

By 28th of April:

(1) Lax-Friedrichs scheme, same as the previous problem, but 2D, Kelvin-Helmholtz instability. Use any programming language and the results of your previous homework to solve numerically the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v_y) &= k_1 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial y^2} \right), \\ \frac{\partial(\rho v_x)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x v_x + p) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v_x v_y) &= k_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(\rho v_x), \\ \frac{\partial(\rho v_y)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x v_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v_y v_y + p) &= k_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}(\rho v_y), \\ \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(v_x(p + \varepsilon)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v_y(p + \varepsilon)) &= k_3 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon}{\partial y^2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the diffusion coefficients $k_1 = kD_1$, $k_2 = kD_2$, $k_3 = kD_3$, $k = \frac{\Delta x^2}{4\Delta t}$, and D_1, D_2, D_3 are factors less than 1 introduced to reduce diffusivity of the solution.

Determine the time step Δt using Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy criterion $\Delta t = C \frac{\Delta x}{v_{\max}}$ at each time step,

where C is the safety factor less than 1 (e.g. $C=0.3$). To calculate v_{\max} , sound speed $c_s = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$ has to be taken into account, so $v_{\max} = \max(|v|, c_s)$ over the computational domain. Use the same as before equation of state to close the system:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{\rho(v_x^2 + v_y^2)}{2},$$

where $\gamma=4/3$. Set the physical domain size $x,y=0..1$, and periodic boundary conditions. As the initial condition, use:

$$y < 0.4 + 0.01 \cdot \sin(2\pi x) : \rho = 1; p = 2.5; v_x = 0.5$$

$$0.4 + 0.01 \cdot \sin(2\pi x) \geq y \geq 0.6 + 0.01 \cdot \sin(2\pi x) : \rho = 2; p = 2.5; v_x = -0.5$$

$$y > 0.6 + 0.01 \cdot \sin(2\pi x) : \rho = 1; p = 2.5; v_x = 0.5$$

As the scheme is quite diffusive, you will need to use high resolution (I used 256x256 in the pictures below). Since the instability takes time to develop, you will need a few thousands of time steps. Try reducing the diffusivity (I found that $D_1=D_3=0.02$, and $D_2=0.5$ work very well).

Plot the evolution of the solution (density, velocity, internal energy, pressure) on time. Make a movie, if you can. If the language you use allows, and you know how to do it, try estimating computational time (in seconds) your computer needs for a single time step.

