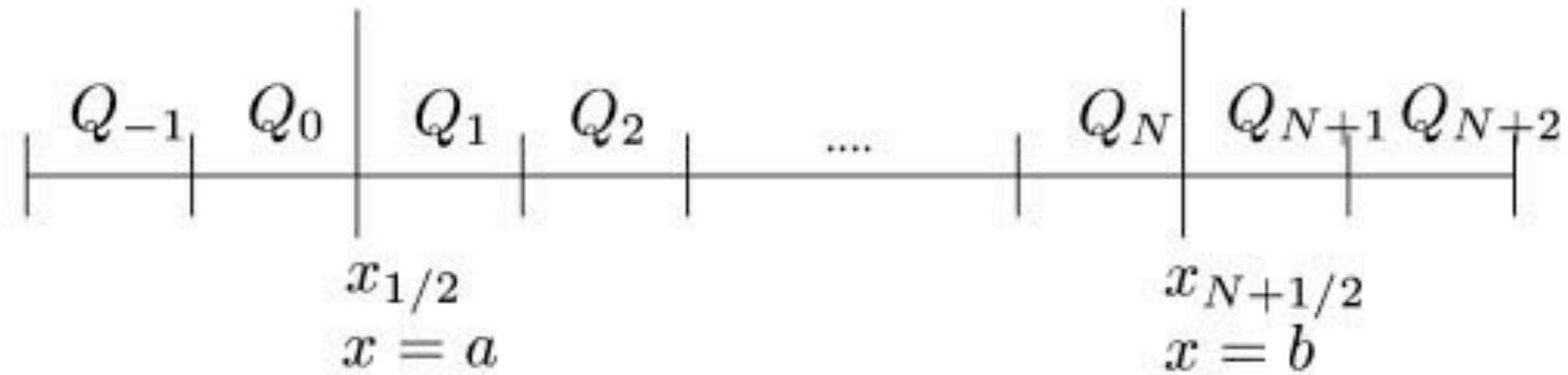
In each time step, the data in cells 1 to  $N$  is used to define **ghost cell values** in cells outside the physical domain.

The wave-propagation algorithm is then applied on the expanded computational domain.



The data is extended depending on the physical boundary conditions.

# Sample boundary conditions



**Periodic:**

$$Q_{-1}^n = Q_{N-1}^n, \quad Q_0^n = Q_N^n, \quad Q_{N+1}^n = Q_1^n, \quad Q_{N+2}^n = Q_2^n$$

**Extrapolation (outflow):**

$$Q_{-1}^n = Q_1^n, \quad Q_0^n = Q_1^n, \quad Q_{N+1}^n = Q_N^n, \quad Q_{N+2}^n = Q_N^n$$

**Solid wall:**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{For } Q_0 : & p_0 = p_1, \quad u_0 = -u_1, \\ \text{For } Q_{-1} : & p_{-1} = p_2, \quad u_{-1} = -u_2. \end{array}$$

