



Flow control in the presence of shocks

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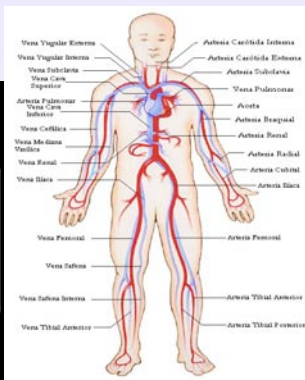
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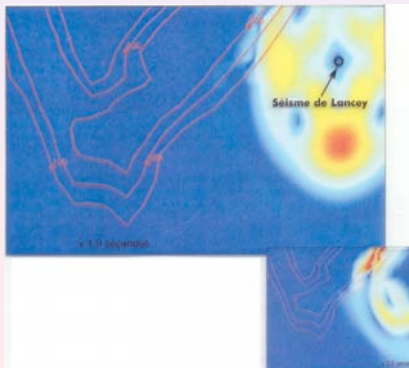
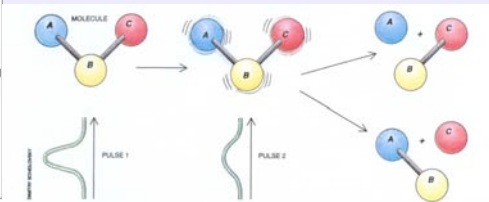
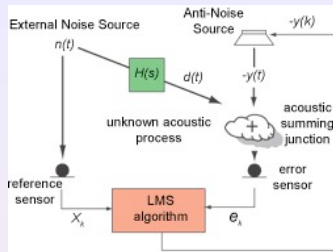
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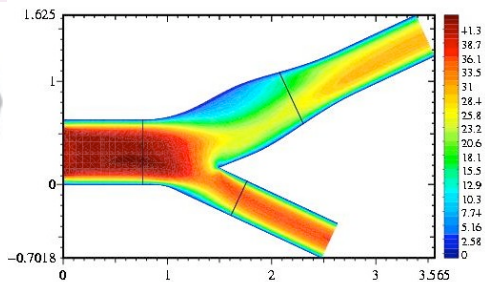
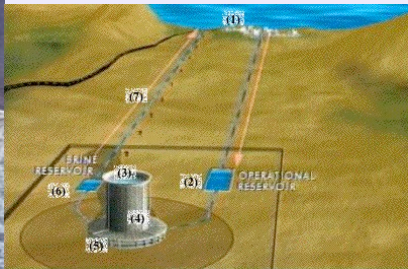
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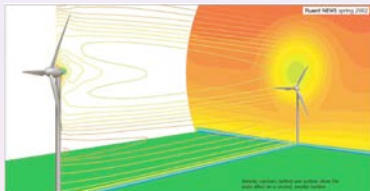
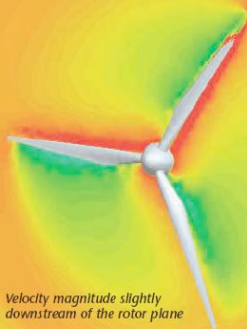


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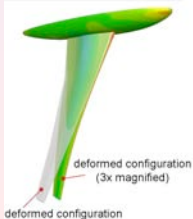




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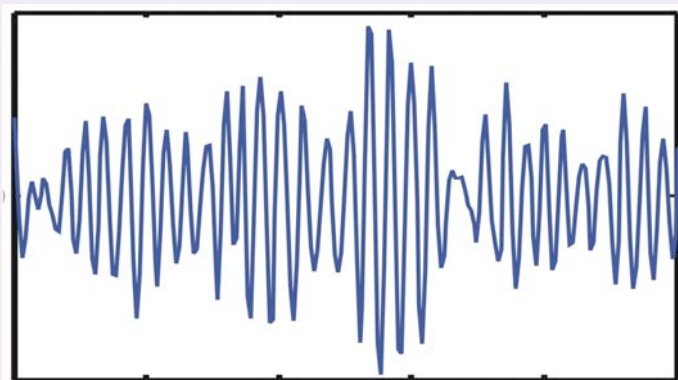


