

## Local Discontinuous-Galerkin Schemes for Model Problems in Phase Transition Theory

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**Abstract.** Local Discontinuous Galerkin (LDG) schemes in the sense of [5] are a flexible numerical tool to approximate solutions of nonlinear convection problems with complicated dissipative terms. Such terms frequently appear in evolution equations which describe the dynamics of phase changes in e.g. liquid-vapour mixtures or in elastic solids. We report on results for one-dimensional model problems with dissipative terms including third-order and convolution operators. Cell entropy inequalities and  $L^2$ -stability results are proved for those model problems. As is common in phase transition theory the solution structure sensitively depends on the coupling parameter between viscosity and capillarity. To avoid spurious solutions due to the counteracting effect of artificial dissipation by the numerical flux and the actual dissipation terms we introduce Tadmors' entropy conservative fluxes. Various numerical experiments underline the reliability of our approach and also illustrate interesting and (partly) new phase transition phenomena.

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### 1 Introduction

As a basic model problem we consider the initial value problem

$$u_t^\varepsilon + f(u^\varepsilon)_x = R^\varepsilon[u^\varepsilon] \quad \text{in } \Omega_T := \mathbb{R} \times (0, T), \quad T > 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u^\varepsilon(\cdot, 0) = u_0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.2)$$

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Here, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the unknown function is  $u^\varepsilon : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . By  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  we denote the given flux function and by  $u_0 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R})$  the initial function. Let us assume that (1.1)-(1.2) is uniquely solvable in an appropriate function space where  $R^\varepsilon$  is a dissipative operator acting on this space. Specific examples are given below.

We are interested in choices of  $R^\varepsilon$  such that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} R^\varepsilon[w] \equiv 0 \tag{1.3}$$

holds for all functions  $w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in the function space at hand in the sense of distributions. Then (1.1) turns in the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  into the hyperbolic equation

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_T. \tag{1.4}$$

Solutions of initial value problems for (1.4) might contain discontinuous shock waves so that one has to consider weak solutions which, however, are not uniquely determined. In this framework it is natural to enforce uniqueness by selecting the admissible weak solution for (1.4) as the function  $u : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \|u^\varepsilon - u\|_{L^p_{loc}(\Omega_T)} = 0, \tag{1.5}$$

provided the latter limit exists for some  $p \geq 1$  and  $u$  is a weak solution of (1.4).

For small but positive  $\varepsilon > 0$  in (1.1) it is a challenge to solve the initial value problem numerically since then the solution is governed by the behaviour of the limit problem and can contain steep internal layers. Additionally the numerical entropy dissipation has to be tuned very carefully since the limit (1.5) can sensitively depend on the structure of  $R^\varepsilon$  as we shall detail below. The Local Discontinuous Galerkin (LDG)-scheme provides an elegant and flexible tool to treat quite general versions of (1.1), in particular the (formal) order of the method can be chosen without restrictions. The approach has been originally introduced in [5] for diffusion operators and since then has been applied to many other evolution equations so that we only refer to the overview publications [2, 3]. The LDG-approach relies on a reformulation of (1.1) as a degenerate first-order system and the discretization of this system by the (classical) Discontinuous-Galerkin method (cf. [4]) for first-order systems. We note also that the LDG-scheme requires to use numerical flux functions to discretize the term  $f(u^\varepsilon)_x$  and the dissipative fluxes that come out of  $R^\varepsilon$  in (1.1).

In this paper we test the LDG-scheme for complex choices for  $R^\varepsilon$  which have been recently suggested as models for phase transition phenomena. We are interested in cases where the limit in (1.5) exists but leads to non-standard weak solutions (i.e., weak solutions which not necessarily are Kruzkov-solutions) of (1.4).

A well analyzed choice for  $R^\varepsilon$  in (1.1) such that  $u$  from (1.5) exists is

$$R^\varepsilon[w] = \varepsilon w_{xx}, \quad w \in C^2(\mathbb{R}). \tag{1.6}$$

Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  an unique classical solution  $u^\varepsilon$  of (1.1)-(1.2) exists and (a subsequence of)  $\{u^\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$  converges for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega_T)$  to a function  $u$  which is the Kruzkov-solution of (1.4).

Intricate solution patterns occur if we choose  $f$  in (1.1) to be *nonconvex* and consider for  $\lambda \geq 0$  the operators

$$R^\varepsilon[w] = \varepsilon w_{xx} + \lambda \varepsilon^2 w_{xxx}, \quad w \in C^3(\mathbb{R}) \tag{1.7}$$

or alternatively

$$R^\varepsilon[w] = \varepsilon w_{xx} + \lambda D^\varepsilon[w]_x, \quad w \in C^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \tag{1.8}$$

with the convolution type operator

$$D^\varepsilon[w](x) := \gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) (w(y) - w(x)) dy = \gamma ([\Phi_\varepsilon * w](x) - w(x)) \tag{1.9}$$

for  $\gamma > 0$ . Throughout the paper we suppose that we have

$$\Phi_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{1.10}$$

where  $\Phi$  is an even and, if not stated otherwise, non-negative function from  $C_0^0(\mathbb{R})$  with

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi(x) dx = 1. \tag{1.11}$$

It has been proven that (1.1)-(1.2) with choices either (1.7) or (1.8) has a unique classical solution and that a subsequence of  $\{u^\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$  converges to a weak solution of (1.4). The important point is that the limit function in general does not satisfy all entropy inequalities, thus is not a Kruzkov-solution anymore, and can contain undercompressive shock waves (see [13] for an overview, [9, 11] for the case (1.7) and [17] for (1.8)). Moreover, the limit sensitively depends on the diffusion-dispersion ratio  $\lambda$ .

Let us make here a remark on the relation between the convolution term  $D^\varepsilon[w]$  and the second-order term  $\varepsilon^2 w_{xx}$ . Provided  $w$  is smooth enough, Taylor's expansion theorem gives for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} D^\varepsilon[w(\cdot, t)](x) &\approx \gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) \left( w_x(x, t)(y-x) + \frac{1}{2} w_{xx}(x, t)(y-x)^2 \right) dy \\ &= \left( \gamma \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi(x) x^2 dx \right) w_{xx}(x, t) \\ &= \varepsilon^2 w_{xx}(x, t), \end{aligned}$$

where we used (1.11) and defined  $\gamma$  by

$$\gamma = \frac{2}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi(x) x^2 dx}.$$

With that point of view it makes sense to compare the solutions for local and non-local choices as well as the obtained numerical solutions.

Let us mention that (1.1)-(1.2) is a simple model problem for the complex Navier-Stokes-Korteweg (NSK)-system. For the local NSK-system, i.e., a right hand side similar to (1.7), the successful application of the LDG-scheme in two space dimensions as well as theoretical contributions can be found in [6]. For a FD-discretization of (1.1) with (1.7) we refer to [1].

In Section 2 the LDG-scheme is formulated for (1.1)-(1.2) with both diffusive-dispersive choices (1.7) and (1.8) for  $R^\epsilon$ . In the non-local case (1.8) we propose two versions for LDG-discretization, a “flux-” and a “source-like” version. As will be seen in the several numerical examples the source-like scheme produces the clearly better results while the flux-like version is more accessible for analytical treatment. As the main theoretical contribution we present  $L^2$ -stability for the numerical solutions  $u_h$  for both choices (1.7) and (1.8). For the LDG-scheme of the local equation (1.1), (1.7) a generalized cell entropy inequality is derived (note that for  $R^\epsilon[w]=w_{xxx}$  this was already done by Yan & Shu in [21]). A non-local counterpart is given for the flux-like LDG-scheme of (1.1)-(1.8). The discretization of the nonlinear flux term in (1.1) introduces artificial dissipation which might counteract with the correct dissipation that comes from  $R^\epsilon$ . To erase this extra term in the cell entropy inequality we suggest to use so-called entropy conservative fluxes proposed by Tadmor [19] (see also [20]) in another context. Note that the idea of entropy conservative fluxes has already been used in [14] to compute diffusive-dispersive limits. Careful numerical experiments with the derived LDG-schemes demonstrate the reliability of the approach and display the complex solution structure of (1.1)-(1.2) (e.g., solutions are not necessarily total variation diminishing). By the use of Tadmor’s flux the occurrence of spurious solutions is prohibited (see in particular Test problem 2 in Section 2.3).

As noted before the combination of diffusive and dispersive terms in (1.7), (1.8) appears also in and is in fact motivated by more realistic models describing the dynamics of multiphase media (see, e.g., [8] for the local problem and [18] for the non-local variant). The terms can be identified with the effects of viscosity and capillarity. A simple but important model to describe phase transition processes is the one-dimensional system of visco-capillar elasticity given by

$$w_t^\epsilon - v_x^\epsilon = 0, \quad v_t^\epsilon - \sigma(w^\epsilon)_x = \epsilon v_{xx}^\epsilon - \lambda \begin{cases} \epsilon^2 w_{xxx}^\epsilon, \\ D^\epsilon[w^\epsilon]_x, \end{cases} \tag{1.12}$$

in  $\Omega_T$  and

$$w^\epsilon(.,0) = w_0, \quad v^\epsilon(.,0) = v_0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.13}$$

Here  $w^\epsilon : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the stress and  $v^\epsilon : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the velocity. The initial velocity  $v_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and stress  $w_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are given,  $D^\epsilon$  is as in (1.9). An exemplary stress-strain relation  $\sigma$  is given by

$$\sigma(w) = w^3 - w,$$

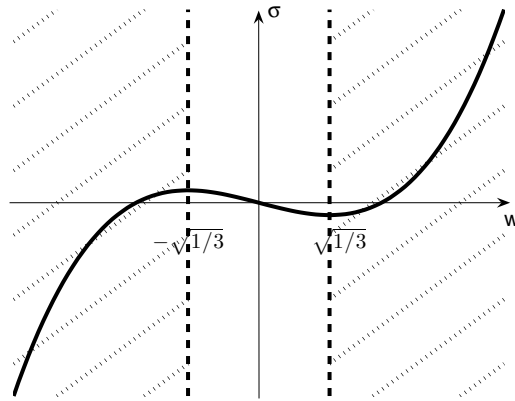


Figure 1: Graph of  $\sigma$  and hyperbolic regions of the state space.

such that  $\sigma$  is non-monotone which allows to define phases: we say that a state  $w$  is in the low (resp. high) strain phase if  $w \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{1/3}]$  (resp.  $w \in [\sqrt{1/3}, \infty)$ ) holds. The graph of  $\sigma$  is displayed in Fig. 1. Note that  $\pm\sqrt{1/3}$  are local extrema of the function.

For classical solutions  $(w^\varepsilon, v^\varepsilon)$  of (1.12)-(1.13), it is known that the total energy (potential energy + kinetic energy) decays in time (see (3.8) below). In Section 3 a discrete counterpart with a mesh-dependent energy function is proved for the flux-like LDG-scheme of the non-local version in (1.12). We present computations with the LDG-schemes again relying on entropy conservative flux discretizations and verify that the numerical solutions also satisfy the observed energy decay. Note that it is a remarkable property of the LDG-method using this kind of flux that the energy decreases without spurious oscillations differently from standard discretizations (see, e.g., [6]). As examples we show phase coarsening procedures for (1.7) and (1.8) with non-negative kernel. We remark that for (1.12)-(1.13) existence results and results on the limit behaviour as  $\varepsilon$  vanishes can be found in [10, 18]. Motivated by the work of Ren & Truskinovsky [16] we finally consider the non-local variant in (1.12) with a kernel  $\Phi$  that *changes sign*. In contrast to the phase separation problems now multiple phase boundaries persist for large times and can be clearly observed in the numerical experiments. We identify a new one-parameter dependent family of such kernels such that the number of phase boundaries in the large-time regime can be controlled by this parameter. To conclude the introduction let us note that this kind of “microstructure evolution” cannot be modeled with the local approach in (1.12) up to our knowledge.

## 2 Local and non-local diffusive-dispersive equations

In this section we consider the initial value problem (1.1)-(1.2) with  $R^\varepsilon$  given by (1.7) or (1.8) and start in Section 2.1 with the formulation of the LDG-schemes following [5]. Here we obtain three different schemes, one for the local version (1.7), two (“flux-” and

“source-like”) for the non-local version (1.8). In Section 2.2 we prove a generalized cell entropy inequality and  $L^2$ -stability for the LDG-scheme in the local case (1.7) as well as analoga for the flux-like LDG-scheme in the non-local case (1.8). At the end in Section 2.3 we will compare the numerical solutions for all three LDG-schemes in several examples. Please note that in the whole section for the sake of simplicity we omit the dependence on  $\varepsilon$  in the notation of the solution if not stated otherwise.