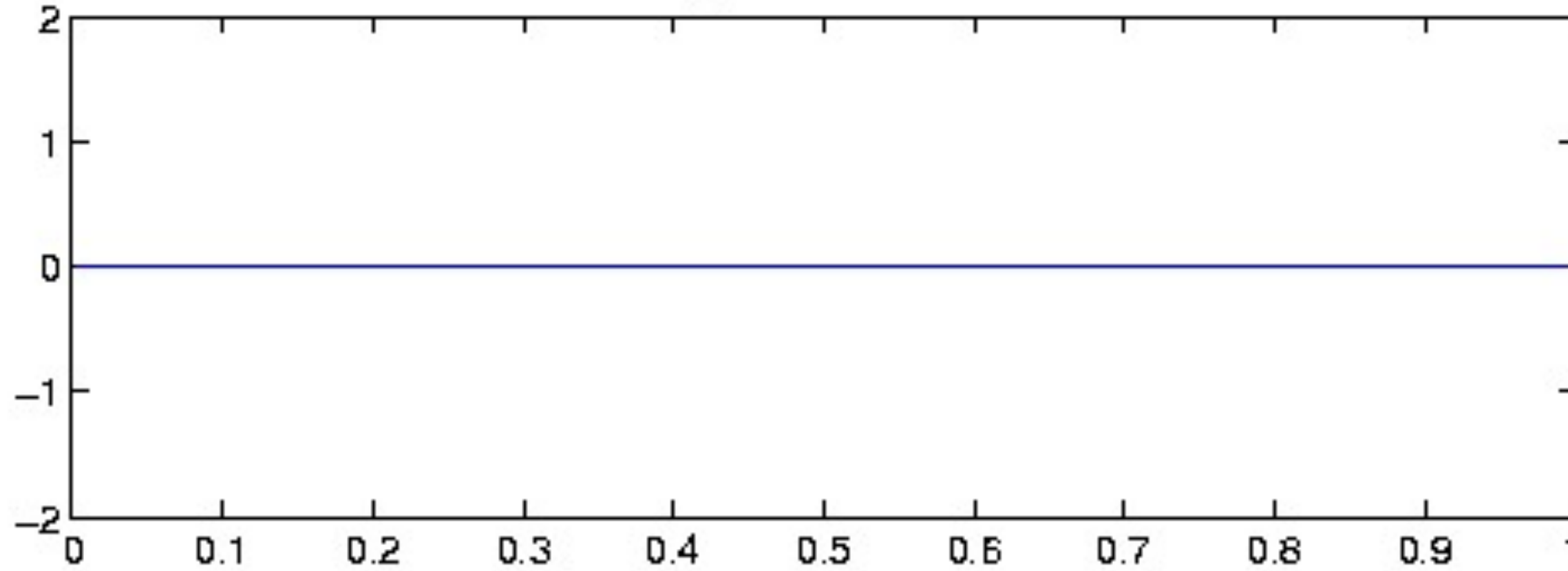
# Acoustics equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ u \end{bmatrix}_t + \begin{bmatrix} u_0 & K_0 \\ 1/\rho_0 & u_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ u \end{bmatrix}_x = 0$$

Computed with 400 grid points and the MC limiter.