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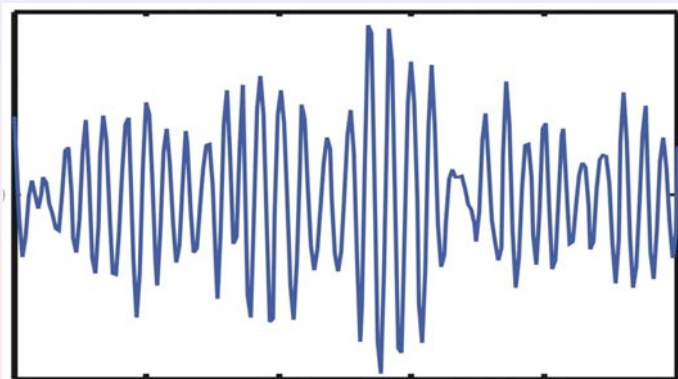
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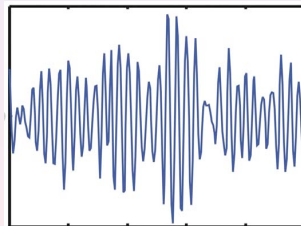
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Is this difficulty solvable in practice?

- Solvable for problems with well known data.
- Much harder for inverse, design and control problems,,,

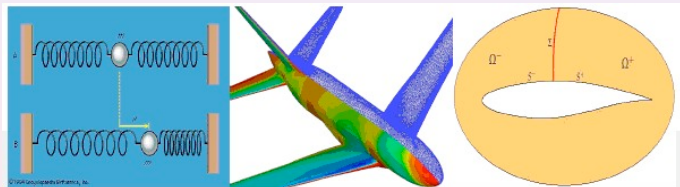
In those cases the obtained final numerical results and simulations may simply mean nothing.



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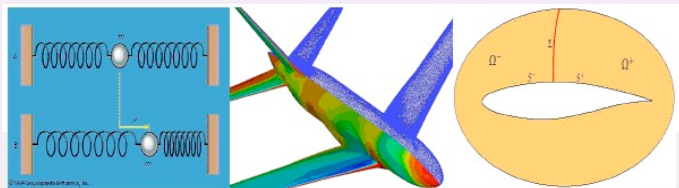


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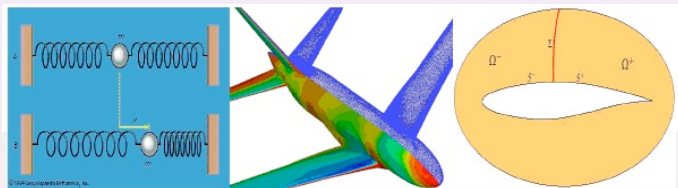


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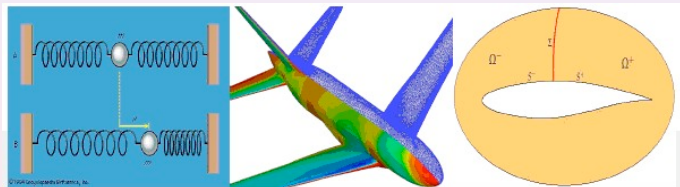


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Mathematical problem formulation

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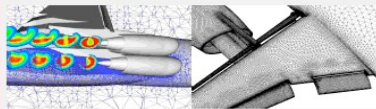
$$J(\Omega^*) = \min_{\Omega \in \mathcal{C}_{ad}} J(\Omega)$$

\mathcal{C}_{ad} = class of **admissible domains**.

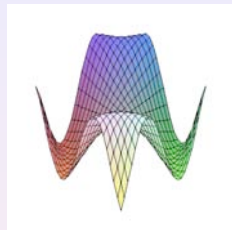
J = **cost functional** (drag reduction, lift maximization, exploitation cost, overall cost over the life cycle of the aircraft, benefit maximization, etc).

