

SUPPRESSION OF OSCILLATIONS IN GODUNOV'S METHOD FOR A RESONANT NON-STRICTLY HYPERBOLIC SYSTEM*

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Abstract. We prove the stability of the 2×2 Godunov numerical method in a resonant nonlinear system of conservation laws. The system we study provides one of the simplest settings in which wave speeds can coincide in a nonlinear problem, namely, an inhomogeneous equation in which the inhomogeneity is treated as an unknown variable: $u_t + f(a, u)_x = 0, a_t = 0$. This is a model for resonance in more complicated systems, such as transonic flow in a variable area duct, and certain resonant problems in multiphase flow and elasticity. We show that the total variation of the conserved quantities can grow at most linearly in weak solutions generated by the 2×2 Godunov method, under the assumption that $a(x)$ satisfies the “threshold” smoothness condition that the total variation of $a'(x)$ is finite. We show by counterexample that the condition is sharp in the sense that there is no bound on the growth rate based on the C^1 norm of this variable. This is the most complicated setting in which the stability of the 2×2 Godunov method has been demonstrated, and our results provide the first such result for a numerical method that is (essentially) based on the solution of the Riemann problem for a resonant non-strictly hyperbolic system.

The solution of the Riemann problem is more interesting when wave speeds coincide because the coordinate system of Riemann invariants is singular, and there exists a multiplicity of possible time asymptotic wave patterns for solutions. As a consequence, numerical methods that are based on the solution of the Riemann problem can introduce spurious oscillations in the approximate solutions. Indeed, counterexamples show that the total variation in u of the waves in the Riemann problem step of the 2×2 Godunov method can tend to infinity as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$, even when the initial total variation in u is zero. Thus our results verify that the averaging step in the Godunov method “wipes out” the numerical oscillations that can occur in the Riemann problem solution step of the method. We interpret this as demonstrating that numerical methods based on the Riemann problem are viable in this non-strictly hyperbolic setting.

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1. Introduction. We discuss the issue of “blowup” (we use the term loosely) in the total variation norm for solutions of the 2×2 resonant nonlinear system of conservation laws

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} a_t &= 0, \\ u_t + f(a, u)_x &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

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$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} a(x, 0) &= a_0(x) \equiv a(x), \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \end{aligned}$$

where $u \in R$, $a \in R$; and we let $U = (a, u)$, $F(U) = (0, f(U))$. System (1) is a system with the two wave speeds $\lambda_0(U) = 0$ and $\lambda_1(U) = \partial f / \partial u$ and is resonant at a state where the two wave speeds coincide, which makes (1) a nonstrictly hyperbolic system. This is the special case of an $n \times n$ resonant nonlinear system as introduced in [10], [11]. (Motivations for this point of view can be found in the work of Marchesin and Paes-Leme; see for example [18].) Note that for fixed a , system (1) is equivalent to the inhomogeneous scalar conservation law $u_t + f(a(x), u)_x = 0$. Examples of resonant systems of this general form have been used to model problems in multiphase flow and are related to problems involving transonic flow in a variable area duct [10], [11]. In this context, the canonical type of behavior occurs in a neighborhood of a state $U_* = (a_*, u_*)$ where the nonlinear wave family is genuinely nonlinear, the nonlinear wave speed is zero at U_* , and the flux function f is monotone in a at u_* [10], [11]. Thus we assume

$$(3) \quad \lambda_1(U_*) = 0,$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \lambda_1(U_*) \neq 0,$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial a} f(U_*) \neq 0.$$

These are generic conditions that generalize to the case when u is a vector as well, and they imply that solutions of the linearized equations blow up as t tends to infinity (cf. [10], [11]). Here we prove the stability of the 2×2 Godunov numerical method by demonstrating that the total variation in u of the approximate solutions generated by this method can grow at only a linear rate under the condition that the function $a(x)$ satisfies the threshold smoothness condition $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\} < \infty$. (We let $\text{Var}\{f(\cdot)\} \equiv \int |f'(x)| dx$ denote the total variation of the function f , a measure of the size of the derivative of f .) This condition was first identified by Tveito and Winther in [23]. As far as we know, the linear growth rate of $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ is a new result for the solutions of system (1) as well.¹

Our analysis relies on the previous work of the authors [15] where we showed that for the nonlinear problem, $\text{Var}\{z(\cdot, t)\}$ remains bounded for all time in solutions generated by the 2×2 Godunov method, where $z = z(a, u)$ is the variable that defines the singular transformation first introduced by Temple in [22]. Since z is related to u by a singular transformation, bounds on $\text{Var}\{z(\cdot, t)\}$ do not imply bounds on the total variation of the conserved quantity u . Examples show that in the nonlinear problem, $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ can initially grow at an arbitrary rate when a is taken to be of bounded variation [22]. Our result is that when $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\} < \infty$, the quantity $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$

¹ In the strictly hyperbolic regime, $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ can be bounded by a constant times $\text{Var}\{U(\cdot, 0)\}$; but since this fails in the resonant regime (cf. [22]), it is natural to look for a bound on the growth rate for $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ in the resonant regime.