### 2.1 Formulation of the LDG-scheme

We define for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x_{j\pm 1/2} \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $x_{j-1/2} < x_{j+1/2}$  the cells  $I_j := [x_{j-1/2}, x_{j+1/2})$  with local cell size  $h_j := x_{j+1/2} - x_{j-1/2}$ , such that  $\{I_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a (not necessarily equidistant) partition of the real line. By  $x_{j+1/2}^\pm$  we denote the left- and right-hand limit to  $x_{j+1/2}$ , i.e.,

$$x_{j+1/2}^- := \lim_{x \nearrow x_{j+1/2}} x, \quad x_{j+1/2}^+ := \lim_{x \searrow x_{j+1/2}} x.$$

Let  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . For  $t \in [0, T)$  we seek an approximation  $u_h(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of the solution of (1.1)-(1.2) in the space

$$\mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}} := \{ \phi_h \mid \phi_h|_{I_j} \text{ is a polynomial of degree } \leq \mathbf{p} \text{ for all } j \in \mathbb{Z} \}.$$

Define for  $k \in \{0, \dots, \mathbf{p}\}$  the functions

$$\phi_k^j(x) := \begin{cases} p_k^j(x) & : x \in I_j, \\ 0 & : x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus I_j. \end{cases}$$

Here  $p_k^j$  denotes the  $k$ th Legendre polynomial transformed to  $I_j$ . We have  $\mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}} = \text{span}\{\phi_k^j \mid k=0, \dots, \mathbf{p}, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , and thus we make the ansatz

$$u_h(\cdot, t) \Big|_{I_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{\mathbf{p}} \alpha_k^j(t) \phi_k^j(\cdot), \tag{2.1}$$

with the unknown coefficients  $\alpha_k^j(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**LDG-Scheme for the Local Diffusive-Dispersive Equation.** Let us consider at first the local version (1.7). As in [5] we introduce the auxiliary variables  $q := u_x$  and  $p := q_x$  to formally remove the second and third order space-derivatives in (1.1). That means we rewrite (1.1) as the system

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + (f(u) - \varepsilon q - \lambda \varepsilon^2 p)_x &= 0, \\ q - u_x &= 0, \\ p - q_x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and seek for solutions  $u_h, q_h, p_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}}$ . For the auxiliary variables we make an ansatz analogue to (2.1) and obtain

$$q_h(\cdot, t) \Big|_{I_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{\mathbf{p}} \beta_k^j(t) \phi_k^j(\cdot), \quad p_h(\cdot, t) \Big|_{I_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{\mathbf{p}} \zeta_k^j(t) \phi_k^j(\cdot). \tag{2.2}$$

The LDG-scheme now defines the approximations  $u_h(\cdot, t), q_h(\cdot, t), p_h(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that they satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{I_j} u_{h,t}(x, t) \phi_h(x) dx - \int_{I_j} (f(u_h(x, t)) - \varepsilon q_h(x, t) - \lambda \varepsilon^2 p_h(x, t)) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx \\ &= -\tilde{f}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) + \tilde{f}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) + \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \\ & \quad + \lambda \varepsilon^2 \tilde{p}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \lambda \varepsilon^2 \tilde{p}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \tag{2.3} \\ & \int_{I_j} q_h(x, t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} u_h(x, t) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \\ & \int_{I_j} p_h(x, t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} q_h(x, t) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\phi_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}}, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . By

$$\tilde{f}_{j+1/2} := \tilde{f}(u_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), u_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t))$$

we denote an arbitrary numerical flux function  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  consistent with  $f$ , i.e.,  $\tilde{f}(w, w) = f(w)$  for all  $w \in \mathbb{R}$ . Later on we use as specific choices E-fluxes as well as Tadmor's flux. For an E-flux

$$\text{sign}(b-a) (\tilde{f}(a, b) - f(u)) \leq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in [\min\{a, b\}, \max\{a, b\}] \tag{2.4}$$

holds true. Tadmor's flux is defined as

$$\tilde{g}(a, b) = \int_0^1 g(a + s(b-a)) ds, \tag{2.5}$$

where we first rewrite  $g(\xi) = f(u)$  with  $\xi := \eta'(u)$  for some strictly convex function  $\eta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (see [20]). The abbreviations  $\tilde{u}_{j+1/2}, \tilde{q}_{j+1/2}$  and  $\tilde{p}_{j+1/2}$  in (2.3) also stand for numerical fluxes. Later on in this paper we consider the following convex combinations:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{u}(u_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), u_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)), \\ \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{q}(q_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), q_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)), \\ \tilde{p}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{p}(p_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), p_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{p} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  specified by

$$\tilde{u}(a, b) = \vartheta a + (1 - \vartheta) b, \quad \tilde{q} / \tilde{p}(a, b) = (1 - \vartheta) a + \vartheta b \tag{2.6}$$

for  $\vartheta \in [0,1]$ . Note that (2.6) includes upwind- and downwind-fluxes as well as central fluxes if we define  $\vartheta = \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\tilde{u}(a,b) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b), \quad \tilde{q}/\tilde{p}(a,b) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b). \tag{2.7}$$

Due to the use of Legendre polynomials as basis functions one gets ordinary differential equations resp. explicit formulas for the unknown coefficients in (2.1), (2.2), namely

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{k,t}^j(t) &= \frac{2k+1}{h_j} \left\{ \int_{I_j} (f(u_h(x,t)) - \varepsilon q_h(x,t) - \lambda \varepsilon^2 p_h(x,t)) \phi_{k,x}^j(x) dx - \tilde{f}_{j+1/2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)^k \tilde{f}_{j-1/2} + \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} - (-1)^k \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} + \lambda \varepsilon^2 \tilde{p}_{j+1/2} - (-1)^k \lambda \varepsilon^2 \tilde{p}_{j-1/2} \right\}, \\ \beta_k^j(t) &= \frac{2k+1}{h_j} \left\{ - \int_{I_j} u_h(x,t) \phi_{k,x}^j(x) dx + \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} - (-1)^k \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} \right\}, \\ \zeta_k^j(t) &= \frac{2k+1}{h_j} \left\{ - \int_{I_j} q_h(x,t) \phi_{k,x}^j(x) dx + \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} - (-1)^k \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

for  $k=0, \dots, \mathbf{p}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

Up to now we have not taken into account the initial datum (1.2). Throughout the paper we initialize the unknown coefficients  $\alpha_k^j(0)$  by the  $L^2$ -projection

$$\alpha_k^j(0) = \frac{2k+1}{h_j} \int_{I_j} u_0(x) \phi_k^j(x) dx$$

to apply the LDG-schemes.

**Flux-like Variant for an LDG-Scheme for the Non-local Diffusive-Dispersive Equation.** In the non-local case (1.8) there is still the diffusion term  $\varepsilon u_{xx}$  for which we use  $q := u_x$  but there is no need to introduce a second auxiliary variable. Since the convolution integral already emerges in flux form we rewrite (1.1) as

$$u_t + (f(u) - \varepsilon q - \lambda \gamma (\Phi_\varepsilon * u - u))_x = 0, \quad q - u_x = 0.$$

Instead of (2.3) we seek for functions  $u_h, q_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{I_j} u_{h,t}(x,t) \phi_h(x) dx - \int_{I_j} (f(u_h(x,t)) - \varepsilon q_h(x,t) - \lambda \gamma ([\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x) - u_h(x,t))) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx \\ &= -\tilde{f}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) + \tilde{f}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) + \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \\ &\quad + \lambda \gamma [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j+1/2}) \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \lambda \gamma [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \\ &\quad - \lambda \gamma \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) + \lambda \gamma \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \\ &\int_{I_j} q_h(x,t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} u(x,t) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$



holds for all  $\phi_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . By  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{u}$  and  $\tilde{q}$  we again denote numerical flux functions. Note that it is not necessary to introduce a numerical flux for the convolution term. Instead we directly evaluate  $[\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j\pm 1/2})$  at the cell boundaries, because the convolution of  $\Phi_\varepsilon \in C_0^0(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u_h \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  always yields a continuous result. However, to find the counterpart to (2.8) we have to look in more detail at the convolution integral

$$\int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \int_{I_j} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) u_h(y, t) dy \right) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx.$$

Since the kernel  $\Phi_\varepsilon$  has compact support define  $s(j), S(j) \in \mathbb{N}$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that we have

$$\text{supp}(\Phi_\varepsilon(x-\cdot)) \subset [x_{j-s(j)-1/2}, x_{j+S(j)+1/2}] \quad (x \in I_j, j \in \mathbb{Z}). \tag{2.10}$$

Note that we skipped the  $\varepsilon$ -dependence for  $s(j), S(j)$ . Since  $u_h$  is a piecewise polynomial in space we split the integration over  $\mathbb{R}$  into several integrals over the cells  $I_j$  and get

$$\int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \sum_{i=j-s(j)}^{j+S(j)} \sum_{l=0}^p \alpha_l^i(t) \int_{I_i} \left( \int_{I_i} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) \phi_l^i(y) dy \right) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx.$$

We only have to regard finitely many elements  $I_i$ ,  $i=j-s(j), \dots, j+S(j)$  due to (2.10). Now with the basis functions  $\phi_k^j$  as test functions we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{k,t}^j(t) &= \frac{2k+1}{h_j} \left\{ \int_{I_j} (f(u_h(x,t)) - \varepsilon q_h(x,t)) \phi_{k,x}^j(x) dx + \lambda \gamma \sum_{i=j-s(j)}^{j+S(j)} \sum_{l=0}^p \alpha_l^i(t) \mathcal{J}_{k,l}^{j,i} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \tilde{f}_{j+1/2} + (-1)^k \tilde{f}_{j-1/2} + \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} - (-1)^k \varepsilon \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} \right\} - \lambda \gamma \beta_k^j(t), \tag{2.11} \\ \beta_k^j(t) &= \frac{2k+1}{h_j} \left\{ - \int_{I_j} u_h(x,t) \phi_{k,x}^j(x) dx + \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} - (-1)^k \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $k=0, \dots, p$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . We used

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_{k,l}^{j,i} &:= - \int_{I_j} \left( \int_{I_i} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) \phi_l^i(y) dy \right) \phi_{k,x}^j(x) dx \\ &\quad + \int_{I_i} \Phi_\varepsilon(x_{j+1/2}-y) \phi_l^i(y) dy - (-1)^k \int_{I_i} \Phi_\varepsilon(x_{j-1/2}-y) \phi_l^i(y) dy \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

for  $k, l=0, \dots, p$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i=j-s(j), \dots, j+S(j)$ , where the last two integrals are related to the cell boundary terms  $[\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j\pm 1/2}) \phi_h(x_{j\pm 1/2}^\mp)$  in (2.9).

Now if we compare both schemes, (2.8) and (2.11), the advantage in the non-local version is that (on a fixed grid) the values  $\mathcal{J}_{k,l}^{j,i}$  do not change during computing time in contrast to the unknown coefficients  $\zeta_k^j$  in (2.8). For that reason we have to calculate them only once.

**Source-like Variant for an LDG-Scheme for the Non-local Diffusive-Dispersive Equation.** Another possibility to treat the convolution term in (1.8) is to first rewrite  $D^\epsilon[w]_x = D^\epsilon[q]$  with an auxiliary variable  $q = w_x$ . Then for the system

$$u_t + (f(u) - \epsilon q)_x - \lambda \gamma(\Phi_\epsilon * q - q) = 0, \quad q - u_x = 0,$$

we perform an analogue LDG-discretization as in the case of the flux-like treated convolution term, i.e., we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{I_j} (u_{h,t}(x,t) - \lambda \gamma([\Phi_\epsilon * q_h](x) - q_h(x,t))) \phi_h(x) dx \\ & - \int_{I_j} (f(u_h(x,t)) - \epsilon q_h(x,t)) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx \\ & = -\tilde{f}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) + \tilde{f}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) + \epsilon \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \epsilon \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \\ & \int_{I_j} q_h(x,t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} u_h(x,t) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

for all  $\phi_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Here for the test functions  $\phi_h = \phi_k^j$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, \mathbf{p}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain

$$\int_{I_j} [\Phi_\epsilon * q_h](x) \phi_k^j(x) dx = \sum_{i=j-s(j)}^{j+S(j)} \sum_{l=0}^{\mathbf{p}} \beta_l^i(t) \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{k,l}^{j,i}$$

for

$$\tilde{\mathcal{J}}_{k,l}^{j,i} := \int_{I_j} \left( \int_{I_i} \Phi_\epsilon(x-y) \phi_l^i(y) dy \right) \phi_k^j(x) dx \tag{2.14}$$

and  $k, l = 0, \dots, \mathbf{p}$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i = j - s(j), \dots, j + S(j)$ . Note that there are no cell boundary terms  $[\Phi_\epsilon * u_h](x_{j\pm 1/2}) \phi_h(x_{j\pm 1/2}^\mp)$  as in the flux-like version of the non-local LDG-scheme (2.9).

