Positivity-preserving cell-centered Lagrangian schemes for multi-material compressible flows: From first-order to high-orders.

Part I: The one-dimensional case

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Abstract

One of the main issues in the field of numerical schemes is to ally robustness with accuracy. Considering gas dynamics, numerical approximations may generate negative density or pressure, which may lead to nonlinear instability and crash of the code. This phenomenon is even more critical using a Lagrangian formalism, the grid moving and being deformed during the calculation. Furthermore, most of the problems studied in this framework contain very intense rarefaction and shock waves. In this paper, the admissibility of numerical solutions obtained by high-order finite-volume-scheme-based methods, such as the discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method, the essentially non-oscillatory (ENO) and the weighted ENO (WENO) finite volume schemes, is addressed in the one-dimensional Lagrangian gas dynamics framework. After briefly recalling how to derive Lagrangian forms of the 1D gas dynamics system of equations, a discussion on positivity-preserving approximate Riemann solvers, ensuring first-order finite volume schemes to be positive, is then given. This study is conducted for both ideal gas and non ideal gas equations of state (EOS), such as the Jones-Wilkins-Lee (JWL) EOS or the Mie-Grüneisen (MG) EOS, and relies on two different techniques: either a particular definition of the local approximation of the acoustic impedances arising from the approximate Riemann solver, or an additional time step constraint relative to the cell volume variation. Then, making use of the work presented in [89, 90, 22], this positivity study is extended to high-orders of accuracy, where new time step constraints are obtained, and proper limitation is required. Through this new procedure, scheme robustness is highly improved and hence new problems can be tackled. Numerical results are provided to demonstrate the effectiveness of these methods.

This paper is the first part of a series of two. The whole analysis presented here is extended to the two-dimensional case in [85], and proves to fit a wide range of numerical schemes in the literature, such as those presented in [19, 64, 15, 82, 84].

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1. Introduction

This paper is the first part of a series of two, which is only concerned with the one-dimensional case. The second paper, [85], investigates the two-dimensional situation. Here, we aim at demonstrating the positivity-preservation property of methods solving one-dimensional Lagrangian gas dynamics equations, from first-order to high-orders of accuracy, under suitable constraints.

It is well known that fluid dynamics relies on two kinematics descriptions: the Eulerian or spatial description and the Lagrangian or material description, refer for instance to [49, 44]. In the former, the conservation laws are written using a fixed reference frame whereas in the latter they are written through the use of a time dependent reference frame that follows the fluid motion. The Lagrangian representation is particularly well adapted to describe the time evolution of fluid flows contained in regions undergoing large shape changes due to strong compressions or expansions. Further, in this approach, there is no mass flux across the boundary surface of a control volume moving with the fluid velocity. Thus, Lagrangian representation provides a natural framework to track accurately material interfaces in multi-material compressible flows. Moreover, such a representation avoids the appearance of numerical diffusion resulting from the discretization of the convection terms present in the Eulerian framework.

In the Lagrangian description, the gas dynamics system may be derived in two different but consistent formulations, namely the updated Lagrangian formulation based on the moving configuration, and the total Lagrangian formulation based on the fixed initial configuration. In this latter approach, the physical conservation laws are written employing the Lagrangian coordinates which refer to the initial configuration of the fluid flow. Moreover, in these equations the divergence and gradient operators are expressed by means of the Piola transformation [49], which requires the knowledge of the deformation gradient tensor, i.e. the Jacobian matrix associated to the Lagrange-Euler flow map. The deformation gradient tensor characterizes the time evolving deformation and is governed by a partial differential equation named the geometric conservation law (GCL). To ensure the consistency between the initial and the current configurations, this tensor has to satisfy an involutive constraint [73], which implies the Piola compatibility condition. The total Lagrangian approach is very well known in the solid mechanics community wherein it is extensively used to model solid dynamics undergoing large deformations [49]. In contrast to the total Lagrangian formulation, the updated Lagrangian formulation is a moving domain method, which is widely employed in fluid mechanics. In this approach, the gas dynamics equations are written employing the Eulerian coordinates. They refer to the current configuration of the fluid flow. The time derivative of the physical variables is taken following the path of the fluid particles: this is the material derivative. The integral formulation of the conservation laws is readily obtained by employing the Reynolds transport formula over an arbitrary moving control volume. The time rate of change of a zone volume is governed by a partial differential equation which is the updated Lagrangian form of the GCL.

Two approaches are mainly employed to solve updated Lagrangian formulations of the gas dynamics equations, namely the cell-centered and staggered approaches. In the cell-centered hydrodynamics, a cell-centered placement of all hydrodynamic variables is employed. However, the referential being assumed to move as the fluid flows, one needs to advect the grid points. Also, this has to be done with respect to the GCL, which means that the new volume computed through the new position of the grid nodes has to be the same as the one derived from the discretization of the governing equation of the specific volume. Furthermore, in the multi-dimensional case, due to the large number
of neighboring cells sharing a node, one cannot apply in a straightforward manner one-dimensional solvers to define uniquely the grid point velocity. The staggered hydrodynamics has been developed to avoid such complications. In this framework, a staggered discretization is employed such that the kinematic variables (vertex position, velocity) are located at the nodes whereas the thermodynamic variables (density, pressure, internal energy) are defined at the cell centers. The conversion of kinetic energy into internal energy through shock waves, consistent with the second law of thermodynamics, is ensured by adding an artificial viscosity term. The staggered grid schemes employed in most hydro-codes have been remarkably successful over the past decades in solving complex multi-dimensional compressible fluid flows, refer for instance to [45, 88, 17, 18, 32, 55, 33, 34, 4]. However, they clearly have some theoretical and practical deficiencies such as mesh imprinting and symmetry breaking. In addition, the fact that all variables are not conserved over the same space can make these schemes difficult to handle when one wants to assess analytical properties of the numerical solution. For all these reasons, this paper focuses on the cell-centered approach. Different techniques may be employed to build the numerical fluxes and move the grid through the use of approximate Riemann solvers, with respect to the GCL. The interested readers may refer to the following papers [1, 19, 20, 61, 72, 15, 53, 82, 5, 16, 10, 84] for a more detailed description of this approach and its variants. Let us mention that besides these two mainly employed approaches, i.e. the cell-centered and staggered approaches, a third one has recently grows quickly in popularity these past years. This third framework, referred to as Point-Centered Hydrodynamic (PCH), combines the features of the first two, namely a dual grid and the fact that kinetical and thermodynamical variables are conserved on the same cells. Indeed, in this particular frame, the momentum and total energy conservation equations are solved on the dual grid around the nodes, generally by means of an edge-based finite element scheme or an edge-based upwind finite volume method. The PCH approach has been successful applied these past decades to problematics concerned with the simulation of incompressible flows, compressible Lagrangian flows, or Lagrangian solid dynamics, refer for instance to [28, 29, 24, 42, 48, 76, 79, 78, 86, 87, 67, 68, 2, 3]. Two of the main advantages of these schemes are that there are very well adapted to triangular or tetrahedral grids, as well as they reduce in most cases problems related to mesh stiffness.

Although a wide range of purely Lagrangian formulations are available, it is well known these descriptions admit a severe drawback in some situations. In the presence of intense vortexes or shear flows, Lagrangian methods suffer from a lack of robustness which may lead to the appearance of non-convex, or even tangled, cells. This is a consequence of the fundamental assumption that the referential moves as the fluid flows. A remedy for this type of problems may be the use of an Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian (ALE) method, where generally the explicit Lagrangian phase is combined with a rezoning phase in which a new grid is defined by improving the geometric quality of the cells, and a remapping phase in which the Lagrangian solution is conservatively interpolated onto the new grid. This ALE description, initially introduced in the seminal paper [52], has been the object of many papers and will not be addressed in this article. We focus here on the purely Lagrangian phase and how to ensure the numerical solution to remain admissible. Because, even before facing the extreme case where the mesh tangles, Lagrangian methods, just as any other numerical schemes, may produce non-physical solutions, with for instance negative density or pressure. This work is thus of crucial significance not only for Lagrangian schemes, but also for any methods relying on a purely Lagrangian step, as ALE methods or non-direct Euler schemes based on a Lagrangian step plus a projection. Let us note that there exist other type of ALE methods which are not based on a Lagrangian phase, along with rezoning and remapping steps. These so-called
direct ALE schemes take into account, in the system of equations itself, the grid velocity which can be different if needed from the fluid velocity. For instance in [10, 36, 11, 9, 12, 13, 14], the authors developed high-order ALE one-step WENO finite volume schemes.

The issue of robustness is fundamental for numerical schemes. Considering gas dynamics for instance, numerical approximations may generate negative density or pressure, which may lead to nonlinear instability or crash of the code. This phenomenon is even more critical using a Lagrangian formalism, the grid moving and being deformed during the calculation. Furthermore, most of the problems studied in this framework contain very intense rarefaction and shock waves. These phenomena are the consequence of the lack of a particular property, often referred to as positively conservation or positivity preservation. For instance, it has been proven in [39] that for some class of Riemann problems, any linearization would yield nonphysical negative density or pressure. This is the case of, for example, the Roe scheme, [75]. This issue of positivity is generally addressed for the Eulerian case, see [39, 70, 71, 6, 8], but very few papers exist on this topic for the Lagrangian formulation. Contrary to the Eulerian case where non-admissible states may appear in low density regions, in the Lagrangian frame it is in regions of high compression that the scheme may fail and produce negative specific volume or internal energy. In [69], Munz assessed the positivity preservation property of the HLL (Harten, Lax, van Leer) scheme [51] and the HLLE (HLL Einfeldt) scheme [38] in the Lagrangian framework. For the HLL solver, he derived particular definitions of the left and right wavespeeds ensuring the positivity of the specific volume. In [22], Cheng and Shu employed the HLLC (HLL contact) solver [81] to develop positivity-preserving Lagrangian schemes in a direct ALE point of view, namely not making use of the Lagrangian mass coordinates generally adopted in the one-dimensional Lagrangian framework. Suitable choices in the left and right wavespeeds are also required to ensure the positivity of the numerical solution. Let us also mention the positive and entropic schemes developed in [43, 31] for a general class of Lagrangian systems including gas dynamics and magnetohydrodynamics.

In this paper, the numerical schemes presented rely on a solver widely used in the Lagrangian community and generally referred to as the two-states solver, see [31, 62]. It can be seen as the counterpart of the HLLC solver in term of Lagrangian mass coordinate, and reduces in its simplest version to the Godunov acoustic scheme [47]. This solver will prove to be positivity preserving under particular definitions of the left and right wavespeeds. Furthermore, we will also demonstrate how to relax any wavespeed condition, and thus allowing us to make use of the Godunov acoustic scheme, but still ensuring the positivity of the numerical solution. To that purpose, an additional time step constraint has to be used, along with the correct CFL condition.

The question is then how to extend this positivity property to higher-order accuracy. In the Eulerian framework, earlier positivity-preserving schemes have been designed up to second-order, see for instance [70, 71, 40, 58]. More recently, Zhang and Shu developed in a series of papers, [89, 90, 91, 92], a general technique to extend the positivity-preserving property to high-order schemes based on finite-volume-like discretizations, such as the discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method, and the essentially non-oscillatory (ENO) and the weighted ENO (WENO) finite volume schemes. This is the technique employed by Cheng and Shu in [22] to prove the high-order Lagrangian schemes developed are positivity-preserving. This is also the technique used in this paper to assess the positivity of the high-order Lagrangian schemes presented here.
To this end, the remainder of this paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we briefly recall how to derive Lagrangian forms of the gas dynamics system of equations. Then, in Section 3, the different equations of state (EOS) employed to thermodynamically close these systems are presented. In Section 4, a classical first-order finite volume scheme solving the Lagrangian gas dynamics is recalled, for which the numerical fluxes are defined as solution of approximate Riemann problems located at the cell interfaces, see Sections 5 and 6. The scheme positivity-preserving property, and more generally the admissibility of the numerical solution produced, is addressed in Section 7. The spatial high-order extension of the introduced Lagrangian scheme and its related positivity-preserving analysis are respectively performed in Sections 8 and 9, while the particular limitation permitting the preservation of such property from the first-order to high-orders is developed in Section 10. We end the theoretical analysis by presenting stability properties deriving from the positivity of the numerical solution, Section 11, and by a discussion on high-order time discretization, Section 12. Finally, numerical results, provided in Section 13, demonstrate the effectiveness of these methods.