can grow at only a linear rate, the rate depending only on $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\}$, $\text{Var}\{a(\cdot)\}$, and $\text{Var}\{z_0(\cdot)\}$. The above example shows that there does not exist a growth rate for $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ that depends only on $\text{Var}\{a\}$ even when $u_0(x) \equiv 0$ [22]. In the next section we also show by counterexample that there does not exist a rate depending only on the $\text{Var}\{a(\cdot)\}$ and the C^1 -norm of $a(x)$. We understand this as follows: the 2×2 Glimm and Godunov methods are based on approximating solutions locally by time asymptotic states, and the total variation of u in the time asymptotic states is not bounded by the total variation of the initial data. Thus, the total variation in u can initially “blow up” in the total variation norm due to the possible formation of oscillations. Such oscillations can appear after finite time due to the formation of intermediate wave patterns that will later interact and decay, and correspondingly, they can also appear as numerical oscillations in any numerical method based on time asymptotic wave patterns (for example, the Glimm and Godunov methods). Therefore, in terms of the numerical method, our results verify that the averaging step in the Godunov method *wipes out* the numerical oscillations that can occur in the Riemann problem solution step of the method. We interpret this as demonstrating that numerical methods based on the Riemann problem are viable in this non-strictly hyperbolic setting. Moreover, this is the most complicated setting in which the stability of the 2×2 Godunov method has been demonstrated, and our results provide the first such stability result for a numerical method based on the solution of the Riemann problem for a resonant non-strictly hyperbolic system.

In terms of the nonlinear problem itself, we interpret our results (as well as the earlier result in [23]) as showing that when $a(\cdot)$ is sufficiently smooth, i.e., $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\} < \infty$, the rate at which the time asymptotic states are taken on in a solution is controlled. This effect is quantified by the statement that $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ grows at no more than a linear rate when $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\} < \infty$.

Note that the system obtained by linearizing the flux function $F(U) = (0, f(a, u))$ about a state U_* , where $U_* = (a_*, u_*)$ satisfies (3)–(5). In this case, letting $U = U_* + \bar{U}$, we write $F(U) = F(U_*) + dF(U_*)\bar{U} + h.o.t.$, where *h.o.t.* are higher order in $|\bar{U}|$, and by (3)–(5),

$$(6) \quad dF = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \beta & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\beta = (\partial f / \partial a)(U_*) \neq 0$. Thus the linearized equations for \bar{U} are

$$(7) \quad \bar{U}_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \beta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{U}_x = 0,$$

which have the solution $\bar{u} = \bar{u}_0(x) - \beta \bar{a}'(x)t$. Thus in the linearized system, \bar{u} and all x -derivatives of \bar{u} also blow up at a linear rate as t tends to infinity.

In §1, we state our main result on the stability of the Godunov method, we establish notation and review the results in [15], and we show by counterexample that for solutions of (1), $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ does not grow at a rate depending only on the $\text{Var}\{a\}$ and the C^1 -norm of $a(x)$. The proof of Theorem 2.1 is given in §3.

2. Preliminaries. In this section we state Theorem 2.1, our main result on linear growth for (1),(2), and then we establish notation and review the results in [15] that are required for the subsequent proof, which is developed in the next section. At the end of the section we show by counterexample that for solutions of (1), $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ does not grow at a rate depending only on the $\text{Var}\{a\}$ and the C^1 -norm of $a(x)$; in

particular, the counterexample indicates that condition $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\}$ is sharp for linear growth. The proof of Theorem 2.1 is postponed until §3. We first state the main theorem of this paper.

Let $U(x, t)$ be a solution of (1), (2) generated from Godunov's method (to be discussed below) for arbitrary initial data $U_0(x) \subset \mathbf{B}$ of compact support, where \mathbf{B} is a neighborhood of U_* to be determined below. Assume that $U(x, t)$ is generated from initial data satisfying

$$(8) \quad \text{Var}\{a'\} \equiv V'_a < \infty,$$

$$(9) \quad \text{Var}\{a\} \equiv V_a < \infty,$$

and

$$(10) \quad \text{Var}\{u_0(\cdot)\} \equiv V_u < \infty.$$

In particular, this implies that (see [22])

$$(11) \quad \text{Var}_z\{U_0(\cdot)\} \equiv V_z < \infty.$$

Let C_f denote the constant

$$(12) \quad C_f \equiv \sup_{\mathbf{B}} \{|f_a|, |f_u|, |f_{aa}|, |f_{au}|, |f_{uu}|\}.$$

Our purpose is to prove the following theorem:

THEOREM 2.1. *Let $U(x, t)$ be a solution of (1), (2) generated by the 2×2 Godunov method for arbitrary initial data $U_0(x)$, satisfying (8), (9), and (10). Then there exists a constant C depending only on V'_a , V_a , V_z , and C_f such that*

$$(13) \quad \text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\} \leq \text{Var}\{u_0(\cdot)\} + Ct.$$

The proof of Theorem 2.1 follows from an analysis of the 2×2 Godunov numerical method as applied to (1), which we rewrite as the 2×2 nonstrictly hyperbolic system

$$(14) \quad U_t + F(U)_x = 0,$$

where $U = (a, u)$ and $F(U) = (0, f(u))$. The Godunov scheme is based on the construction of the Riemann problem for (14). We briefly describe the solution of the Riemann problem as outlined in [15]. The Riemann problem, denoted $[U_L, U_R]$, is the initial value problem for initial data given by a jump discontinuity

$$(15) \quad U_0(x) = \begin{cases} U_L & \text{if } x < 0, \\ U_R & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

Let λ_i and R_i denote the eigenvalues and corresponding unit right eigenvectors of the 2×2 matrix dF , $i = 0, 1$. The eigenvalues are given by $\lambda_0(U) \equiv 0$ and $\lambda_1(U) = \partial f / \partial u$. In [11] it is shown that the assumptions (3)–(5) imply that $\lambda_1(U) = 0$ defines a smooth curve Γ (named the transition curve) in U -space passing through the state $U = U_*$ in a direction transverse to the u -axis, and thus Γ is described by a smooth function $u = T(a)$ in a neighborhood of U_* . The curve Γ is the set of states where system (14)

is non-strictly hyperbolic in a neighborhood of U_* . By substituting $u - T(a)$ for u in system (14), we obtain an equivalent system in which Γ is given by $u = 0$; so without loss of generality we assume that in a neighborhood of U_* , $\lambda_1(U) = 0$ if and only if $u = 0$. The assumptions (3)–(5) imply that the matrix dF has the Jordan normal form

$$(16) \quad dF = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

at each state $U \in \Gamma$.