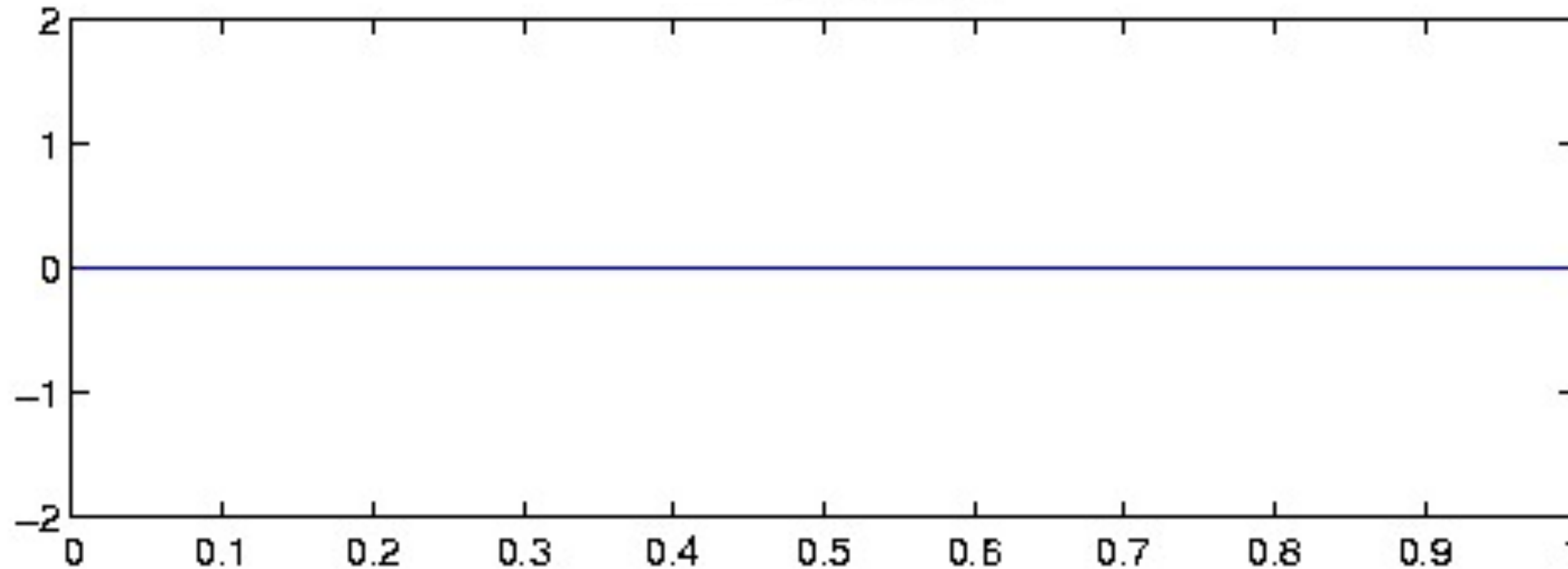
*Zero initial condition.*

$p$  at time  $t = 0$



*sinusoidal disturbance enters here*

$u$  at time  $t = 0$

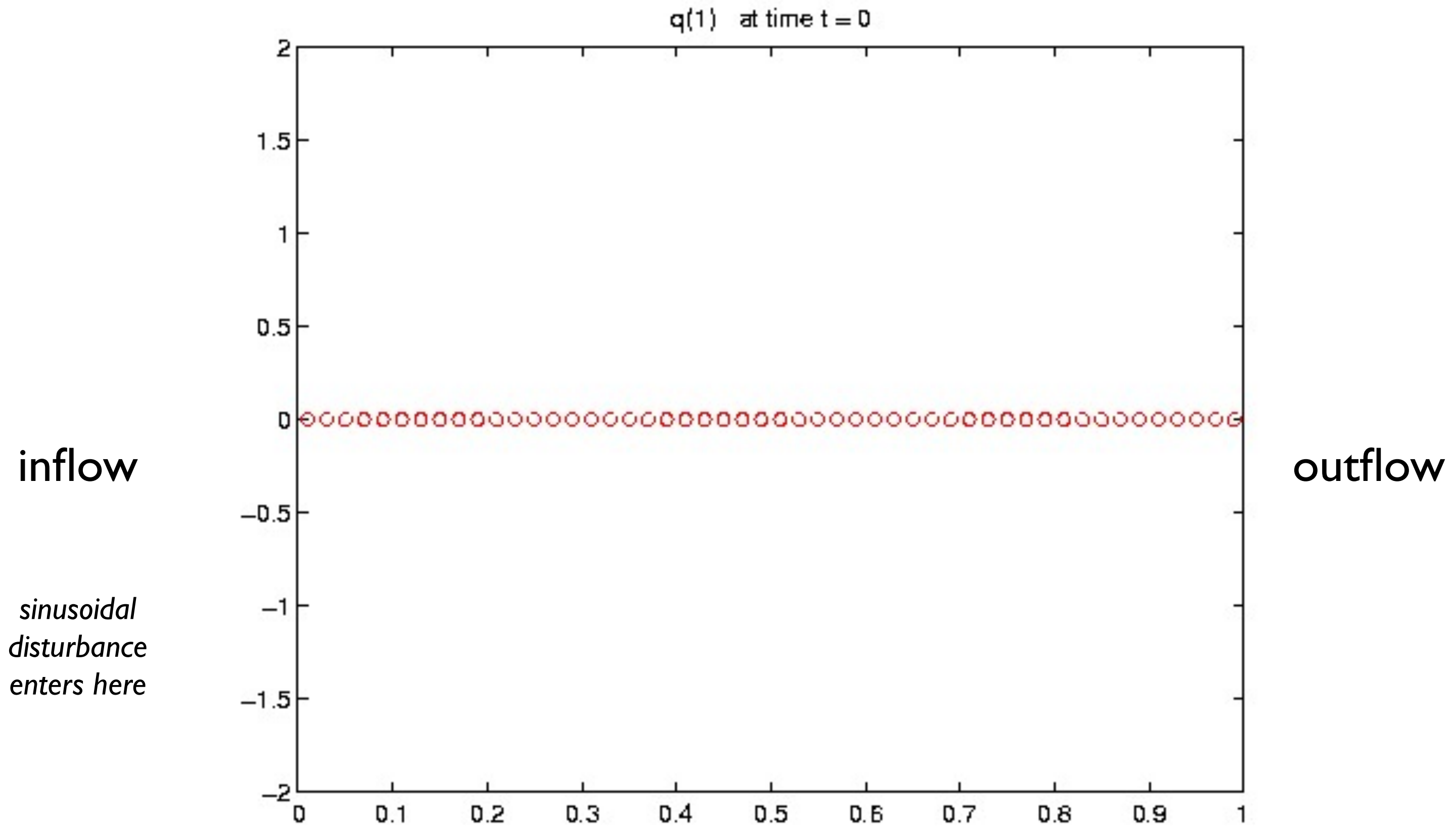


