

# Compressible Flow - TME085

## Lecture 13

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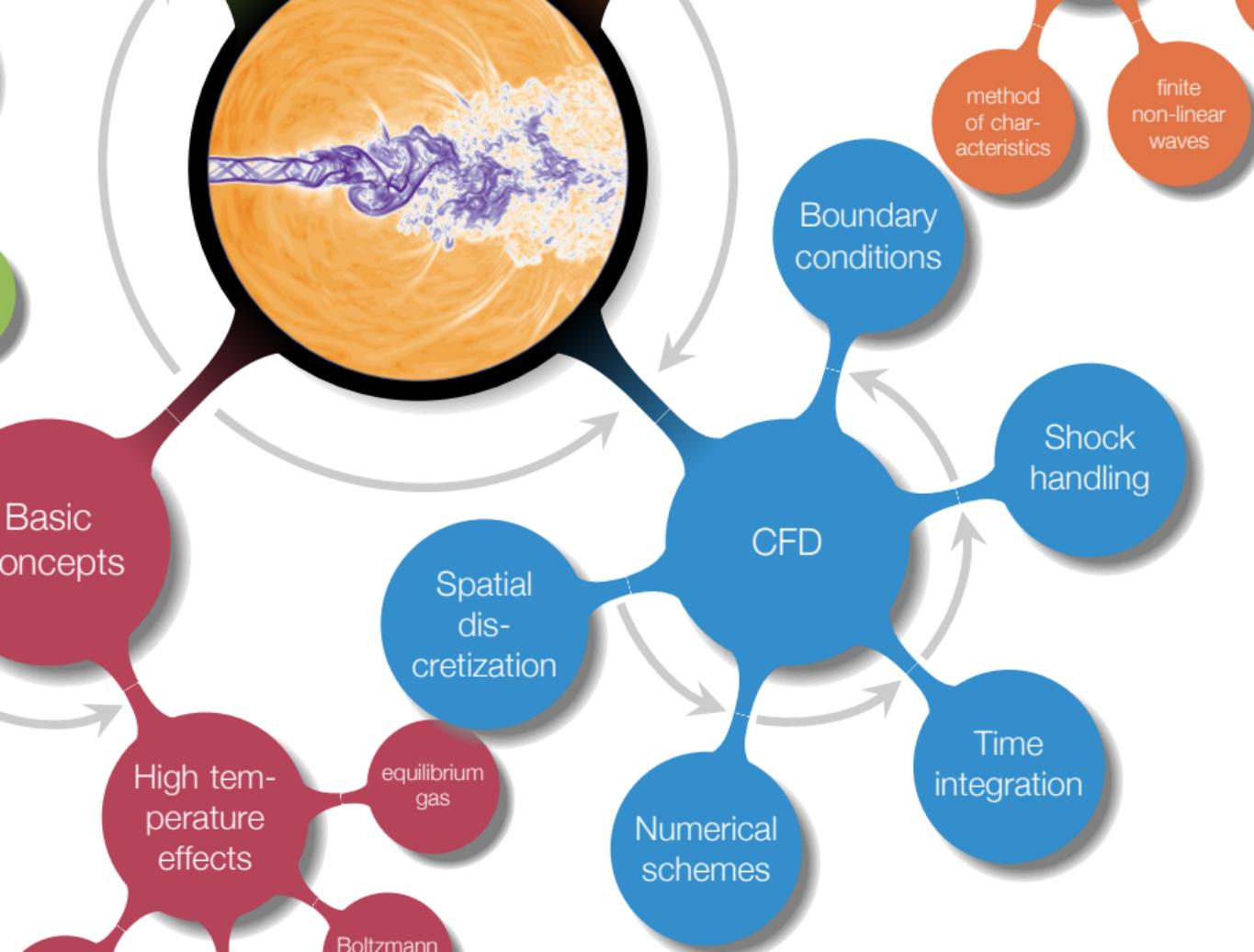