Because (14) is nonstrictly hyperbolic at $U = U_*$, there are in general three waves that solve the Riemann problem [15]. The wave curves for (14) are the integral curves of the eigenvector fields R_0 and R_1 associated with λ_0 and λ_1 . The 1-wave curves are given by $a = \bar{a}$, \bar{a} constant, and 1-waves are determined by solutions of the scalar conservation law $u_t + f(\bar{a}, u)_x = 0$. The 0-wave curves are given by $f = \text{const}$. Because of (3)–(5), in a neighborhood of U_* , $f = \text{const}$ defines a smooth curve of nonzero curvature that is tangent to the curves $a = \text{const}$ only at the states $U \in \Gamma$ in the au -plane; and the transition curve Γ intersects the 0-wave and 1-wave curves transversally at U_* . To be consistent with [22], [11], [15], we assume without loss of generality that $f_{uu}(U_*) < 0$ and $f_a(U_*) < 0$, so that the curves $f = \text{const}$ are convex down in a neighborhood of U_* (see Lemma 3.1 in [11] and Figure 1 of [15]). We restrict attention to solutions of (14) that take values in a neighborhood \mathbf{B} of U_* . Thus let \mathbf{B} denote a neighborhood of U_* bounded above by an integral curve of R_0 and below by an integral curve of R_1 , such that the integral curves of R_0 are convex down in \mathbf{B} , and such that each integral curve intersects the transition curve Γ transversally at a unique point in \mathbf{B} . Assume further that $\partial f / \partial a \neq 0$ in \mathbf{B} . Our assumptions (3)–(5) imply that such an open set \mathbf{B} exists in a neighborhood of U_* . Under these assumptions, the set \mathbf{B} is an invariant region for Riemann problems for system (1) (cf. [11], [22], [15]):

PROPOSITION 2.2. *Let \mathbf{B} denote a neighborhood of U_* bounded above by an integral curve of R_0 and below by an integral curve of R_1 , such that the integral curves of R_0 are convex down in \mathbf{B} , and such that each integral curve cuts the transition curve Γ transversally in \mathbf{B} . Then \mathbf{B} is an invariant region for Riemann problems in the sense that if $U_L, U_R \in \mathbf{B}$, then all intermediate states in the solution of the Riemann problem $[U_L, U_R]$ are also in \mathbf{B} .*

We recall also the definition of the singular variable z defined in [22]: for our purpose it suffices to define z by

$$(17) \quad z(a, u) = \begin{cases} +|f(a, u) - f(a, 0)| & \text{if } U \text{ lies to the right of } \Gamma, \\ -|f(a, u) - f(a, 0)| & \text{if } U \text{ lies to the left of } \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

(This is slightly different than the definition given in [22], [15], but since f is constant along integral curves of R_0 and Γ is given by $u = 0$, the two definitions are essentially equivalent.) Since the curves given by $f = \text{const}$ are convex down in a neighborhood of U_* , we conclude that the mapping

$$u \rightarrow z$$

is 1-1 and onto in a neighborhood of U_* and is regular except at Γ where the Jacobian vanishes. We let $\text{Var}_z U_0$ denote the total variation of U_0 in the variable z ,

etc. Although for convenience we restrict attention to solutions that take values in a neighborhood \mathbf{B} of U_* , the results extend globally under straightforward assumptions on f .

Now we indicate by counterexample that for solutions of (1), $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ does not grow at a rate depending only on the $\text{Var}\{a\}$ and the C^1 -norm of $a(x)$ even when $u_0(x) \equiv 0$; the counterexample indicates that condition $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\}$ is sharp for linear growth. The counterexample given in [22] shows that for solutions of (14), $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ does not grow at a rate depending only on a through the $\text{Var}\{a\}$. For this counterexample it suffices to take $a(x) = a_j$ for $x_j \leq x < x_{j+1}$, $u_0(x) \equiv 0$, where

$$(18) \quad a_j = \begin{cases} a_* & \text{if } j \leq 0, \\ a_* + \epsilon j/N & \text{if } 0 < j \leq N, \\ a_* + \epsilon & \text{if } j \geq N, \end{cases}$$

for some $\epsilon > 0$ and $N \in \mathbb{Z}$. In this case, $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, 0+)\} = O(\sqrt{\epsilon N})$ in the exact solution because the wave curves $a = \text{const}$ and $f = \text{const}$ have a quadratic tangency at $u = 0$ (cf. [22]), and thus the growth rate for $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, 0+)\}$ is not bounded as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Now consider the initial data $U_0^N = (a_N(x), u_0^N(x))$ where $u_0^N(x) \equiv 0$ and $a(\cdot) \in C^1$ is defined by

$$(19) \quad a_N(x) = a_* + \sigma(x) \frac{1}{N} \sin(Nx),$$

where $0 \leq \sigma(x) \leq 1$ is smooth and satisfies $\sigma(x) \equiv 1$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $\sigma(x) \equiv 0$ for $|x| \geq 2$, and $|\sigma'(x)| \leq 1$. It is easy to verify that

$$|a'_N(\cdot)| \leq 2$$

and

$$\text{Var}\{a'_N(x)\} \leq 7.$$

But when $u = 0$, $f_u(a, 0) = 0$; so at $t = 0$, (1) reads

$$u_t + f(a, u)_x = u_t + f_a a'_N;$$

so

$$u_t(x, 0) \approx a'_N(x)$$

(where we assume without loss of generality that $f_a(a_*, 0) = -1$). Thus for $0 \leq x \leq 1$,

$$(20) \quad u_t^N(x, 0) \approx \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{N}, \\ -1 & \text{if } x = \frac{2n\pi}{N}; \end{cases}$$

so on the interval $x \in [0, 1]$, the solution $u(x, t)$ satisfies

$$\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, dt)\} \approx (N/2\pi)dt.$$