J depends on Ω through $u(\Omega)$, solution of the PDE (elasticity, Fluid Mechanics,...).

The domains under consideration are often complex. Geometric and parametrization issues play a key role.



The dependence of the functional on the domain, through the solution of the PDE is complex as well. J it is far from being a nice convex function.



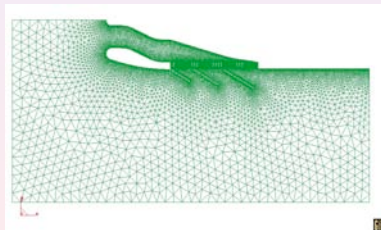
Analytical difficulties:

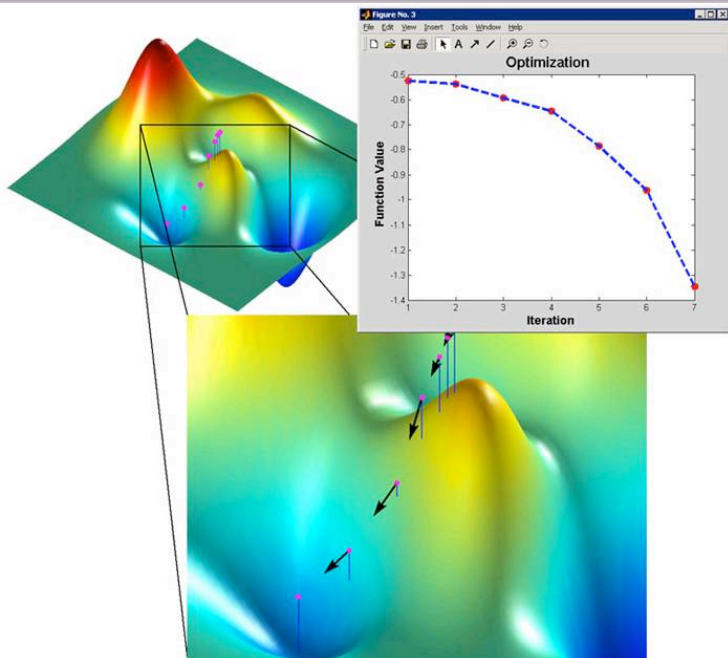
- Lack of good existence, uniqueness, and continuous dependence theory for the PDE.
- Lack of convexity of the functional.
- Lack of compactness within the class of relevant domains...

In practice

Descent algorithm (gradient based method) on a discrete version of the problem:

- The domains Ω have been discretized (finite element mesh)
- The PDE has been replaced by a numerical scheme,
- The functional J has been replaced by a discrete version.





Classical steepest descent:

$J : H \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. Two main assumptions:

$$\langle \nabla J(u) - \nabla J(v), u - v \rangle \geq \alpha |u - v|^2, \quad |\nabla J(u) - \nabla J(v)|^2 \leq M |u - v|^2.$$

Then, for

$$u_{k+1} = u_k - \rho \nabla J(u_k),$$

we have

$$|u_k - u^*| \leq (1 - 2\rho\alpha + \rho^2 M)^{k/2} |u_1 - u^*|.$$

Convergence is guaranteed for $0 < \rho < 1$ small enough.

Compare with the continuous marching gradient system

$$u'(\tau) = -\nabla J(u(\tau)).$$

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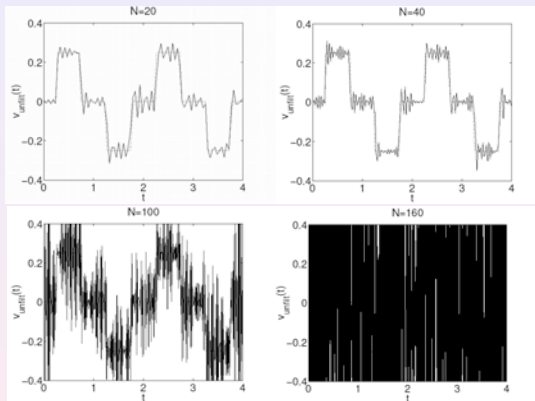
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An example: boundary control of vibrations.