# Chapter 12

## The Time-Marching Technique



# Overview

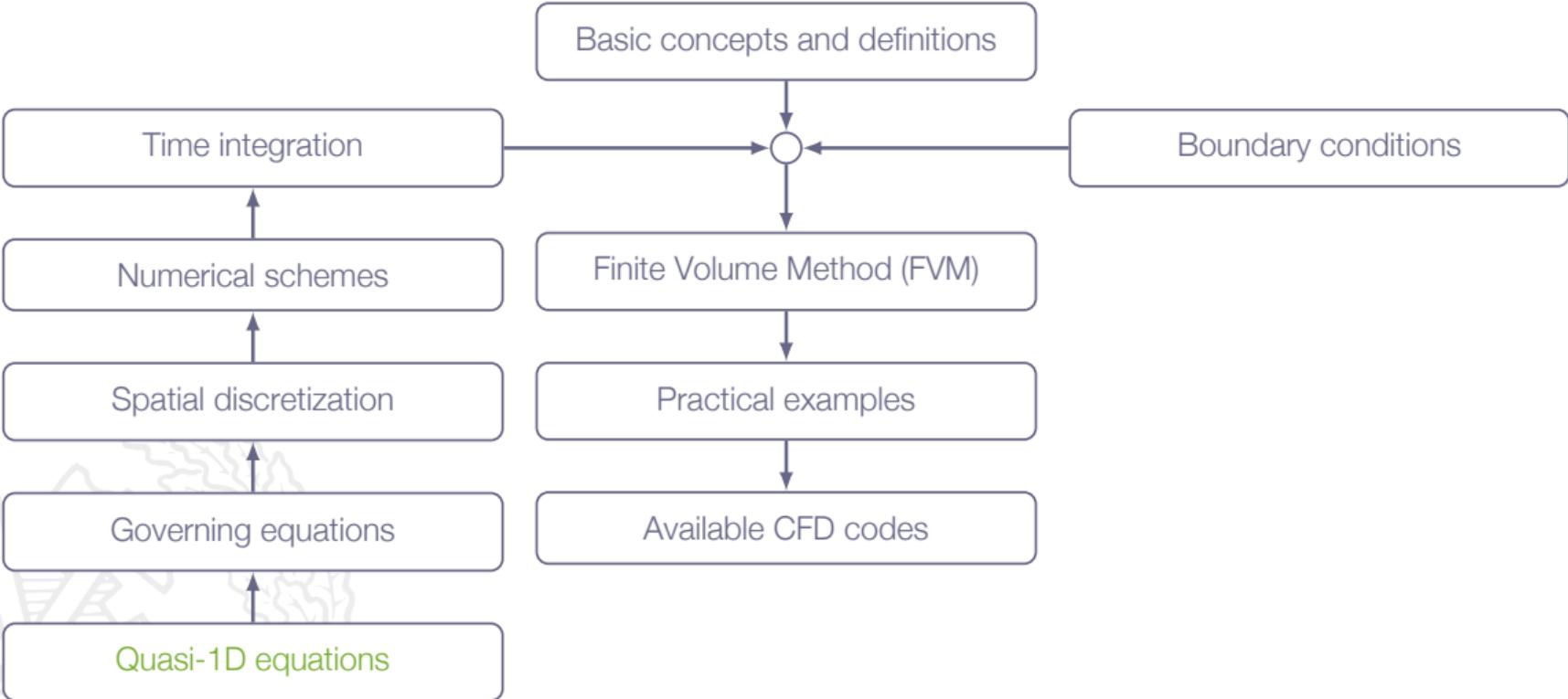


# Learning Outcomes

- 12 **Explain** the main principles behind a modern Finite Volume CFD code and such concepts as explicit/implicit time stepping, CFL number, conservation, handling of compression shocks, and boundary conditions
- 14 **Analyze** and **verify** the quality of the numerical solution
- 15 **Explain** the limitations in fluid flow simulation software

*time for CFD!*

# Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



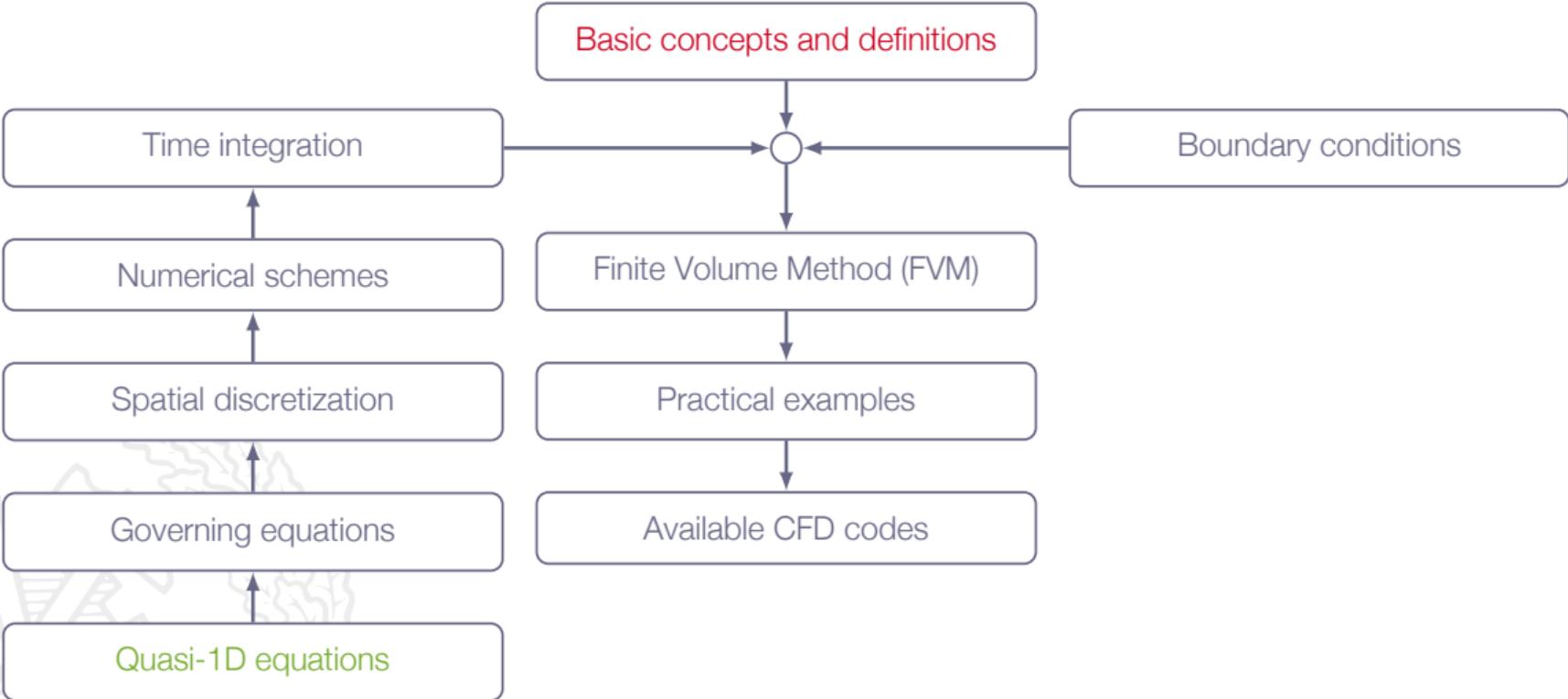
# Motivation

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is the backbone of all practical engineering compressible flow analysis

As an engineer doing numerical compressible flow analyzes it is extremely important to have knowledge about the fundamental numerical principles and their limitations

Going through the material covered in this section will not make you understand all the details but you will get a feeling, which is a good start

# Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



# The Time-Marching Technique

## **Note!**

*Anderson's text is here rather out-of-date, it was written during the 70's and has not really been updated since then.*

*The additional material covered in this lecture is an attempt to amend this.*



# The Time-Marching Technique

The problems that we like to investigate numerically within the field of compressible flows can be categorized as

steady-state  
compressible flows

unsteady  
compressible flows

The **Time-marching method** is a solver framework that addresses both problem categories



# The Time-Marching Technique

*The time-marching approach is a good alternative for simulating flows where there are both supersonic and subsonic regions*