We conclude that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Var}\{u_N(\cdot, 0)\} \rightarrow \infty$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$, thus verifying that the rate of growth of $\text{Var}\{u(\cdot, t)\}$ is not bounded by a constant depending on $a(x)$ through $\text{Var}\{a(\cdot)\}$ and the C^1 -norm of $a(\cdot)$.

3. Godunov scheme. In this section we give the proof of Theorem 2.1. We state seven technical lemmas that are required for the proof. The proofs of the first six lemmas are given here, and then we give the proof of Theorem 2.1 as a consequence of the seven lemmas. The proof of Lemma 3.11 is technical and is postponed until after the proof of Theorem 2.1. Now we state and prove the first six lemmas that will be used in the subsequent analysis. To start, let U_1 and U_2 be arbitrary states in \mathbf{B} , and define the following second-order difference:

$$(21) \quad \Delta^2 f(U_2, U_1) \equiv \Delta^2 f_{1,2} = f(a_2, u_2) - f(a_2, u_1) - f(a_1, u_2) + f(a_1, u_1).$$

LEMMA 3.1. *The following estimate holds:*

$$(22) \quad |\Delta^2 f(U_2, U_1)| \leq O(1)\{(\Delta a)^2 + |\Delta a \Delta z|\},$$

where $\Delta a = a_2 - a_1$, $\Delta z = |z(a_2, u_2) - z(a_1, u_1)|$ and $O(1)$ denotes a generic constant that depends only on f and \mathbf{B} .

Proof. By (17),

$$(23) \quad \Delta^2 f_{1,2} = -\text{sign}\{u_2\}(z(a_2, u_2) - z(a_1, u_2)) + \text{sign}\{u_1\}(z(a_2, u_1) - z(a_1, u_1)).$$

Now it suffices to verify (22) in the case that both $u_1, u_2 \leq 0$ or both $u_1, u_2 \geq 0$. To see this, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 f_{1,2} &= f(a_2, u_2) - f(a_2, 0) - f(a_1, u_2) + f(a_1, 0) \\ &\quad + f(a_2, 0) - f(a_2, u_1) - f(a_1, 0) + f(a_1, u_1) \\ &\equiv \Delta^2 f(U_2, U_0^2) + \Delta^2 f(U_0^1, U_1), \end{aligned}$$

where $U_0^2 \equiv (a_1, 0)$ and $U_0^1 \equiv (a_2, 0)$. Thus, assuming that we have verified (22) in the above two cases, if $\text{sign}\{u_2\} = -\text{sign}\{u_1\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta^2 f_{1,2}| &\leq |\Delta^2 f(U_2, U_0^2)| + |\Delta^2 f(U_0^1, U_1)| \\ &\leq O(1)\{(\Delta a)^2 + |z_2 \Delta a|\} + \{(\Delta a)^2 + |z_1 \Delta a|\} \\ &\leq O(1)\{(\Delta a)^2 + |\Delta a \Delta z|\}, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that $|\Delta z| = |z_1| + |z_2|$ in this case. Thus we verify (22) in the case that $\text{sign}\{u_1\} = -\text{sign}\{u_2\}$. We do the case $u_1, u_2 \leq 0$. To this end, let $g(a, u_1, u_2)$ be the function defined for $u_1, u_2 \leq 0$ by the formula

$$(24) \quad z(a, u_2) - z(a, u_1) = g(a, u_1, u_2)\{u_2^2 - u_1^2\}.$$

We claim that in some neighborhood of (a_*, u_*, u_*) (we assume this neighborhood consists of the set of all (a, u_1, u_2) such that U, U_1, U_2 all lie in \mathbf{B}), g is smooth and nonzero and $g^{-1} \equiv \frac{1}{g}$ exists and is smooth in this neighborhood, which intersect the set $u_1, u_2 \leq 0$. First we show that there exists an ϵ such that $|g(a, u_1, u_2)| > \epsilon$ in this set. To see this, note that since $z(a, u_2) - z(a, u_1) = f(a, u_2) - f(a, u_1)$, we know that if $u_1 \neq u_2$, then $f(a, u_1) \neq f(a, u_2)$ if we choose \mathbf{B} small enough so that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \neq 0$ when $u \neq 0$. Thus when $u_1 \neq u_2$,

$$g(a, u_1, u_2) = \frac{f(a, u_2) - f(a, u_1)}{u_2^2 - u_1^2} \neq 0.$$

Moreover, fixing $u_1 \neq 0$, we obtain

$$(25) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_2} = g(a, u_1, u_2)2u_2 + g_{u_2}(u_2^2 - u_1^2),$$

which implies that when $u_2 = u_1 \neq 0$, we have

$$g(a, u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2u_2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_1}(a, u_1) \neq 0,$$

where we assume \mathbf{B} is small enough so that $\partial^2 f / \partial u^2 \neq 0$ in \mathbf{B} . Finally, for $u_1 = 0$, differentiate (25) to obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2}(a, u) = 2g(a, 0, u) + O(u),$$

which implies that

$$g(a, 0, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial u^2}(a, 0) \neq 0.$$

Thus we have that $|g(a, u_1, u_2)| > \epsilon > 0$ on compact subsets of \mathbf{B} , and hence choosing \mathbf{B} small enough, inside \mathbf{B} itself. The smoothness of g and g^{-1} follow at once from the assumed smoothness of f , thus establishing the claim.