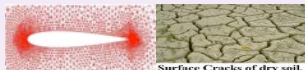
Can we guarantee this kind of pathologies do not arise in realistic problems of optimal shape design in aeronautics?

How to detect them? How to avoid them?

Two approaches:

Discrete: Discretization + gradient

- **Advantages:** Discrete clouds of values. No shocks. Automatic differentiation, ...
- **Drawbacks:**
 - "Invisible" geometry.



- Scheme dependent.

Continuous: Continuous gradient + discretization.

- **Advantages:** Simpler computations. Solver independent. Shock detection.
- **Drawbacks:**
 - Yields approximate gradients.
 - Subtle if shocks.



The relevant models in aeronautics (Fluid Mechanics):

- Navier-Stokes equations;
- Euler equations;
- Turbulent models: Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS), Spalart-Allmaras Turbulence Model, $k - \varepsilon$ model;
....
- Burgers equation (as a $1 - d$ theoretical laboratory).

Euler equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t U + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F} = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_S = 0, & \text{on } S, \end{cases}$$

with suitable boundary conditions at infinity,

$U = (\rho, \rho v_x, \rho v_y, \rho E)$ = conservative variables, $\vec{F} = (F_x, F_y)$ = flux

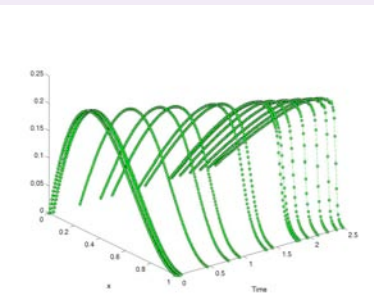
$$F_x = \begin{pmatrix} \rho v_x \\ \rho v_x^2 + P \\ \rho v_x v_y \\ \rho v_x H \end{pmatrix}, \quad F_y = \begin{pmatrix} \rho v_y \\ \rho v_x v_y \\ \rho v_y^2 + P \\ \rho v_y H \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

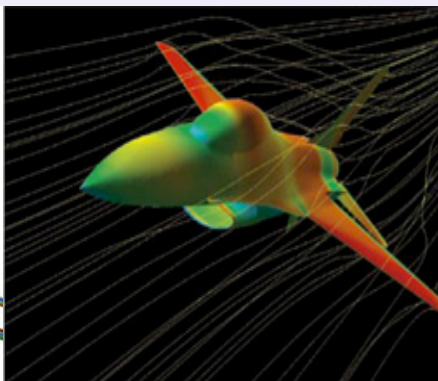
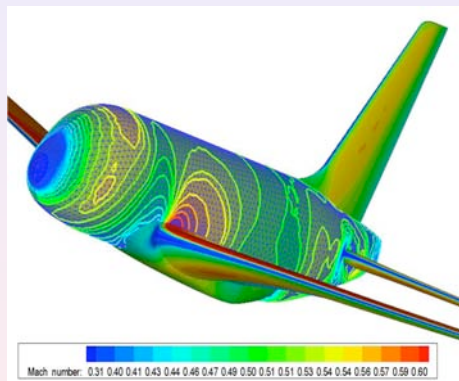
ρ = density, $\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y)$ = velocity, E = total energy, P = pressure, H = enthalpy, where

$$P = (\gamma - 1)\rho \left(E - \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) \right), \quad H = E + \frac{P}{\rho}.$$

Solutions may develop shocks or quasi-shock configurations.

- For shock solutions, classical calculus fails;
- For quasi-shock solutions the sensitivity is so large that classical sensitivity calculus is meaningless.





