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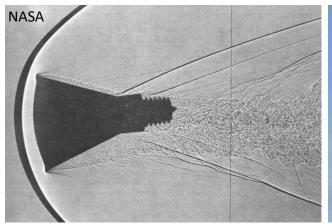
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Importance of Compressible Flows













Euler Equations in 1D

The Euler equations govern inviscid flow

$$\frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(\vec{U})}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\vec{U} = [\rho, \rho u, E]^T; \ F(\vec{U}) = [\rho u, \rho u^2 + p, u(E + P)]^T$$

An equation of state relates the internal energy and density to pressure

$$e(\rho, P) = \frac{P}{\rho(\gamma - 1)}$$





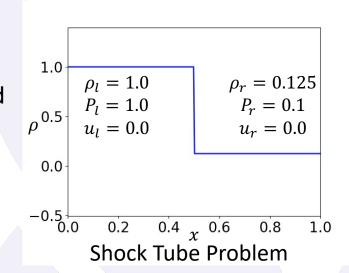
Compressible CFD and Slope-Limiters

- Numerically solving the Euler equations requires taking derivatives over discontinuities (shocks)
- Naïve approaches to taking these derivatives lead to ringing and numerical instabilities
- Many approaches have been developed for this
 - Slope-limiters
 - Flux-limiters
 - WENO/ENO schemes

We will focus on slope limiters







Compressible CFD and Slope-Limiters

Semi-discrete inviscid 1D Euler equation

$$\frac{d\vec{U}_i}{dt} + \frac{1}{\Delta x_i} \left[\vec{F} \left(\vec{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \vec{F} \left(\vec{U}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right] = 0$$

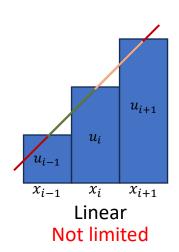
- The Riemann solver for \vec{F} depends on reconstructed values $\vec{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2},\,l},\,\vec{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2},\,r}$
- Slope-limiters control the order of the reconstruction
 - Dependent on local smoothness $r_i = \frac{\rho_i \rho_{i-1}}{\rho_{i+1} \rho_i}$
- For smooth regions, high-order reconstruction used. Near shocks, revert to zeroth order interpolation

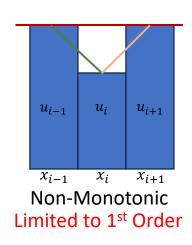
$$\vec{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2},l} = \vec{U}_i, \qquad \vec{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2},r} = \vec{U}_{i+1}$$

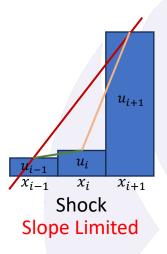




Compressible CFD and Slope-Limiters







$$\frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}}$$
 Reference Slope
$$\frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$
 Right Slope
$$\frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{x_i - x_{i-1}}$$
 Left Slope

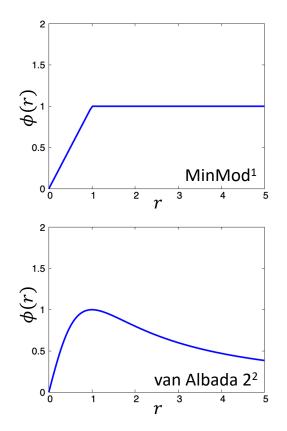
Need to find limited slopes *s* to perform reconstruction

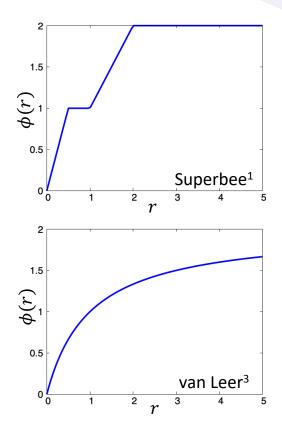
$$r_i = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{u_{i+1} - u_i}$$
, $s = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} \phi(r)$, with $\phi(r)$ being the non-linear slope limiter function