To complete the proof of Lemma 3.1, note that

$$z(a_2, u_2) - z(a_2, u_1) = g(a_2, u_1, u_2)\{u_2^2 - u_1^2\}$$

and

$$z(a_1, u_2) - z(a_1, u_1) = g(a_1, u_1, u_2)\{u_2^2 - u_1^2\},$$

thus

$$(26) \quad |\Delta^2 f_{1,2}| = |\{g(a_2, u_1, u_2) - g(a_1, u_1, u_2)\}\{u_2^2 - u_1^2\}| = O(1)|\Delta a|\{|u_2^2 - u_1^2\}|.$$

Moreover, by (24),

$$\begin{aligned} u_2^2 - u_1^2 &= g^{-1}(a_2, u_1, u_2)\{z(a_2, u_2) - z(a_2, u_1)\} \\ &= g^{-1}(a_2, u_1, u_2)\{z(a_2, u_2) - z(a_1, u_1)\} \\ &\quad + g^{-1}(a_2, u_1, u_2)\{z(a_1, u_1) - z(a_2, u_1)\} \\ &= O(1)\Delta z + O(1)\Delta a, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the fact that z is smooth. Substituting this last line into (26) gives

$$|\Delta^2 f_{1,2}| = O(1)|\Delta a|\{|\Delta a| + |\Delta z|\} = O(1)\{\Delta a^2 + |\Delta a \Delta z|\},$$

which establishes Lemma 3.1. \square

Let $U = (a, u) \in \mathbf{B}$, and let a_1 and a_2 correspond to entries of states in \mathbf{B} . Define the following second-order difference:

$$(27) \quad \Delta^2 f(a_1, a_2, U) = f(a_2, u) - 2f(a, u) + f(a_1, u).$$

LEMMA 3.2. *The following estimate holds:*

$$(28) \quad |\Delta^2 f(a_1, a_2, U)| \leq O(1)\{|\Delta a_1 - \Delta a_2| + |\Delta a_1||a_1 - a_2|\},$$

where $\Delta a_1 = a - a_1$ and $\Delta a_2 = a_2 - a$.

Proof. By Taylor's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta^2 f(a_1, a_2, U)| &= \left| (a_2 - a) \int_0^1 f_a(a_2\xi + a(1 - \xi), u) d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (a_1 - a) \int_0^1 f_a(a_1\xi + a(1 - \xi), u) d\xi \right| \\ &= \left| \{(a_2 - a_1) + (a_1 - a)\} \int_0^1 f_a(a_2\xi + a(1 - \xi), u) d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (a_1 - a) \int_0^1 \{f_a(a_1\xi + a(1 - \xi), u) d\xi - f_a(a_2\xi + a(1 - \xi), u)\} d\xi \right| \\ &\leq O(1)|\Delta a_2 - \Delta a_1| + \sup_{\mathbf{B}} f_{aa}|(a_1 - a)(a_1 - a_2)|, \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. \square

Our analysis is based on solutions of (14) constructed by the Godunov scheme following the work in [15]. Thus let $U_{\Delta x}(x, t)$ denote an approximate solution of the Cauchy problem (1), (2) generated by the Godunov scheme, for initial data $U_0(x)$ taking values in the neighborhood \mathbf{B} of U_* . Specifically, we discretize $R \times [0, \infty)$ by spatial mesh length Δx and time mesh length Δt such that

$$(29) \quad \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} = \delta,$$

where $\delta = \text{const}(\lambda)^{-1}$, and

$$(30) \quad \lambda \equiv \sup_{(a, u) \in \mathbf{B}} \{|\lambda_0|, |\lambda_1|\}.$$

(It suffices to take $\delta < 1/(2\lambda)$, but for convenience in the proof of Lemma 3.11, we take $\delta = 1/(4\lambda)$.) We let $x_n = n\Delta x$, $t_j = j\Delta t$ so that (x_n, t_j) denote the mesh points of the approximate solution. Define

$$S_i = \{(x, t) : t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}\}.$$

The approximate solution $U_{\Delta x}$ generated by the Godunov scheme is defined as follows [3], [4]: to initiate the scheme at $n = 0$, define

$$(31) \quad U_j^0 \equiv U_{\Delta x}(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} U_0(x) dx, \quad x_j < x < x_{j+1}.$$

Assuming that $U_{\Delta x}(x, t)$ has been constructed for $(x, t) \in \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} S_i$, we define $U_{\Delta x}$ in S_n as the solution of (1) with the initial values

$$(32) \quad U_j^n \equiv U_{\Delta x}(x, t_n) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} U_{\Delta x}(x, t_n -) dx, \quad x_j < x < x_{j+1}.$$

In other words, at each time t_n , a piecewise constant approximation $U_{\Delta x}(x, t_n)$ is obtained by taking the arithmetic averages of $U_{\Delta x}(x, t_n -)$ at each interval of the mesh so that the solution in S_n can be constructed by solving the Riemann problems $[U_{j-1}^n, U_j^n]$ posed at each point of discontinuity (x_j, t_n) , $j \in Z$. The Courant-Freidrichs-Levy (CFL) restriction (29) ensures that the Riemann problem solutions in

each S_n do not interact before time t_{n+1} [22], [15]. Our results rely on the following theorem, which was proved in [15]:

THEOREM 3.3. *Assume that the initial data $U_0(x) \in \mathbf{B}$ satisfies the condition $\text{Var}_z\{U_0(\cdot)\} = V_z < \infty$ and $\text{Var}\{a(\cdot)\} = V_a < \infty$. Then $U_{\Delta x}(x, t) \in \mathbf{B}$ for all $x, t \geq 0$, $\text{Var}_z\{U_{\Delta x}(\cdot, t)\} < 4V_z$, and a subsequence of $\{U_{\Delta x}(\cdot, t)\}$ converges boundedly, almost everywhere, to a weak solution of (1), (2) as Δx tends to zero.*

We use the notation $U_{j-}^n \equiv U_{\Delta x}(x_j, t_n)$ and $U_{j+}^n = U_{\Delta x}(x_{j+1}, t_n)$, and we let $f_j^n = f(U_{\Delta x}(x_j, t_n))$, $f_{j-}^n = f(U_{\Delta x}(x_j, t_n))$, and $f_{j+}^n = f(U_{\Delta x}(x_{j+1}, t_n))$. Here, the symbol $+$ refers to the right side and $-$ the left side of the mesh rectangle R_j^n , which we define by $R_j^n \equiv \{(x, t) : x_j \leq x < x_{j+1}, t_n \leq t < t_{n+1}\}$. Using integration by parts it is not difficult to verify that $U_{\Delta x}$ satisfies the difference equation

$$(33) \quad u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n - \delta[f_{j+}^n - f_{j-}^n].$$

Let $\Delta u_j^n = u_j^n - u_{j-1}^n$, so that by (33) we can write

$$(34) \quad \Delta u_j^{n+1} = \Delta u_j^n - \delta[f_{j+}^n - f_{j-}^n - f_{j-1+}^n + f_{j-1-}^n].$$

Our procedure is to estimate the right-hand side of (34), the idea being to add and subtract terms in such a way so as to construct second-order differences of the form (21) and (27), together with a remainder term that forms a collapsing sum in the estimate for $\text{Var}_u\{U_{\Delta x}\}$ given by $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\Delta u_j^{n+1}|$. Since we will be estimating terms at a fixed time level t_n , we will suppress the index n whenever states are assumed to lie at level t_n in an approximate solution $U_{\Delta x}$. Thus we use the notation $f_{i,j}^- = f(a_i, u_{j-}^n)$, $f_{i,j}^+ = f(a_i, u_{j+}^n)$ and define the first-order differences

$$(35) \quad \Delta f_j^- = f_{j,j}^- - f_{j,j-1}^-,$$

$$(36) \quad \Delta f_j^+ = f_{j,j}^+ - f_{j,j-1}^+,$$

together with the following second-order differences (cf. (21) and (27))

$$(37) \quad \Delta^2 f_i(u) = f(a_{i+1}, u) - 2f(a_i, u) + f(a_{i-1}, u),$$

$$(38) \quad \Delta^2 f_i(u, v) = f(a_i, u) - f(a_{i-1}, u) - f(a_i, v) + f(a_{i-1}, v).$$

For convenience, we use the following notation for special cases of these second-order differences:

$$(39) \quad \Delta^2 f_i^- = \Delta^2 f_i(u_{i-}),$$

$$(40) \quad \Delta^2 f_i^+ = \Delta^2 f_i(u_{i+}),$$

and

$$(41) \quad \Delta^2 f_{i,i-1}^- = \Delta^2 f_i(u_{i-}, u_{i-1-}),$$

$$(42) \quad \Delta^2 f_{i,i-1}^+ = \Delta^2 f_i(u_{i+}, u_{i-1+}).$$

Note that the estimates of either Lemma 3.1 or Lemma 3.2 can be applied to all of the second-order differences above. Our proof of Theorem 2.1 on the stability of Godunov's method and the linear growth of solutions for system (1) proceeds as follows.

DEFINITION 3.4. *We say that the types of Riemann problems near mesh point (x_i, t_j) fall into case one (we write $T_j^n \in C_1$) if*

$$|\Delta f_j^-| \leq (2\delta)^{-1} |\Delta u_j^n|$$

and

$$\Delta u_j^n \Delta f_j^- \leq 0.$$

If either of these fails, then we say $T_j^n \in \bar{C}_1$.

DEFINITION 3.5. *We say that the types of Riemann problems near mesh point (x_i, t_j) fall into case two (we write $T_j^n \in C_2$) if*

$$|\Delta f_j^+| \leq (2\delta)^{-1} |\Delta u_j^n|$$

and

$$\Delta u_j^n \Delta f_j^+ \geq 0.$$

If either of these fails, then we say $T_j^n \in \bar{C}_2$.

Note that the type T_j^n depends on the wave structures in the Riemann problems posed at (x_{j-1}, t_n) and (x_{j+1}, t_n) as well as (x_j, t_n) . Theorem 2.1 is a consequence of the following lemmas.