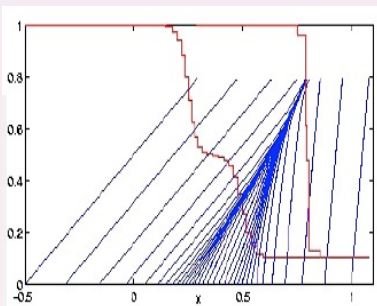
Burgers equation

- Viscous version:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0.$$

- Inviscid one:

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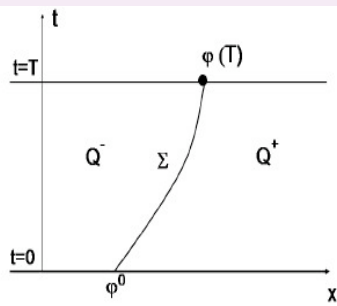
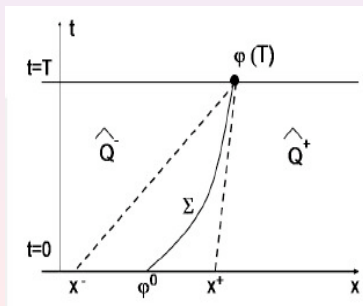
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A new viewpoint: Solution = Solution + shock location. Then the pair (u, φ) solves:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + \partial_x \left(\frac{u^2}{2} \right) = 0, & \text{in } Q^- \cup Q^+, \\ \varphi'(t)[u]_{\varphi(t)} = [u^2/2]_{\varphi(t)}, & t \in (0, T), \\ \varphi(0) = \varphi^0, & \\ u(x, 0) = u^0(x), & \text{in } \{x < \varphi^0\} \cup \{x > \varphi^0\}. \end{cases}$$



The corresponding linearized system is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \delta u + \partial_x (u \delta u) = 0, \quad \text{in } Q^- \cup Q^+, \\ \delta \varphi'(t)[u]_{\varphi(t)} + \delta \varphi(t) (\varphi'(t)[u_x]_{\varphi(t)} - [u_x u]_{\varphi(t)}) \\ \quad + \varphi'(t)[\delta u]_{\varphi(t)} - [u \delta u]_{\varphi(t)} = 0, \quad \text{in } (0, T), \\ \delta u(x, 0) = \delta u^0, \quad \text{in } \{x < \varphi^0\} \cup \{x > \varphi^0\}, \\ \delta \varphi(0) = \delta \varphi^0, \end{array} \right.$$

Majda (1983), Bressan-Marson (1995), Godlewski-Raviart (1999), Bouchut-James (1998), Giles-Pierce (2001), Bardos-Pironneau (2002), Ulbrich (2003), ...

None seems to provide a clear-cut recipe about how to proceed within an optimization loop.

A new method

A new method: **Splitting + alternating descent algorithm.**

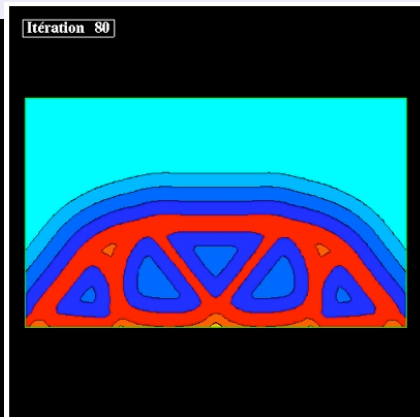
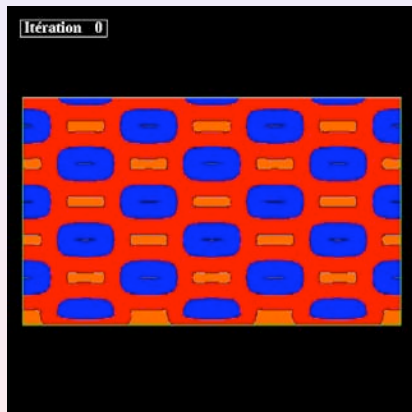
C. Castro, F. Palacios, E. Z., M3AS, to appear.

Ingredients:

- The shock location is part of the state.
State = Solution as a function + Geometric location of shocks.
- Alternate within the descent algorithm:
 - Shock location and smooth pieces of solutions should be treated differently;
 - When dealing with smooth pieces most methods provide similar results;
 - Shocks should be handled by geometric tools, not only those based on the analytical solving of equations.