2. Governing equations

For the sake of clarity, we recall the local forms of the gas dynamics governing equations in updated, total and mass Lagrangian frameworks in one dimension. The interested reader may refer to [44, 77, 37, 49, 31, 62, 84] for further details. To that end, let us first introduce the standard one-dimensional compressible Euler system, constituted of the continuity equation, the momentum and total energy conservation laws

\[
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} = 0, \tag{1a}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u^2 + p)}{\partial x} = 0, \tag{1b}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \rho e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u e + pu)}{\partial x} = 0. \tag{1c}
\]

In this system, \( \rho \) represents the density of the fluid, \( u \) its velocity, \( e \) its total energy and \( p \) its pressure. To obtain the counterpart of these equations in a Lagrangian framework, a moving reference has to be considered. To that end, let \( X \) be the position of a point of the fluid in its initial configuration. \( X \) is called the (initial) Lagrangian coordinate. Through the fluid flow, the fluid particle initially located at \( X \) will lie at \( x(X,t) \) at time \( t \). \( x \) is named the (moving) Eulerian coordinate. The trajectory equation, \( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} x(X,t) = u(X,t) \), emphasizes the fact that the particles move as the fluid flows, where \( u(X,t) \) is nothing but the fluid velocity. The Jacobian \( J \), associated with the fluid flow, is defined as \( J = \frac{\partial x}{\partial X} \). We assume \( J > 0 \) at all time so that the flow map is invertible. To move the fixed reference frame to a moving one following the fluid flow, we introduce here the definition of the material derivative. Let \( f \) be a fluid variable with sufficient smoothness. For the sake of conciseness, the same notation is used to denote the value of the physical quantity regardless the employed description

\[
f = f(x,t) = f(x(X,t),t) = f(X,t).
\]

Then, the time rate of change of \( f \) following a fluid particle along its motion writes

\[
\frac{d}{dt} f(x,t) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(x,t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(x,t) + u(x,t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x,t). \tag{2}
\]
This definition, along with basic algebraic manipulations, enables us to get the one-dimensional gas dynamics equations (1) in an updated Lagrangian form as follows

\[ \rho \frac{dU}{dt} + \frac{\partial F(U)}{\partial x} = 0. \]  

(3)

Here \( U = (\tau, u, e)^t \) is the vector of the mass conservative quantities and \( F(U) = (-u, p, pu)^t \) the flux, where \( \tau = \frac{1}{\rho} \) denotes the specific volume. System (3) is said to be mass conservative because the conserved quantity is \( \rho U = (1, \rho u, \rho e)^t \). Indeed, thanks to the mass conservation relations

\[ \frac{\partial \rho J}{\partial t} = 0, \]
\[ \rho J = \rho^0, \]  

(4a)

(4b)

where \( \rho^0 \) refers to as the initial density, the integration of equation (3) over the control volume \( \omega = [x_L, x_R] \) leads to the conservative integral form

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_\omega \rho U dx + F(U_R) - F(U_L) = 0, \]  

(5)

where \( U_{L/R} = U(x_{L/R}, t) \). Another Lagrangian formalism, more often used in solid dynamics, is the total Lagrangian form which is based on the initial coordinate. The counterpart of system (3) in the initial configuration can be easily obtained for one dimension in space through the use of the mass conservation (4b) as well as the simple derivative relation \( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = J^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} \), and writes

\[ \rho^0 \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F(U)}{\partial X} = 0. \]  

(6)

This system is the local form of the total Lagrangian gas dynamics equations. Its integral conservative form reads

\[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho^0 U dX + F(U_R) - F(U_L) = 0, \]  

(7)

where \( U_{L/R} = U(x(X_{L/R}, t), t) \). Formulations (3) and (6) are perfectly equivalent under the assumption \( J > 0 \), and they both write the same in a mass Lagrangian formulation as follows

\[ \frac{dU}{dt} + \frac{\partial F(U)}{\partial m} = 0, \]  

(8)

where \( \partial m = \rho^0 \partial X = \rho \partial x \) is referred to as the mass coordinate. The use of such coordinate, generally employed in the Lagrangian community, is restricted to the one-dimensional case. In its non-conservative form, this system yields

\[ \frac{dU}{dt} + A(U) \frac{\partial U}{\partial m} = 0, \]  

(9)

where the flux Jacobian matrix \( A(U) \) has \( \lambda = \{-z, 0, z\} \) as eigenvalues, where \( z = \rho a \) denotes the acoustic impedance and \( a \) the thermodynamic sound speed.
The thermodynamic closure of these systems is given by expressing the pressure $p$ and the temperature $T$ in terms of the density $\rho$, the specific entropy $S$, and the internal energy $\varepsilon = e - \frac{u^2}{2}$ through the equation of state

$$p = \rho^2 \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \rho}|_S \quad \text{and} \quad T = \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial S}|_\rho.$$ 

This constitutive equation is consistent with the fundamental Gibbs relation

$$T \, dS = d\varepsilon + p \, d\tau. \quad (10)$$

We also assume that the specific entropy is a concave function with respect to the specific volume $\tau$ and the internal energy $\varepsilon$. We note that the equation of state can also be written under the so-called incomplete form $p = p(\rho, \varepsilon)$. Finally, the thermodynamic sound speed is defined as $a^2 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}|_S$. Obviously, $a^2$ has to remain positive at all time. A numerical scheme not ensuring this property may lead to crash of the code. This remark will be one of the guiding principles of this paper, for the different equations of state studied.

3. Equations of state

In this paper, we consider several widely assessed multi-material problems with general equations of state. In practice, we make use of four different EOS, from the simple ideal gas one, to the more complex Mie-Grüneisen EOS for solids. Further details can be found in Appendix A.

*Gamma gas law for perfect gas*

For perfect gas, we define the thermodynamic pressure as

$$p = \rho(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon, \quad (11)$$

where $\gamma > 1$ is the polytropic index of the gas.

*Stiffened gas EOS*

This equation of state, generally used for water under very high pressures, is more generic than the ideal one. Furthermore, prefect gas is a special case of stiffened gas. Here, the pressure reads

$$p = \rho(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon - \gamma p_s, \quad (12)$$

where $p_s$ is a positive constant representing the molecular attraction between water molecules.

*Jones-Wilkins-Lee (JWL) EOS for detonation-product gas*

This equation of state is used to describe explosions. Here, the pressure reads

$$p = \rho(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon + f_j(\rho), \quad (13)$$

where the definition of the positive function $f_j(\rho)$ can be found in Appendix A.3.
Mie-Grüneisen EOS for solids

Even if this paper is concerned with solving gas dynamics problems, one can decide to plug equations of state generally used in solid mechanics into the studied system. Here, we make use of the Mie-Grüneisen equation of state for shock-compressed solids. In this case, the pressure reads

$$p = \rho_0 \Gamma_0 \varepsilon + \rho_0 a_0^2 f_m(\eta),$$

(14)

where $\eta = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$, $\rho_0$ being the density of the unstressed material. The physical meaning of the constants involved in (14), as well as the definition of $f_m(\eta)$, can be found in Appendix A.4.

These different definitions of pressure yield different domains of validity. Indeed, physically the fluid flow has the positivity property for some variables such as density, internal energy, or the quantity inside the square root to define the sound speed. Let us note that it is not always the case of the pressure, which can yield negative values for the stiffened gas EOS for instance. In Appendix A, we prove that a sufficient condition for the solution to be physical writes as follows

$$(\rho, \bar{\varepsilon}) \in \rho_{\text{min}}, \rho_{\text{max}} \times \varepsilon_{\text{min}}, +\infty,$$

where $\bar{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon - p_s \tau$ in the stiffened EOS case and $\bar{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon$ otherwise, and $\rho_{\text{min}}, \rho_{\text{max}}$ and $\varepsilon_{\text{min}}$ are positive constants depending on the EOS. Furthermore, if the solution lies in this validity domain then one can know for sure that $a^2 > 0$. That being said, we now aim at ensuring that the numerical schemes under consideration produce solutions lying in this validity domain. But before exploring the case of a generic order of accuracy in space, one needs to ensure that the first-order scheme preserves the desired property. The first-order scheme will provide the healthy base on which one can build an high-order approximation.

4. First-order schemes

The cell-centered discretization of one-dimensional Lagrangian gas dynamics equations is quite well-known and has been the subject of many seminal papers, see for instance [74, 56, 35, 69, 46, 30, 31, 7, 43, 83, 62] and the references within. Let us briefly recall the general framework of these methods. First, let $\Omega = [X_b, X_e]$ be the domain filled by the fluid in its initial configuration. Its image through the flow map is the considered domain $\omega = [x_b, x_e]$ at time $t$. These domains are partitioned into non-overlapping cells, respectively $\Omega_i = [X_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, X_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$ and $\omega_i = [x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}]$, where $\omega_i$ is the image of cell $\Omega_i$ through the fluid flow. This relation is given by the trajectory equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_i + \frac{1}{2} = u_i + \frac{1}{2},$$

where $u_i$ identifies the left boundary $X_b$ of the initial domain, and $X_{I+\frac{1}{2}}$ the right boundary $X_e$. Similarly, $x_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $x_{I+\frac{1}{2}}$ identify the left and right boundaries, $x_b$ and $x_e$, of the actual domain. Let us define the constant mass $m_i$ of cell $\omega_i$ as

$$m_i = \int_{\Omega_i} \rho^0(X) \, dX = \int_{\omega_i} \rho(x,t) \, dx.$$

We introduce now the mass averaged value of function $\phi$ as

$$\phi_i = \frac{1}{m_i} \int_{\Omega_i} \rho^0(X) \phi(X,t) \, dX = \frac{1}{m_i} \int_{\omega_i} \rho(x,t) \phi(x,t) \, dx.$$

(16)

This definition corresponds to a classical average operator weighted by the density. Through (16), let $U_i$ be the mass averaged solution vector $U$ on cell $\omega_i$. Then, integrating on the control volume
This Riemann problem is said to be simple because its solutions can be put into the following form

\[ m_i \frac{d U_i}{dt} + \mathcal{F}(U_i, U_{i+1}) - \mathcal{F}(U_{i-1}, U_i) = 0, \]

where \( \mathcal{F}(U_i, U_{i+1}) = \mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = (-\overline{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \overline{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \overline{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \) denotes the numerical flux at the node \( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \), with the intercell values \( \overline{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( \overline{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) computed from the left and right states \( U_i \) and \( U_{i+1} \). Different ways of computing these intercell values yield different numerical fluxes and different first order schemes. Let \( 0 = t^0 < t^1 < \cdots < t^N = T \) be a partition of the time domain \( [0, T] \), and \( \Delta t^n = t^{n+1} - t^n \) denotes the \( n \)th time increment. Then, applying a standard forward Euler scheme as time integrator on system (17), one gets the time discrete version of the previous first-order finite volume scheme as follows

\[ U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} [\mathcal{F}(U_i^n, U_{i+1}^n) - \mathcal{F}(U_{i-1}^n, U_i^n)]. \]

Similar time integration of the trajectory equation enables us to advance in time the grid position, as \( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^0 + \Delta t^n \overline{U}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \). The numerical scheme lies in the choice of the numerical flux function \( \mathcal{F}(U_i^n, U_{i+1}^n) = \mathcal{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n \). Such function is generally obtained by exactly or approximately solving the Riemann problem at the cell interface \( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) with \( U_i^n \) and \( U_{i+1}^n \) as the left and right states respectively. The resolution of such problems has been addressed in many references [74, 35, 69, 46, 7, 31, 62] and thus will not be fully detailed here. In the following, we merely present a single approximate Riemann solver, which is widely used in the Lagrangian community and is generally referred to as the two-states solver. This solver will reduce in some simple cases either to the Godunov acoustic scheme, or to a linearized approximate Riemann solver in a Roe flux style. It can also be seen as the counterpart of the HLLC solver in terms of the Lagrangian mass coordinate.