In Section 2.3 we will look at numerical solutions for the local version and both of these non-local variants of the LDG-scheme. By  $u_{local}$  (resp.  $u_{h,global_f}$  or  $u_{h,global_s}$ ) we denote the solution  $u_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}}$  that comes out of (2.3) (resp. (2.9) or (2.13)). To evaluate the remaining integrals in (2.8), (2.11)-(2.14) we use sufficiently high order quadrature rules. Time discretization for the ordinary differential equations in (2.8), (2.11) and obtained by (2.13) is done by Runge-Kutta schemes of the same order as the spatial discretization (cf. [4]).

## 2.2 Generalized cell entropy inequality and $L^2$ -stability

In this section we are going to prove some analytical results for the derived LDG-schemes. We start with the local diffusive-dispersive equation (1.1), (1.7). For better

presentation let us introduce the following shortcuts

$$\begin{aligned} u_{h+}^\pm &= u_h(x_{j+1/2}^\pm, t), & u_{h-}^\pm &= u_h(x_{j-1/2}^\pm, t), \\ q_{h+}^\pm &= q_h(x_{j+1/2}^\pm, t), & q_{h-}^\pm &= q_h(x_{j-1/2}^\pm, t), \\ p_{h+}^\pm &= p_h(x_{j+1/2}^\pm, t), & p_{h-}^\pm &= p_h(x_{j-1/2}^\pm, t). \end{aligned}$$

**Local Diffusive-Dispersive Equation.** For any smooth solution  $u$  of (1.1), (1.7) which decays sufficiently fast together with its spatial derivatives as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$  we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{u^2(x,t)}{2} dx + \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}} u_x^2(x,t) dx = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0. \tag{2.15}$$

In general one can not expect that all  $L^p$ -norms for  $p \in [1, \infty) \cup \{\infty\}$  are dissipated in contrast to the parabolic regularization  $R^\varepsilon[w] = \varepsilon w_{xx}$  in (1.1), as will be pointed out by the numerical experiments at the end of this section (see also [9]).

We have the following cell entropy inequality for the semidiscrete scheme (2.3).

**Theorem 2.1 (Generalized Cell Entropy Inequality).** *Let  $u_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  be the solution of the LDG-scheme (2.3), where  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{p}$  are numerical fluxes as in (2.6) for  $\vartheta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .*

(i) *Let  $\tilde{f}$  be an E-flux, i.e., (2.4) holds true. Then there exist functions*

$$\theta_{j-1/2} = \theta(u_{h-}^-, u_{h-}^+)$$

*with  $\theta_{j-1/2} \geq 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0$ , and*

$$g_{j+1/2} = g(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+, q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+, p_{h+}^-, p_{h+}^+)$$

*with  $g(w, w, 0, 0, 0, 0) = f(w)w - F(w)$ , for  $w \in \mathbb{R}$  and a primitive  $F$  of  $f$ , such that  $u_h$  satisfies the generalized cell entropy inequality*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{I_j} \frac{u_h^2(x,t)}{2} dx + g_{j+1/2} - g_{j-1/2} = -\varepsilon \int_{I_j} q_h^2(x,t) dx - \theta_{j-1/2} \leq 0 \tag{2.16}$$

*for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0$ .*

(ii) *Let  $\tilde{f}$  be Tadmor's flux (2.5) and  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{p}$  be central fluxes (2.7) (, i.e.,  $\vartheta = \frac{1}{2}$ ). Then (2.16) holds with  $\theta_{j-1/2} = 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* (i) For the test functions  $\phi_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  and  $t \geq 0$  fixed we use  $\phi_h = u_h(\cdot, t)$  in the first,  $\phi_h = \varepsilon q_h(\cdot, t) + \lambda \varepsilon^2 p_h(\cdot, t)$  in the second as well as  $\phi_h = -\lambda \varepsilon^2 q_h(\cdot, t)$  in the third equation of

(2.3) and sum up all three equations. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int_{I_j} u_{h,t}(x,t)u_h(x,t) dx - \int_{I_j} f(u_h(x,t))u_{h,x}(x,t) dx + \varepsilon \int_{I_j} q_h^2(x,t) dx \\
 &+ \varepsilon \int_{I_j} (q_h(x,t)u_{h,x}(x,t) + u_h(x,t)q_{h,x}(x,t)) dx \\
 &+ \lambda\varepsilon^2 \int_{I_j} (p_h(x,t)u_{h,x}(x,t) + u_h(x,t)p_{h,x}(x,t)) dx - \lambda\varepsilon^2 \int_{I_j} q_h(x,t)q_{h,x}(x,t) dx \\
 &+ \tilde{f}_{j+1/2}u_{h+}^- - \tilde{f}_{j-1/2}u_{h-}^+ - \varepsilon(\tilde{u}_{j+1/2}q_{h+}^- + \tilde{q}_{j+1/2}u_{h+}^-) + \varepsilon(\tilde{u}_{j-1/2}q_{h-}^+ + \tilde{q}_{j-1/2}u_{h-}^+) \\
 &- \lambda\varepsilon^2(\tilde{u}_{j+1/2}p_{h+}^- + \tilde{p}_{j+1/2}u_{h+}^-) + \lambda\varepsilon^2(\tilde{u}_{j-1/2}p_{h-}^+ + \tilde{p}_{j-1/2}u_{h-}^+) \\
 &+ \lambda\varepsilon^2\tilde{q}_{j+1/2}q_{h+}^- - \lambda\varepsilon^2\tilde{q}_{j-1/2}q_{h-}^+ \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{I_j} \frac{u_h^2(x,t)}{2} dx + \varepsilon \int_{I_j} q_h^2(x,t) dx - F(u_{h+}^-) + F(u_{h-}^+) + \tilde{f}_{j+1/2}u_{h+}^- - \tilde{f}_{j-1/2}u_{h-}^+ \\
 &+ \varepsilon(u_{h+}^-q_{h+}^- - \tilde{u}_{j+1/2}q_{h+}^- - \tilde{q}_{j+1/2}u_{h+}^-) - \varepsilon(u_{h-}^+q_{h-}^+ - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2}q_{h-}^+ - \tilde{q}_{j-1/2}u_{h-}^+) \\
 &+ \lambda\varepsilon^2(u_{h+}^-p_{h+}^- - \tilde{u}_{j+1/2}p_{h+}^- - \tilde{p}_{j+1/2}u_{h+}^-) - \lambda\varepsilon^2(u_{h-}^+p_{h-}^+ - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2}p_{h-}^+ - \tilde{p}_{j-1/2}u_{h-}^+) \\
 &- \lambda\varepsilon^2\left(\frac{1}{2}(q_{h+}^-)^2 - \tilde{q}_{j+1/2}q_{h+}^-\right) + \lambda\varepsilon^2\left(\frac{1}{2}(q_{h-}^+)^2 - \tilde{q}_{j-1/2}q_{h-}^+\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

That is (2.16) for

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{j+1/2} &= g(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+, q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+, p_{h+}^-, p_{h+}^+) \\
 &:= -F(u_{h+}^-) + \tilde{f}(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+)u_{h+}^- + \varepsilon(u_{h+}^-q_{h+}^- - \tilde{u}(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+)q_{h+}^- - \tilde{q}(q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+)u_{h+}^-) \\
 &+ \lambda\varepsilon^2(u_{h+}^-p_{h+}^- - \tilde{u}(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+)p_{h+}^- - \tilde{p}(p_{h+}^-, p_{h+}^+)u_{h+}^-) - \lambda\varepsilon^2\left(\frac{1}{2}(q_{h+}^-)^2 - \tilde{q}(q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+)q_{h+}^-\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $F$  is a primitive of the flux  $f$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta_{j-1/2} &= \theta(u_{h-}^-, u_{h-}^+) \\
 &:= \int_{u_{h-}^-}^{u_{h-}^+} (f(u) - \tilde{f}(u_{h-}^-, u_{h-}^+)) du + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \vartheta\right) \lambda\varepsilon^2(q_{h-}^+ - q_{h-}^-)^2, \tag{2.17}
 \end{aligned}$$

thanks to the definition (2.6) of the numerical fluxes  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$  and  $\tilde{p}$ . Finally with the use of (2.4) and  $\vartheta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  we have  $\theta_{j-1/2} \geq 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0$ .

(ii) For  $\eta(u) = u^2/2$  in the definition of Tadmor's flux (see (2.5)) we obtain  $g \equiv f$ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{f}(a,b) = \int_0^1 f(a+s(b-a)) ds = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du$$

and thus (see (2.17))  $\theta_{j-1/2} = 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0$ , if we additionally consider  $\vartheta = \frac{1}{2}$ , i.e., central fluxes  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{p}$ .  $\square$

Assume the numerical solutions satisfy

$$|u_h(x,t)|, |q_h(x,t)|, |p_h(x,t)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } x \rightarrow \pm\infty, t \geq 0. \tag{2.18}$$

Then after adding up the above cell entropy inequality over all intervals  $\{I_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  we finally observe the

**Corollary 2.1** (*L<sup>2</sup>-stability for (2.3)*). Let  $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\tilde{f}$  be continuous. Then with the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 and the property (2.18) the solution  $u_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  of (2.3) satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{u_h^2(x,t)}{2} dx \leq 0, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.$$

**Non-local Diffusive-Dispersive Equation.** For smooth solutions of the non-local diffusive-dispersive problem (1.1), (1.8) we also have a decreasing  $L^2$ -norm, i.e., (2.15) holds true, if  $u$  and  $u_x$  decay sufficiently fast as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . This is clear if we multiply (1.1), (1.8) by  $u$ , integrate over  $\mathbb{R}$  and observe that for some smooth function  $w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [\Phi_\varepsilon * w]_x(x) w(x) dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) w(y) dy \right)_x w(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\varepsilon(z) w_x(x-z) dz \right) w(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) w_y(y) w(x) dy dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} [\Phi_\varepsilon * w](y) w_y(y) dy = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} [\Phi_\varepsilon * w]_y(y) w(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

holds true. As in the local case it can not be expected that all  $L^p$ -norms for  $p \in [1, \infty) \cup \{\infty\}$  decrease in time.

Differently from (2.3) there is no cell entropy inequality like in Theorem 2.1 for the non-local counterpart (2.9) or (2.13). But we prove the following theorem and finally  $L^2$ -stability for the numerical solution  $u_h$  of (2.9).