inflow

reflecting boundary

# Advection equation

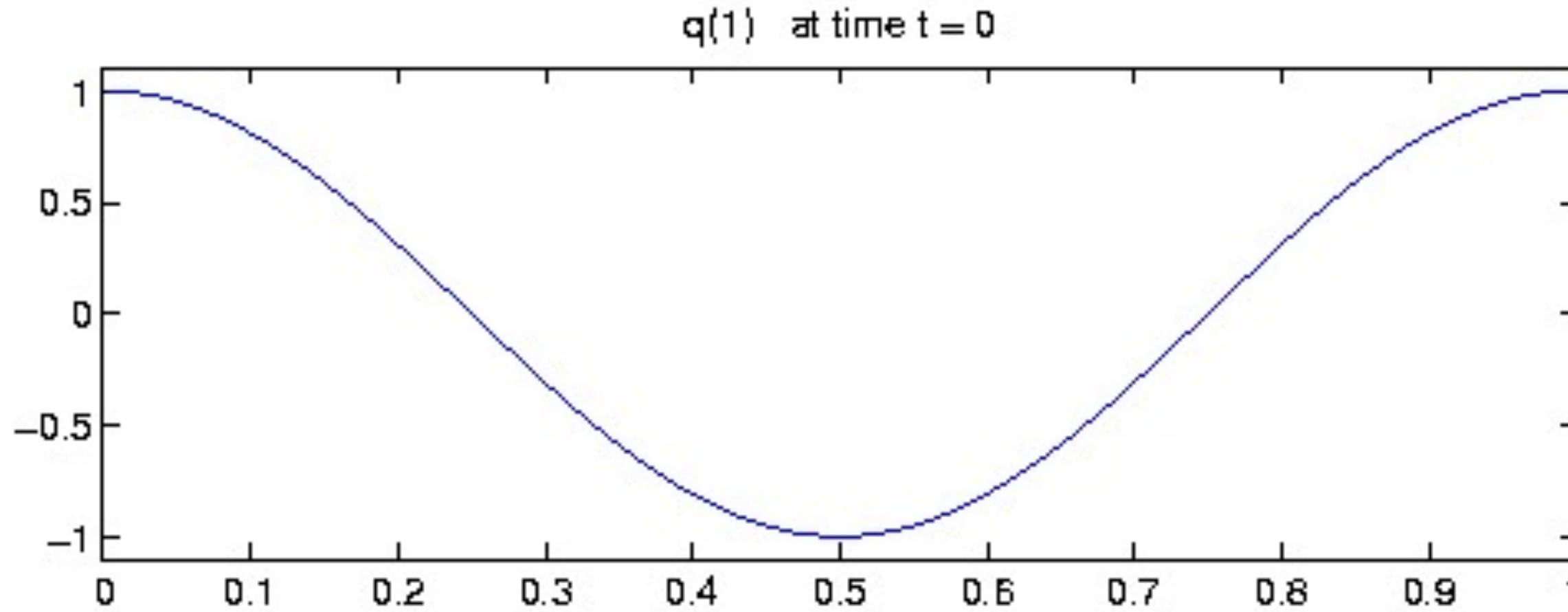
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# Acoustics equations