Lots to be done: Pattern detection, image processing, computational geometry,... to locate, deform shock locations,....

Compare with the use of shape and topological derivatives in elasticity:



An example: Inverse design of initial data

Consider

$$J(u^0) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(x, T) - u^d(x)|^2 dx.$$

u^d = step function.

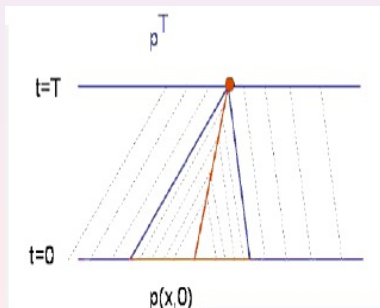
Gateaux derivative:

$$\delta J = \int_{\{x < \varphi^0\} \cup \{x > \varphi^0\}} p(x, 0) \delta u^0(x) dx + q(0) [u]_{\varphi^0} \delta \varphi^0,$$

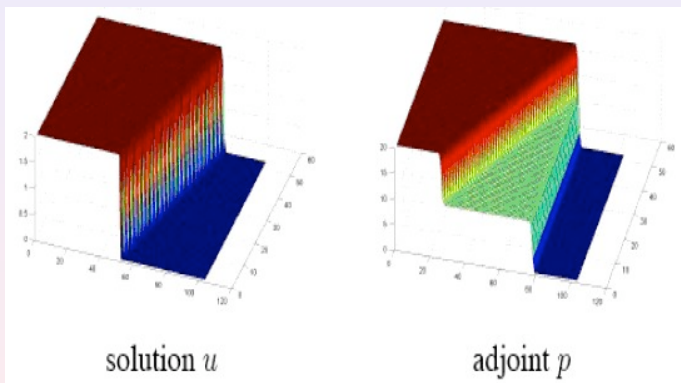
(p, q) = adjoint state

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\partial_t p - u \partial_x p = 0, \quad \text{in } Q^- \cup Q^+, \\ [p]_{\Sigma} = 0, \\ q(t) = p(\varphi(t), t), \quad \text{in } t \in (0, T) \\ q'(t) = 0, \quad \text{in } t \in (0, T) \\ p(x, T) = u(x, T) - u^d, \quad \text{in } \{x < \varphi(T)\} \cup \{x > \varphi(T)\} \\ q(T) = \frac{\frac{1}{2} [(u(x, T) - u^d)^2]_{\varphi(T)}}{[u]_{\varphi(T)}}. \end{array} \right.$$

- The gradient is twofold = variation of the profile + shock location.
- The adjoint system is the superposition of two systems = Linearized adjoint transport equation on both sides of the shock + Dirichlet boundary condition along the shock that propagates along characteristics and fills all the region not covered by the adjoint equations.



State u and adjoint state p when u develops a shock:



The discrete approach

Recall the continuous functional

$$J(u^0) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u(x, T) - u^d(x)|^2 dx.$$

The discrete version:

$$J^\Delta(u_\Delta^0) = \frac{\Delta x}{2} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} (u_j^{N+1} - u_j^d)^2,$$

where $u_\Delta = \{u_j^k\}$ solves the 3-point conservative numerical approximation scheme:

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \lambda \left(g_{j+1/2}^n - g_{j-1/2}^n \right) = 0, \quad \lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x},$$

where, g is the numerical flux

$$g_{j+1/2}^n = g(u_j^n, u_{j+1}^n), \quad g(u, u) = u^2/2.$$

Examples of numerical fluxes

$$\begin{aligned}
 g^{LF}(u, v) &= \frac{u^2 + v^2}{4} - \frac{v - u}{2\lambda}, \\
 g^{EO}(u, v) &= \frac{u(u + |u|)}{4} + \frac{v(v - |v|)}{4}, \\
 g^G(u, v) &= \begin{cases} \min_{w \in [u, v]} w^2/2, & \text{if } u \leq v, \\ \max_{w \in [u, v]} w^2/2, & \text{if } u \geq v, \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The Γ -convergence of discrete minimizers towards continuous ones is guaranteed for the schemes satisfying the so called one-sided Lipschitz condition (OSLC):

$$\frac{u_{j+1}^n - u_j^n}{\Delta x} \leq \frac{1}{n\Delta t},$$

which is the discrete version of the Oleinick condition for the solutions of the continuous Burgers equations

$$u_x \leq \frac{1}{t},$$

which excludes non-admissible shocks and provides the needed **compactness of families of bounded solutions**.