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $u_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  be the solution of the LDG-scheme (2.9), where  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$  are numerical fluxes as in (2.6) and  $\tilde{f}$  is an arbitrary numerical flux function. Then there exist functions

$$\theta_{j-1/2} = \theta(u_{h-}^-, u_{h-}^+), \quad g_{j+1/2} = g(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+, q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+)$$

with  $g(w, w, 0, 0) = f(w)w - F(w)$ , for  $w \in \mathbb{R}$  and a primitive  $F$  of  $f$  such that  $u_h$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{I_j} \frac{u_h^2(x,t)}{2} dx + g_{j+1/2} - g_{j-1/2} &= -\varepsilon \int_{I_j} q_h^2(x,t) dx - \theta_{j-1/2} \\ &\quad - \lambda \gamma \left( \int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x) u_{h,x}(x,t) dx + [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) (u_{h-}^+ - u_{h-}^-) \right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* For  $t \geq 0$  we choose the test functions  $\phi_h = u_h(\cdot, t)$  in the first and  $\phi_h = \varepsilon q_h(\cdot, t)$  in the second equation of (2.9) and sum up both equations to get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{I_j} \frac{u_h^2(x, t)}{2} dx + \varepsilon \int_{I_j} q_h^2(x, t) dx + \lambda \gamma \int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x) u_{h,x}(x, t) dx \\ &\quad - F(u_{h+}^-) + F(u_{h-}^+) + \tilde{f}_{j+1/2} u_{h+}^- - \tilde{f}_{j-1/2} u_{h-}^+ \\ &\quad + \varepsilon (u_{h+}^- q_{h+}^- - \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} q_{h+}^- - \tilde{q}_{j+1/2} u_{h+}^-) - \varepsilon (u_{h-}^+ q_{h-}^+ - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} q_{h-}^+ - \tilde{q}_{j-1/2} u_{h-}^+) \\ &\quad - \lambda \gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} (u_{h+}^-)^2 - \tilde{u}_{j+1/2} u_{h+}^- \right) + \lambda \gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} (u_{h-}^+)^2 - \tilde{u}_{j-1/2} u_{h-}^+ \right) \\ &\quad - \lambda \gamma [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j+1/2}) u_{h+}^- + \lambda \gamma [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) u_{h-}^+. \end{aligned}$$

Now we obtain (2.19) if we define

$$\begin{aligned} g_{j+1/2} &= g(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+, q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+) \\ &:= -F(u_{h+}^-) + \tilde{f}(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+) u_{h+}^- \\ &\quad + \varepsilon (u_{h+}^- q_{h+}^- - \tilde{u}(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+) q_{h+}^- - \tilde{q}(q_{h+}^-, q_{h+}^+) u_{h+}^-) \\ &\quad - \lambda \gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} (u_{h+}^-)^2 - \tilde{u}(u_{h+}^-, u_{h+}^+) \right) u_{h+}^- - \lambda \gamma [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j+1/2}) u_{h+}^- \end{aligned}$$

with a primitive  $F$  of the flux  $f$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{j-1/2} &= \theta(u_{h-}^-, u_{h-}^+) \\ &:= \int_{u_{h-}^-}^{u_{h-}^+} (f(u) - \tilde{f}(u_{h-}^-, u_{h-}^+)) du + \left( \vartheta - \frac{1}{2} \right) \lambda \gamma (u_{h-}^+ - u_{h-}^-)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.20}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. □

**Corollary 2.2** ( $L^2$ -stability for (2.9)). Let  $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\tilde{f}$  be a continuous E-flux or Tadmor's flux and  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$  as in (2.6) for  $\vartheta \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . Then with the property (2.18) for  $u_h, q_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  the solution of (2.9) satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{u_h^2(x, t)}{2} dx \leq 0, \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* With the definition (2.4) of an E-flux and  $\vartheta \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  we observe  $\theta_{j-1/2} \geq 0$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $t \geq 0$  (see (2.20)). Note that  $\theta_{j-1/2} = 0$  if we take Tadmor's flux (2.5) for  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\vartheta = \frac{1}{2}$  (i.e., central fluxes  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$ ). Now  $L^2$ -stability follows from (2.19) after summing up over all intervals  $\{I_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  if we verify that the last term in (2.19) vanishes. This is true because we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x) u_{h,x}(x, t) dx + [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) (u_{h-}^+ - u_{h-}^-) \right) \\
&= - \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)]_x(x) u_h(x, t) dx \right. \\
&\quad \left. + [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j+1/2}) u_{h+}^- - [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) u_{h-}^- \right) \\
&= - \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{I_k} \left[ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{I_j} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) u_h(y, t) dy \right]_x u_h(x, t) dx \\
&= - \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{I_k} \left[ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} - \int_{x-x_{j-1/2}}^{x-x_{j+1/2}} \Phi_\varepsilon(z) u_h(x-z, t) dz \right]_x u_h(x, t) dx \\
&= - \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{I_k} \left( \int_{I_j} \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) u_{h,y}(y, t) dy \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \Phi_\varepsilon(x-x_{j+1/2}) u_{h+}^- + \Phi_\varepsilon(x-x_{j-1/2}) u_{h-}^+ \right) u_h(x, t) dx \\
&= - \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{I_j} \left[ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{I_k} \Phi_\varepsilon(y-x) u_h(x, t) dx \right] u_{h,y}(y, t) dy \right. \\
&\quad \left. - [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j+1/2}) u_{h+}^- + [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) u_{h-}^+ \right) \\
&= - \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{I_j} [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](y) u_{h,y}(y, t) dy + [\Phi_\varepsilon * u_h(\cdot, t)](x_{j-1/2}) (u_{h-}^+ - u_{h-}^-) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that we have used the symmetry of the kernel function  $\Phi_\varepsilon$ . □

### 2.3 Numerical experiments

In this section we want to test the LDG-schemes of Section 2.1. For all experiments we use an explicit time discretization, more precisely Runge-Kutta schemes of the same order as the spatial discretization (cf. [4]). If not stated otherwise we use the local Lax-Friedrichs flux

$$\tilde{f}(a, b) = \frac{1}{2}(f(a) + f(b) - C(b-a)), \quad \text{with } C = \max_{\min\{a,b\} \leq u \leq \max\{a,b\}} |f'(u)|$$

for  $\tilde{f}_{j+1/2} = \tilde{f}(u_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), u_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t))$ . For  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$  (and if needed  $\tilde{p}$ ) we take central fluxes, i.e., (2.7), if not stated otherwise. In the non-local LDG-schemes (2.9), (2.13) we consider

the kernel function

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\exp(1/(x^2-1))}{\int_{-1}^1 \exp(1/(y^2-1)) dy} & : x \in (-1,1), \\ 0 & : \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

whereas  $\Phi_\varepsilon$  is given as in (1.10).

Before we start with computations for the diffusive-dispersive equations (1.1) let us consider (1.4) for the nonconvex flux function  $f(u) = u^3$  together with the initial datum

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} u_l = 1.2 & : x \leq 0.1, \\ u_r = -0.65 & : x > 0.1. \end{cases} \tag{2.21}$$

Then the function

$$u^0(x) = \begin{cases} u_l & : x \leq 0.1 + s_1 t, \\ u_m & : 0.1 + s_1 t < x \leq 0.1 + s_2 t, \\ u_r & : x > 0.1 + s_2 t \end{cases} \tag{2.22}$$

for the constant middle state

$$u_m = -u_l + \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}} \approx -0.964$$

and the shock speeds

$$s_1 = \frac{u_l^3 - u_m^3}{u_l - u_m} \approx 1.213, \quad s_2 = \frac{u_r^3 - u_m^3}{u_r - u_m} \approx 1.979$$

is a weak solution of (1.4). Note that the slower shock is a so called nonclassical (under-compressive) shock while the faster one is a Lax shock (see, e.g., [13]).

**Test problem 1a.** For a first test of the LDG-schemes of Section 2.1 we consider the regularized problem (1.1) in  $[0,1] \times (0,T)$  with the right hand side (1.7) resp. (1.8), the flux  $f(u) = u^3$  and the initial datum (2.21). The parameters are set to  $\varepsilon = 0.004$  and  $\lambda = 4$ . Then in the local case (1.7)  $u^0$  in (2.22) is the limit solution for vanishing  $\varepsilon$ , i.e.,  $u^0 = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} u^\varepsilon$  (see [11]). Although (2.22) is not the exact solution of the regularized problem (1.1) we expect that e.g. the middle state for small  $\varepsilon > 0$  should be close to  $u_m$ . For the non-local problem (1.1), (1.8) [17] and numerical experiments suggest that (2.22) is the correct vanishing- $\varepsilon$ -solution, too.

Fig. 2 shows the numerical results on an equidistant partition  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$  of  $[0,1]$  consisting of  $N = 200$  cells. We compare the respective solutions  $u_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^{\mathbf{p}}$  for  $\mathbf{p} = 0, 1, 2$  (piecewise constant, linear, quadratic), on the one hand for the local LDG-scheme (2.3) (see Fig. 2, upper row), on the other hand for the non-local flux- resp. source-like variants of



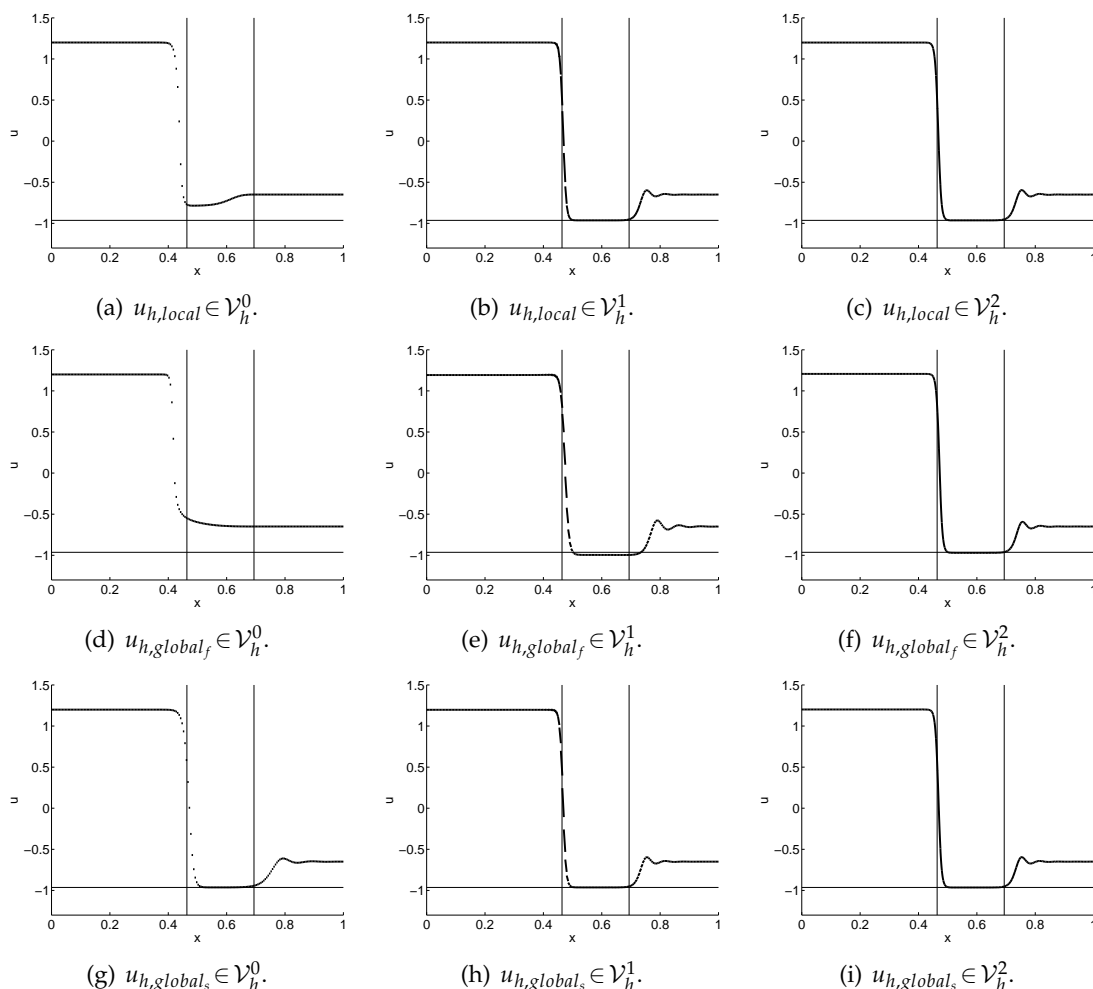


Figure 2: Numerical solutions of (1.1) with (1.7) (upper row) or (1.8) (middle and lower row) on an equidistant partition  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$  ( $N=200$ ) of  $[0,1]$  at the time  $t=0.3$ . The limit solution  $u^0$  consists of an undercompressive shock and a Lax shock. The thin lines indicate the positions of these shock waves and the middle state at  $t=0.3$ .

the LDG-scheme as in (2.9) resp. (2.13) (see Fig. 2, middle resp. lower row). The thin lines in Fig. 2 show the positions of the shocks as well as the middle state of (2.22).

In all three variants of the LDG-scheme a distinct improvement is recognizable for greater  $p$ . Hence it really makes sense to increase the order of the LDG-scheme. However comparing all three piecewise constant approximations (see Fig. 2, (a), (d), (g)) the non-local solution  $u_{h,global_s}$  that comes out of the source-like scheme (2.13) is already closer to the limit solution (2.22) even on coarse grids. After refining the grid the shape of the piecewise constant solutions (a) and (d) in Fig. 2 also tends towards the shocks with speed  $s_1, s_2$  and the correct middle state  $u_m$  (see Fig. 3 for the local case). Indeed the flux-like non-local LDG-scheme (2.9) gives the worst results in this experiment (see Fig. 2, middle

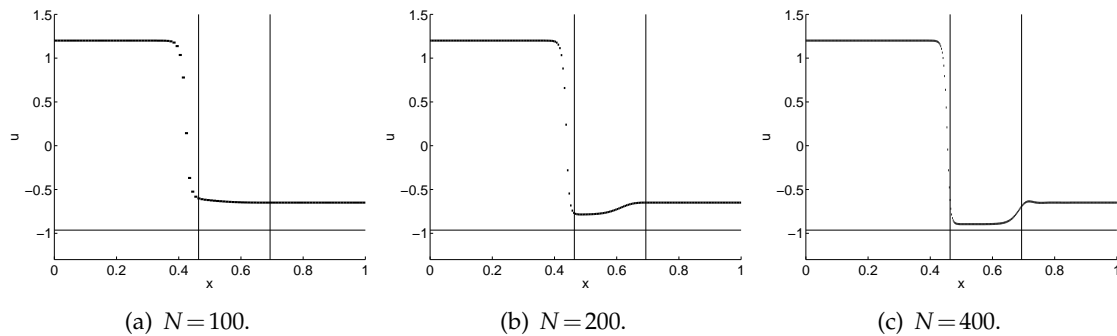


Figure 3: Piecewise constant approximations for the local problem (1.1), (1.7) after a grid refinement. The thin lines indicate the shock positions and the middle state  $u_m$  at  $t=0.3$ .

row) and the discretization (2.13) for the rewritten convolution term  $D^\epsilon[w]_x = D^\epsilon[q]$  seems to be the better alternative.