5. Two-states Riemann solvers

We present here an approximate Riemann solver associated with simple Riemann problem. In [43], Gallice defines a simple Riemann solver as a Riemann solution consisting of \((m+1)\) constant states, separated by \( m \) discontinuities. This notion is not new since Roe [75], HLL [51], HLLE [38] and HLLC [81] solvers are all simple Riemann solvers. Now, the simple Riemann problem to be solved comes from a linearization of system (9) around two mean states \( U_L \) and \( U_R \). This is why this solver is referred as a two-states solver. The associated Riemann problem is defined as follows

\[
\frac{d U}{dt} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
A(\overline{U}_L) \frac{\partial U}{\partial m} & \text{for } m-m_i < 0, \\
A(\overline{U}_R) \frac{\partial U}{\partial m} & \text{for } m-m_i > 0,
\end{array} \right.
\]

\[ U(m,0) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
U_L & \text{for } m-m_i < 0, \\
U_R & \text{for } m-m_i > 0.
\end{array} \right. \]

This Riemann problem is said to be simple because its solutions can be put into the following form

\[ U(m,t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
U_L & \text{for } m-m_i < -\overline{z}_L t, \\
\overline{U} & \text{for } -\overline{z}_L t < m-m_i < 0, \\
\overline{U} & \text{for } \overline{z}_R t > m-m_i > 0, \\
U_R & \text{for } m-m_i > \overline{z}_R t,
\end{array} \right. \]
where \( \overline{U}^- \) and \( \overline{U}^+ \) are the left and right intermediate states. This solution definition is emphasized in Figure 1. Naturally, the left and right wavespeeds, \( \overline{z}_L = \overline{\rho}_L \overline{a}_L \) and \( \overline{z}_R = \overline{\rho}_R \overline{a}_R \), are some local approximations of the acoustic impedance. The Rankine-Hugoniot relations on the gas dynamics system tell us that the pressure and the velocity are continuous across a contact discontinuity, i.e. \( \overline{\pi}^- = \overline{\pi}^+ = \overline{\pi} \) and \( \overline{p}^- = \overline{p}^+ = \overline{p} \). These relations enable us to fully determine the intermediate states associated with this two-states Riemann problem

\[
\overline{U}^- = U_L - \frac{\overline{F} - F(U_L)}{\overline{z}_L} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{U}^+ = U_R + \frac{\overline{F} - F(U_R)}{\overline{z}_R},
\]

which, by the construction of the solver itself, preserves contact discontinuities. In the particular case where \( \overline{z}_L = \overline{z}_R = \overline{z} \), one recovers the so-called one-state solver. This latter Riemann solver results from a linearization of the Riemann problem, and thus can be obtained by means of a Roe scheme [75]. Furthermore, a particular definition of \( \overline{z} \) will lead to the recovery of the scheme introduced by Munz in [69]. In the general case where \( \overline{z}_L \neq \overline{z}_R \), the two-states linearization makes this solver difficult to be interpreted as a Roe scheme. Different choices on the wave speeds \( \overline{z}_L \) and \( \overline{z}_R \) are possible and yield different properties, see [69, 31, 43] for more details. The simplest one, and certainly the most widely used, is the acoustic approximation where the wave speeds are set to be the left and right acoustic impedances, i.e. \( \overline{z}_L \equiv z_L = \rho_L a_L \) and \( \overline{z}_R \equiv z_R = \rho_R a_R \). In this particular case, this two-states solver is nothing but the Godunov acoustic solver.

Formula (22), derived as the solution of the two-states approximate Riemann problem, enable us to end the construction of the first-order finite volume scheme (18), by defining the numerical flux.
\( F_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = F(U_i, U_{i+1}) \). In this definition, the left and right waves speeds are denoted respectively by \( \bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{-} \) and \( \bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{+} \). This particular choice in the numerical flux leads to a semi-discrete production of entropy. This statement is emphasized in the following remark.

**Remark 5.1.** The first-order scheme in its semi-discrete form, (17), provided with the two-states Riemann solver as numerical fluxes, (22), ensures a semi-discrete production of entropy, see for instance [31, 62, 83]. Indeed, by means of the Gibbs identity (10), it follows that the use of scheme (17) implies

\[
m_i T_i \frac{dS_i}{dt} = m_i \frac{d\rho_i}{dt} + u_i m_i \frac{d\rho_i}{dt} + p_i m_i \frac{d\lambda_i}{dt}.
\]

\[
= \bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{-} (U_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u_i)^2 + \bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{+} (U_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - u_i)^2 \geq 0.
\]

(23)

### 6. Godunov-type scheme

To assess the preservation of the numerical solution admissibility along the time, we would like to express the updated solution \( U_i^{n+1} \) as a convex combination of some admissible intermediate states. Because the presented method is a Godunov-like scheme, it is possible to write it as the combination of the two approximate Riemann solvers located at nodes \( x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \). To that end, adding and subtracting \( \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} F(U_i^n) \) in equation (18), along with basic algebraic manipulation, enable us to rewrite \( U_i^{n+1} \) as

\[
U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} (F^n_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F^n_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) \pm \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} F(U_i^n),
\]

(24)

\[
= (1 - \lambda_i) U_i^n + \lambda_{i+\frac{1}{2}} U_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \lambda_{i-\frac{1}{2}} U_{i-\frac{1}{2}},
\]

where \( \lambda_i = \lambda_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{-} + \lambda_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{+} \) with \( \lambda_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{+} = \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} \bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{+} \). In equation (24), \( U_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( U_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \) read as follows

\[
U_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = U_i^n - \frac{F^n_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - F(U_i^n)}{\bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{-}} \quad \text{and} \quad U_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = U_i^n + \frac{F^n_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - F(U_i^n)}{-\bar{z}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{+}},
\]

(25)

which are nothing but the intermediate states defined in (21). This convex decomposition of the first-order Godunov-type scheme presented is depicted in Figure 2. Finally, to avoid the interaction of left and right waves, and thus to ensure (24) is indeed a convex combination, the condition \( \lambda_i \leq 1 \) has to be respected, which rewrites

\[
\Delta t^n \leq \frac{\sigma_e m_i}{\bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{-} + \bar{z}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{+}},
\]

(26)

with the CFL coefficient \( \sigma_e = 1 \). This simple analysis provides us with the correct definition of the CFL condition. Only in the case of the acoustic approximation, \( i.e. \bar{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{+} \equiv z_i^n = \rho^n_i a_i^n \), that we recover the following classical condition

\[
\Delta t^n \leq \frac{\sigma_e \Delta x_i^n}{2} a_i^n.
\]

(27)

The purpose of this paper is to ensure that the numerical solution remains in an admissible state to be defined. Given equation (24), we can reasonably hope that if \( U_i^n \), as well as \( U_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{-} \) and \( U_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^{+} \), are admissible, the new numerical solution \( U_i^{n+1} \) will also be admissible. This would be the case if the admissible set is convex.
7. First-order positivity-preserving schemes

We have seen in section 3 dedicated to the equations of state, that the solution may lie in a domain of validity of the form, \( \rho \in [\rho_{\text{min}}, \rho_{\text{max}}] \) and \( \tilde{\varepsilon} > \varepsilon_{\text{min}} \), where \( \tilde{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon - p^{\star} \tau \) in the stiffened EOS case and \( \tilde{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon \) otherwise, see Appendix A for further details. One can easily check that the related admissible set

\[
G = \left\{ U = \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ u \\ e \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau \in [\tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}[ \text{ and } \tilde{\varepsilon}(U) > \varepsilon_{\text{min}} \right\},
\]

(28)
is convex, where \( \tau_{\text{min}}/\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{min}}/\rho_{\text{max}}} \). We will thus seek for numerical solution in \( G \) at all time. Such solution will be referred as admissible in the remainder of the article. Thanks to equation (24), assuming \( U_{\nu}^{n} \in G \), a sufficient condition to ensure \( U_{\nu}^{n+1} \in G \) is to have \( U_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \in G \). Making use of definition (21), we are able to express the left and right intermediate specific volumes as

\[
\tau_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \tau_{\nu}^{n} \pm \frac{\overline{u}_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{\nu}^{n}}{z_{\nu}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}}},
\]

(29)

and introducing \( v_{\nu}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}} = \pm \frac{\overline{u}_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - u_{\nu}^{n}}{a_{\nu}^{n}} \), for the sake of conciseness, expression (29) rewrites into

\[
\tau_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \tau_{\nu}^{n} \left( 1 + \frac{z_{\nu}^{n} v_{\nu}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}}}{z_{\nu}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}}} \right),
\]

(30)

Similarly, definition (21) allows us to get the intermediate specific internal energy expressions

\[
\varepsilon_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \varepsilon_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} (\overline{u}_{\nu}^{n+\frac{1}{2}})^{2} = \varepsilon_{\nu}^{n} - p_{\nu}^{n} \tau_{\nu}^{n} z_{\nu}^{n} v_{\nu}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(a_{\nu}^{n})^{2}}{2} v_{\nu}^{\pm \frac{1}{2}},
\]

(31)
In [43], the author proved that the numerical solver defined in (21) ensures the intermediate states (30) and (31) to be positive, for large enough \( z_{i+1/2}^- \). This property has been obtained in the limit regime \( z_{i+1/2}^- \longrightarrow +\infty \). But we should ask ourselves if this property holds for realistic values of wave speeds \( z_{i+1/2}^- \). Actually, in light of equation (30), it is clear the Godunov acoustic solver is NOT positivity-preserving. Indeed, in this case where \( z_{i+1/2}^- = z_i^n \), the intermediate specific volumes rewrite \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^+ = \tau_i^n (1 + v_{i+1/2}^+) \). And for instance, if \( u_i^n + a_i^n > v_{i+1/2}^+ \), then \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- < 0 \). That being noted, one may want to determine the constant \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- \) ensuring the intermediate specific volume and internal energy to be positive. A simple quadratic analysis of definition (31) tells us that if \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- > \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{2 \varepsilon_i^n}} \), then \( z_{i+1/2}^+ > 0 \). Let us note this condition is nothing but the one obtained in the HLLC solver case in [22]. Now, a similar analysis of equation (30), to assess the positivity of the intermediate specific volume, tells us that the constant \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- \) has to yield \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- > -z_i^n v_{i+1/2}^+ \), for any value of \( v_{i+1/2}^+ \in \mathbb{R} \). This is obviously impossible, and we can conclude that \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- \) has to be a function of \( v_{i+1/2}^+ \).

A solution to overcome this difficulty is the use of the shock Hugoniot approximation introduced in [35] by Dukowicz. This particular characterization of the shocks, along with a two-shock approximation, allows us to define the wavespeeds \( \bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- \) as

\[
\bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- = z_i^n \left( 1 + \Gamma \left| v_{i+1/2}^+ \right| \right). \tag{32}
\]

The two-shock approximation, initially employed in a Riemann solver by Colella in [27], treats rarefaction waves as shocks. This particular approximation, along with the two-states solver (22) and wavespeed definition (32), constituted the technique employed by Maire in [62]. The constant \( \Gamma \geq 1 \) in (32) is determined in [35] to recover the exact shock Hugoniot in the regime of infinitely strong strength. Thus, in the ideal gas case, the exact Riemann solution tells us that

\[
\lim_{v_{i+1/2}^+ \to -\infty} \frac{\bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^-}{\tau_i^n} = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma + 1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Gamma = \frac{\gamma + 1}{2}.
\]

It is then relatively easy to prove this particular definition of wavespeeds, (32), always yields strictly positive intermediate specific volumes and internal energies. However, even if for a theoretical matter, to have \( \tau > 0 \) and \( \varepsilon > 0 \) is enough in the ideal gas case, it might not be true for numerical applications. Indeed, numerically 1.\text{E}-20 can be interpreted as -1.\text{E}-20 in double precision. Thus it would be reasonable to rather impose \( \tau > 1.\text{E}-15 \) and \( \varepsilon > 1.\text{E}-15 \). Another issue arising from the use of the wavespeed (32) lies on the definition of the appropriate constant \( \Gamma \) in more complex equations of state. Furthermore, we have seen with the four EOS considered that the desired condition in the general case might rather be \( (\tau, \varepsilon) \in [\tau_{\min}, \tau_{\max}] \times [\varepsilon_{\min}, +\infty] \). These different problems will be treated in the following by two different and independent techniques, first by a modification of the constant \( \Gamma \) in the Dukowicz solver, second by adding a constraint on the time step but relaxing the wavespeeds definition.

### 7.1. Modified Dukowicz solver

We define the modified Dukowicz wavespeeds as follows

\[
\bar{\tau}_{i+1/2}^- = z_i^n \left( 1 + \bar{\Gamma} \left| v_{i+1/2}^+ \right| \right), \tag{33}
\]
where \( \tilde{\Gamma} = \sigma_v^{-1} > 0 \) is a constant to be determined. The constant \( \sigma_v \) is introduced here for consistency with the next section. Definition (33) is perfectly equivalent to (32) in the particular case \( \tilde{\Gamma} = \Gamma \). Firstly, let us ensure that \( \tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ > \tau_{\text{min}} \geq 0 \). Simple algebraic manipulations allow us to rewrite \( \tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ \) as
\[
\tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ - \tau_{\text{min}} = (\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}) \left( 1 + \frac{\tau_i^n}{\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}} \left( \frac{\tau_i^n}{\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}} - 1 \right) \right),
\]
which, assuming \( \tau_i^n > \tau_{\text{min}} \) and substituting \( \tilde{\tau}_{i \pm 1/2}^+ \) by its definition, equation (33), leads to the following inequality
\[
\tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ - \tau_{\text{min}} > (\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}) \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_i^n}{\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}} \right) \sigma_v,
\]
Finally, if \( \sigma_v \leq 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_i^n} \) then \( \tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ > \tau_{\text{min}} \). A similar procedure for the condition \( \tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ < \tau_{\text{max}} \leq +\infty \) yields a similar conclusion, i.e. assuming \( \tau_i^n < \tau_{\text{max}} \), if \( \sigma_v \leq \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_i^n} - 1 \) then \( \tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ < \tau_{\text{max}} \). In the end, one can state the following result

**Remark 7.1.** If \( \tau_i^n \in [\tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}] \) then \( \sigma_v \leq \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_i^n}, \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_i^n} - 1 \right) \) in (33) implies \( \tau_{i \pm 1/2}^+ \in [\tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}] \).

For the ideal gas equation of state, the physical bounds are \( \tau_{\text{min}} = 0 \) and \( \tau_{\text{max}} = +\infty \), and thus this constraint reduces to \( \sigma_v \leq 1 \). In practice, we set these bounds to be \( \tau_{\text{min}} = \epsilon \) and \( \tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \), where \( \epsilon > 0 \) is a very small constant generally set to \( 10^{-14} \) in our numerical applications.