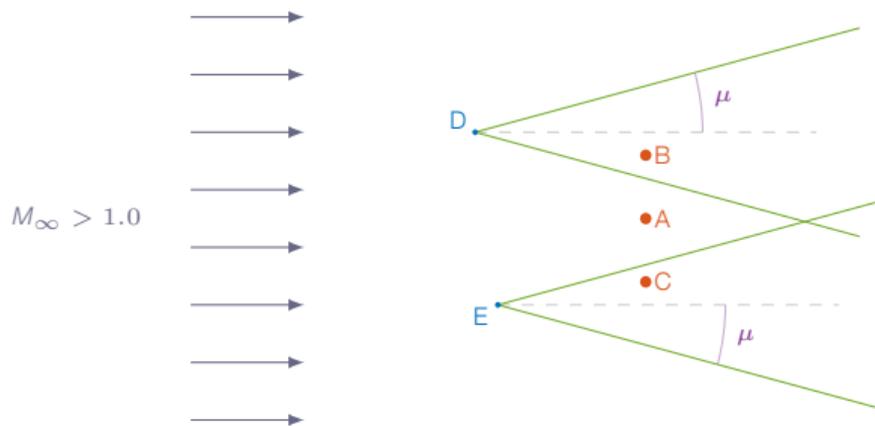
supersonic/hyperbolic:

- ▶ perturbations propagate in preferred directions
- ▶ zone of influence/zone of dependence
- ▶ PDEs can be transformed into ODEs

subsonic/elliptic:

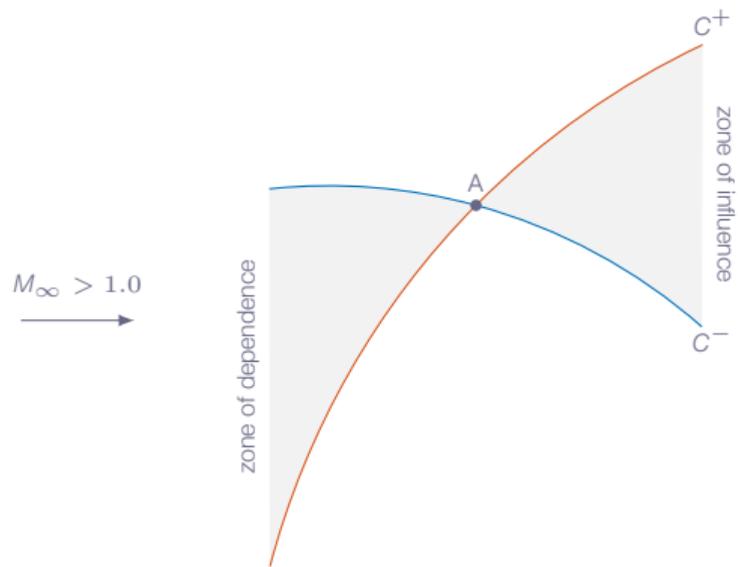
- ▶ perturbations propagate in all directions

# Zone of Influence and Zone of Dependence



- ▶ A, B and C at the same axial position in the flow
- ▶ D and E are located upstream of A, B and C
- ▶ Mach waves generated at D will affect the flow in B but not in A and C
- ▶ Mach waves generated at E will affect the flow in C but not in A and B
- ▶ The flow in A is unaffected by the both D and E

# Zone of Influence and Zone of Dependence



The zone of **dependence** for point  $A$  and the zone of **influence** of point  $A$  are defined by  $C^+$  and  $C^-$  characteristic lines

# The Time-Marching Technique

## Steady-state problems:

1. define simple initial solution
2. apply specified boundary conditions
3. march in time until steady-state solution is reached

## Unsteady problems:

1. apply specified initial solution
2. apply specified boundary conditions
3. march in time for specified total time to reach a desired unsteady solution

*establish fully developed flow before initiating data sampling*

# Characterization of CFD Methods - Discretization

## Discretization in space and time:

- ▶ most common approach: Method of Lines
  1. discretize in space  $\Rightarrow$   
system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs)
  2. discretize in time  $\Rightarrow$   
time-stepping scheme for system of ODEs

## Spatial discretization techniques:

- ▶ Finite-Difference Method (FDM)
- ▶ Finite-Volume Method (FVM)
- ▶ Finite-Element Method (FEM)

# Characterization of CFD Methods - Time Stepping

Temporal discretization techniques:

## 1. Explicit

- ▶ mostly for transonic/supersonic steady-state and unsteady flows
- ▶ short time steps
- ▶ usually very stable

## 2. Implicit

- ▶ mostly for subsonic/transonic steady-state flows
- ▶ longer time steps possible

*for high-supersonic flows, explicit solvers may very well outperform implicit solvers*

# Characterization of CFD Methods - Equations

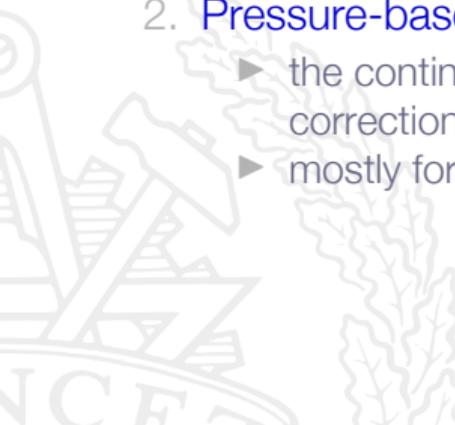
Equations solved:

## 1. Density-based

- ▶ solve for density in the continuity equation
- ▶ mostly for transonic/supersonic steady-state and unsteady flows

## 2. Pressure-based

- ▶ the continuity and momentum equations are combined to form a pressure correction equation
- ▶ mostly for subsonic/transonic steady-state flows



# Characterization of CFD Methods - Solver Approach

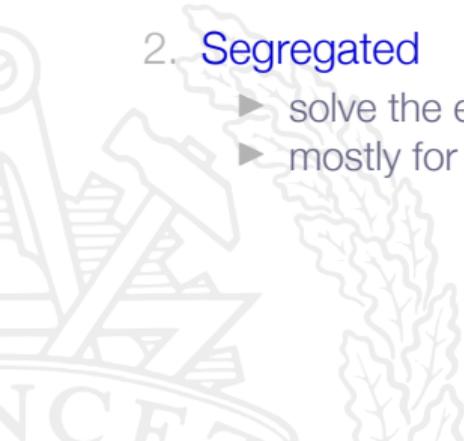
Solution procedure:

## 1. Fully coupled

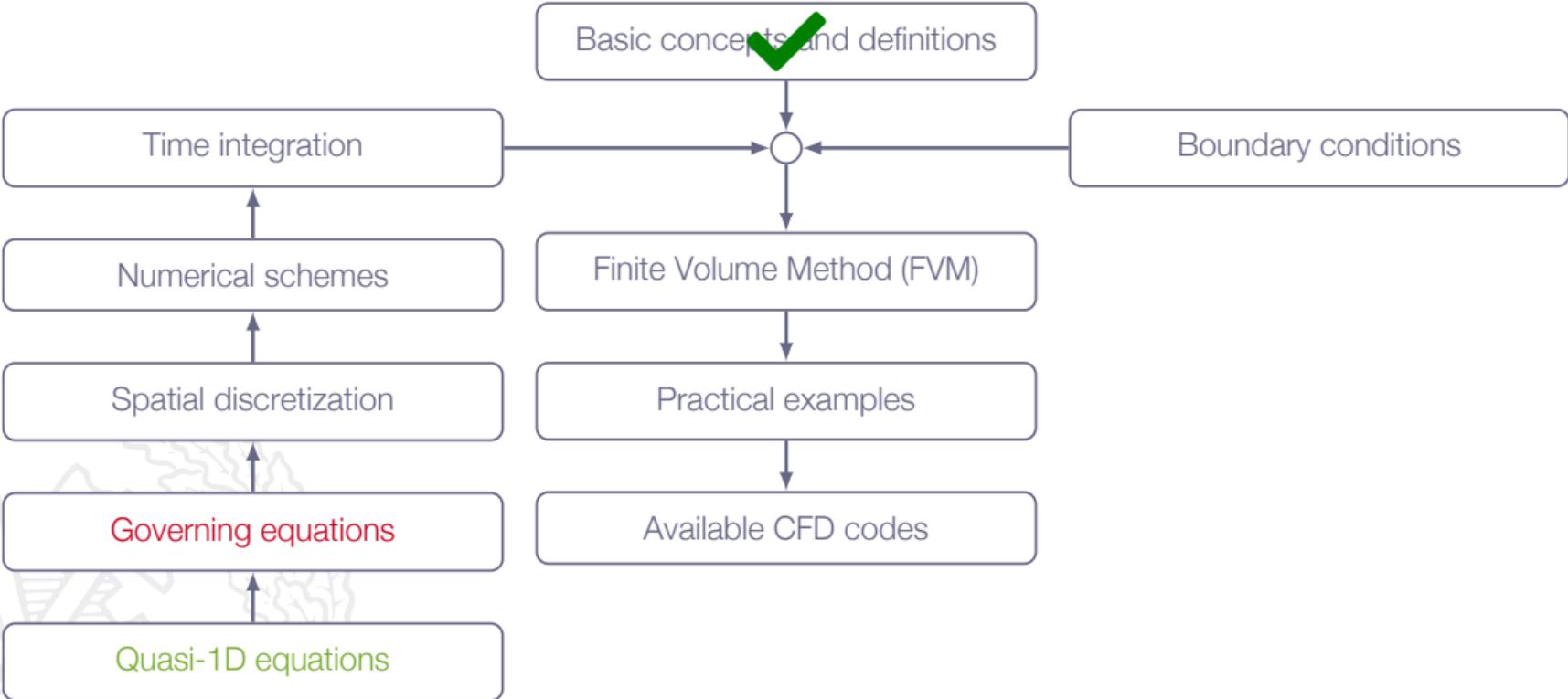
- ▶ all equations (continuity, momentum, energy, ...) are solved simultaneously
- ▶ mostly for transonic/supersonic steady-state and unsteady flows

## 2. Segregated

- ▶ solve the equations in sequence
- ▶ mostly for subsonic steady-state flows



# Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



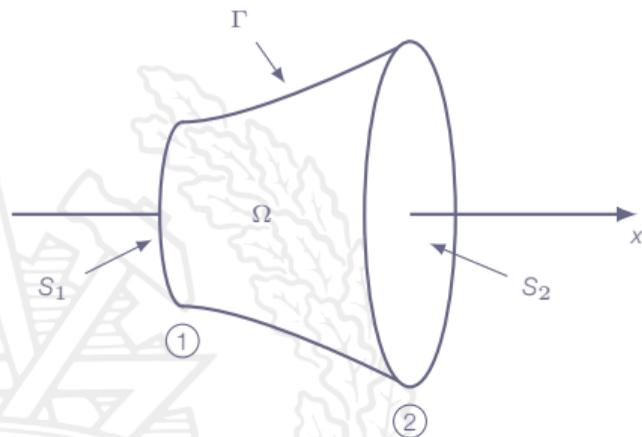
# Governing Equations



# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow - Conceptual Idea

Introduce **cross-section-averaged flow quantities**  $\Rightarrow$   
all quantities depend on  $x$  only

$$A = A(x), \rho = \rho(x), u = u(x), p = p(x), \dots$$



- $\Omega$  control volume
- $S_1$  left boundary (area  $A_1$ )
- $S_2$  right boundary (area  $A_2$ )
- $\Gamma$  perimeter boundary

$$\partial\Omega = S_1 \cup \Gamma \cup S_2$$

# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow - Governing Equations

Governing equations (general form):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \iint_{\partial\Omega} \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = 0$$

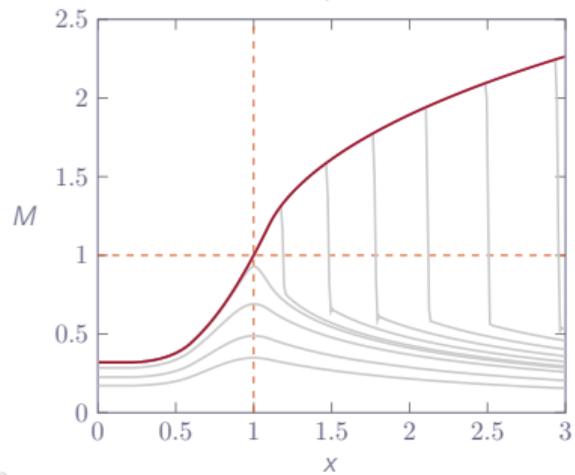
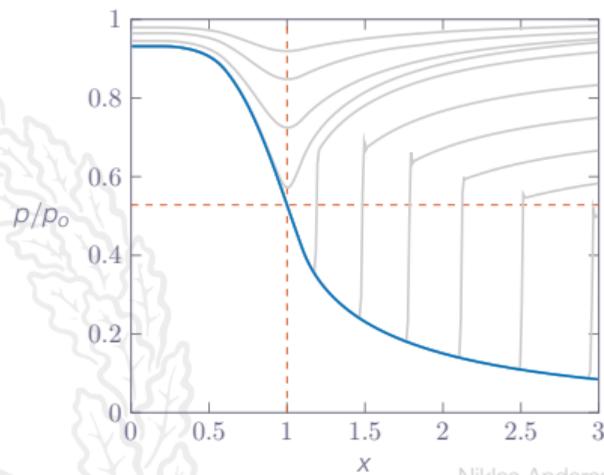
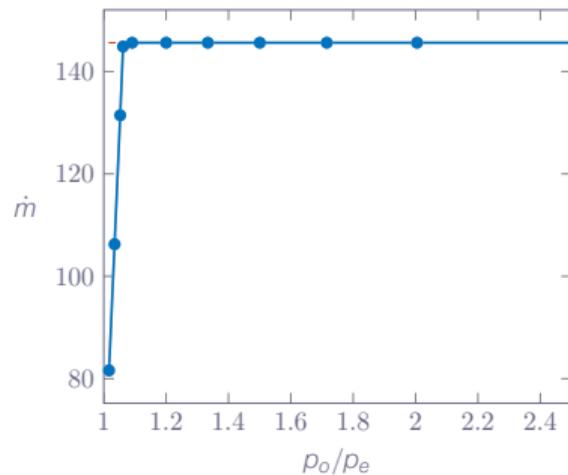
$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho u d\mathcal{V} + \iint_{\partial\Omega} [\rho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})u + p(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_x)] dS = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho e_o d\mathcal{V} + \iint_{\partial\Omega} \rho h_o(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS = 0$$

