

# On convergence of nonlocal conservation laws towards local conservation laws and nonlocal delay conservation laws

VIII Partial differential equations, optimal design and numerics

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## Assumptions and Notations (throughout this talk)

- **Assumptions** on the **input datum**:  $\lambda \in W_{\text{loc}}^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\gamma \in W^{1,\infty}((-1,1);\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$
- **Definition nonlocal operator**:  $W[q](t,x) := \frac{1}{\eta} \int_x^{x+\eta} \gamma(\frac{y-x}{\eta}) q(t,y) dy$ ,  $(t,x) \in (0,T) \times \mathbb{R}$

## Nonlocal conservation laws

For  $q_0 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  we consider the nonlocal conservation law

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t q(t,x) &= -\partial_x (\lambda(W[q](t,x))q(t,x)) & (t,x) &\in (0,T) \times \mathbb{R} \\ q(0,x) &= q_0(x) & x &\in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

and discuss for specific cases whether and in which sense the solution **converges** to the corresponding solution of the **local conservation law** when  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ .

## Nonlocal delay conservation laws

Given  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  and  $q_0 \in C([- \delta, 0]; L^1(\mathbb{R})) \cap L^\infty((-\delta, 0); L^\infty(\mathbb{R}))$  we investigate whether

$$\begin{aligned}q_t(t,x) + \partial_x (\lambda(W[q](t-\delta,x))q(t,x)) &= 0 & (t,x) &\in (0,T) \times \mathbb{R} \\ q(t,x) &= q_0(t,x) & (t,x) &\in (-\delta, 0] \times \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

**possesses a solution and converges to the non-delayed solution for  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .**

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## Convergence Nonlocal – Local

- Justifies the broad application of nonlocal modelling also as a reasonable approximation of local and well-studied/well-known models.
- Provides another way for defining the proper (Entropy) solutions for local conservation laws as limits of weak solutions to nonlocal conservation laws (which are unique without any Entropy condition).

## Literature – the Ups and Downs of Convergence

- **Numerical convergence observed:**

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- **Generally, no convergence of  $q_\eta \rightarrow q$  when  $q$  the local Entropy solution:**

M. Colombo, G. Crippa, and L.V. Spinolo. [On the singular local limit for conservation laws with nonlocal fluxes.](#)

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- **No total variation bound on  $q_\eta$ :**

M. Colombo, G. Crippa, and L.V. Spinolo. [Blow-up of the total variation in the local limit of a nonlocal traffic model.](#)

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- **Convergence for monotone datum, etc.:**

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## Nonlocal traffic flow PDE on $\mathbb{R}$

Recall for  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  the weak solution  $q_\eta$  of the nonlocal conservation law (for traffic flow) on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$q_t(t, x) = -\partial_x \left( \lambda \left( W[q, \gamma_\eta] \right) (t, x) q(t, x) \right)$$

$$q(0, x) = q_0(x)$$

$$W[q, \gamma_\eta](t, x) := \frac{1}{\eta} \int_x^{x+\eta} \gamma\left(\frac{x-y}{\eta}\right) q(t, y) \, dy$$

and its local counter-part  $q$  as weak Entropy solution of

$$q_t(t, x) = -\partial_x (\lambda(q(t, x)) q(t, x))$$

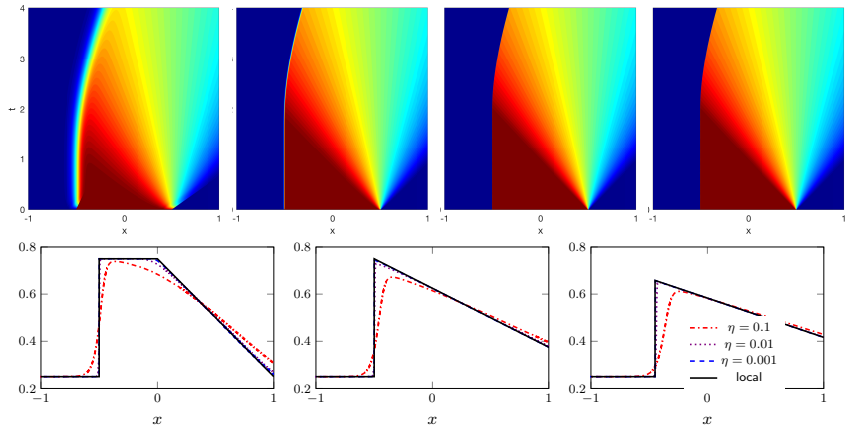
$$q(0, x) = q_0(x)$$

## Theorem (Convergence Nonlocal – Local)

Given monotone initial datum  $q_0$  and monotone decreasing  $\lambda$  (and assumptions on  $\gamma$ ), we obtain