Now, we perform a similar analysis for the condition \( \tilde{\tau}_{i \pm 1/2}^+ > \epsilon_{\text{min}} \geq 0 \). Let us recall that for stiffened gas we have defined \( \tilde{\epsilon} = \epsilon - p_s \tau \) and \( \tilde{\rho} = p + p_s \), while for the other EOS studied \( \tilde{\epsilon} = \epsilon \) and \( \tilde{\rho} = p \), see Appendix A for more details. It is easy to prove \( \tilde{\tau}_{i \pm 1/2}^+ \) can be split into two terms as
\[
\tilde{\tau}_{i \pm 1/2}^+ - \epsilon_{\text{min}} = (\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n - \epsilon_{\text{min}}) A_{i \pm 1/2} + B_{i \pm 1/2},
\]
where the quantity \( A_{i \pm 1/2} \) writes
\[
A_{i \pm 1/2} = 1 - \left( \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n - \epsilon_{\text{min}}} \right) \frac{\tilde{\rho}_i^n \tilde{p}_i^n}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n \tilde{\rho}_i^n} \tilde{s}_{i \pm 1/2}^+ v_{i \pm 1/2},
\]
and \( B_{i \pm 1/2} \) is defined as follows
\[
B_{i \pm 1/2} = \frac{1}{2} (a^n)^2 v_{i \pm 1/2}^2.
\]
Because \( B_{i \pm 1/2} \geq 0 \), a sufficient condition to ensure the desired property is \( A_{i \pm 1/2} > 0 \). Similarly to what has been done previously, assuming \( \tilde{\epsilon}_i^n > \epsilon_{\text{min}} \), if \( \sigma_v \leq \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon_{\text{min}}}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n} \right) \frac{\tilde{\rho}_i^n \tilde{p}_i^n}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n \tilde{\rho}_i^n} \) then \( \tilde{\tau}_{i \pm 1/2}^+ > \epsilon_{\text{min}} \).

Finally, we emphasize these results in the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.2.** The first-order scheme (18) provided with the numerical fluxes (22) and the particular wavespeeds definition (33) ensures an admissible solution under the CFL condition (26) with \( \sigma_v \leq 1 \) and if
\[
\sigma_v \leq \min \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_i^n}, \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_i^n} - 1, \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon_{\text{min}}}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n} \right) \frac{\tilde{\rho}_i^n \tilde{p}_i^n}{\tilde{\epsilon}_i^n \tilde{\rho}_i^n} \right).
\]
In the perfect gas and stiffened gas cases, provided with the physical bounds $\tau_{\text{min}} = 0$, $\tau_{\text{max}} = +\infty$ and $\varepsilon_{\text{min}} = 0$, this constraint reads $\sigma_v \leq \min(1, \frac{1}{\tau-1})$.

In this subsection, we have shown how to modify the Dukowicz wavespeed definition to ensure the numerical solution remains in the admissible set $G$ at all time. Nonetheless, due to the relative complexity as well as the non-linearity of these formulas, (32) and (33), generally solved by means of an iterative algorithm such as fixed point method, one may want to use the simple Godunov acoustic solver. In the following, we will show how to ensure the numerical solution remains in $G$, for any definition of positive wavespeeds, $\tau_{i+1}^-$, which includes the particular case of the Godunov acoustic solver.

### 7.2. Generic wavespeeds

In the previous section, we have seen that we cannot ensure the intermediate states $U_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ to be in the admissible set without particular constraints on the wavespeeds. Thus, instead of working on $U_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ as it is generally done, we now directly operate on $U_{i+1}^n$. To make that possible, we make use of an additional constraint on the time step widely used in the Lagrangian community. This constraint permits to control the relative variation of cell volume during a time step such as

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{|\Delta x_{i+1}^n - \Delta x_i^n|}{\Delta x_i^n} < \sigma_v,$$

which rewrites

$$\Delta t^n < \sigma_v \frac{\Delta x_i^n}{|\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}|}.$$

In (39), $\sigma_v$ is a positive constant that will prove to be the same as the one defined in the modified Dukowicz solver section. Practically, we first determine under which conditions $\tau_{i+1}^n \in \tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}$ implies $\tau_{i+1}^n \in \tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}$. Making use of system (18) and recalling that $\Delta V = \Delta t^n (\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}})$, we are able to rewrite $\tau_{i+1}^n$ as

$$\tau_{i+1}^n - \tau_{\text{min}} = (\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}) \left(1 + \frac{\Delta V}{V} \left(\frac{\tau_i^n}{\tau_i^n - \tau_{\text{min}}}\right)\right).$$

Consequently, assuming $\tau_i^n > \tau_{\text{min}}$, the following sufficient condition ensures $\tau_{i+1}^n > \tau_{\text{min}}$

$$\left|\frac{\Delta V}{V}\right| < 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_i^n},$$

which is equivalent to the volume variation condition (39) with $\sigma_v \leq 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_i^n}$. A similar procedure in the case of $\tau_{i+1}^n < \tau_{\text{max}}$ yields that $\sigma_v$ has to be such that $\sigma_v \leq \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_i^n} - 1$. In the end, one can state the following result.

**Remark 7.3.** If $\tau_i^n \in \tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}$ then $\sigma_v \leq \left(1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_i^n}, \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_i^n} - 1\right)$ in (39) implies $\tau_{i+1}^n \in \tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}$.

This remark provides us with a sufficient condition for the first-order scheme (18) to be positivity-preserving, and actually more generally maximum-principle-satisfying, for the specific volume and thus the density.
We may now assess the required constraints to ensure $\varepsilon_i^{n+1} > \varepsilon_{\text{min}}$. By means of the first-order scheme (18) and basic manipulations, $\varepsilon_i^{n+1}$ can be split into two terms

$$
\varepsilon_i^{n+1} - \varepsilon_{\text{min}} = (\varepsilon_i^n - \varepsilon_{\text{min}}) A_i + B_i,
$$

where the quantity $A_i$ reads as follows

$$
A_i = 1 - \frac{\Delta V}{V} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_i^n}{\varepsilon_i^n - \varepsilon_{\text{min}}} \right) \frac{\tau_i^n}{\varepsilon_i^n},
$$

while $B_i$ is defined as

$$
B_i = \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} \left[ \frac{1}{z_{i+1}} w_{i+1}^2 + \frac{1}{z_{i-1}} w_{i-1}^2 - \frac{\Delta t^n}{2m_i} (z_{i+1} w_{i+1} + z_{i-1} w_{i-1}) \right] ,
$$

with $w_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - u_i^n$. As we did in the previous section, if we manage to prove that $B_i \geq 0$ at all time, it is then sufficient to ensure $A_i > 0$. The time step constraint (39) with $\sigma_v \leq (1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{min}}}{\varepsilon_i^n}) \rho_i^n \varepsilon_i^n$ enforces $A_i$ to remain strictly positive. Now for $B_i$, let us note this quadratic term can be put into a matrix-vector form as

$$
B_i = \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{z_{i+1}} \left( 1 - \frac{\Delta t^n}{2m_i} z_{i+1}^2 \right) \\ -\frac{\Delta t^n}{2m_i} z_{i-1} \end{array} \right] \begin{pmatrix} w_{i-1}^2 \\ -\frac{\Delta t^n}{2m_i} z_{i+1} \end{pmatrix},
$$

$$
\equiv \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} M_i W \cdot W.
$$

It can be proven that the matrix $M_i$ is positive semi-definite if and only if

$$
\Delta t^n \leq 2 \frac{m_i}{z_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + z_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^+}.
$$

We have then recovered the CFL condition (26) with a twice bigger CFL number $\sigma_e$. In the Godunov acoustic solver case, this condition reads $\Delta t^n \leq \frac{\Delta x_i^2}{m_i}$. Let us emphasize that the quantity $B_i$ corresponds to an approximation of the time discrete counterpart of the semi-discrete entropy production $T_i \frac{dS_i}{dt} \geq 0$ of equation (23). Indeed, $B_i$ rewrites as

$$
B_i = \varepsilon_i^{n+1} - \varepsilon_i^n + p_i^n \left( \tau_i^{n+1} - \tau_i^n \right).
$$

Nevertheless, to have $B_i \geq 0$ will not ensure the scheme to produce entropy at the discrete level. Actually, one can prove from the concavity of the specific entropy function $S$ that

$$
\frac{1}{T_i^{n+1}} \left[ \varepsilon_i^{n+1} - \varepsilon_i^n + p_i^{n+1} \left( \tau_i^{n+1} - \tau_i^n \right) \right] \leq S(U_i^{n+1}) - S(U_i^n) \leq \frac{B_i}{T_i^n},
$$

under the assumption that both $U_i^n$ and $U_i^{n+1}$ lie in the admissible set $G$. Consequently, to prove any increase in the entropy, one has to determine a time step $\Delta t^n > 0$ such that the left-hand side of
inequality (47) is positive. Such demonstration has been done by Després in [31], in which the solution is assumed to be positive. In the end, even if \( B_i \geq 0 \) will not ensure the scheme to be entropic at the discrete level, it provides us with a sufficient condition for the positivity of the internal energy.

Finally, let us emphasize the condition of admissibility of the numerical solution in the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.4.** The first-order scheme (18) provided with the numerical fluxes (22) for any definition of positive wavespeeds ensures an admissible solution under the CFL condition (26) with \( \sigma_e \leq 2 \) and the volume variation constraint (39) with

\[
\sigma_v \leq \min \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{min}}{\tau_i^n}, \frac{\tau_{max}}{\tau_i^n} - 1, \left( 1 - \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}_n}{\varepsilon_n} \right) \rho_i^n \frac{\tilde{z}_i^n}{p_i^n} \right).
\]

This proposition holds for any definition of positive wavespeed \( \tilde{z}_{\pm i + \frac{1}{2}} > 0 \), and thus for the particular case of the Godunov acoustic solver, \( \tilde{z}_{\pm i + \frac{1}{2}} = z_i^n \). Furthermore, we have seen the coefficient \( \sigma_v \) involved in the control volume variation time step constraint (39), can be chosen similarly to the one in the modified Dukowicz solver definition (33).

**Summary.** Due to the large number of equations introduced, let us summarize the main features of this work so far. The problem is to determine conditions for which the first-order finite volume Lagrangian scheme

\[
U_i^{n+1} = U_i^n - \frac{\Delta t^n}{m_i} \left[ \hat{F}_i^n L + \hat{F}_i^n R \right],
\]

where the numerical flux \( \hat{F}_i^n L = (-\hat{F}_i^n L, \hat{F}_i^n R, \hat{F}_i^n L, \hat{F}_i^n R) \) is evaluated through the two-states solver

\[
\hat{u}_{i + \frac{1}{2}}^n = \frac{\hat{z}_{i + \frac{1}{2}} - \hat{z}_{i - \frac{1}{2}}}{\hat{z}_{i + \frac{1}{2}} - \hat{z}_{i - \frac{1}{2}}} \left( p_{i+1}^n - p_i^n \right),
\]

\[
\hat{p}_{i + \frac{1}{2}}^n = \frac{\hat{z}_{i + \frac{1}{2}} - \hat{z}_{i - \frac{1}{2}}}{\hat{z}_{i + \frac{1}{2}} - \hat{z}_{i - \frac{1}{2}}} \left( u_{i+1}^n - u_i^n \right),
\]

ensures numerical solutions to be admissible, namely at all time in the admissible set

\[
G = \{ U = (\tau, u, e)^t, \quad \tau \in [\tau_{min}, \tau_{max}] \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\varepsilon}(U) > \varepsilon_{min} \}.
\]

To that end, two different techniques are employed. The first one relies on ensuring the intermediate states involved in the approximate Riemann solver to be in \( G \). And it has been seen that the wavespeeds \( \tilde{z}_{\pm i + \frac{1}{2}} \) have to necessarily be a function of \( \hat{u}_{i + \frac{1}{2}}^n \). We have then made use of the following definition

\[
\tilde{z}_{\pm i + \frac{1}{2}}^n = \rho_i^n \left( a_i^n + \sigma_v^{-1} |\hat{u}_{i + \frac{1}{2}}^n - u_i^n| \right).
\]
Finally, a sufficient condition to ensure the numerical solution to be in \( G \) is the use of such wavespeed definition with \( \sigma_v \leq \min \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{\min}}{\tau_i^{e_n}}, \frac{\tau_{\max}}{\tau_i^{e_n}} - 1, (1 - \frac{\epsilon_{\min}}{\rho_i^{n}}) \frac{\rho_i^{n} c_i^{n}}{p_i^{n}} \right) \), and the following CFL condition with \( \sigma_e \leq 1 \)

\[
\Delta t^n \leq \sigma_e \frac{m_i}{z_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + z_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}.
\]

The second technique relaxes this particular definition of the wavespeeds. The approximate Riemann intermediate states will not necessarily to be in \( G \) this time, only \( U_i^{n+1} \) will. To that purpose, in addition to the previous CFL condition with \( \sigma_e \leq 2 \), we make use of a supplementary time step constraint relative to the volume variation as follows

\[
\Delta t^n < \sigma_v \frac{\Delta x_i^n}{|\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}|}.
\]

Finally, if \( \sigma_v \leq \min \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{\min}}{\tau_i^{e_n}}, \frac{\tau_{\max}}{\tau_i^{e_n}} - 1, (1 - \frac{\epsilon_{\min}}{\rho_i^{n}}) \frac{\rho_i^{n} c_i^{n}}{p_i^{n}} \right) \), the scheme is ensured to produce solutions in \( G \). These two techniques involve a constant \( \sigma_v \) which has proved to be the same.