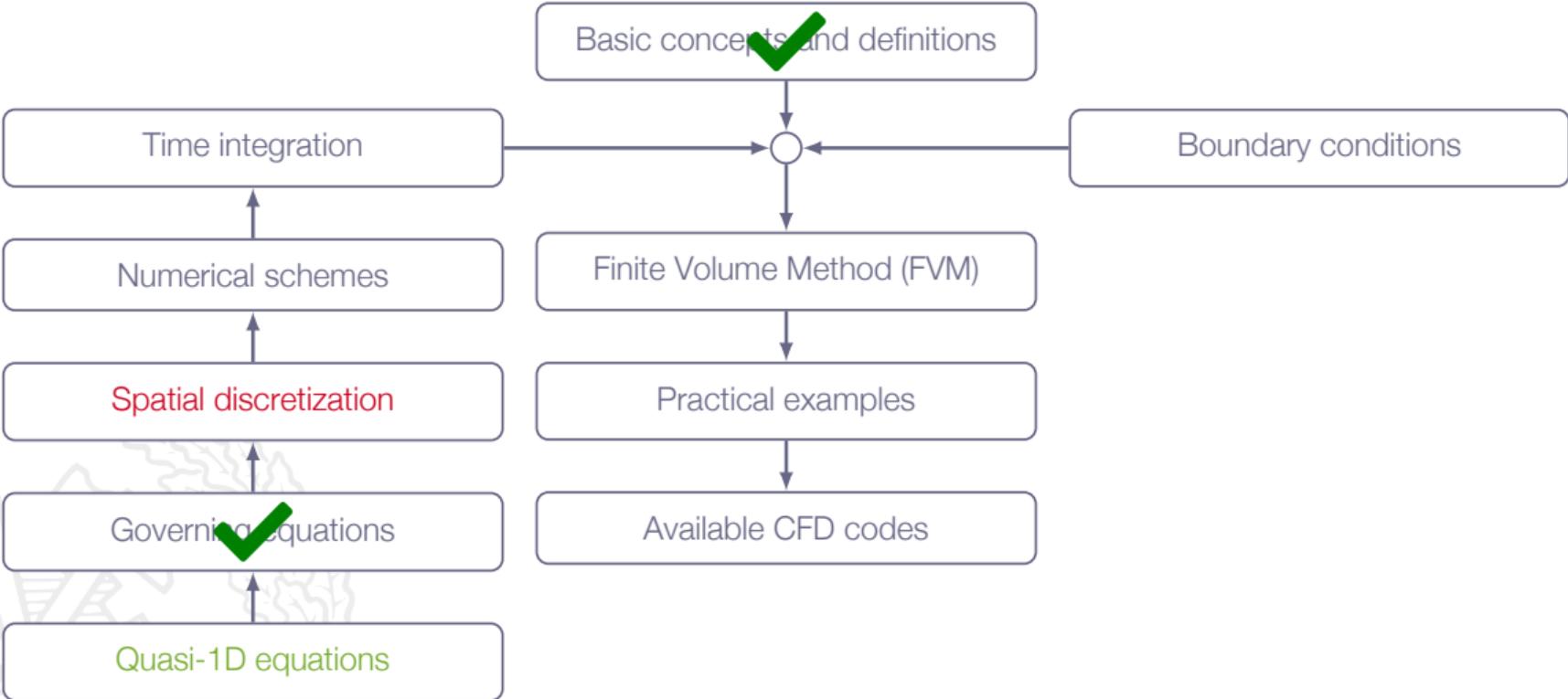


# Example: Nozzle Simulation

$\rho_o$	1.20 [bar]
$\rho_e$	0.50 [bar]
$\rho_o/\rho_e$	11.8
$\dot{m}$	145.6 [kg/s]
$M_{max}$	2.26



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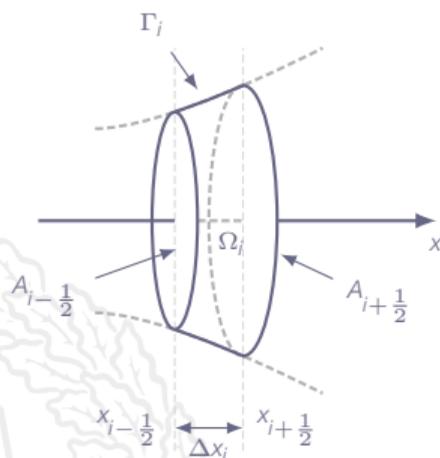


# Spatial Discretization



# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow - Spatial Discretization

Let's look at a small tube segment with length  $\Delta x$



Streamtube with area  $A(x)$

$$A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = A(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$$