As proved by Brenier-Osher, ¹ Godunov's, Lax-Friedrichs and Engquist-Osher schemes fulfil the OSLC condition.

¹Brenier, Y. and Osher, S. The Discrete One-Sided Lipschitz Condition for Convex Scalar Conservation Laws, SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis, **25** (1) (1988), 8-23.

A new method: splitting+alternating descent

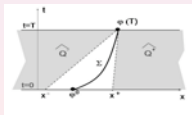
- Generalized tangent vectors $(\delta u^0, \delta \varphi^0) \in T_{u^0}$ s. t.

$$\delta \varphi^0 = \left(\int_{x^-}^{\varphi^0} \delta u^0 + \int_{\varphi^0}^{x^+} \delta u^0 \right) / [u]_{\varphi^0}.$$

do not move the shock $\delta \varphi(T) = 0$ and

$$\delta J = \int_{\{x < x^-\} \cup \{x > x^+\}} p(x, 0) \delta u^0(x) dx,$$

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_t p - u \partial_x p = 0, & \text{in } \hat{Q}^- \cup \hat{Q}^+, \\ p(x, T) = u(x, T) - u^d, & \text{in } \{x < \varphi(T)\} \cup \{x > \varphi(T)\}. \end{cases}$$



For those descent directions the adjoint state can be computed by “any numerical scheme”!

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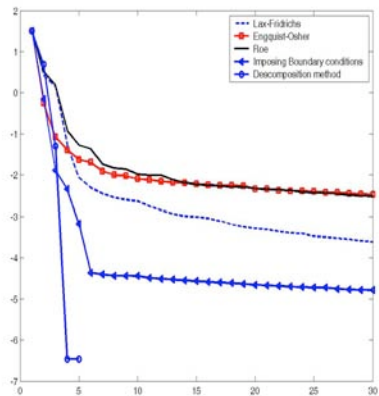
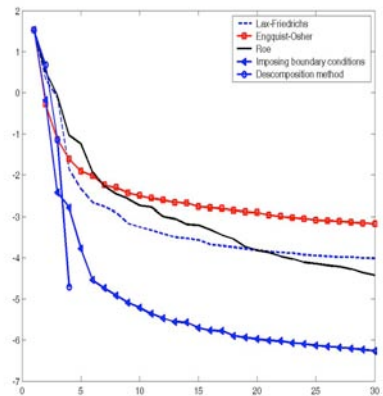
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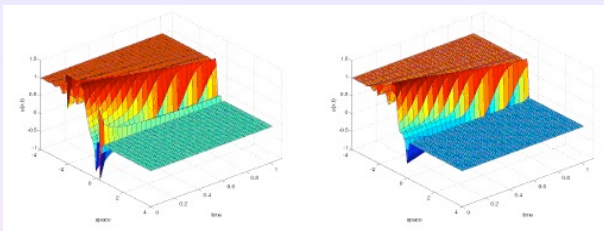
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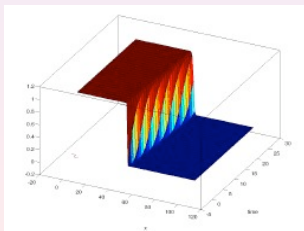
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Splitting+Alternating wins!