In the end, one can now wonder how constraining this new time step condition (39) is in comparison with the CFL condition (26). Let us consider the modified Dukowicz solver case. Then, by means of \( \tilde{z}_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} \) definition (33), one can write

\[
\tilde{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \tilde{z}_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{m_i}{\Delta x_i^n} \left[ 2a_i^n + \sigma_v^{-1} \left( |\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}| + |\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}| \right) \right],
\]

\[
> \frac{m_i}{\sigma_v \Delta x_i^n} |\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}|.
\]

Thanks to this last relation, one can state that

\[
\frac{m_i}{\tilde{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \tilde{z}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} < \sigma_v \frac{\Delta x_i^n}{|\bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - \bar{u}_{i-\frac{1}{2}}|}.
\]

This second method seems then to be optimal in term of simplicity and time step, the CFL number \( \sigma_v \) being twice bigger and the new time step condition (39) being always less constraining than the CFL condition in the Dukowicz or modified Dukowicz solver cases. Of course, only the purpose of positivity has been tackled here. There might be quality resolution differences between the original Dukowicz solver, the modified one and the Godunov acoustic scheme, especially in strong shock regime. However, as it will be shown in the numerical results section, this difference is dramatically reduced going to higher-order accuracy.

The additional time step restriction technique does not seem limited to the numerical flux used in this paper. A similar procedure can potentially be applied to any other Riemann solvers in the Lagrangian framework. For instance, such technique could ensure the positivity of the Roe scheme, or relax any wavespeed constraint required in the HLLC solver. It might thus be applied in a straightforward manner to the schemes presented in [22]. Furthermore, it seems reasonable to say the two positivity-preserving techniques developed here could be generalized to other Lagrangian system of equations, as those involved in the magneto-hydrodynamics or elastic-plastic flow simulation for instance.
8. High-order schemes

We now consider a general high-order extension of the first-order scheme presented in the previous section, equation (18). Such extension can be obtained by means of a large number of different methods as, among others, the Monotonic Upstream-Centered Scheme for Conservation Laws (MUSCL) method [56, 57], the essentially non-oscillatory (ENO) finite volume schemes [50, 80], the weighted ENO (WENO) finite volume schemes [60, 54], or the discontinuous Galerkin (DG) method [25, 26]. The only fundamental assumption is the high-order scheme must satisfy the following equation on the mass averaged values

\[ U_i^{n+1} = U_i^{n} - \frac{\Delta t}{m_i} \left[ F(U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, U^+_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) - F(U^-_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, U^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) \right], \]

where \( U^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) are the high-order values respectively within cell \( \omega_i \) at points \( x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) in an updated Lagrangian frame, and within cell \( \Omega_i \) at points \( X_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( X_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) in a total Lagrangian frame. In these two different frameworks, let us introduce \( U^n_{h,i}(x) \) and \( U^n_{h,i}(X) \) the piecewise polynomial solutions of degree \( K \) on respectively cells \( \omega_i \) and \( \Omega_i \). These polynomials can either be reconstructed from the cell averages of neighboring cells in a finite volume method or evolved in a DG method. Let us highlight that working in a total Lagrangian frame, as it is done for instance in [83, 82, 84], the polynomial \( U^n_{h,i}(X) \) in the initial configuration may not be a polynomial in the actual configuration \( U^n_{h,i}(X(x,t)) \). From now on, for sake of conciseness, when not specified, \( x \) should be replaced by \( X \) in a total Lagrangian frame, as well as \( \omega \) by \( \Omega \). Then, the high-order values at the cell boundaries read as \( U^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} = U^n_{h,i}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}) \) and \( U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = U^n_{h,i}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \). Working on the moving configuration, the grid position is still advanced in time such that \( x^n_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = x^n_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \Delta t \bar{n}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \).

Let us emphasize that the high-order in space scheme (49) still relies on a first-order forward Euler time integration. The issue of high-order time integration will be addressed in section 12.

Let us note that different techniques can be employed to get high-order accuracy. For instance, because the high-order point values are only required in the numerical fluxes \( F(U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, U^+_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) = (-\bar{\eta}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\eta}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\eta}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \bar{\eta}_{i+\frac{1}{2}})^T \), defined through solver (22), one might be tempted to choose to build the high-order approximation only on the flux variables, namely the velocity and pressure. This is however only possible for up to second order accuracy, as one does not know the cell averages of these flux variables, only those of the conserved variables (mass, momentum and energy). Within this flux variable high-order reconstruction, the specific volume and the total energy remain constant inside the cells. To avoid this second-order accuracy bound, the high-order reconstruction may be applied on the conserved variables. In both cases, the reconstructions could be obtained from the averaged values on the neighboring cells \( \omega_{i-1}, \omega_i \) and \( \omega_{i+1} \), by either an ENO, a WENO or a simple least square method, see [19, 65] for this latter choice in the Lagrangian case. See [20, 21, 59, 22, 23] for examples of second and third orders ENO and WENO reconstructions in the gas dynamics Lagrangian framework. Finally, one can opt for a discontinuous Galerkin discretization. We have previously used such discretization in the total Lagrangian framework, namely working on the initial configuration, system (6), to develop third-order methods, see [83]. In this case, the conserved variables are approximated through polynomial basis functions, for which the corresponding moments are evolved through the governing equations. The pressure is then defined pointwisely through the use of the equation of state.
Now, for high-order finite volume schemes on the moving configuration, such as those presented in [19, 65, 20], the following relation between the high-order polynomial approximation and the averaged value holds

\[ U^n_i = \frac{1}{\Delta x^n_i} \int_{\omega_i} U^n_{h,i}(x) \, dx. \tag{50} \]

For the total Lagrangian DG method introduced in [83], this relation writes

\[ U^n_i = \frac{1}{m_i} \int_{\Omega_i} \rho^0(X) U^n_{h,i}(X) \, dX. \tag{51} \]

These relations will help us to extend the positivity-preserving proof to the high-orders of accuracy. To this end, we make use of the seminal work of Zhang and Shu presented in a series of papers, [89, 90, 91, 92], which has also been used by Cheng and Shu in [22]. This method relies on a decomposition of high-order discretization as a convex combination of first-order schemes. Provided with a particular limitation, the numerical solution can be ensured to be positive while maintaining its originally designed high-order accuracy. For this purpose, let us first introduce the following high-order quadrature rule on \([-1, 1]\)

\[ \int_{-1}^{1} \phi(y) \, dy = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} w_{\alpha} \phi(y_{\alpha}), \tag{52} \]

where \(\{(w_{\alpha}, y_{\alpha})\}_{\alpha=1,\ldots,N}\) are the \(N\) positive quadrature weights and quadrature points, with \(y_0 = -1\) and \(y_N = 1\). For practical applications, we employ Gauss-Lobatto rules which are exact for polynomial of degree up to \(2N - 3\), see Figure 3.

![Figure 3: Five points Gauss-Lobatto quadrature rule.](image-url)

Because we need the quadrature rule to be exact for relations (50) and (51), for high-order finite volume schemes on the moving configuration formula (52) has to be exact for polynomial up to degree \(K\), hence \(N \geq \frac{K+3}{2}\), while for the total Lagrangian DG method it has to be exact up to degree \(2K\), hence \(N \geq K + \frac{3}{2}\). Through the use of (52) on definitions (50) and (51), the following relation can be derived

\[ U^n_i = \frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N} m_{\alpha i} U_{\alpha i}, \tag{53} \]

where, for finite volume schemes on moving cell, \(m_{\alpha i} = w_{\alpha} m_i\), \(U_{\alpha i} = U^n_{h,i}(x_{\alpha})\) and \(x_{\alpha} = x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}(y_{\alpha} + 1)(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - x_{i-\frac{1}{2}})\), while for the DG scheme on initial cell, \(m_{\alpha i} = w_{\alpha} \rho^0(X_{\alpha}) \Delta X_i\), \(U_{\alpha i} = U^n_{h,i}(X_{\alpha})\) and \(X_{\alpha} = X_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}(y_{\alpha} + 1)(X_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - X_{i-\frac{1}{2}})\). Noticing that \(U_{1 i} = U^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}\) and \(U_{N i} = U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}\). \(\square\)
and to ensure this quantity to be in $G$ made of the contribution of the polynomial solution at time level $n$, a particular definition of $\alpha_i$ stands for some artificial velocity and $p_i$ some artificial pressure, plays this role. It will help us identify $V^{\pm}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ with the first-order scheme (18), namely to be put into the following form

$$V = U + \frac{\Delta t}{m} (F(U, X) - F(Y, U)).$$

To that end, we have no choice but to set the artificial flux as $\vec{F}_i = F(U^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$. With this particular definition of $\vec{F}_i$, one can now apply the exact same techniques as the ones presented in the first-order case to ensure $V^{\pm}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}$ to be in the admissible set $G$.

9. High-order positivity-preserving schemes

In this section, we focus on the conditions to enforce $V^{\pm}_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \in G$. Similarly to the first-order case, one may choose to use particular non-linear definitions of the local acoustic impedances, or simply an additional time step constraint.
9.1. Modified Dukowicz solver

The high-order extension of the original and modified Dukowicz definitions of $z^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$, introduced in (32) and (33), can be expressed as follows

$$z^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} = \rho^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} \left( a^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} + \bar{\Gamma} |u_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} - u_{\pm}^i| \right),$$

(57)

where $\rho^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$, $a^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$, and $u_{\pm}^i$ are the high-order values of the density, sound speed and fluid velocity at node $x_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$ within cell $\omega_i$, respectively at $X_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$ within $\Omega_i$ in a total Lagrangian frame. In the case where $\bar{\Gamma} = \Gamma$, one recovers the high-order extension of the Dukowicz solver, while for $\bar{\Gamma} = \sigma_{v}^{-1}$, equation (57) reads as the extension of the modified one. Given (56) where the artificial flux $\mathbf{F}(U^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, U^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) = (-u_i, p_i, p, u_i)^t$ has been introduced, we also need to define the artificial local wavespeeds relative to this term, $z^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}}$, as

$$z^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} = \rho^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} \left( a^\pm_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} + \bar{\Gamma} |u_{i\pm\frac{1}{2}} - u_{\pm}^i| \right),$$

(58)

where the artificial velocity $u_i$ reads

$$u_i = \frac{z^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} u^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + z^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} u^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}{z^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + z^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{p^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - p^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{z^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + z^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

(59)

Each element of equations (56) having been defined explicitly, one may now apply in a straightforward manner the analysis performed on the first-order scheme. But before, let us first make the following remark.

**Remark 9.1.** In the first-order case, the original Dukowicz wavespeed definition (32), for which the constant $\Gamma$ has been determined in the strong shock limit, has proved to ensure the positivity of the intermediate specific volumes and internal energies. This proof relies on the fact that pressure and sound speed are explicitly defined through the equation of state, namely in the ideal gas case $p_i^n = (\gamma - 1) \rho_i^n e_i^n$ and $a_i^n = \sqrt{\gamma (\gamma - 1)} e_i^n$. This is no more the case when the high-order polynomial reconstruction is performed on the flux variables. In this particular case, the EOS is only ensured in mean value, and thus $p_i^n \neq p(U_i^\pm)$. This is the reason why, for schemes employing slope reconstruction on the flux variables, as in [19, 65], one cannot hope the high-order extension of the Dukowicz wavespeed (57) to ensure the positivity of the intermediate states. Nonetheless, the modified version of it, (58), introduced in this paper, is ensured to produce intermediate states in the admissible set, by construction of the constant $\bar{\Gamma} = \sigma_{v}^{-1}$.

**Proposition 9.2.** For any high-order discretization relying on (49), assuming $U_i^n \in G$ along with $U_i^\pm, U_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^\pm, U_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^\pm \in G$, the averaged value $U_i^{n+1}$ is ensured to be admissible provided the numerical fluxes (22) and the particular wavespeeds definition (58) with $\bar{\Gamma} = \sigma_{v}^{-1}$ under the following time step limitation

$$\Delta t \leq \sigma e \frac{m_1 i}{z^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} + z^-_{i-\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta t \leq \sigma e \frac{m_N i}{z^+_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + z^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

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So far, we have proved that assuming \( \sigma_e \leq 1 \) and if

\[
\sigma_e \leq \min \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}, 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{min}} \rho_{\text{min}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \rho_{\text{max}}^{+\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{max}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \rho_{\text{max}}^{+\frac{1}{2}}} \right) .
\]

Now, if one rather wants to use a simpler solver as the acoustic Godunov one, or any specific definitions of wavespeeds as for example \( \tilde{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ = \rho_i^n (a_i^n + \Gamma |u_i^{+\frac{1}{2}} - u_i^{+\frac{1}{2}}|) \), which is generally used in the high-order extension of the Dukowicz solver, one needs to add additional limitations on the time step.