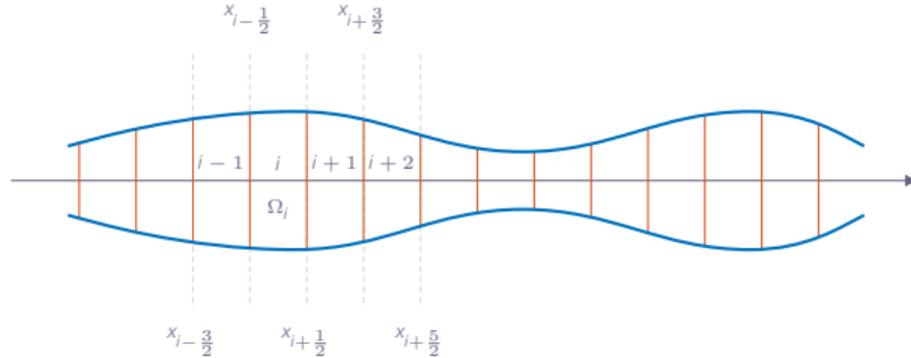
$$A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = A(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

$$\Delta x_i = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\Omega_i$  - control volume enclosed by  $A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $\Gamma_i$

$\Rightarrow$  spatial discretization

# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow - Spatial Discretization

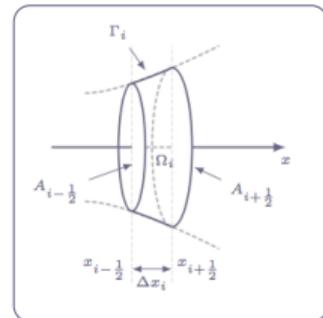


- ▶ Integer indices ( $i, i + 1, \dots$ ):  
control volumes or **cells**
- ▶ Fractional indices ( $i + \frac{1}{2}, i + \frac{3}{2}, \dots$ ):  
interfaces between control volumes or **cell faces**
- ▶ Apply control volume formulations for mass, momentum, energy to control volume  $\Omega_i$

# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow

cell-averaged quantity

face-averaged quantity



Conservation of mass:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{\Omega_i} \rho d\mathcal{V}}_{VOL_i \frac{d\bar{\rho}_i}{dt}} + \underbrace{\iint_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS}_{-\overline{(\rho u)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} + \underbrace{\iint_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS}_{\overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \underbrace{\iint_{\Gamma_i} \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS}_0 = 0$$

where

$$VOL_i = \iiint_{\Omega_i} d\mathcal{V}$$

$$\overline{(\rho u)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \iint_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \rho u dS$$

$$\bar{\rho}_i = \frac{1}{VOL_i} \iiint_{\Omega_i} \rho d\mathcal{V}$$

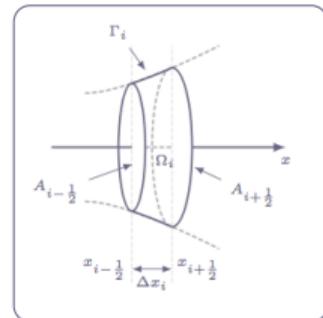
$$\overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \iint_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \rho u dS$$

# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow

cell-averaged quantity

face-averaged quantity

source term



Conservation of momentum:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{\Omega_i} \rho u d\mathcal{V}}_{VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \overline{(\rho u)}_i} + \underbrace{\iint_{x_{i-1/2}} [\rho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})u + p(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_x)] dS}_{-\overline{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{i-1/2} A_{i-1/2}} +$$

$$+ \underbrace{\iint_{x_{i+1/2}} [\rho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})u + p(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_x)] dS}_{\overline{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{i+1/2} A_{i+1/2}} + \underbrace{\iint_{\Gamma_i} [\rho(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})u + p(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{e}_x)] dS}_{-\iint_{\Gamma_i} p dA} = 0$$

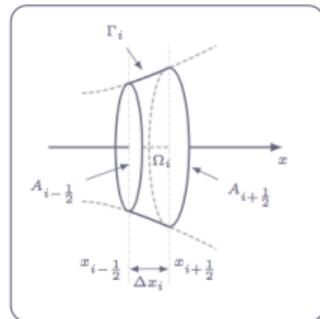
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face-averaged quantity

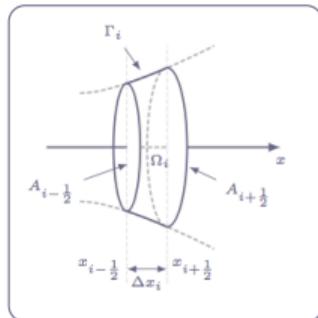
Conservation of energy:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{\Omega_i} \rho e_o d\mathcal{V}}_{VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \overline{(\rho e_o)}_i} + \underbrace{\iint_{x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \rho h_o (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS}_{-\overline{(\rho h_o)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\iint_{x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \rho h_o (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS}_{\overline{(\rho h_o)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} + \underbrace{\iint_{\Gamma_i} \rho h_o (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS}_0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$



# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow

Lower order term due to varying stream tube area:



$$\iint_{\Gamma_i} p dA \approx \bar{p}_i \left( A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

where  $\bar{p}_i$  is **calculated from cell-averaged quantities** (DOFs)  $\left\{ \bar{p}, \overline{(\rho U)}, \overline{(\rho e_o)} \right\}_i$  as

$$\bar{p}_i = (\gamma - 1) \left( \overline{(\rho e_o)}_i - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho}_i \bar{u}_i \right), \quad \bar{u}_i = \frac{\overline{(\rho U)}_i}{\bar{\rho}_i}$$

# Quasi-One-Dimensional Flow - Spatial Discretization

cell-averaged quantity

face-averaged quantity

source term

$$VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\rho}_i - \overline{(\rho u)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \overline{(\rho u)}_i - \overline{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \overline{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \bar{p}_i \left( A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$VOL_i \frac{d}{dt} \overline{(\rho e_o)}_i - \overline{(\rho u h_o)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \overline{(\rho u h_o)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

Application of these equations to all cells  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  of the computational domain results in a system of ODEs

# Spatial Discretization - Summary

Steps to achieve spatial discretization:

1. Choose primary variables (Degrees of Freedom or DOFs)
2. Approximate all other quantities in terms of DOFs

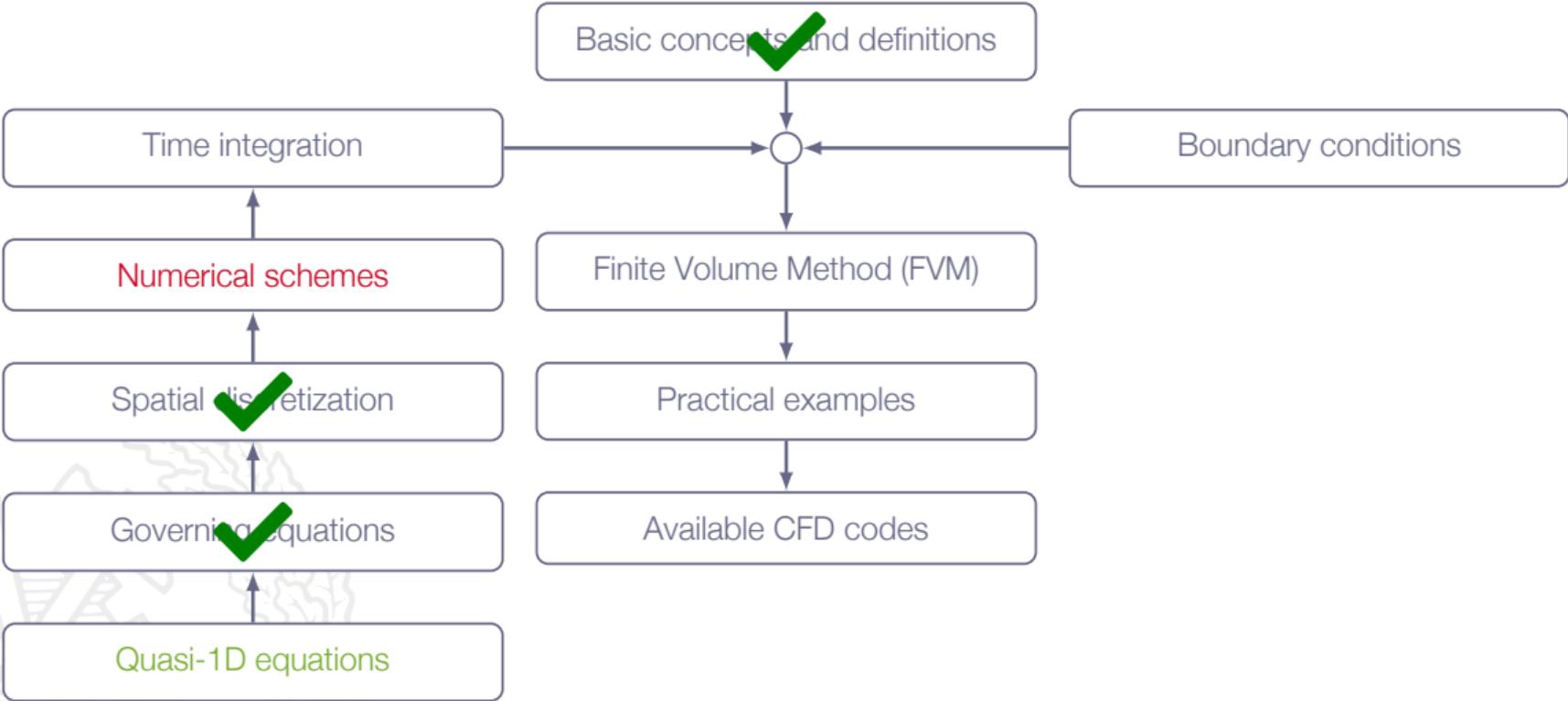
⇒ System of ordinary differential equations (ODEs)

Degrees of freedom:

- ▶ Choose  $\{\bar{\rho}, \overline{(\rho U)}, \overline{(\rho e_o)}\}_i$  in all control volumes  $\Omega_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  as degrees of freedom, or primary variables
- ▶ Note that these are cell-averaged quantities

What about the face values?

# Roadmap - The Time-Marching Technique



# Numerical Schemes



# Flux Term Approximation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \overline{(\rho u)} \\ \overline{(\rho u^2 + p)} \\ \overline{(\rho u h_o)} \end{array} \right\}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = f \left( \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \bar{\rho} \\ \overline{(\rho u)} \\ \overline{(\rho e_o)} \end{array} \right\}_i, \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \bar{\rho} \\ \overline{(\rho u)} \\ \overline{(\rho e_o)} \end{array} \right\}_{i+1}, \dots \right)$$

cell face values

cell-averaged values

Simple example:

$$\overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left[ \overline{(\rho u)}_i + \overline{(\rho u)}_{i+1} \right]$$

# Flux Term Approximation

More complex approximations usually needed

## High-order schemes:

- ▶ increased accuracy
- ▶ more cell values involved (*wider flux molecule*)
- ▶ boundary conditions more difficult to implement

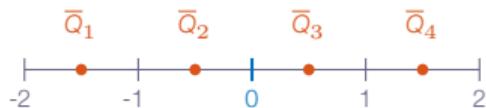
## Optimized numerical dissipation:

- ▶ upwind type of flux scheme

## Shock handling:

- ▶ non-linear treatment needed (e.g. TVD schemes)
- ▶ artificial damping

# Flux Term Approximation

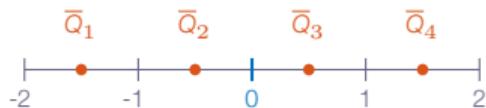


$$Q(x) = A + Bx + Cx^2 + Dx^3$$

Assume constant area:  $A(x) = 1.0$



# Flux Term Approximation

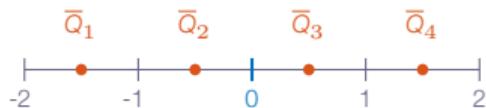


$$\bar{Q}_1 = \frac{1}{VOL_1} \int_{-2}^{-1} Q(x) dx$$

$$VOL_1 = A_1 \Delta x_1 = \{A_1 = 1.0, \Delta x_1 = 1.0\} = 1.0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{Q}_1 = \int_{-2}^{-1} Q(x) dx$$

# Flux Term Approximation



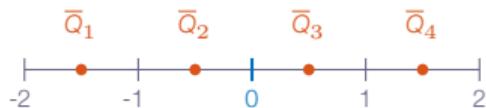
$$\bar{Q}_1 = \int_{-2}^{-1} Q(x) dx = \left[ Ax + \frac{1}{2}Bx^2 + \frac{1}{3}Cx^3 + \frac{1}{4}Dx^4 \right]_{-2}^{-1}$$

$$\bar{Q}_2 = \int_{-1}^0 Q(x) dx = \left[ Ax + \frac{1}{2}Bx^2 + \frac{1}{3}Cx^3 + \frac{1}{4}Dx^4 \right]_{-1}^0$$

$$\bar{Q}_3 = \int_0^1 Q(x) dx = \left[ Ax + \frac{1}{2}Bx^2 + \frac{1}{3}Cx^3 + \frac{1}{4}Dx^4 \right]_0^1$$

$$\bar{Q}_4 = \int_1^2 Q(x) dx = \left[ Ax + \frac{1}{2}Bx^2 + \frac{1}{3}Cx^3 + \frac{1}{4}Dx^4 \right]_1^2$$