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \|q - q_\eta\|_{L^1_{loc}((0, T) \times \mathbb{R})} = 0.$$

# Nonlocal to Local Limit – Numerical Example Traffic Flow

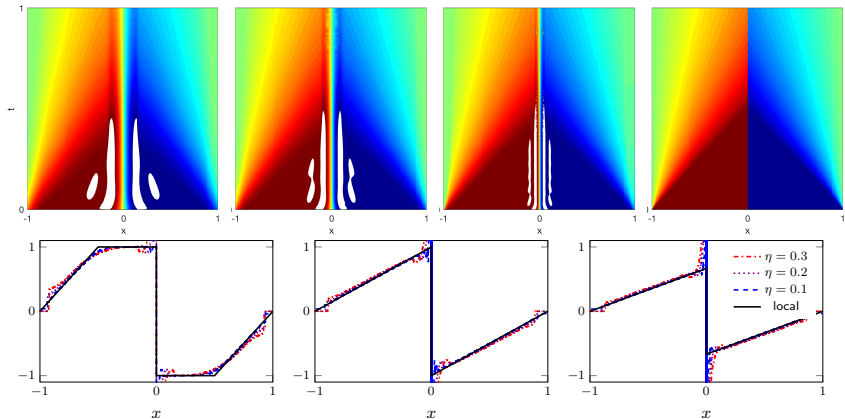


**Figure 1:** 
$$q_t(t, x) + \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\eta} \int_x^{x+\eta} \gamma\left(\frac{y-x}{\eta}\right) q(t, y) dy \right) q(t, x) \right)_x = 0, \quad q(0, x) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \chi_{(-0.5, 0.5)}(x)$$

**Top:** Solution  $q_\eta$  for  $\eta \in \{0.1, 0.01, 0.001\}$  from left to right where the rightmost figure represents the analytical entropy solution of the local conservation law (right). **Bottom:** Solutions at time  $t \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  from left to right.



# Nonlocal to Local Limit – Numerical Example Burgers' Equation



**Figure 2:**  $q_t(t, x) + \left( \frac{1}{\eta} \int_{x-\eta}^{x+\eta} \gamma\left(\frac{y-x}{2\eta}\right) q(t, y) dy \right) q(t, x) = 0$ ,  $q(0, x) = \chi_{(-1,0)}(x) - \chi_{(0,1)}(x)$

**Top:** Nonlocal impact  $W[q_\eta]$  of Burger's solution for  $\eta \in \{0.3, 0.2, 0.1\}$  from left to right where the rightmost figure represents the analytical entropy solution of the local Burger's equation. The white regions in the figures denote locations in space-time where the absolute value of  $W$  is above 1.1, **Bottom:** Nonlocal impact  $W[q_\eta]$  at time  $t \in \{0.25, 0.5, 0.75\}$  from left to right.

## What we hope for 😊

- In case a maximum principle holds:  $W[q_\eta] \rightarrow q$  in  $L^1$  when  $q$  is the local entropy solution.
- Not necessarily convergence of the nonlocal solution  $q_\eta$  but of  $W[q_\eta] \rightarrow q$ .
- Avoiding initial datum with zeros: Strong convergence of  $q_\eta \rightarrow q$  in  $L^1$ ?
- In case no maximum principle holds:  $W[q_\eta] \xrightarrow{*} q$  in measure.

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## Motivation

- Macroscopic traffic flow models taking into account the reaction time (delay).
- Stability of nonlocal models with regard to delay  $\implies$  “superiority” of nonlocal models to local models.
- A “real” delay in the equation and not terms like in the ARZ model which “only” account for a delay.
- Fundamental results for delayed conservation laws not existent.

## Literature for delay conservation laws:

- **Local delayed conservation laws:**

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- **Nonlocal delay conservation laws:**

A. Keimer, L. Pflug. [Nonlocal conservation laws with time delay.](#)  
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## Remark: Local delay conservation laws: No solution for specific initial datum

For  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  consider the delayed local conservation law

$$\begin{aligned} q_t(t, x) + \left( (1 - q(t - \delta, x))q(t, x) \right)_x &= 0 & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R} \\ q_0(t, x) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\chi_{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, there exists no  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  and no time horizon  $T \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  so that a solution exists.