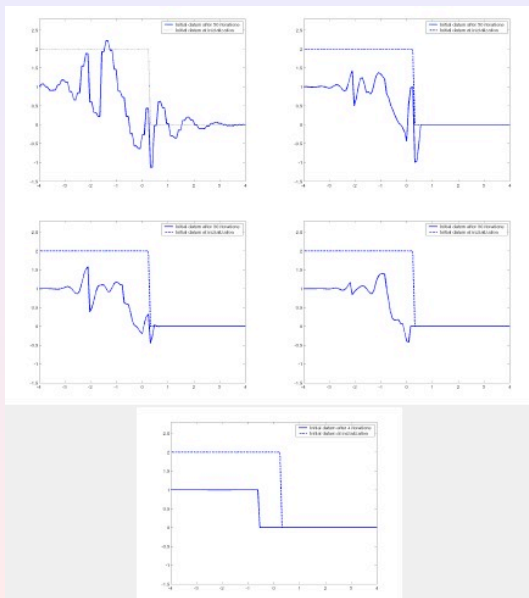


Results obtained applying Engquist-Osher's scheme and the one based on the complete adjoint system



Splitting+Alternating method.

After 30 iterations:

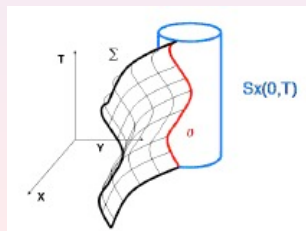


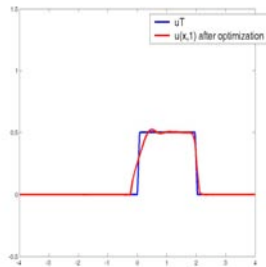
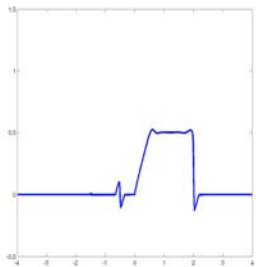
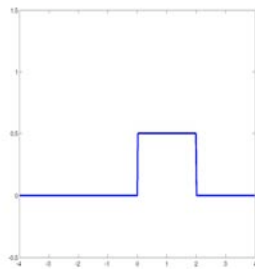
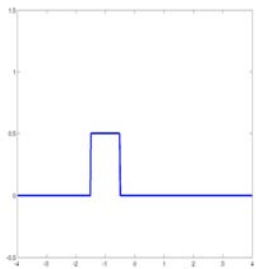
Splitting+alternating is more efficient:

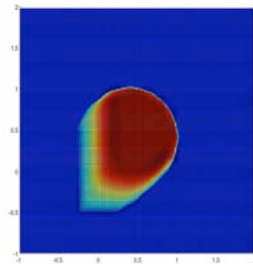
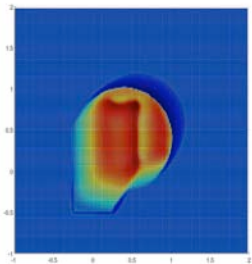
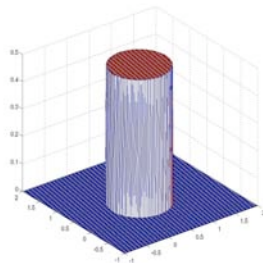
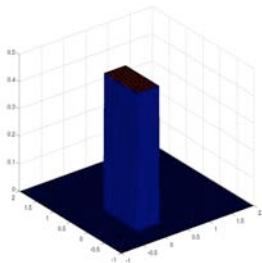
- It is faster.
- It does not increase the complexity.
- Rather independent of the numerical scheme.

Extending these ideas and methods to more realistic multi-dimensional problems is a work in progress and much remains to be done.

Numerical schemes for PDE + shock detection + shape, shock deformation + mesh adaptation,...







Conclusions: Inner + outer boundaries

- Much remains to be done in the interfaces between PDE, numerical analysis and optimal design:
 - Well-posedness of relevant models;
 - New approximation schemes for linearized and adjoint equations;
 - Rigorous proof of convergence of new descent algorithms (shock handling, regularization,...)
- An important effort has to be done to bring all this mathematical understanding and theory to real applications: Make all this to become algorithmic and insert it into the relevant software to be used in (in particular) aeronautical engineering.



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