### 9.2. Generic wavespeeds

In this case, the choice in \( \tilde{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ > 0 \) is free. Thus, one can either use \( z_i^n \) or \( \rho_i^n (a_i^n + \Gamma |u_i^{+\frac{1}{2}} - u_i^{+\frac{1}{2}}|) \) or even \( \rho_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ (a_i^{+\frac{1}{2}} + \Gamma |u_i^{+\frac{1}{2}} - u_i^{+\frac{1}{2}}|) \) for any \( \tilde{\Gamma} \), or any other definition. The artificial wavespeeds \( z_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{+\text{u}} \) have to be chosen consistently. Similarly to the first-order case, we can state

**Proposition 9.3.** For any high-order discretization presented earlier, assuming \( U_i^n \in G \) along with \( U_i^+, U_i^{+\frac{1}{2}}, U_i^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \in G \), the averaged value \( \tilde{U}_i^{n+1} \) is ensured to be admissible provided the numerical fluxes (22) for any positive wavespeed definition \( \tilde{z}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ \) under the following time step limitations

\[
\Delta t \leq \sigma_e \frac{m_{1i}}{z_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ z_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^-} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta t \leq \sigma_e \frac{m_{Ni}}{z_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^- z_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^+},
\]

with \( \sigma_e \leq 2 \), as well as

\[
\Delta t \leq \sigma_v \frac{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ m_{1i}}{|\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ - \tilde{u}_i|} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta t \leq \sigma_v \frac{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- m_{Ni}}{|\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^- - \tilde{u}_i|},
\]

where \( \sigma_v \) has to be such that

\[
\sigma_v \leq \min \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_{\text{min}}}{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\tau_{\text{max}}}{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}, 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{min}} \rho_{\text{min}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \rho_{\text{max}}^{+\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{max}}^{+\frac{1}{2}} \rho_{\text{max}}^{+\frac{1}{2}}} \right) .
\]

The remark claiming that the second technique is optimal in term of time step still holds in this high-order case. Indeed, in the modified Dukowicz solver case, thanks to definitions (57) and (58), it is very easy to prove that

\[
\frac{m_{1i}}{z_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ z_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^-} < \sigma_v \frac{\tau_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ m_{1i}}{|\tilde{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^+ - \tilde{u}_i|}.
\]

So far, we have proved that assuming \( U_i^n, U_i^+, U_i^{+\frac{1}{2}} \) and \( U_i^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \) lie in the admissible set, \( U_i^{n+1} \) and \( U_i^{n+\frac{1}{2}} \) lie in the admissible set, there exists a time step ensuring the new numerical solution \( U_i^{n+1} \) to be admissible in averaged value. To ensure the required assumptions, we make use of the particular limitation introduced in [90].
10. Positivity-preserving limiter

In the remainder, $x$ should be replaced by $X$ in a total Lagrangian frame. At time level $n$, the averaged value $U^n$ is assumed to be in $G$. Then, we modify the polynomial reconstruction $U^n_{h,i}$ to ensure the desired properties, as follows

$$\tilde{U}^n_{h,i}(x) = U^n_i + \theta (U^n_{h,i}(x) - U^n_i), \quad (61)$$

where $\theta \in [0, 1]$ is to be determined. Obviously, such a constant exists because in the worst case, with $\theta = 0$, one recovers the first-order scheme with $U^n_i \in G$. However, the strategy to choose $\theta$ below will ensure the original high order accuracy of the solution polynomial is not destroyed. The purpose of the limiter is to yield $\tilde{U}^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \equiv \tilde{U}^n_{h,i}(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}^+)$, $\tilde{U}^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \equiv \tilde{U}^n_{h,i}(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^-)$ and $\tilde{U}^*_i \equiv \frac{1}{m_i} \sum_{\alpha=2}^{N-1} m_\alpha \tilde{U}^n_{h,i}(x_\alpha)$ in the admissible set $G$. Let us note that ensuring $\tilde{U}^n_{h,i}(x_\alpha) \in G$, for all $\alpha = 2, \ldots, N-1$, will imply to have $\tilde{U}^*_i \in G$. However, this procedure being over-limiting regarding the requirement, the enforcement of only $\tilde{U}^*_i$ in the admissible set has been preferred. First, let us enforce the admissibility of the specific volume as follows

$$\tilde{\tau}^n_{h,i}(x) = \tau^n_i + \theta \tau (\tilde{\tau}^n_{h,i}(x) - \tau^n_i), \quad (62)$$

where the coefficient $\theta \tau = \min(\theta^{\min}_\tau, \theta^{\max}_\tau)$ is computed such that

$$\theta^{\min}_\tau = \min\left(1, \frac{\tau^n_i - \tau^{\min}_m}{\tau^n_i - \tau^{\min}_m}\right)$$

with $\tau^{\min}_m = \min(\tau^+_i, \tau^-_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, \tau^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$,

$$\theta^{\max}_\tau = \min\left(1, \frac{\tau^{\max}_m - \tau^n_i}{\tau^{\max}_m - \tau^n_i}\right)$$

with $\tau^{\max}_m = \max(\tau^+_i, \tau^-_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, \tau^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$.

Then, for the positivity of the internal energy, the limited polynomial reconstructions of the velocity and total energy are computed through

$$\tilde{u}^n_{h,i}(x) = u^n_i + \theta \varepsilon (u^n_{h,i}(x) - u^n_i), \quad (63)$$

$$\tilde{e}^n_{h,i}(x) = e^n_i + \theta \varepsilon (e^n_{h,i}(x) - e^n_i), \quad (64)$$

where $\theta \varepsilon$ is evaluated in an optimal manner to ensure $\tilde{\varepsilon}_m > \varepsilon_{\min}$, where $\tilde{\varepsilon}_m = \min(\tilde{\varepsilon}^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, \tilde{\varepsilon}^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$ for the stiffened gas EOS, and $\tilde{\varepsilon}_m = \min(\tilde{\varepsilon}^+_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, \tilde{\varepsilon}^-_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, \tilde{\varepsilon}^*_i)$ otherwise. In order to determine $\theta \varepsilon$, let us develop the limited polynomial approximation of the internal energy

$$\tilde{e}^n_{h,i}(x) = e^n_{h,i}(x) - \frac{1}{2} (u^n_{h,i}(x))^2,$$

$$= e^n_i + \theta \varepsilon (e^n_{h,i}(x) - e^n_i) + \frac{\theta \varepsilon (1 - \theta \varepsilon)}{2} (u^n_{h,i}(x) - u^n_i)^2. \quad (65)$$

Because $\frac{\theta \varepsilon (1 - \theta \varepsilon)}{2} (u^n_{h,i}(x) - u^n_i)^2 \geq 0$, one could decide to limit $\tilde{e}^n_{h,i}(x) \geq e^n_i + \theta \varepsilon (e^n_{h,i}(x) - e^n_i)$ in a similar way to the specific volume. However, such procedure will limit more than necessary, except in the case $u^n_{h,i}(x) = u^n_i$. Then, to pick $\theta \varepsilon$ in an optimal manner for $u^n_{h,i}(x) \neq u^n_i$, in the light of equation (65), we solve the quadratic equation $\tilde{e}^n_{h,i}(x) = \varepsilon_{\min}$. This equation leads to two roots of opposite signs. We finally set $\theta \varepsilon$ to be the minimum between 1 and the positive root. That being said, we will presently show how the positivity of the numerical scheme yields stability properties.
11. Positivity-preserving stability

Let us define the piecewise polynomial numerical solution $U_h(x, t)$ defined on $\omega \times [0, T]$ such that

$$U_h(x, t) = U_{h,i}^n(x), \quad \text{for } x \in \omega_i \text{ and } t \in [t^n, t^{n+1}].$$  \hfill (66)

A similar definition can be introduced in the total Lagrangian frame by substituting in (66) $x$ by $X$, and $\omega$ by $\Omega$. We assume the following initialization of the numerical variable mean values

$$U_i^0 = \frac{1}{m_i} \int_{\omega_i} \rho^0(X) U^0(X) \, dX,$$  \hfill (67)

where $U^0(X) = (\rho^0(X), u^0(X), e^0(X))^t$, with $\rho^0(X)$ the initial fluid density, $u^0(X)$ the initial fluid velocity and $e^0(X)$ the initial total energy. Let us introduce the $L^1$ and $L^2$ norms of a function $\phi$, respectively in the case of finite volume schemes on moving frame

$$\|\phi\|_{L^1} = \frac{m_c}{\Delta x_i^n} \int_\omega |\phi(x)| \, dx \quad \text{and} \quad \|\phi\|_{L^2} = \left( \frac{m_c}{\Delta x_i^n} \int_\omega (\phi(x))^2 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$  \hfill (68)

and for DG schemes in a total Lagrangian frame

$$\|\phi\|_{L^1} = \int_\Omega \rho^0(X) |\phi(X)| \, dX \quad \text{and} \quad \|\phi\|_{L^2} = \left( \int_\Omega \rho^0(X) (\phi(X))^2 \, dX \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$  \hfill (69)

For the sake of simplicity, we set ourselves either in a periodic boundary case, or in the particular case where $F_b = F_e = 0$, with $F_b$ and $F_e$ read for the left and right boundary fluxes. Then, summing the high-order scheme (49) on each cell leads to

$$\sum_{i=1}^{I_i} m_i U_i^{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{I_i} m_i U_i^n.$$  \hfill (70)

Because the high-order scheme has proved to produce positive mean values under some constraints, the polynomials $\tau_h$ and $\epsilon_h = e_h - \frac{1}{2} |u_h|^2$ are assumed to be positive for any $x \in \omega$, which is always feasible by limiting enough. Then, by means of relation (70) we are able to derive the following $L^1$ stability statements on the specific volume and total energy

$$\|\tau_h\|_{L^1} = \frac{1}{\rho^0} \|\tau\|_{L^1} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\epsilon_h\|_{L^1} = \|\epsilon^0\|_{L^1}.$$  \hfill (71)

No similar result can be obtained for the velocity. However, we can derive relations bounding the $L^2$ norm of the velocity, namely the kinetic energy $K = \frac{1}{2} u^2$. Indeed, one knows that $0 \leq K_h < e_h$. Then, making use of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, the following stability results can be ensured

$$\|K_h\|_{L^1} < \|e_h\|_{L^1} \quad \text{and} \quad \|u_h\|_{L^2}^2 < m_\omega + \|e_h\|_{L^2}^2,$$  \hfill (72)

where $m_\omega = \sum_i m_i$ corresponds to the constant total mass of the domain $\omega$. Let us recall that only the case of the first-order time integration has been tackled so far. In the next section, the high-order time extension will be discussed.
12. High-order time discretization

In Section 8, high-order space discretization has been used, while the time integration was carried out by a simple first-order forward Euler method. To reach a global high-order scheme, we make use of Strong Stability Preserving (SSP) Runge-Kutta method, see [80]. For instance, at the third-order, the used algorithm writes as follows

\begin{align*}
\text{Stage 1)} & \quad m_i \ U_{h,i}^{(1)} = m_i \ U_{h,i}^n + \Delta t^n \ L(U_{h,i}^n), \\
& \quad x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(1)} = x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n + \Delta t^n \ \bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n;
\text{Stage 2)} & \quad m_i \ U_{h,i}^{(2)} = \frac{3}{4} m_i \ U_{h,i}^n + \frac{1}{4} [m_i \ U_{h,i}^{(1)} + \Delta t^n \ L(U_{h,i}^{(1)})], \\
& \quad x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(2)} = \frac{3}{4} x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n + \frac{1}{4} [x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(1)} + \Delta t^n \ \bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(1)}];
\text{Stage 3)} & \quad m_i \ U_{h,i}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} m_i \ U_{h,i}^n + \frac{2}{3} [m_i \ U_{h,i}^{(2)} + \Delta t^n \ L(U_{h,i}^{(2)})], \\
& \quad x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^n + \frac{2}{3} [x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(2)} + \Delta t^n \ \bar{u}_{i+\frac{1}{2}}^{(2)}];
\end{align*}

where $L(U_{h,i})$ is the operator corresponding to the space discretization. In light of the fact that these multistage time integration methods write as convex combinations of first-order forward Euler schemes, they will be positivity-preserving as soon as the first-order steps are. Thus, the positive limitation introduced previously, in Section 10, has to be applied at each Runge-Kutta stage. Let us highlight that even though in the first-order time integration case time steps ensuring an admissible numerical solution have been explicitly defined, in the multistage high-order time discretization, one can only be certain that there exists a time step small enough ensuring the global high-order scheme to be positive. Consequently, for the numerical applications we make use of an iterative procedure to determine the time step to be used. Practically, at each time level $n$, we start from an initial time step $\Delta t^n$, for instance defined with the first-order restrictions emphasized in Propositions 7.2 and 7.4 with a smaller CFL coefficient as $\sigma_e = 0.2$. Then, after any Runge-Kutta stage, we assess the average of the new numerical solution to see if it belongs or not to the admissible set $G$. If it is the case, then after having applying the positivity limitation we go forward to the next Runge-Kutta stage. Otherwise, we return to time level $n$ and take $\Delta t^n/2$ as the new time step. In propositions 9.2 and 9.3, the time step restrictions enable us to be sure that this iterative time step selection process admits a positive limit.