**Test problem 1b.** The convergence to the limit solution  $u^0$  in (2.22) is underlined by Table 1 where we display the error  $\|u_{h,local}^\epsilon - u^0\|_{L^1(0,1)}$  for various  $\epsilon$ . Here  $u_{h,local}^\epsilon \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  is the solution of the local LDG-scheme (2.3). We use  $p = 1$  and  $p = 2$ . The corresponding graphs for  $u_{h,local}^\epsilon$  can be found in Fig. 4. Note that the grid consisting of  $N = 200$  cells is not fine enough to resolve the piecewise linear solution  $u_{h,local}^\epsilon$  for  $\epsilon = 0.001$ , especially near the shocks, whereas the piecewise quadratic solution further tends to the correct shock-shock-result (2.22).

Table 1:  $L^1$ -error between  $u_{h,local}^\epsilon$  and the limit solution  $u^0$  at the time  $t=0.3$ , where  $u_{h,local}^\epsilon$  comes out of the local LDG-scheme (2.3).

$\epsilon$	$\ u_{h,local}^\epsilon - u^0\ _{L^1(0,1)}$	
	$p=1$	$p=2$
0.016	1.1383e-01	1.1561e-01
0.008	5.7521e-02	5.7988e-02
0.004	2.8960e-02	2.8781e-02
0.002	1.4819e-02	1.4059e-02
0.001	1.8562e-02	7.6740e-03

**Test problem 1c.** Note that we did not use any slope-limiter in the LDG-schemes. Diffusive-dispersive regularizations like (1.7), (1.8) are examples where the use of slope-limiters is counterproductive. Indeed we could use them but then a finer grid is needed in order to make the numerical solution tending towards the limit solution (2.22) (see Fig. 5 for the example  $u_{h,local} \in \mathcal{V}_h^1$ ).

**Test problem 2a.** Not only with the slope-limiter but also with the numerical flux function one has to be careful as will be seen in the next experiment. Until now

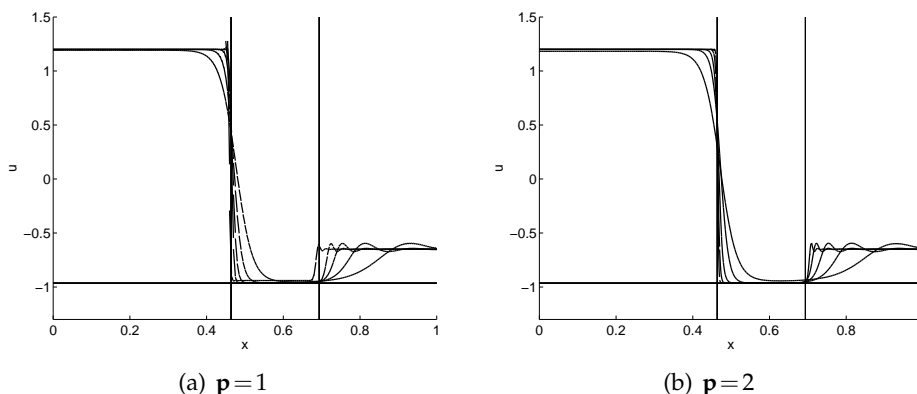


Figure 4: Local piecewise linear and quadratic solutions  $u_{h,local}^\epsilon(\cdot, t=0.3)$  on  $N=200$  cells for various  $\epsilon$ . The thin lines indicate the shock positions and the middle state  $u_m$  at  $t=0.3$ .

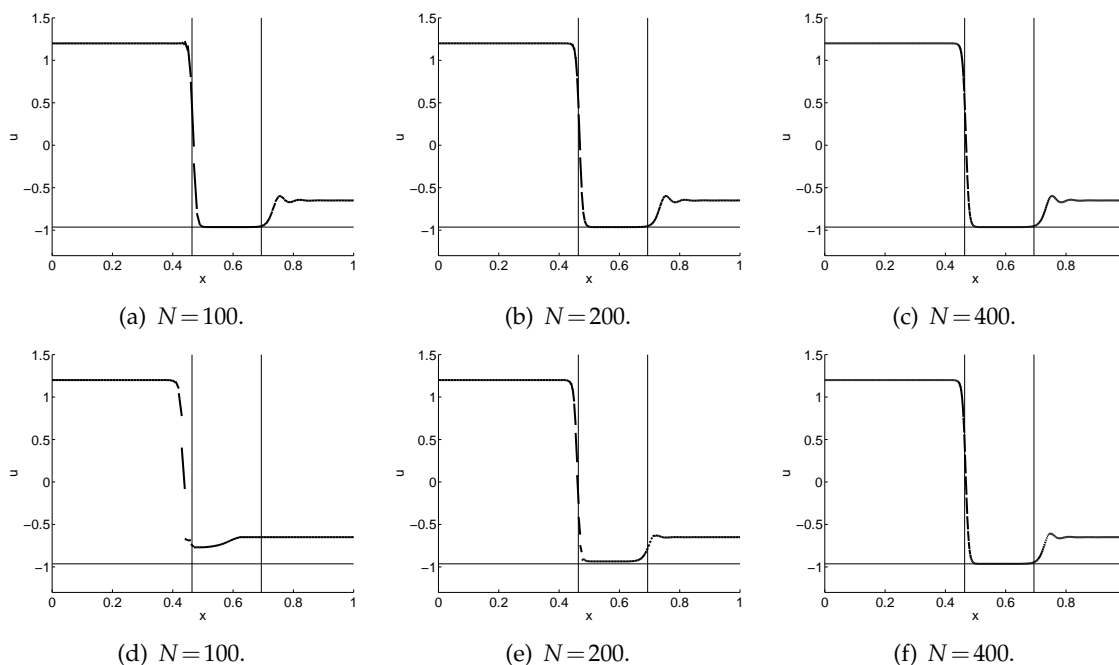


Figure 5: Piecewise linear approximations for the local problem (1.1), (1.7) on various grids. We used no slope-limiter in the upper row resp. the Minmod-slope-limiter in the lower row. The thin lines indicate the shock positions and the middle state  $u_m$  at  $t=0.3$ .

we used the local Lax-Friedrichs flux. Here we moreover consider the upwind flux  $\tilde{f}_{j+1/2} = f(u_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) = u_h^3(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)$  and Tadmor's flux (2.5), which is given by

$$\tilde{f}(a,b) = \frac{1}{4}(a+b)(a^2 + b^2)$$

in this example. We use the same setting as in Test problem 1a but start with the initial

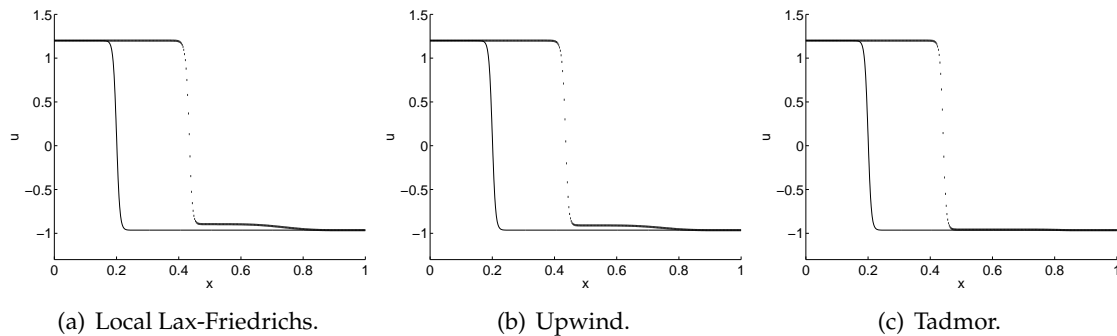


Figure 6: Traveling wave solutions for the local problem (1.1), (1.7) for various numerical flux functions at  $t=0.2$ . The thin lines indicate the initial function.

function

$$u_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ u_l + u_r - (u_l - u_r) \tanh \left( \frac{u_l - u_r}{2\varepsilon\sqrt{2\lambda}} (x - 0.2) \right) \right], \tag{2.23}$$

where we have  $u_l = 1.2$  and  $u_r = -u_l + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}} \approx -0.964$ . Then the exact solution for (1.1)-(1.2) with the local right hand side (1.7) is the traveling wave  $u(x,t) = u_0(x-st)$  with the speed  $s = (u_r^3 - u_l^3) / (u_r - u_l) \approx 1.213$  (see [11]).

Fig. 6 shows the initial function (thin lines) and the piecewise constant numerical solutions for the local LDG-scheme (2.3) with different numerical fluxes  $\tilde{f}$  on an equidistant partition  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$ ,  $N = 400$ , at the time  $t = 0.2$ . Instead of the traveling wave solution the upwind- and local Lax-Friedrichs-results seem to produce another spurious solution consisting of a middle state and a rarefaction wave. Not so with the Tadmor-experiment where the solution represents the traveling wave with the correct speed. Let us mention that the solutions for all three flux choices tend to the correct traveling wave solution if we use finer grids or increase  $\mathbf{p}$  (see also Test problem 2b).

**Test problem 2b.** Once more we look at the traveling wave example of Test problem 2a, i.e., the local diffusive-dispersive problem (1.1)-(1.2) together with the right hand side (1.7) and the initial function (2.23), to examine  $L^2$ -errors and the order of convergence. As numerical flux functions for the original flux  $f(u) = u^3$  we compare the local Lax-Friedrichs, upwind and Tadmor’s flux. Unlike before we do not take central fluxes for  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$  and  $\tilde{p}$  but (2.6) with  $\vartheta = 0$ , i.e., a combination of upwind and downwind fluxes.

In Table 2 we listed the corresponding  $L^2$ -errors and EOC-values for piecewise constant, linear and quadratic approximations (corresponding to  $\mathbf{p}=0, 1, 2$ ) on various grids. Note that we obtain the expected order of convergence  $\mathbf{p}+1$ . Comparing the three numerical fluxes Tadmor’s flux leads to the smallest absolute  $L^2$ -errors. We remark that the combination of upwind and downwind fluxes for  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{q}$  and  $\tilde{p}$  gives substantially better results than a computation with central fluxes (not displayed here).

**Test problem 3.** In a last example we slightly change the parameter  $\lambda$  that couples the diffusion and dispersion terms in (1.7) and (1.8) to  $\lambda = 1$ . As already mentioned the

Table 2:  $L^2$ -error between  $u_{h,local}$  and the traveling wave solution  $u(x,t) = u_0(x-st)$  (see (2.23)) at the time  $t=0.2$  for various equidistant grids  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$  as well as EOC-values.

**p=0**

N	Local Lax-Friedrichs		Upwind		Tadmor	
	$L^2$ -error	EOC	$L^2$ -error	EOC	$L^2$ -error	EOC
300	1.59e-01		1.39e-01		6.85e-02	
400	1.27e-01	0.7606	1.13e-01	0.7203	5.22e-02	0.9422
600	9.01e-02	0.8550	8.20e-02	0.7963	3.54e-02	0.9574
800	6.92e-02	0.9156	6.41e-02	0.8551	2.68e-02	0.9693

**p=1**

N	Local Lax-Friedrichs		Upwind		Tadmor	
	$L^2$ -error	EOC	$L^2$ -error	EOC	$L^2$ -error	EOC
50	5.00e-02		4.70e-02		2.64e-02	
100	1.51e-02	1.7304	1.45e-02	1.6939	7.72e-03	1.7751
200	3.10e-03	2.2809	3.07e-03	2.2442	1.93e-03	1.9992
400	5.59e-04	2.4705	5.58e-04	2.4568	4.35e-04	2.1516

**p=2**

N	Local Lax-Friedrichs		Upwind		Tadmor	
	$L^2$ -error	EOC	$L^2$ -error	EOC	$L^2$ -error	EOC
50	5.31e-03		5.18e-03		3.67e-03	
100	8.18e-04	2.6978	8.17e-04	2.6661	7.74e-04	2.2463
200	1.00e-04	3.0276	1.00e-04	3.0256	1.00e-04	2.9527
400	1.28e-05	2.9743	1.28e-05	2.9743	1.28e-05	2.9694

structure of the solution sensitively depends on this parameter. For the initial datum

$$u_0(x) = \begin{cases} u_l = 1.2 & : x \leq 0.1, \\ u_r = -0.8 & : x > 0.1 \end{cases}$$

the limit solution  $u^0$  no longer has a shock-shock- but a shock-rarefaction-shape (see [11]). Here the shock has the speed  $s = (u_l^3 - u_m^3) / (u_l - u_m) \approx 1.097$  and the rarefaction evolves between the middle state

$$u_m = -u_l + \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}} \approx -0.729$$

and the right state  $u_r = -0.8$ .