Existing Slope-Limiters

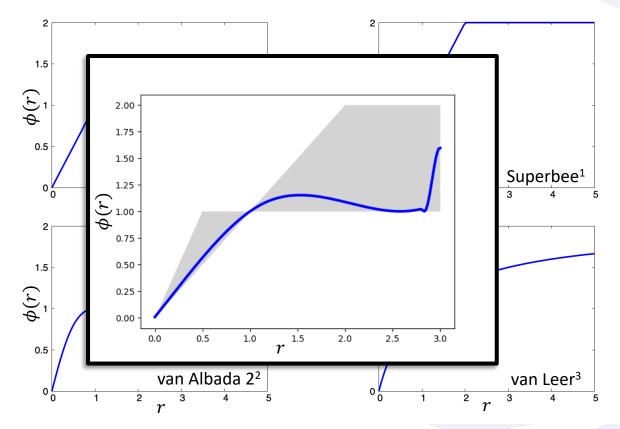








Existing Slope-Limiters





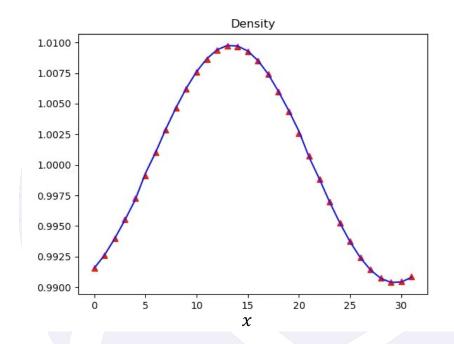


Approach for Finding Slope Limiter

Simulation-Based

- Finite volume code used with HLLC Riemann solver, slope-limited PLM reconstruction, and RK2 time advancement
- Trained by evaluating single-step pointwise errors for two configurations
 - Self-Steepening Sine-Waves:
 A sine-wave that grows into a shock due to properties of the Euler equations
 - 2. Shock-Tubes:

Riemann problem with jump in density and pressure

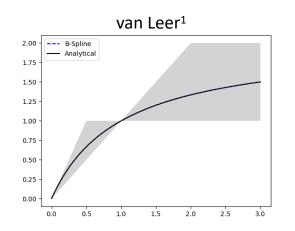


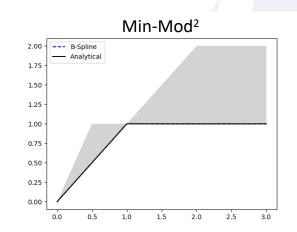


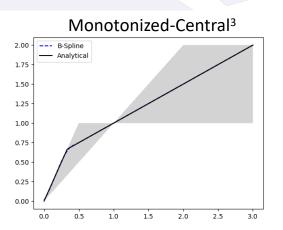


Representation of Slope Limiter

Slope limiter is parametrized as a cubic B-Spline with 6 knots





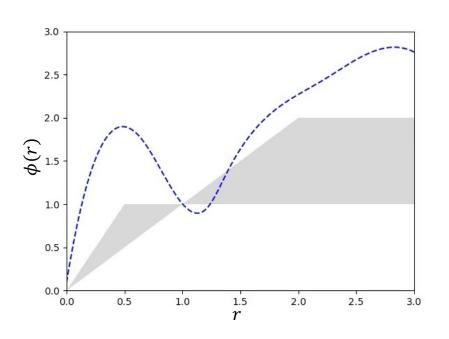


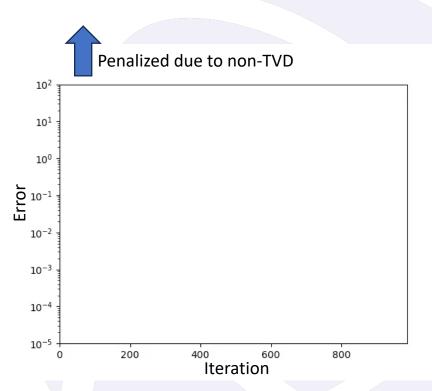
$$\phi(r)_{TVD} = \begin{cases} r \le \phi(r) \le 2r, & 0 \le r < 1 \\ \phi(r) = 1, & r = 1 \\ 1 \le \phi(r) \le r, & 1 < r \le 2 \\ 1 \le \phi(r) \le 2, & r > 2 \end{cases}$$





Found Slope Limiter

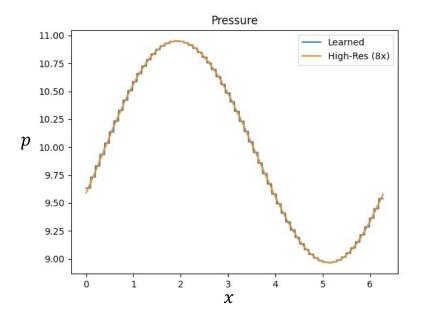








Example Sine-Wave Case



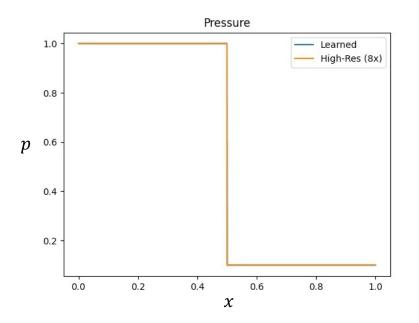
Error over randomized set of simulations