13. Numerical results

In this numerical results section, we make use of several challenging test cases, with different equations of state, to demonstrate the performance and robustness of the cell-centered positivity-preserving Lagrangian schemes presented. In the previous successive sections, it has been demonstrated that for the cell-centered Lagrangian schemes considered to be positive, particular definitions of the local acoustic impedance approximation $\tilde{z}$ have to be used, or an additional constraint on the time step has to be ensured. For the sake of simplicity and computational time, in most of cases presented we make use of the simple Godunov acoustic solver, where $\tilde{z} = z \equiv \rho a$. Consequently,
if it is not specified, the numerical results displayed are obtained with this acoustic approximation. For the high-order extension, the case of a DG polynomial approximation of the system variables, in a total Lagrangian formulation, will be used, as it is done in [83]. The first-order and third-order versions of this scheme will be used to demonstrate the robustness of these positivity-preserving methods, for different accuracy. In the total Lagrangian frame, the whole calculation is performed on the fixed initial grid. However, for a better understanding of the numerical results, the solutions will be displayed on the actual deformed mesh. Let us emphasize that most of the test cases assessed here have been taken from those addressed in [22].

In this paper, the conditions to ensure the averaged numerical solution to be admissible in the sens \((\tau, \varepsilon) \in [\tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}}] \times [\varepsilon_{\text{min}}, \infty]\) have been derived. For practical applications, in the ideal and stiffened gas cases, we make use of \(\tau_{\text{min}} = \varepsilon_{\text{min}} = 10^{-14}\) and \(\tau_{\text{max}} = 10^{14}\), while for the detonation product gas \(\tau_{\text{min}} = 0.999 \tau_0\). Working with the Mie-Grüneisen equation of state, we employ 
\[
\tau_{\text{min}} = \frac{S_m-1}{S_m} \tau_0 \text{ and } \tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{\rho_0}{\eta^\gamma}.
\]

Even if the time step constraints developed in this paper along with the positive limitation introduced previously are enough to ensure the solution to be admissible, an additional limitation might be required in some cases. Indeed, the use of an high-order discontinuous Galerkin discretization leads, in the vicinity of discontinuities, to the apparition of strong spurious oscillations. Obviously, under the constraints derived along this article, these oscillations cannot produce non-admissible solutions. Nonetheless, strong spurious oscillations on the specific volume may lead to a drastic decrease in the time step selection if we want to maintain the admissibility of the numerical solution. To avoid such phenomenon, an additional and more classical limitation may be used. When needed or when we want to improve the global quality of the numerical solution by reducing this spurious oscillation phenomenon, we will turn on the additional limiting procedure. And even though, a simple limitation of the specific volume will succeed in avoiding the occurrence of very small time steps, we make use of a slightly more complex one. Indeed, it has been proved in [25] that to enforce the monotonicity of the system variables, the limitation has to be performed on the characteristic variables. To that purpose, we make use of a combination between the characteristic variables limitation procedure presented in [83, 84] and a standard limitation on the piecewise polynomial specific volume. Finally, for the specific volume, we choose the most limiting procedure, while for the other variables only the characteristic variable limitation is used.

13.1. Numerical convergence study

To test the accuracy of these schemes, we make use of a smooth test case initially introduced in [83]. This example has been derived in the isentropic case, with the polytropic index \(\gamma = 3\). In this special situation, the characteristic curves of the Euler equations become straight lines, and the governing equations reduce to two Burgers equations. It is then simple to solve analytically this problem. Similarly to [22], we modify the initial data to yield a more challenging example, as

\[
\rho^0(X) = 1 + 0.9999995 \sin(2\pi X), \quad u^0(X) = 0, \quad p^0(X) = \rho^0(X)^\gamma, \quad X \in [0, 1],
\]

provided with periodic conditions. In Figure 4, the first-order and third-order numerical solutions are depicted at time \(t = 0.1\), using 50 uniform cells. In Table 1, we gather the global errors as well as the rates of convergence related to the third-order scheme provided with Godunov acoustic solver. The results confirm the expected third-order rate of convergence.
13.2. The Leblanc shock tube

By means of the extreme shock tube problem, we will assess the resolution difference of the three different solvers presented, namely the acoustic solver, the Dukowicz solver and the modified Dukowicz solver. The Leblanc shock tube problem is characterized by a \([0, 9]\) domain filled by a perfect gas with \(\gamma = \frac{5}{3}\), and by large ratio jumps for the initial energy and density as follows

\[
(\rho^0, u^0, e^0) = \begin{cases} 
(1, 0, 0.1), & 0 < X < 3, \\
(0.001, 0, 10^{-7}), & 3 < X < 9.
\end{cases}
\]

It is quite challenging for a gas dynamics scheme to obtain accurate positions of the contact and shock discontinuities in this severe shock tube problem. In Figure 5, the first-order density and internal energy obtained at time \(t = 6\), with respectively the acoustic, Dukowicz and modified Dukowicz solvers, are depicted. One can see in Figure 5 that the Dukowicz solver yields a slightly better resolution than the acoustic solver in this case. This comes from the fact such solver has been built to mimic the exact Godunov solver in the infinite strength limit. The Dukowicz solver should thus handle in a better way the approximation of strong shocks compared to the acoustic solver. The modified Dukowicz solver relying on the same type of definition produces similar results. However, let us note that, besides its great simplicity, the use of the acoustic solver leads
(a) Density profiles. (b) Internal energy profiles.

Figure 5: Comparison between solvers on the Leblanc problem at time $t = 6$ on a 500 cells mesh with first-order schemes.

to smaller computational times, see Table 2. This difference comes from the iterative fixed point

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Table 2: Computational times in the case of the Leblanc shock tube problem, for the first-order Lagrangian schemes.

procedure used in the Dukowicz and modified Dukowicz solvers to resolve the coupled system on the velocity $\mathbf{v}$ and the acoustic impedance local approximation $\tilde{z}$. Furthermore, even if the difference in the solver resolutions seems substantial in Figure 5, it will dramatically be reduced when the mesh is refined, which is not the case of the difference in the computational times involved. Indeed, in Figure 6 the three different solvers yield almost the same discontinuities localization. This difference in the resolution quality will also decrease by going to high-order of accuracy. In Figure 7, limited third-order DG schemes with third-order Runge-Kutta time integration have been used on a grid made of 500 cells. And compared to Figure 5, the numerical solution obtained with the different solvers are now a lot more alike. Finally, we end this Leblanc test case section by assessing the difference in the resolution between the first-order scheme and the limited third-order scheme, in the acoustic solver case, Figure 8. As expected, the shape and position of the contact discontinuity and shock are approached in a lot better way when the high-order scheme is used. Furthermore, due to the too large numerical dissipation produced through a first-order computation, the numerical solution will be very slow to converge to the correct shock localization, regardless the solver employed. Figure 9 depicts this phenomenon for the Godunov acoustic solver. The high-order extension permits to overcome this difficulty. Indeed, in Figure 10, one can clearly see the shock convergence to the expected position. Thanks to this extreme shock tube problem, we were able to point out slight differences in the discontinuity resolution between the different solvers.
presented. Nonetheless, such difference only appear in problems involving very severe shocks or expansion waves, and further become insignificant when the mesh is refined or when the scheme is upgraded to high-order accuracy. In most cases, the difference yielded by the solver choice being very slight, we make use of the simplest and most computational efficient one of the three, namely the Godunov acoustic solver.

13.3. The 123 problem - double rarefaction
We now consider the following low density and low pressure problem on the initial domain $[-4, 4]$, where the initial condition writes

$$(\rho^0, u^0, p^0) = \begin{cases} (1, -2, 0.4), & -4 < X < 0, \\ (1, 2, 0.4), & 0 < X < 4. \end{cases}$$
The fluid considered is described through the ideal gas EOS with $\gamma = 1.4$. The left and right domain boundaries are enforced to move at a velocity respectively equal to -2 and 2. As it has been done in the Leblanc shock tube problem, we compare at time $t = 1$ the exact solution with the first-order numerical solutions obtained on a 400 cells grid with the different solvers, see Figure 11. One can see the quite bad resolution of the Lagrangian schemes near the vacuum. This strong heating phenomenon is well known, and come from the scheme entropy production even in rarefaction waves, along with the very few number of grid points near the origin in this case. However, in the light of Figure 11, the acoustic solver clearly yields a better resolution compared to the Dukowicz solver in the strong expansion problem. Like in the Leblanc test case, this difference becomes insignificant with high-order approximations, see Figure 12. Without the positivity-preserving limitation introduced in Section 10, the high-order Lagrangian schemes blow up for this example. Finally, to
assess the benefit of the high-order extension, we compare the first-order and third-order numerical solutions, see Figure 13. We can distinctly see how the high-order extension improves the global resolution of the solution and reduces the heating phenomenon observed on the internal energy in the vicinity of vacuum.

13.4. Interaction of blast waves

The blast waves interaction problem is a standard low energy problem involving shocks, generally used to assess the robustness of gas dynamics schemes. The initial data read

\[
\rho^0(X) = 1, \quad u^0(X) = 1, \quad p^0(X) = \begin{cases} 
10^3, & 0 < X < 0.1, \\
10^{-2}, & 0.1 < X < 0.9, \\
10^2, & 0.9 < X < 1.0.
\end{cases}
\]
Figure 12: Comparison between solvers on the 123 problem at time $t = 1$ on a 400 cells mesh with third-order DG schemes.

Figure 13: Comparison between first and third-order schemes on the 123 problem at time $t = 1$ on a 400 cells mesh.

The fluid under consideration is described by the ideal gas EOS with $\gamma = 1.4$, and reflective conditions are applied to the left and right boundaries of the domain. In Figure 14, the density and internal energy computed with 400 uniform cells at time $t = 0.038$, respectively with the first-order and third-order schemes, are compared with the reference “exact” solution. This reference solution has been obtained using a first-order scheme with 10000 grid points. In this strong shocks problem, we make use of the additional limitation described in the introduction of this section to avoid to occurrence of extremely small time steps, as well as improve the global quality of the third-order numerical solution. It is clear in Figure 14 that the density as well as the internal energy remain positive for both first-order and high-order schemes. One can also distinctly observe the better resolution yielded by the third-order scheme in comparison with the first-order one. The overshoots visible in the numerical solution are independent of the limitation, being present from the first-
order. This phenomenon is inherent to the Lagrangian formulation used, and is due to the very strong difference in the cell aspect ratio before and after discontinuities.

13.5. The gas-liquid shock tube
So far, only the case of the ideal gas equation of state has been issued. To address the case of the stiffened gas EOS, we make use the following severe water-air shock tube. This problem yields a density ratio of 200 and will enable us to illustrate the performance of the Lagrangian schemes presented for multi-material flows presenting strong interfacial contact discontinuity. In this shock tube test case, the fluid on the left side of the membrane located at \( x = 0.3 \) is considered to be a perfect gas, while on the right side water is considered. The perfect gas is modeled by the ideal EOS with \( \gamma = 1.4 \), while the water is described through the stiffened gas EOS with \( \gamma = 4.4 \) and \( p_s = 6 \times 10^8 \). The initial states of the two fluids are defined as follows

\[
(r^0, u^0, p^0) = \begin{cases} 
(5, 0, 10^5), & 0 < X < 0.3, \\
(10^3, 0, 10^9), & 0.3 < X < 1.0.
\end{cases}
\]

We display in Figure 15 the numerical solutions at time \( t = 0.00024 \) obtained by means of the first-order scheme and the limited DG third-order scheme provided with the acoustic solver, on a grid made of 200 cells. These results prove the good agreement between the exact solution and the numerical ones, despite of the extreme initial conditions. In both first-order and high-order cases, the density and internal energy are maintained positive at all time. Furthermore, the third-order scheme again demonstrate to yield a better resolution than the first-order one, as expected.