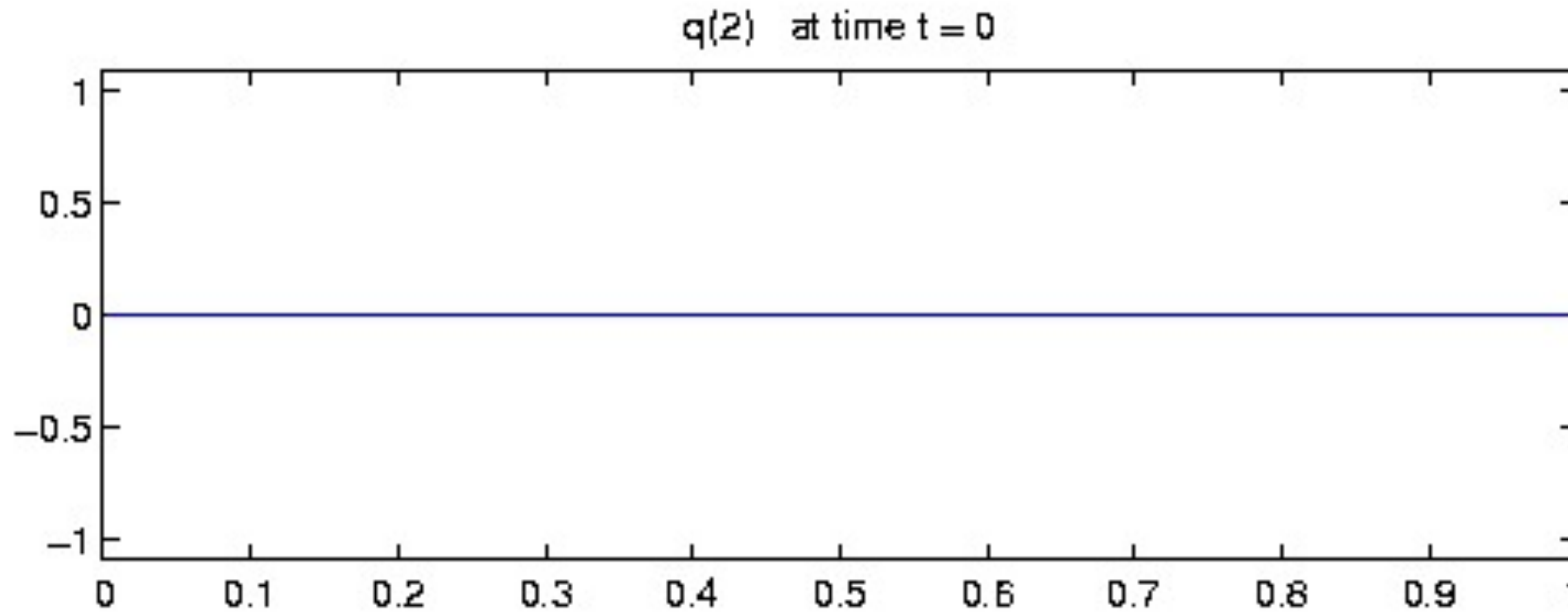
*A standing wave in a closed tube with solid wall boundary conditions.*

reflecting boundary



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