Fig. 7 shows the numerical results  $u_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p$  for  $p = 0, 1, 2$  (piecewise constant, linear, quadratic) on an equidistant partition  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$  of  $[0,1]$  consisting of  $N = 200$  cells. We

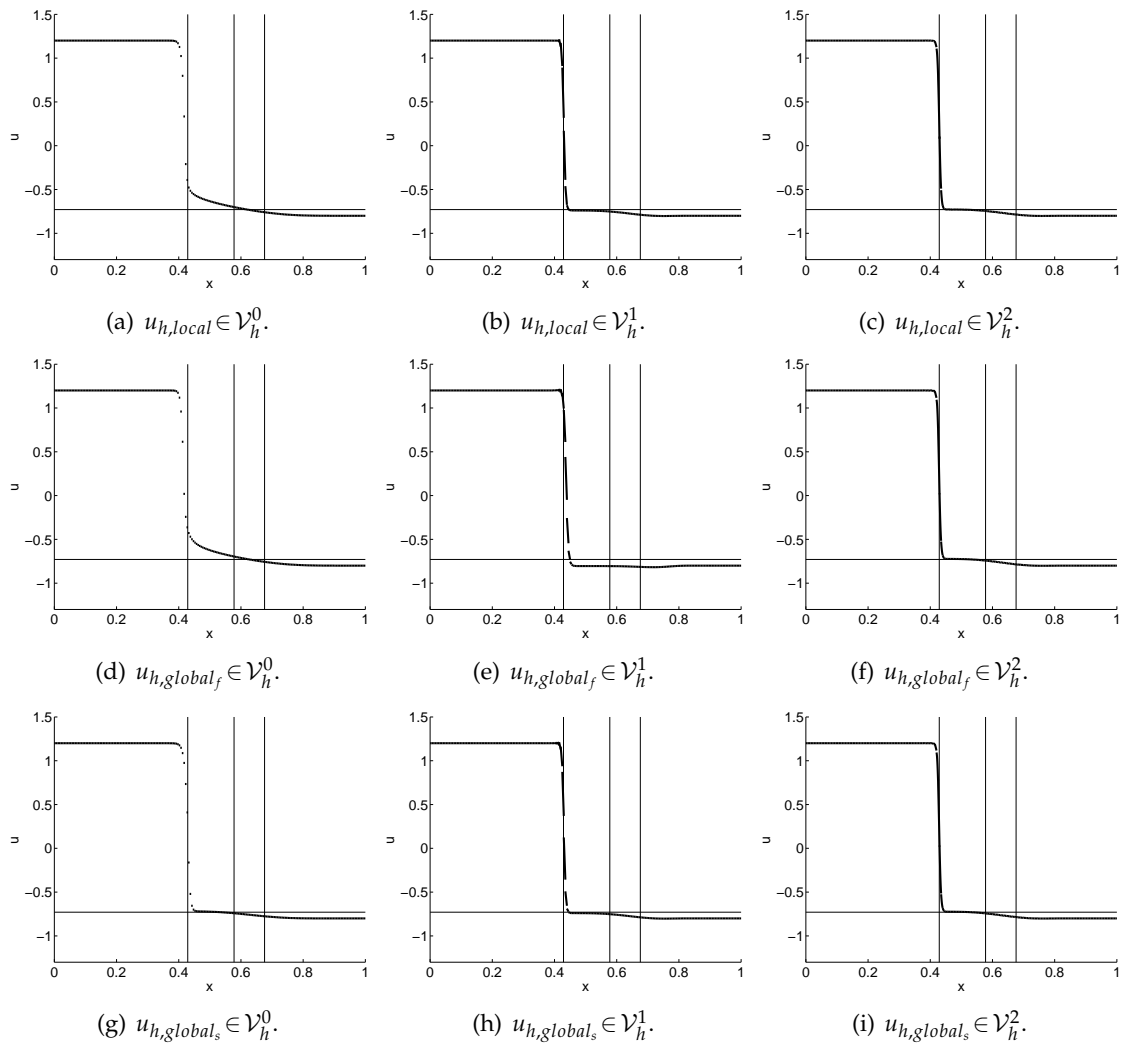


Figure 7: Numerical solutions of (1.1) with (1.7) (upper row) or (1.8) (middle and lower row) on an equidistant partition  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$  ( $N=200$ ) of  $[0,1]$  at the time  $t=0.3$ . The limit solution  $u^0$  consists of an undercompressive shock and a rarefaction wave. The thin lines indicate the positions of the shock, the front and the end of the rarefaction wave as well as the middle state at  $t=0.3$ .

set  $\varepsilon = 0.004$ . Again we compare the results for the local LDG-scheme (2.3) (see Fig. 7, upper row) and the two variants of the non-local LDG-scheme (2.9) resp. (2.13) (see Fig. 7, middle resp. lower row). The positions of the shock, the front and the end of the rarefaction wave as well as the middle state  $u_m$  for the limit solution are drawn by thin lines in Fig. 7. Similar as before in the shock-shock-example the source-like non-local variant of the LDG-scheme (2.13) gives the best numerical solutions, i.e., even in the piecewise constant case (see Fig. 7, (g)) the middle state and rarefaction wave clearly evolve.

### 3 The local and non-local elasticity system

In this last section we consider the Cauchy problem for the one-dimensional system of elasticity (1.12). In the introduction we defined phases for this system. Let us furthermore note that the eigenvalues of the Jacobian of the flux  $f(w, v) = (-v, -\sigma(w))^T$  in (1.12) are given by  $\mp \sqrt{\sigma'(w)}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{R}$ , so that the system, for  $\varepsilon \equiv 0$ , is only hyperbolic in the two distinct phases but altogether an instance of a mixed hyperbolic-elliptic system. While such systems are widely used to describe phase transitions in solids (cf. [12]) on the other hand all classical existence theorems for purely hyperbolic systems fail. For the derivation of the local and in particular the non-local variant in (1.12) as well as the modeling background we refer to e.g. [16, 18].

In Section 3.1 we introduce LDG-schemes and Tadmor's flux for the one-dimensional system of elasticity (1.12). Then in Section 3.2 we look at the total energy of equilibrium solutions of (1.12) and proof a discrete energy estimate for the flux-like non-local LDG-scheme. Section 3.3 contains numerical examples.

#### 3.1 Formulation of the LDG-scheme

Let us perform the LDG-discretization for the one-dimensional system of elasticity (1.12). As described in Section 2.1 we introduce new variables to handle the diffusive and dispersive terms in (1.12). In the local variant in (1.12) we consider the system (skipping again the index  $\varepsilon$ )

$$\begin{aligned} w_t - v_x &= 0, \\ v_t - (\sigma(w) + \varepsilon r - \lambda \varepsilon^2 p)_x &= 0, \\ r - v_x &= 0, \\ q - w_x &= 0, \\ p - q_x &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

in the non-local variant just

$$\begin{aligned} w_t - v_x &= 0, \\ v_t - (\sigma(w) + \varepsilon r - \lambda \gamma (\Phi_\varepsilon * w - w))_x &= 0, \\ r - v_x &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

In Section 2 we derived another (source-like) non-local LDG-scheme for which we got the best numerical results. Analogue it is possible here to first rewrite the convolution term  $D^\varepsilon[w]_x = D^\varepsilon[q]$  where  $q = w_x$  and discretize the system

$$\begin{aligned} w_t - v_x &= 0, \\ v_t - (\sigma(w) + \varepsilon r)_x + \lambda \gamma (\Phi_\varepsilon * q - q) &= 0, \\ r - v_x &= 0, \\ q - w_x &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

In fact we will use the source-like variant of LDG-scheme, i.e., the LDG-scheme for (3.3), in the numerical experiments in Section 3.3.

To obtain LDG-discretizations for all of these three reformulations the techniques of Section 2.1 can be adopted. Again we have to introduce numerical flux functions to approximate the analytical fluxes at the cell boundaries  $x_{j\pm 1/2}$ . Later on we will use Tadmor's flux for  $\tilde{f}$  (see (2.5)) for which we first change the unknowns  $(w, v)^T$  into  $(\sigma(w), v)^T = \nabla \eta(w, v)$  for the entropy  $\eta(w, v) = W(w) + \frac{v^2}{2}$ . Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{f} \left( \begin{pmatrix} w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \\ v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t) \\ v_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \tilde{g} \left( \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) \\ v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)) \\ v_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \int_0^1 g \left( \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) \\ v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)) - \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) \\ v_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t) - v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \end{pmatrix} \right) ds \\ &= - \int_0^1 \begin{pmatrix} v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \\ \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} v_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t) - v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) \\ \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)) - \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) \end{pmatrix} ds \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t) + v_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t) \\ \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t)) + \sigma(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

### 3.2 Discrete energy estimate

We want to look at the total stored energy in the equilibrium state of (1.12) in this section. There we discuss the influence of both the local and non-local capillarity term and especially conclude how different kinds of kernel functions in the non-local case lead to qualitatively different solution structures. Then we prove a discrete energy estimate for the flux-like LDG-scheme (3.9) below.

**Energy Minimization.** In the numerical experiments we will investigate the time-asymptotics for solutions of (1.12). For  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we assume that the process reaches an equilibrium configuration, more specifically it is expected that the solution is a minimizer of the total stored energy

$$E_{local}^\epsilon[w] := E^0[w] + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \epsilon^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |w_x(x)|^2 dx, \tag{3.5}$$

in the local case and

$$E_{global}^\epsilon[w] := E^0[w] + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\epsilon(x-y) |w(x) - w(y)|^2 dy dx, \tag{3.6}$$

in the non-local case. In (3.5) and (3.6)  $w$  is a sufficiently regular function and  $E^0$  is defined through

$$E^0[w] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} W(w(x)) dx, \quad W'(w) = \sigma(w). \tag{3.7}$$



Note that due to the non-monotone shape of  $\sigma$  (see Fig. 1) the function  $W$  has the double-well form which leads to many inhomogeneous minimizers of (3.7) even if the total mass is assumed to be fixed. From the purely mathematical point of view the second term in (3.5) regularizes possible minimizers but also penalizes the occurrence of phase interfaces. We can assume that the solutions of (1.12) converge for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  to a configuration with a minimal number of phase changes.

The penalizing effect of the second term in (3.6) depends on the properties of the kernel  $\Phi$  ( $\Phi_\epsilon$  always given as in (1.10)). If we choose  $\Phi$  as the non-negative function we recover the strictly penalizing situation and expect again a complete phase separation for the time-asymptotic configuration. The situation is drastically different if we allow for kernels which become negative somewhere (still the assumption (1.11) is supposed to hold). Then the end state could still involve configurations with more than the minimal number of phase changes (see Test problem 2 in Section 3.3). Not completely non-negative kernels have been suggested by Ren and Truskinovsky [16]. We note that there is no such flexibility in the local modeling if we restrict ourselves to third order differential equations.