Method	Error
Learned	1.782e-4
van Leer	1.021e-3
Min Mod	7.382e-4
Superbee	3.076e-2
van Albada	5.584e-3
van Albada 2	3.177e-3
Monotonized Central	1.212e-2
UMIST	1.823e-3





Example Shock Tube Case



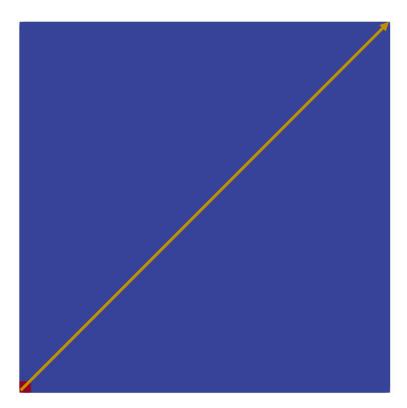
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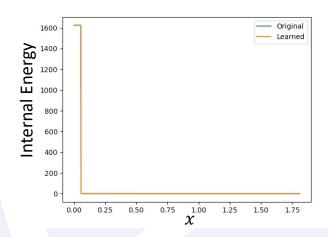
Method	Error
Learned	2.422e-3
van Leer	2.480e-3
Min Mod	2.438e-3
Superbee	2.476e-3
van Albada	2.522e-3
van Albada 2	2.508e-3
Monotonized Central	2.456e-3
UMIST	2.487e-3

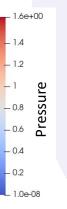


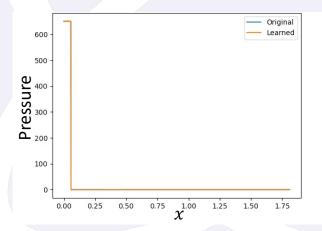


Example 2D Sedov Case













Conclusions

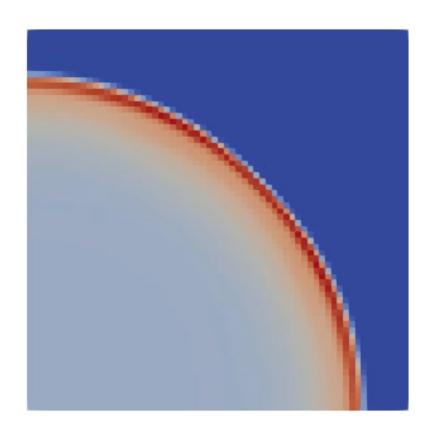
- Machine-learned slope limiters adopt strange forms but work well
- These slope-limiters performed as well as commonly used limiters for the range of test cases shown
- The computational cost of evaluating a B-Spline limiter tractable

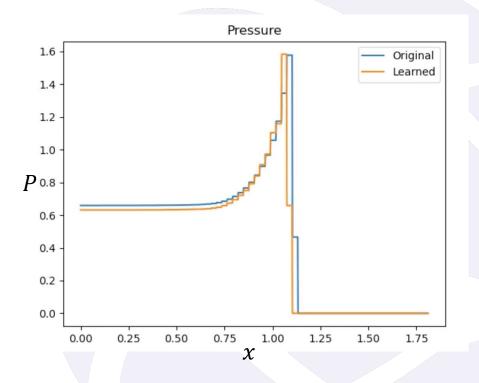
Future Work

- Application to more complicated simulations (Taylor Green Vortex, Turbulence,)
- Use of methodology for other systems (Vlasov equation, MHD)





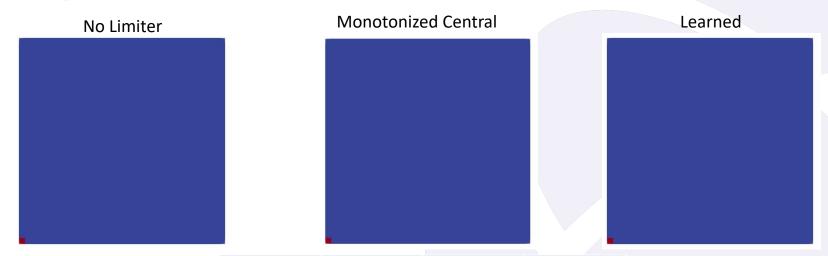








Computational Cost



Simulation	No Limiter (1 st order)	Native Limiter (MC)	Learned Limiter	
Sine	5.31e-01	5.33e-01	5.51e-01	
Shock	6.14e-02	6.11e-02	6.10e-02	
Sedov	7.61e-01	1.12e+00	1.26e+00	