# The Considered Nonlocal Delay Conservation Laws

## Nonlocal **classical delay** conservation law

For delay  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  and initial datum  $q_0 \in L^\infty((-\delta, 0); L^\infty(\mathbb{R})) \cap C([-\delta, 0]; L^1(\mathbb{R}))$

$$q_t(t, x) + \partial_x (\lambda(W[q, \gamma](t - \delta, x))q(t, x)) = 0 \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$q(t, x) = q_0(t, x) \quad (t, x) \in (-\delta, 0] \times \mathbb{R}$$

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$$q_t(t, x) = -\partial_x (\lambda(W[q, \gamma](t - \delta, \xi[t, x](t - \delta)))q(t, x)) \quad (t, x) \in \Omega_T$$

$$q(t, x) = q_0(t, x) \quad (t, x) \in (-\delta, 0] \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$\partial_3 \xi[t, x](\tau) = \lambda(W[q, \gamma](\tau - \delta, \xi[t, x](\max\{\tau - \delta, 0\})))$$

$$\xi[t, x](t) = x \quad (t, x, \tau) \in \Omega_T \times [0, T]$$

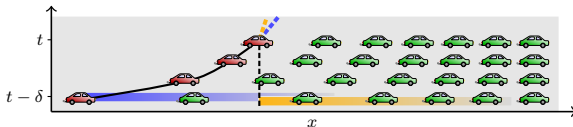


Figure 3: The different nonlocal delay models, **classical delay** vs. **delay**.

## Theorem (Existence/uniqueness: Solutions for the **classical delay** model)

*On every finite time horizon  $(0, T) \subset \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , the **nonlocal classical delayed conservation law** admits a unique weak solution*

$$q \in C([0, T]; L^1(\mathbb{R})) \cap L^\infty((0, T); L^\infty(\mathbb{R})).$$

## Theorem (Existence/uniqueness: Solutions for the nonlocal **delay** model)

*On a sufficient small time horizon  $(0, T^*) \subset \mathbb{R}$  the nonlocal conservation law with delay admits a unique weak solution*

$$q \in C([0, T]; L^1(\mathbb{R})) \cap L^\infty((0, T); L^\infty(\mathbb{R})).$$

## Theorem (Convergence for delay tending to zero)

Let  $q_\delta \in C([0, T]; L^1(\mathbb{R}))$  denote one of the solutions of one of the nonlocal delay differential equations for  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , and let  $q \in C([0, T]; L^1(\mathbb{R}))$  be the solution of the non-delay nonlocal conservation law. Then, we obtain on a sufficiently small time horizon  $T^* \in (0, T]$

$$\forall t \in [0, T^*] : q_\delta(t, \cdot) \xrightarrow[\delta \rightarrow 0]{*} q(t, \cdot) \text{ in } L^\infty(\mathbb{R}).$$

Given in addition  $q_0 \in L^\infty((-\delta, 0); BV(\mathbb{R}))$  and some technical assumptions on  $\gamma, \lambda$ , etc., we obtain even strong convergence in  $L^1$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \|q_\delta - q\|_{C([0, T^*]; L^1(\mathbb{R}))}.$$

## Remarks

- Delay equations present another way for defining (nonlocal, non-delayed) solutions and finding properties for nonlocal **non-delayed** conservation laws by the limit process  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .
- Surprisingly, we cannot show the convergence result on the entire time horizon but only on a small time horizon, even though there is no reason why this should not hold on the full time horizon on which the nonlocal non-delayed solution exists.



# Numerical Example 1: Nonlocal Classical Delay Model

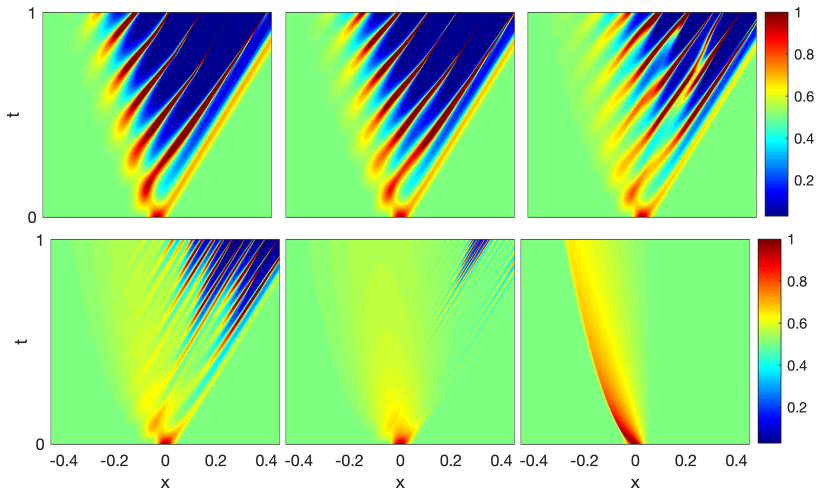


Figure 4: Nonlocal classical delayed LWR model,  $\eta = 0.1$

$$q_0(t, x) := \frac{1}{2} + \chi_{(-0.0625, 0.0625)}(x) \left( \frac{3}{8} \cos(8\pi x) + \frac{1}{8} \cos(24\pi x) \right), \quad \delta \in \left\{ \frac{10}{100}, \frac{8}{100}, \frac{6}{100}, \frac{4}{100}, \frac{2}{100} \right\},$$