**Discrete Energy Estimate.** It is easy to check that classical solutions  $(w^\epsilon, v^\epsilon)$  of (1.12)-(1.13) satisfy the energy inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( E_{local/global}^\epsilon[w^\epsilon(\cdot, t)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (v^\epsilon(x, t))^2 dx \right) \leq 0 \tag{3.8}$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  with (3.5) resp. (3.6). The relation (3.8) is nothing but a form of the Clausius-Duhem inequality for 1D-elasticity. We use this property of the exact solution to validate our numerical results (see Test problem 2 in Section 3.3). Unfortunately no analytical result exists for the solutions of the LDG-schemes in the case of (3.1) or (3.3) up to our knowledge. But we present a discrete (slightly differing) counterpart to (3.8) for the flux-like LDG-scheme of the non-local rewritten system of elasticity (3.2). Thus consider the LDG-scheme of (3.2), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{I_j} w_{h,t}(x, t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} v_h(x, t) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \tilde{v}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{v}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \\ & \int_{I_j} v_{h,t}(x, t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} (\sigma(w_h(x, t)) + \epsilon r_h(x, t) - \lambda \gamma (\overline{[\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}(x) - w_h(x, t))) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx \\ & = \tilde{\sigma}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{\sigma}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) + \epsilon \tilde{r}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \epsilon \tilde{r}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \\ & \quad - \lambda \gamma [\widetilde{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)}](x_{j+1/2}) \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) + \lambda \gamma [\widetilde{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)}](x_{j-1/2}) \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+) \\ & \quad + \lambda \gamma \tilde{w}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \lambda \gamma \tilde{w}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \\ & \int_{I_j} r_h(x, t) \phi_h(x) dx + \int_{I_j} v_h(x, t) \phi_{h,x}(x) dx = \tilde{v}_{j+1/2} \phi_h(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{v}_{j-1/2} \phi_h(x_{j-1/2}^+), \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

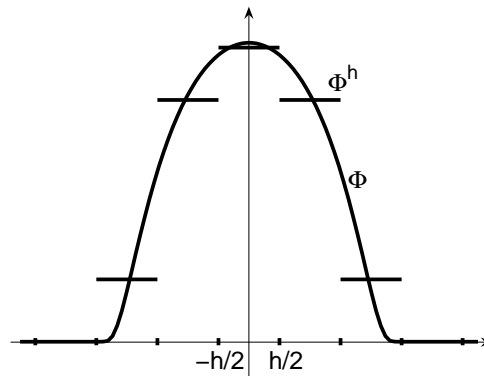


Figure 8: Piecewise constant approximation  $\Phi^h$  for the kernel  $\Phi$ .

for all  $\phi_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^p, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Here we abbreviate

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{w}(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)), & \tilde{v}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{v}(v_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), v_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)), \\ \tilde{r}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{r}(r_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), r_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)), & \tilde{\sigma}_{j+1/2} &:= \tilde{\sigma}(w_h(x_{j+1/2}^-, t), w_h(x_{j+1/2}^+, t)) \end{aligned}$$

for some numerical flux functions  $\tilde{w}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{r}, \tilde{\sigma}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The notations  $\overline{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h}$  and  $\widetilde{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h}$  in (3.9) are interpreted as follows.

Consider a fixed equidistant grid with grid size  $h$ . For the given kernel  $\Phi$  let  $\Phi^h$  be a symmetric, piecewise constant approximation such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi^h(x) dx = 1$$

is still fulfilled. In detail we require that  $\Phi^h$  is constant for all  $x \in (\frac{2k-1}{2}h, \frac{2k+1}{2}h), k \in \mathbb{Z}$  (see Fig. 8).

Then with this approximation  $\Phi^h$  we substitute the quadrature formula

$$[\overline{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)}](x) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\epsilon^h(x - x_k) w_h(x_k, t)$$

in (3.9) for the original convolution integral

$$[\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)](x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\epsilon(x - y) w_h(y, t) dy.$$

Here  $x_k$  denotes the cell midpoint of  $I_k$  and we have  $\Phi_\epsilon^h(x) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Phi^h(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Furthermore let us define

$$[\widetilde{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)}](x_{j+1/2}) := \frac{1}{2} \left( [\overline{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)}](x_{j+1/2}^-) + [\overline{\Phi_\epsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)}](x_{j+1/2}^+) \right). \tag{3.10}$$

Now we have the following discrete energy estimate for the solutions of (3.9).

**Theorem 3.1** (Discrete Energy Estimate). *Let  $w_h, v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^0$  be the piecewise constant solutions of (3.9) on an equidistant grid and*

$$|w_h(x,t)|, |v_h(x,t)|, |r_h(x,t)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } x \rightarrow \pm\infty, t \geq 0$$

*be satisfied. Furthermore, let the numerical fluxes be (3.10) and central fluxes*

$$\tilde{w} / \tilde{v} / \tilde{r}(a,b) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b), \quad \tilde{\sigma}(a,b) = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma(a) + \sigma(b)). \quad (3.11)$$

*Then for all  $t \geq 0$ ,*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( W(w_h(x,t)) + \frac{v_h^2(x,t)}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \gamma \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x-x_k) [w_h(x_k,t) - w_h(x,t)]^2 \right) dx \leq 0. \quad (3.12)$$

Note that (3.11) includes nothing but Tadmor’s flux  $\tilde{f} = (-\tilde{v}, -\tilde{\sigma})^T$  (see (3.4)) for the original flux  $f = (-v, -\sigma(w))^T$  of (1.12).

*Proof.* Similar to the proofs of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 we choose special test functions  $\phi_h$  in the LDG-scheme (3.9) and add up all gained equations. In detail we consider for  $t \geq 0$  fixed

$$\phi_h = \sigma(w_h(\cdot, t)) - \lambda \gamma (\overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]} - w_h(\cdot, t))$$

in the first,  $\phi_h = v_h(\cdot, t)$  in the second and  $\phi_h = \varepsilon r_h(\cdot, t)$  in the third equation of (3.9). Note that especially  $\phi_h = \sigma(w_h(\cdot, t))$  and  $\phi_h = \overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}$  are suitable test functions, i.e., they are piecewise constant. Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{I_j} \left( W(w_h(x,t)) + \frac{v_h^2(x,t)}{2} \right) dx - \lambda \gamma \int_{I_j} \left( \overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}(x) - w_h(x,t) \right) w_{h,t}(x,t) dx \\ + g_{j+1/2} - g_{j-1/2} = -\varepsilon \int_{I_j} r_h^2(x,t) dx \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} g_{j+1/2} &= g(w_{h+}^-, w_{h+}^+, v_{h+}^-, v_{h+}^+, r_{h+}^-, r_{h+}^+) \\ &:= v_{h+}^- \sigma(w_{h+}^-) - \tilde{v}(v_{h+}^-, v_{h+}^+) \sigma(w_{h+}^-) - \tilde{\sigma}(w_{h+}^-, w_{h+}^+) v_{h+}^- \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \left( v_{h+}^- r_{h+}^- - \tilde{v}(v_{h+}^-, v_{h+}^+) r_{h+}^- - \tilde{r}(r_{h+}^-, r_{h+}^+) v_{h+}^- \right) \\ &\quad + \lambda \gamma \left( v_{h+}^- w_{h+}^- - \tilde{v}(v_{h+}^-, v_{h+}^+) w_{h+}^- - \tilde{w}(w_{h+}^-, w_{h+}^+) v_{h+}^- \right) \\ &\quad - \lambda \gamma \left( v_{h+}^- \overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}(x_{j+1/2}^-) - \tilde{v}(v_{h+}^-, v_{h+}^+) \overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}(x_{j+1/2}^-) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}(x_{j+1/2}^-) v_{h+}^- \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $w_{h+}^\pm := w_h(x_{j+1/2}^\pm, t)$ ,  $v_{h+}^\pm := v_h(x_{j+1/2}^\pm, t)$  and  $r_{h+}^\pm := r_h(x_{j+1/2}^\pm, t)$ . Note that there are no other terms left after summation of the three equations in (3.9) if we use the central fluxes (3.10), (3.11). Now if we add up over all intervals  $\{I_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  the energy inequality (3.12) follows if we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h(\cdot, t)]}(x) - w_h(x, t) \right) w_{h,t}(x, t) dx \\ &= - \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{I_j} \left( \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x - x_k) w_h(x_k, t) \right\} - w_h(x, t) \right) w_{h,t}(x, t) dx \\ &= - \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} h \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x_j - x_k) [w_h(x_k, t) - w_h(x_j, t)] \right) w_{h,t}(x_j, t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} h \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x_j - x_k) [w_h(x_j, t) - w_h(x_k, t)] w_{h,t}(x_j, t) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} h \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x_j - x_k) [w_h(x_k, t) - w_h(x_j, t)] w_{h,t}(x_j, t) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} h \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x_j - x_k) [w_h(x_k, t) - w_h(x_j, t)]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x - x_k) [w_h(x_k, t) - w_h(x, t)]^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

holds true. Here we used the symmetry of the kernel function and  $\overline{[\Phi_\varepsilon * w_h]}|_{I_j} = const$  as well as  $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h \Phi_\varepsilon^h(x_j - x_k) = 1$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , thanks to the special form of  $\Phi^h$ . □

### 3.3 Numerical experiments

We conclude Section 3 with numerical experiments obtained by the LDG-schemes for the local and non-local version of the one-dimensional system of elasticity (1.12). Let us mention once more that in the non-local case we use the source-like LDG-scheme obtained by (3.3). For time discretization we again use Runge-Kutta schemes as in Section 2.3. All numerical fluxes are chosen as central fluxes, i.e., this corresponds with Tadmor's flux (3.4) for  $f = (-v, -\sigma(w))^T$  in (1.12). For the discretization in space we use an equidistant partition  $\{I_j\}_{j=1, \dots, N}$  of  $[0, 1]$  for  $N = 200$  (and other discretizations to check grid convergence). To shorten the resulting figures we only look for piecewise quadratic solutions, i.e.,  $w_h, v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^2$ .

**Test problem 1.** As a first example we consider (1.12) with the viscosity and capillarity parameters  $\varepsilon = 0.01$  and  $\lambda = 10$  and start with

$$w_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1.2 & : x \in [1/8, 1/4], x \in [1/2, 7/8] \\ -1.2 & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad v_0 \equiv 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In the non-local version of (1.12) we take the kernel function

$$\Phi^\tau(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\exp(\tau^2/(x^2-\tau^2))}{\int_{-\tau}^{\tau} \exp(\tau^2/(y^2-\tau^2)) dy} & : x \in (-\tau, \tau), \\ 0 & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.13)$$

with either  $\tau = 1$  or  $\tau = 10$ .

In Fig. 9 the respective local and non-local solutions  $w_h, v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h^2$  are shown at different times. As expected the occurrence of phase interfaces is penalized and thus the number of phase changes decreases from 4 to 2. Note that in the non-local model with  $\Phi^{\tau=10}$  the width of the transition layer is even smaller than in both other cases.

In [6] the authors report on the occurrence of spurious oscillations close to phase boundaries (in 2D-computations). This is a typical problem for phase separation processes and spurious effects would also be present if we would discretize (1.12)-(1.13) with a standard finite difference scheme using e.g. the Lax-Friedrichs flux as the numerical flux. It is a remarkable property of the LDG-approach that no such spurious oscillations are observed in our experiments.

**Test problem 2.** In a last experiment we are interested in numerical solutions which come out of the non-local version of (1.12), where we also permit the kernel function  $\Phi$  to have negative parts. We introduce a new family of kernels  $\{\Phi^\tau\}_{\tau>0}$ , given by even functions for which

$$\Phi^\tau(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{800}{41\tau^2} \left(x - \frac{9}{20}\tau\right) & : x \in \left[0, \frac{29}{40}\tau\right], \\ \frac{800}{41\tau^2} (x - \tau) & : x \in \left(\frac{29}{40}\tau, \tau\right], \\ 0 & : x > \tau \end{cases} \quad (3.14)$$

holds (see Fig. 10, upper row). If we look back on (3.6) we observe that the kernel penalizes phase transitions on a small scale while they benefit on a larger distance.

In this experiment we consider (3.14) with  $\tau \in \{3, 5, 10\}$ . As parameters in (1.12) we choose  $\varepsilon = 0.01$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\gamma = 1$  and as initial data

$$w_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1.2 & : x \in [0, 1/2) \\ -1.2 & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad v_0 \equiv 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Fig. 10 shows the piecewise quadratic approximations obtained with the LDG-scheme of (3.3) equipped with a limiter proposed by Dolejsi et al. [7]. The three columns in Fig. 10 display the results for the three different choices of  $\tau$  in the kernel  $\Phi^\tau$ . Obviously we get the more number of phase interfaces the smaller  $\tau$  is. For larger times  $t$  the velocity  $v_h$  more and more slows down, i.e., the configuration tends towards a static equilibrium.