# Flux Term Approximation



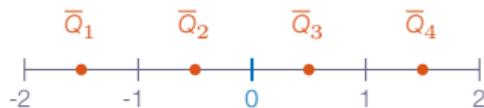
$$\bar{Q}_1 = A - \frac{3}{2}B + \frac{7}{3}C - \frac{15}{4}D$$

$$\bar{Q}_2 = A - \frac{1}{2}B + \frac{1}{3}C - \frac{1}{4}D$$

$$\bar{Q}_3 = A + \frac{1}{2}B + \frac{1}{3}C + \frac{1}{4}D$$

$$\bar{Q}_4 = A + \frac{3}{2}B + \frac{7}{3}C + \frac{15}{4}D$$

# Flux Term Approximation



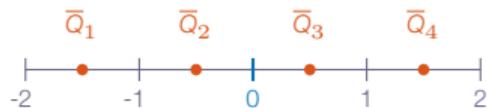
$$A = \frac{1}{12} \left[ -\bar{Q}_1 + 7\bar{Q}_2 + 7\bar{Q}_3 - \bar{Q}_4 \right]$$

$$B = \frac{1}{12} \left[ \bar{Q}_1 - 15\bar{Q}_2 + 15\bar{Q}_3 - \bar{Q}_4 \right]$$

$$C = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \bar{Q}_1 - \bar{Q}_2 - \bar{Q}_3 + \bar{Q}_4 \right]$$

$$D = \frac{1}{6} \left[ -\bar{Q}_1 + 3\bar{Q}_2 - 3\bar{Q}_3 + \bar{Q}_4 \right]$$

# Flux Term Approximation



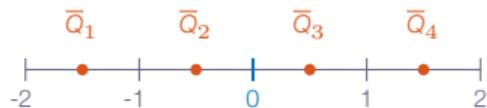
$$Q_0 = Q(0) + \delta Q'''(0) \Rightarrow Q_0 = A + 6\delta D$$

$\delta = 0 \Rightarrow$  fourth-order central scheme

$\delta = 1/12 \Rightarrow$  third-order upwind scheme

$\delta = 1/96 \Rightarrow$  third-order low-dissipation upwind scheme

# Flux Term Approximation



$$Q_0 = A + 6\delta D = \{\delta = 1/12\} = -\frac{1}{6}\bar{Q}_1 + \frac{5}{6}\bar{Q}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\bar{Q}_3$$

$$Q_{0_{left}} = -\frac{1}{6}\bar{Q}_1 + \frac{5}{6}\bar{Q}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\bar{Q}_3$$

$$Q_{0_{right}} = -\frac{1}{6}\bar{Q}_4 + \frac{5}{6}\bar{Q}_3 + \frac{1}{3}\bar{Q}_2$$

method of characteristics used in order to decide whether left- or right-upwinded flow quantities should be used

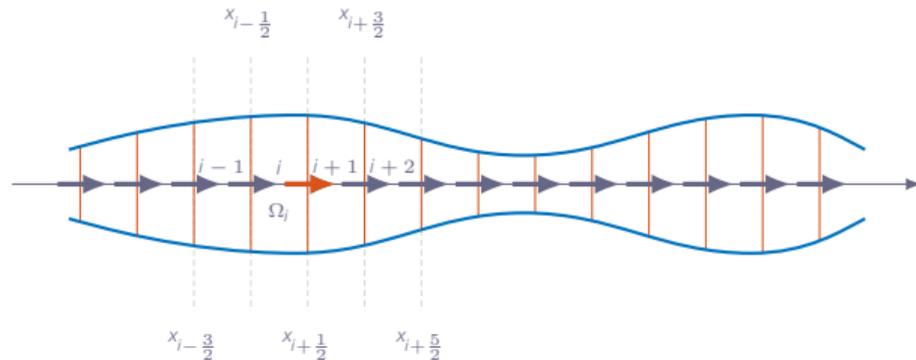
# Flux Term Approximation

## High-order numerical schemes:

- ▶ low numerical dissipation (smearing due to amplitudes errors)
- ▶ low dispersion errors (wiggles due to phase errors)



# Conservative Scheme



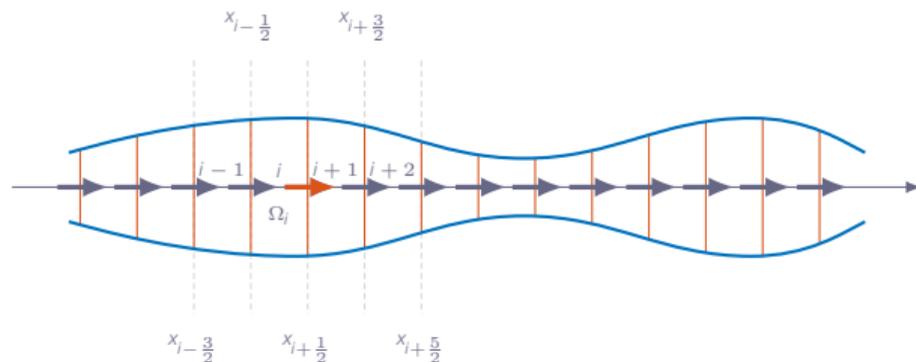
mass conservation:

$$\text{cell } (i): \quad \text{VOL}_i \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\rho}_i + \overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \overline{(\rho u)}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} A_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\text{cell } (i+1): \quad \text{VOL}_{i+1} \frac{d}{dt} \bar{\rho}_{i+1} + \overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{3}{2}} A_{i+\frac{3}{2}} - \overline{(\rho u)}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} A_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

(similarly for momentum and energy conservation)

# Conservative Scheme



mass conservation:

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(similarly for momentum and energy conservation)

# Conservative Scheme

## Conservative scheme

*"The flux leaving one control volume equals the flux entering neighbouring control volume"*

Conservation property for mass, momentum and energy is crucial for the correct prediction of shocks\*

\* correct prediction of shocks:  
strength  
position  
velocity