Bottom rightmost figure: Local solution without delay, i.e.  $\delta = \eta = 0$

## Numerical Example 2: Nonlocal Delay Model

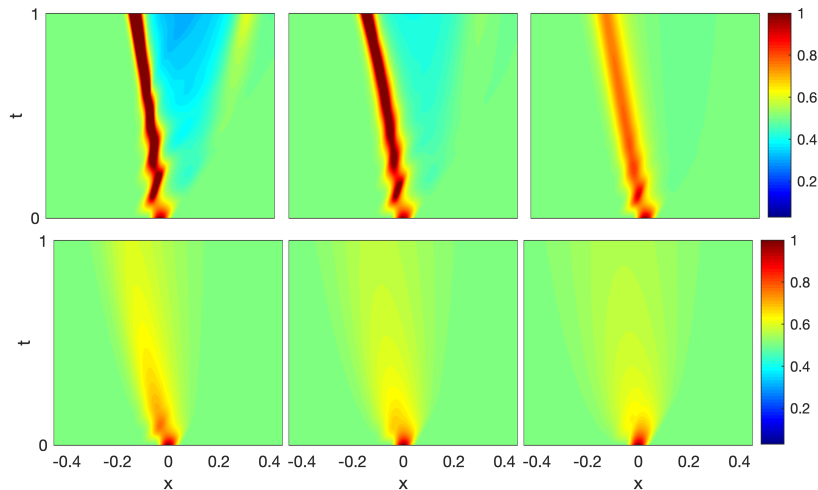


Figure 5: Nonlocal delayed LWR model,  $\eta = 0.1$

$$q_0(t, x) := \frac{1}{2} + \chi_{(-0.0625, 0.0625)}(x) \left( \frac{3}{8} \cos(8\pi x) + \frac{1}{8} \cos(24\pi x) \right), \quad \delta \in \left\{ \frac{10}{100}, \frac{8}{100}, \frac{6}{100}, \frac{4}{100}, \frac{2}{100}, 0 \right\}$$

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## Convergence nonlocal – local

- General and consistent theory when nonlocal impact converges to zero.
- Avoiding restriction of the considered flux function (so far, we had  $f(q) = q \cdot \lambda(q)$ ):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_t(t, x) = -f(q(t, x))_x \\ \iff q_t(t, x) = -f'(q(t, x))q_x(t, x) \end{array} \right. \xrightarrow{\text{nonlocal}} q_t(t, x) = -\frac{1}{2\eta} \int_{x-\eta}^{x+\eta} f'(q(t, y)) \, dy \cdot q_x(t, x)$$

- Systems of (nonlocal) conservation laws.

## Nonlocal delay equations

- For delay equations: Convergence on the entire time-horizon when delay approaches zero.
- Validation of the class of models.
- Better interpretation of the numerical results.

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# The Issue with Proving Convergence Exemplary for Burgers' Equation

## The issue with proving the Entropy condition

Consider the nonlocal Burgers' equation for nonnegative initial datum  $q_0$

$$q_t(t, x) + \frac{1}{\eta} \int_{x-\eta}^x q(t, y) dy \, q_x(t, x) = 0 \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \mathbb{R} \quad (1)$$

$$q(0, x) = q_0(x) \geq 0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

Assume that  $q_0$  is smooth (in the nonlocal setting, the solution will remain smooth), we can compute by taking advantage of Equation (1)

$$q_{t,x}(t, x) = -\frac{1}{\eta} (q(t, x)q_x(t, x) - q(t, x - \eta)q_x(t, x)) - \frac{1}{\eta} \int_{x-\eta}^x q(t, y) dy \, q_{xx}(t, x)$$

Oleinik's Entropy condition would be satisfied if we have an upper bound on  $q_x$ . So assume that  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is chosen so that  $q_x(t, x)$  is maximal ( $\implies q_{xx}(t, x) = 0$ ), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q_{t,x}(t, x) &= -q_x(t, x) \frac{q(t, x) - q(t, x - \eta)}{\eta} = -q_x(t, x) \frac{\int_{x-\eta}^x q_y(t, y) dy}{\eta} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\leq} -q_x(t, x)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $q \equiv q_\eta$  so that the upper limit for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  cannot so easily be carried out.



Does not work without knowing how  $q_{xx}$  will change with regard to  $\eta$ .