LEMMA 3.6. *If $T_j^n \in C_1$, then the following estimate holds:*

$$(43) \quad |\Delta u_j^{n+1}| \leq |\Delta u_j| - \delta |\Delta f_j^-| + \delta |\Delta f_{j+1}^-| + E_1(j),$$

where

$$(44) \quad E_1(j) = \delta |\Delta^2 f_j^-| + \delta |\Delta^2 f_{j,j-1}^-|.$$

Proof. By adding and subtracting the appropriate terms to (34) and using the fact that $f_j^+ = f_{j+1}^-$, we obtain the identity

$$\begin{aligned} u_j^{n+1} - u_{j-1}^{n+1} &= (u_j - u_{j-1}) - \delta (f_{j+1,j+1}^- - f_{j+1,j}^-) + \delta (f_{j,j}^- - f_{j,j-1}^-) \\ &\quad - \delta (f_{j+1,j}^- - f_{j,j}^-) + \delta (f_{j,j-1}^- - f_{j-1,j-1}^-) \\ &\quad + \delta (f_{j,j}^- - f_{j-1,j}^-) - \delta (f_{j,j}^- - f_{j-1,j}^-), \end{aligned}$$

and this is equivalent to the identity

$$(45) \quad \Delta u_j^{n+1} = \Delta u_j - \delta \Delta f_{j+1}^- + \delta \Delta f_j^- - \delta \Delta^2 f_j^- - \delta \Delta^2 f_{j,j-1}^-.$$

Statement (43) follows from (45) by using the inequalities $\Delta u_j^n \Delta f_j^- \leq 0$ and $|\Delta f_j^-| \leq (2\delta)^{-1} |\Delta u_j|$ of Definition 3.4. \square

LEMMA 3.7. *If $T_j^n \in C_2$, then the following estimate holds:*

$$(46) \quad |\Delta u_j^{n+1}| \leq |\Delta u_j| + \delta |\Delta f_{j-1}^+| - \delta |\Delta f_j^+| + E_2(j),$$

where

$$(47) \quad E_2(j) = \delta|\Delta^2 f_{j-1}^+| + \delta|\Delta^2 f_{j-1,j-2}^+|.$$

Proof. By adding and subtracting the appropriate terms to (34) and using the fact that $f_j^+ = f_{j+1}^-$, we obtain the identity

$$\begin{aligned} u_j^{n+1} - u_{j-1}^{n+1} &= (u_j - u_{j-1}) - \delta(f_{j,j}^+ - f_{j,j-1}^+) + \delta(f_{j-1,j-1}^+ - f_{j-1,j-2}^+) \\ &\quad - \delta(f_{j,j-1}^+ - f_{j-1,j-1}^+) + \delta(f_{j-1,j-2}^+ - f_{j-2,j-2}^+) \\ &\quad + \delta(f_{j-1,j-1}^+ - f_{j-2,j-1}^+) - \delta(f_{j-1,j-1}^+ - f_{j-2,j-1}^+), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the identity

$$(48) \quad \Delta u_j^{n+1} = \Delta u_j - \delta \Delta f_j^+ + \delta \Delta f_{j-1}^+ - \delta \Delta^2 f_{j-1}^+ - \delta \Delta^2 f_{j-1,j-2}^+.$$

Thus (46) follows from (48) by using the inequalities $\Delta u_j^n \Delta f_j^+ \geq 0$ and $|\Delta f_j^+| \leq (2\delta)^{-1}|\Delta u_j|$ of Definition 3.5. \square

LEMMA 3.8. *If $T_j^n \in C_1 \cap C_2$, then the following estimate holds:*

$$(49) \quad |\Delta u_j^{n+1}| \leq |\Delta u_j| - \delta|\Delta f_j^-| - \delta|\Delta f_j^+| + E_3(j),$$

where

$$(50) \quad E_3(j) = \delta|\Delta^2 f_j(u_{j-1-}, u_{j-1+})|.$$

Proof. Statement (34) implies the identity

$$\begin{aligned} u_j^{n+1} - u_{j-1}^{n+1} &= (u_j - u_{j-1}) - \delta(f_{j,j}^+ - f_{j,j-1}^+) + \delta(f_{j,j}^- - f_{j,j-1}^-) \\ &\quad + \delta(f_{j,j-1}^- - f_{j-1,j-1}^-) - \delta(f_{j,j-1}^+ - f_{j-1,j-1}^+), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the identity

$$(51) \quad \Delta u_j^{n+1} = \Delta u_j - \delta \Delta f_j^+ + \delta \Delta f_j^- + \delta \Delta^2 f_j(u_{j-1-}, u_{j-1+}).$$

Thus (49) follows from (51) by using the inequalities given in Definitions 3.4 and 3.5. \square

LEMMA 3.9. *For any type T_j^n , the following estimate holds:*

$$(52) \quad |\Delta u_j^{n+1}| \leq |\Delta u_j| + \delta|\Delta f_{j-1}^+| + \delta|\Delta f_{j+1}^-| + E_4(j),$$

where

$$(53) \quad E_4(j) = \delta|\Delta^2 f_{j+1}(u_{j-}, u_{j-2+})| + \delta|\Delta^2 f_j(u_{j-2+})| + \delta|\Delta^2 f_{j-1}(u_{j-2+})|.$$

Proof. Statement (34) implies the identity

$$\begin{aligned} u_j^{n+1} - u_{j-1}^{n+1} &= (u_j - u_{j-1}) - \delta(f_{j+1,j+1}^- - f_{j+1,j}^-) + \delta(f_{j-1,j-1}^+ - f_{j-1,j-2}^+) \\ &\quad - \delta(f_{j+1,j}^- - f_{j,j}^-) + \delta(f_{j+1,j-2}^+ - f_{j,j-2}^+) \\ &\quad + \delta(f_{j-1,j-2}^+ - f_{j-2,j-2}^+) - \delta(f_{j,j-2}^+ - f_{j-1,j-2}^+) \\ &\quad + \delta(f_{j,j-2}^+ - f_{j-1,j-2}^+) - \delta(f_{j+1,j-2}^+ - f_{j,j-2}^+), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the identity

$$(54) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta u_j^{n+1} = & \Delta u_j - \delta \Delta f_{j+1}^- + \delta \Delta f_{j-1}^+ - \delta \Delta^2 f_{j+1}(u_{j-}, u_{j-2+}) \\ & - \delta \Delta^2 f_{j-1}(u_{j-2+}) - \delta \Delta^2 f_j(u_{j-2+}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (52) follows from (54) directly. \square