13.6. The underwater TNT explosion
To assess the case of the Jones-Wilkins-Lee equation of state, we make use the multi-material test case initially introduced in [41]. This problem has been modified in [22] to increase the stiffness of the problem and thus to produce a more challenging problem, namely where the appearance of negative density and internal energy are more likely. In this latter case, the initial data read

\[
(r^0, u^0, p^0) = \begin{cases} 
(1.63 \times 10^{-3}, 0, 8.381 \times 10^3), & 0 < X < 0.16, \\
(1.025 \times 10^{-3}, 0, 1), & 0.16 < X < 3.0.
\end{cases}
\]
Figure 15: Comparison between first and third-order on the water-air shock tube problem at time $t = 0.00024$ on a 200 cells mesh.

On the left of the interface initially located at $x = 0.3$, the gaseous product of the detonated explosive is modeled by the JWL EOS with $A_1 = 3.712 \times 10^5$, $A_2 = 3.23 \times 10^3$, $R_1 = 4.15$, $R_2 = 0.95$, $\rho_0 = 1.63 \times 10^{-3}$ and $\gamma = 1.3$. On the right of the interface, the water is described through the stiffened gas EOS with $\gamma = 7.15$ and $p_s = 3.309 \times 10^2$. In Figure 16, the density and pressure profiles of the first-order and limited third-order Lagrangian schemes with 400 cells are compared to the reference “exact” solution obtained using the first-order scheme with 5000 grid points. The use of a Lagrangian formulation permits the sharp capture of the interface of the gas and condensed phases of this underwater explosion. Furthermore, in the light of the analytical demonstrations and constraints developed in this paper, the Lagrangian schemes presented are ensured to produce admissible solutions. Again, the third-order scheme produces better resolution.

Figure 16: Comparison between first and third-order on the one-dimensional underwater TNT explosion at time $t = 0.00025$ on a 400 cells mesh.
for both density and pressure.

13.7. The Wilkins problem

To end with the numerical results, we consider the Wilkins test case. This problem has been introduced in [88] and addressed in a Lagrangian frame in [63]. It consists in computing the flow resulting from a flying aluminum plate that strikes a target aluminum plate. The equation of state used to describe the material under consideration is the Mie-Grüneisen EOS, with the following parameters: \( \rho_0 = 2785 \), \( a_0 = 5328 \), \( \Gamma_0 = 2 \) and \( S_m = 1.338 \). The computational domain is \([0, 0.05]\) and the initial data are prescribed by

\[
\rho^0(X) = 2785, \quad p^0(X) = 10^{-6}, \quad u^0(X) = \begin{cases} 800, & 0 < X < 0.005, \\ 0, & 0.005 < X < 0.05. \end{cases}
\]

A free boundary condition is imposed at the left domain boundary, while at the right domain boundary a wall condition is enforced. We run this test case until the final time \( t = 5 \times 10^{-6} \). Analytically, the flying plate impact produces a flow that will be characterized at the final time by an elastic rarefaction wave followed by a plastic rarefaction wave, and an elastic shock followed by a plastic shock, see for instance [63]. Obviously, because the schemes presented in this paper are meant to resolve the gas dynamics system of equations, there are not able to capture the elastic waves, see Figure 17. We only use this elastic-plastic test case to assess the robustness of the presented schemes in the case of the Mie-Grüneisen EOS. In Figure 17, we compare the first-order and limited third-order numerical solutions with a reference “exact” solution computed with the first-order scheme with 5000 cells. As expected, even using complex equation of state as the Mie-Grüneisen one, these Lagrangian schemes are able to produce admissible numerical solution and thus to run the computation through the final time without any crash of the code. Furthermore, one can see how the high-order scheme improves the captures of the shock and rarefaction wave. Obviously, this accuracy is limited by the model used, here the compressible gas dynamics one.

![Figure 17: Comparison between first and third-order on the one-dimensional flying plate impact problem at time \( t = 5 \times 10^{-6} \) on a 100 cells mesh.](image)
14. Conclusion

The aim of this paper is to determine different conditions and constraints under which a class of cell-centered Lagrangian schemes solving the one-dimensional compressible gas dynamics equations would be positivity-preserving, and thus be assured to produce admissible solution. This study has been tackled for both first-order and high-order numerical methods, on both ideal and non-ideal equations of state. Basically, this positivity-preserving property relies on two different techniques: either a particular definition of the local approximation of the acoustic impedances arising from the approximate Riemann solver, or an additional time step constraint relative to the cell volume variation. A wide number of challenging test cases have been used to depict the good performance and robustness of the Lagrangian schemes presented. It important to point out that even if this paper is concerned with purely Lagrangian schemes, the theory developed is of fundamental importance for any methods relying on a purely Lagrangian step, as ALE methods or non-direct Euler schemes.

This paper being the first part of a series of two, the present schemes and analysis are extended to the two-dimensional case in the second paper [85]. In this 2D paper, the study has been carried out on a general procedure to develop first-order finite volume schemes on polygonal meshes defined either by straight line edges, conical edges, or any high-order curvilinear edges. Such formulation will cover the numerical methods introduced in [19, 64, 15, 82, 84].

In the future, we intend to include to this admissible numerical framework the issue of entropy stability. The same two techniques should be employed to assess such goal. We also plan to extend the different schemes and tools, we have developed these past years in the frame of the Lagrangian gas dynamics, to the Eulerian case. The first step will be to adapt the numerical solvers presented to the Euler system of equations. Finally, we also have in mind to extend the capability of the positive discontinuous Galerkin discretization presented here in the gas dynamics case to the non-linear elasticity equations, and magneto-hydrodynamics systems.

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Appendices

A. Equations of state

This appendix aims at giving further details related to the equations of state employed in this article, as well as deriving the corresponding domains of validity.

A.1. Gamma gas law for perfect gas

For perfect gas, the thermodynamic pressure is defined as

\[ p = \rho(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon, \]  

(A.1)

where \( \gamma > 1 \) is the polytropic index of the gas. In this particular case, the sound speed writes

\[ a^2 = \gamma \frac{p}{\rho} = \gamma(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon. \]  

(A.2)

With these particular definitions, it is clear that:
Remark A.1. If $\rho \in [0, \infty]$ then $\varepsilon > 0 \iff a^2 > 0 \iff p > 0$.

The domain of validity of such EOS is $(\rho, \varepsilon) \in [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty]$. Thus, we would like to ensure the numerical scheme produces solutions lying in this validity domain.

A.2. Stiffened gas EOS

For stiffened gas, the pressure reads

$$ p = \rho(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon - \gamma p_s, \quad (A.3) $$

where $p_s$ is a positive constant representing the molecular attraction between water molecules. The sound speed now writes

$$ a^2 = \gamma \frac{p + p_s}{\rho} = \gamma(\gamma - 1)(\varepsilon - p_s \tau). \quad (A.4) $$

The existence of real $a$ is such that:

Remark A.2. If $\rho \in [0, \infty]$ then $\hat{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon - p_s \tau > 0 \iff a^2 > 0 \iff \hat{p} = p + p_s > 0$.

The domain of validity of such EOS is then $(\rho, \hat{\varepsilon}) \in [0, +\infty] \times [0, +\infty]$.

A.3. Jones-Wilkins-Lee (JWL) EOS for detonation-product gas

This equation of state is used to describe explosions. Here, the pressure reads

$$ p = \rho(\gamma - 1)\varepsilon + f_j(\rho), \quad (A.5) $$

where the positive function $f_j(\rho)$ written

$$ f_j(\rho) = A_1 \left( 1 - \frac{(\gamma - 1)\rho}{R_1 \rho_0} \right) \exp \frac{-R_1 \rho_0}{\rho} + A_2 \left( 1 - \frac{(\gamma - 1)\rho}{R_2 \rho_0} \right) \exp \frac{-R_2 \rho_0}{\rho}, \quad (A.6) $$

with $A_1, A_2, R_1, R_2$ being constants depending on the material. $\rho_0$ is the density of the explosive before detonation, and thus the solution should ensure that $\rho \leq \rho_0$ at all time. With this definition of the pressure, the sound speed writes

$$ a^2 = \gamma \frac{p - f_j(\rho) + \rho f_j'(\rho)}{\rho} = (\gamma - 1)(\gamma \varepsilon + f_j(\rho) \rho + f_j'(\rho) \gamma). \quad (A.7) $$

It follows that the sound speed is defined if and only if, for $\rho \neq 0$, the internal energy yields

$$ \varepsilon \geq \frac{-1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{f_j(\rho)}{\rho} + \frac{f_j'(\rho)}{\gamma} \right) = \frac{-g_j(\rho)}{\gamma}. \quad (A.8) $$

The function $g_j(\rho)$ is positive for $\rho > 0$. Similarly to the work presented in [22], we restrict ourselves to the case where $\varepsilon > 0$ and thus, one can state:

Remark A.3. If $\rho > 0$ then $\varepsilon > 0 \implies a^2 > 0 \implies p > 0$.

The chosen domain of validity is then $(\rho, \varepsilon) \in [0, \rho_0] \times [0, +\infty]$. The condition $\rho \leq \rho_0$ comes from a physical interpretation of the studied problems and thus can be relaxed without risking any crash of the code. For example, in the numerical applications this condition can be relaxed as $\rho \leq \rho_0 (1 + \epsilon)$, where $\epsilon \geq 0$ is small. This can be useful in some extreme applications to avoid having too small time steps in the early computational time.
A.4. Mie-Grüneisen EOS for solids

For shock-compressed solids, the pressure reads

\[ p = \rho_0 \Gamma_0 \varepsilon + \rho_0 a_0^2 f_m(\eta), \]  

(A.9)

where the function \( f_m(\eta) \) writes

\[ f_m(\eta) = \frac{(\eta - 1)(\eta - \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_0 (\eta - 1))}{[\eta - S_m (\eta - 1)]^2}, \]  

(A.10)

with \( \eta = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}, \) \( \rho_0 \) being the density of the unstressed material, \( \Gamma_0 \) the Grüneisen constant, and \( a_0 \) and \( S_m \) being the coefficients relating the shock speed and the particle velocity, see [66, 63] for more details. Because the Mie-Grüneisen EOS gives thermodynamic relations for compressed solids, we can without loss of generality assume that \( \eta \geq \eta_m \) at all time, with \( \eta_m \) a positive constant. By the definition of the function \( f_m(\eta) \), we also consider \( \eta < \frac{S_m}{S_m - 1} \) under the assumption that \( S_m > 1 \).

Using definition (A.9), one can write the sound speed definition as

\[ a^2 = a_0^2 f_m(\eta) + \frac{\Gamma_0 p}{\rho_0 \eta^2} = \frac{1}{\eta^2} \left( \Gamma_0^2 \varepsilon + a_0^2 (\Gamma_0 f_m(\eta) + \eta^2 f_m'(\eta)) \right). \]  

(A.11)

It follows that the sound speed is defined if and only if, for \( \eta < \frac{S_m}{S_m - 1} \), the internal energy yields

\[ \varepsilon \geq -\frac{a_0^2}{\Gamma_0^2} (\Gamma_0 f_m(\eta) + \eta^2 f_m'(\eta)) = -\frac{a_0^2}{\Gamma_0^2} g_m(\eta). \]  

(A.12)

In (A.12), the function \( g_m(\eta) \) can yield negative values for small \( \eta \). Actually, \( g_m(\eta) \geq 0 \) if \( \eta \in [\eta^*, \frac{S_m}{S_m - 1}] \), where \( g_m(\eta^*) = 0 \). We assume here that \( \eta_m \geq \eta^* \). Similarly to what has been done for the JWL equation of state, we restrict our study to the case \( \varepsilon > 0 \). Consequently, if \( g_m(\eta) \geq 0, \varepsilon > 0 \implies a^2 > 0 \). It immediately follows that:

**Remark A.4.** If \( p \in [\eta^*, \frac{S_m}{S_m - 1} \rho_0] \) then \( \varepsilon > 0 \implies a^2 > 0 \) \( (\iff p > \rho_0 a_0^2 f(\eta)) \).

In the compression case, i.e. \( \eta \geq 1 \), the pressure remains positive. For this particular equation of state, we set the domain of validity to be \( (\rho, \varepsilon) \in [\eta^*, \frac{S_m}{S_m - 1} \rho_0] \times [0, +\infty) \). The evaluation of \( \eta^* \) involves very complex algebra. Thus, for the sake of simplicity we give the definition of \( \eta^* \) in the special case where \( \Gamma_0 = 2 \). This is the value of the Grüneisen constant used in our numerical applications, or in those presented in [63]. In this case, \( \eta^* \) writes

\[ \eta^* = \frac{4 - 3S_m + \frac{10 - 6S_m - 3S_m^2}{C_m} + C_m}{3(S_m - 1)}, \]  

(A.13)

where \( C_m = \left( -28 + 36S_m - 9S_m^2 + 3\sqrt{3}S_m^6 + 6S_m^8 + 5S_m^{10} - 56S_m^{12} + 60S_m^{14} - 8S_m - 8 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \). Here are some values of \( \eta^* \) for different \( S_m \) used in the literature: \( S_m = 1.49 \rightarrow \eta^* = 0.766531905..., \) \( S_m = 1.338 \rightarrow \eta^* = 0.756983366..., \) \( S_m = 1.124 \rightarrow \eta^* = 0.741878192...\)
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