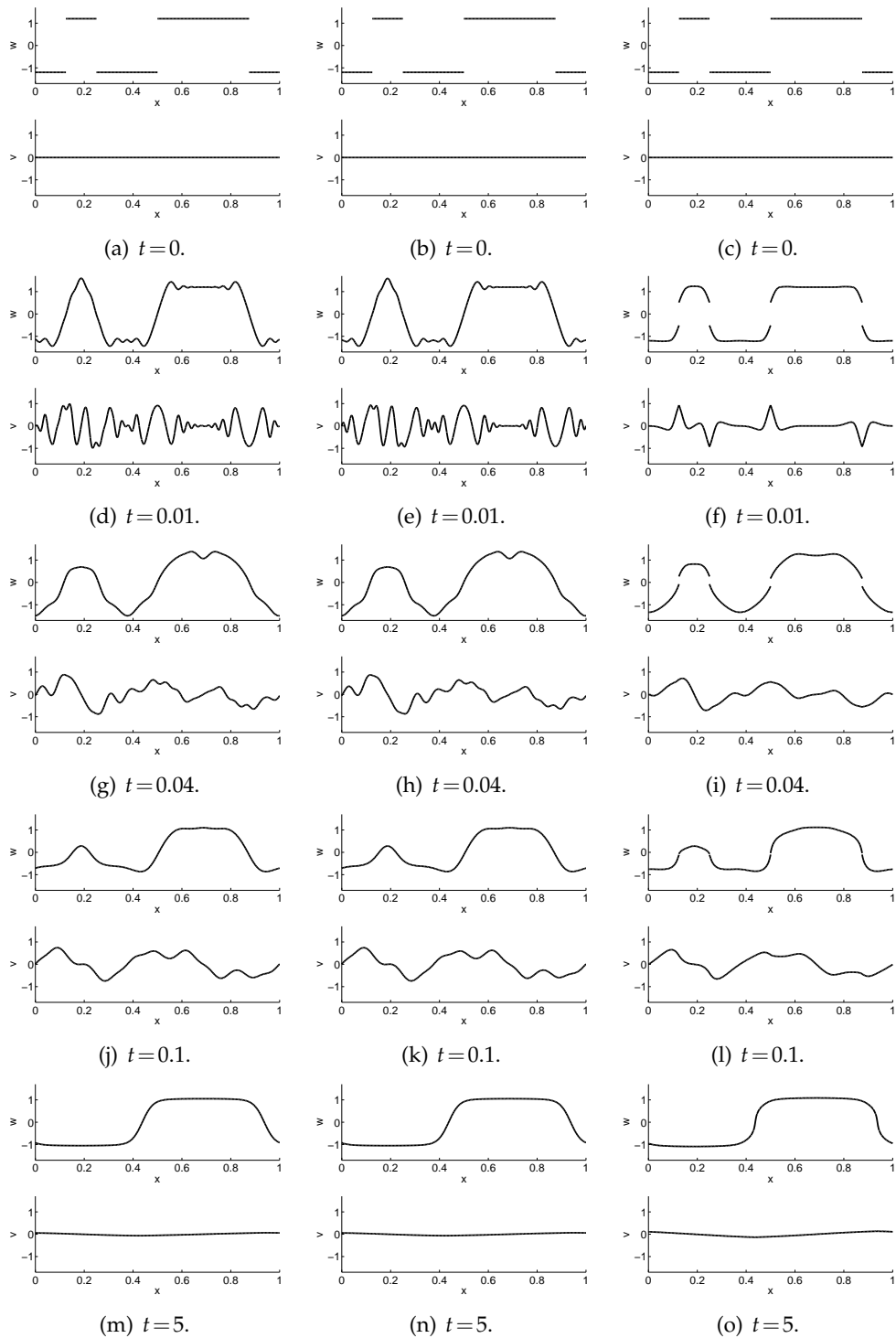


Figure 9: Phase separation problem for the local (left column) and non-local variant in (1.12). The middle column shows the non-local solutions for  $\Phi^{\tau=1}$ , the right column for  $\Phi^{\tau=10}$  (see (3.13)).

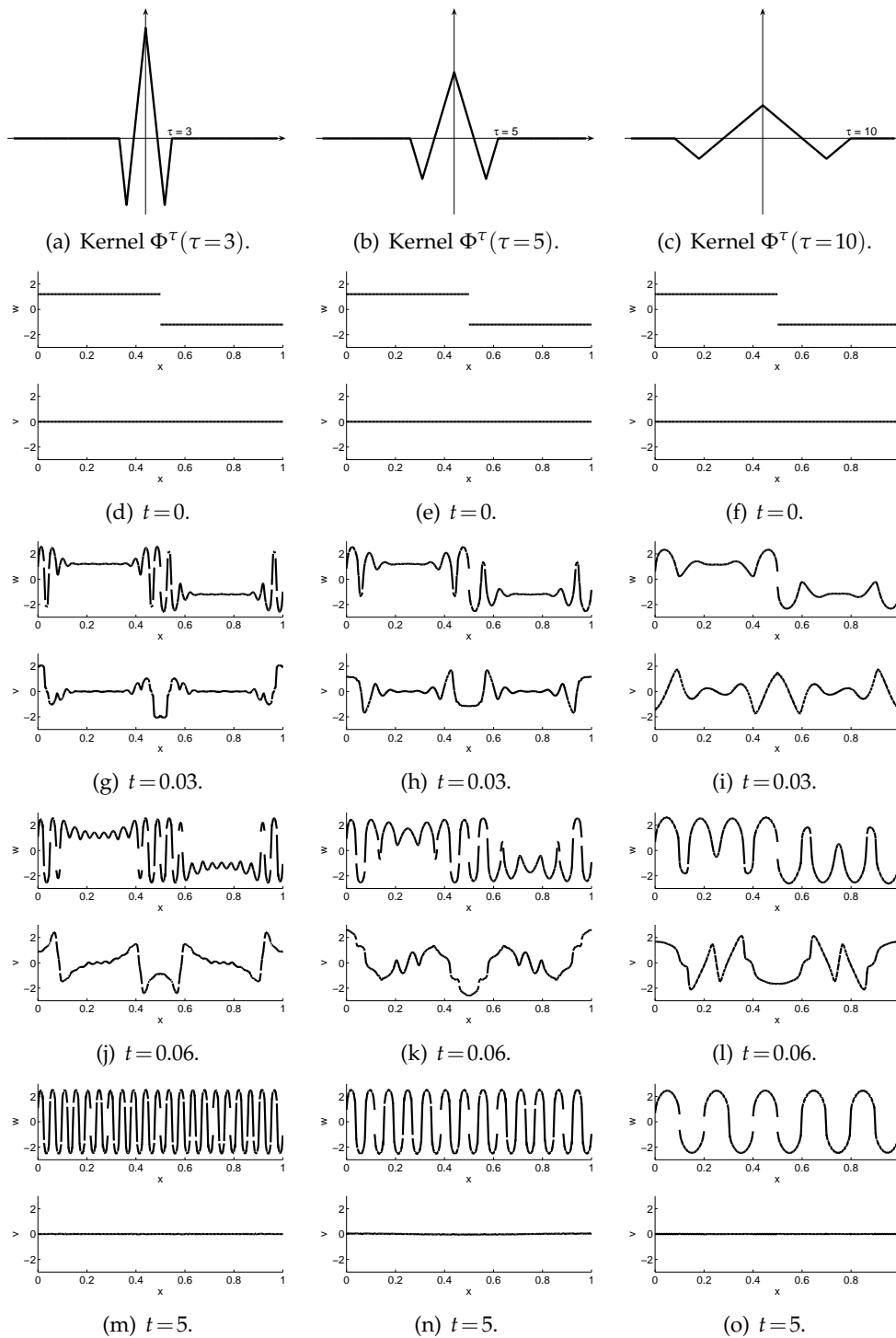


Figure 10: Numerical solutions for the non-local variant of (1.12) at different times. The kernel functions  $\Phi^\tau$ ,  $\tau \in \{3, 5, 10\}$ , (upper row) are not positive any more (see (3.14)).

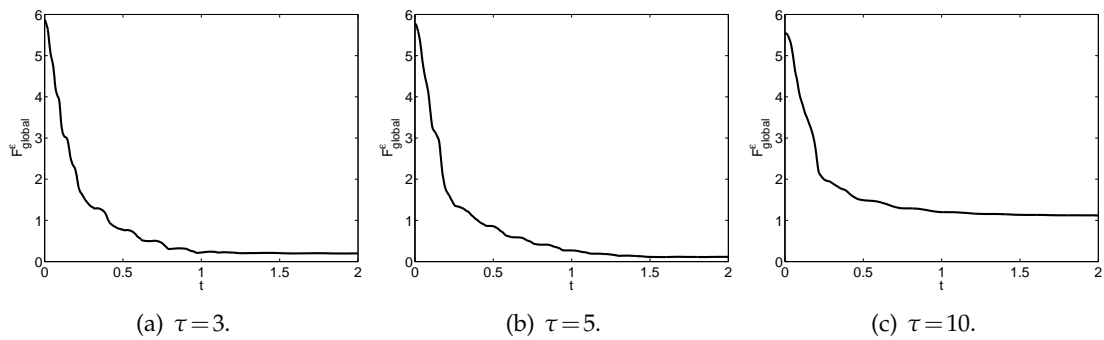


Figure 11: Energy behaviour for (1.12) with non-positive kernel functions  $\Phi^\tau$  as in (3.14).

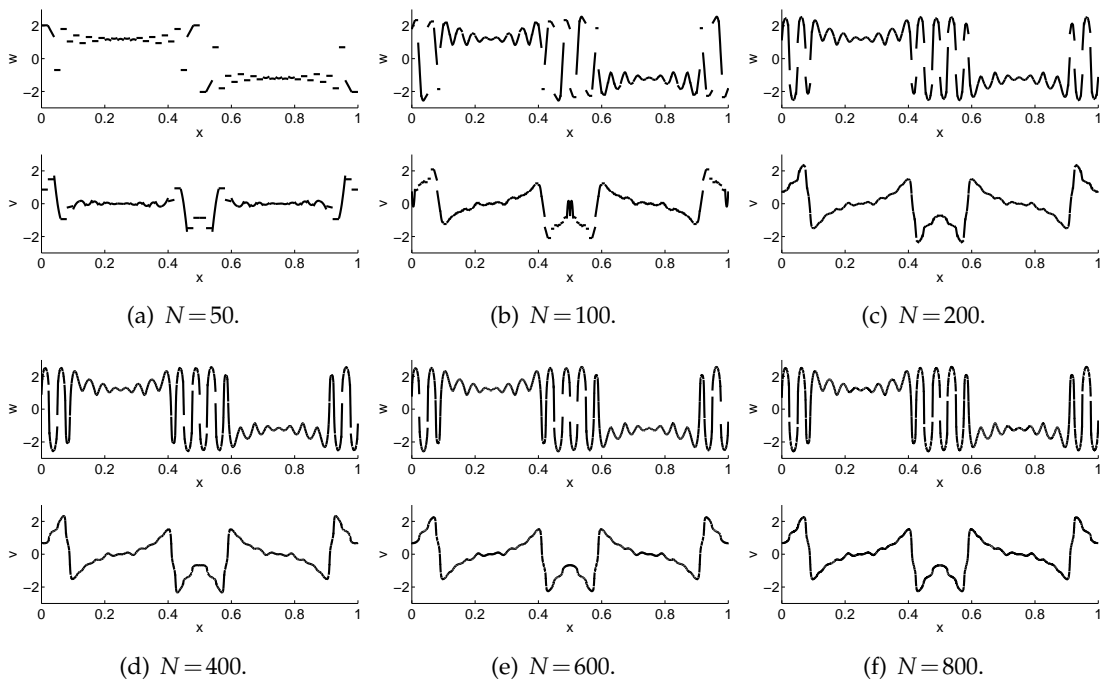


Figure 12: Numerical solutions for the non-local variant of (1.12) at the time  $t=0.06$  on different grids. The kernel function  $\Phi^{\tau=3}$  has negative parts (see (3.14)).

This is also underlined in Fig. 11 by the temporal development of the energy

$$F_{global}^\epsilon[w_h, v_h](t) := \int_0^1 \left( W(w_h(x, t)) + \frac{v_h^2(x, t)}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi_\epsilon^\tau(x-y) |w_h(x, t) - w_h(y, t)|^2 dy \right) dx.$$

To show that the solution pattern really comes out of the non-local system of elasticity (1.12) with (3.14) and is not artificial due to the numerical method let us look at the



solutions after grid refinement. For this we pick out the example for  $\Phi^{\tau=3}$  at the time  $t = 0.06$  (see Fig. 10, (j)) and compare the numerical results on the grids  $\{I_j\}_{j=1,\dots,N}$  for  $N \in \{50, 100, 200, 400, 600, 800\}$  (see Fig. 12). We observe that the solution structure becomes clearer for finer grids, i.e., 50 cells are too little to resolve the pattern correctly, but the number of developed interfaces is the same. We carefully checked that there are no qualitative changes for finer grids.

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