COROLLARY 3.10. *The following estimate holds for $l = 1, \dots, 4$:*

$$(55) \quad \begin{aligned} E_l(j) \leq & O(1) \{ |\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| \\ & + |\Delta a_j| |a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_{j-1}| |a_j - a_{j-2}| \} \\ & + O(1) \{ (|\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_{j+1}|) (\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-2}^n) \}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{Var}_z U_j^n$ denotes the total variation in z of the approximate solution $U_{\Delta x}(x, t_j+)$ in the interval $x_j- \leq x \leq x_{j+1}+$, $\Delta a_j \equiv a_j - a_{j-1}$, and $O(1)$ denotes a generic constant depending only on f and the supnorm bounds on the solution. Note that by Theorem 3.3,

$$(56) \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{Var}_z U_k^n \leq 12V_z.$$

Proof. By Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 of the previous section, it follows that

$$(57) \quad |\Delta^2 f_j(u)| \leq O(1) \{ |\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j| |a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| \}$$

and

$$(58) \quad |\Delta^2 f_j(u, v)| \leq O(1) (|\Delta a_j|^2 + |\Delta a_j| |z(a_j, u) - z(a_{j-1}, v)|).$$

Thus, in particular we have

$$(59) \quad |\Delta^2 f_j^-| \leq O(1) \{ |\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j| |a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| \}$$

and

$$(60) \quad |\Delta^2 f_{j,j-1}^-| \leq O(1) \{ |\Delta a_j|^2 + |\Delta a_j| (\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n) \}.$$

By the same argument, analogous estimates also hold for $\Delta^2 f_{j,j-1}^+$, $\Delta^2 f_j(u_{j-1-}, u_{j-1+})$, and the remaining second-order differences appearing in $E_1(j) - E_4(j)$. Putting these estimates together and collecting like terms gives (55). \square

LEMMA 3.11. *If $T_{j-1}^n \in \tilde{C}_2$ and $T_j^n \in \tilde{C}_1$, then the following estimate holds:*

$$(61) \quad |\Delta f_{j-1}^+| + |\Delta f_j^-| \leq E_5(j-1),$$

where

$$(62) \quad \begin{aligned} E_5(j-1) = & O(1) \{ |\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| \\ & + |\Delta a_j| |a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_{j-1}| |a_j - a_{j-2}| \} \\ & + O(1) \{ (|\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_{j+1}|) (\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-2}^n) \}, \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Lemma 3.11 requires the analysis of each admissible Riemann problem type T_{j-1}^n, T_j^n when the conditions of Definitions 3.4 and 3.5 simultaneously fail. These conditions depend only on the structure of the waves at the mesh points (x_{i-1}, t_n) and (x_i, t_n) , and there can be up to three nontrivial waves in the Riemann problems posed at each mesh point. The proof is technical and is postponed until after the proof of Theorem 2.1. As a motivation we comment that one can verify case-by-case that $T_{j-1}^n \in \bar{C}_2$ and $T_j^n \in \bar{C}_1$ cannot simultaneously hold in any admissible solution of the Riemann problem under the special assumptions that $\Delta a_{j-1} = \Delta a_j$ and that the curves $f = \text{const}$ are symmetric about the line $u = 0$ and invariant under vertical translations in the au -plane. Thus estimate (61) can be viewed as a perturbation of this case.

It is interesting to note that in the proof of Theorem 2.1 to follow, the entropy condition and the choice of admissible solutions of the Riemann problem enter only through estimate (61) together with the results of Theorem 3.3. Thus we can view inequality (61) as giving a nontrivial characterization of the admissibility condition for Riemann problems in this non-strictly hyperbolic setting.

We use (43)–(61) in the proof of the following proposition:

PROPOSITION 3.12. *The following estimate holds:*

$$(63) \quad \sum_{k=i}^j |\Delta u_k^{n+1}| \leq \sum_{k=i}^j |\Delta u_k^n| + F_i^1 + F_j^2 + E(k),$$

where F_i^1 and F_j^2 are defined by

$$(64) \quad F_i^1 = \begin{cases} -\delta |\Delta f_i^-| & \text{if } (i, n) \in \mathbf{C}_1, \\ +\delta |\Delta f_{i-1}^+| & \text{if } (i, n) \in \bar{\mathbf{C}}_1; \end{cases}$$

$$(65) \quad F_j^2 = \begin{cases} -\delta |\Delta f_j^+| & \text{if } (j, n) \in \mathbf{C}_2, \\ +\delta |\Delta f_{j+1}^-| & \text{if } (j, n) \in \bar{\mathbf{C}}_2 \end{cases}$$

and $E(k)$, defined as $E(k) \equiv \sum_{l=1}^5 E_l(k)$, satisfies

$$(66) \quad \begin{aligned} |E(k)| \leq & O(1) \{ |\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| \\ & + |\Delta a_j| |a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_{j-1}| |a_j - a_{j-2}| \} \\ & + O(1) (|\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_{j+1}|) (\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-2}^n). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The estimate (66) follows directly from (55) and (62). We prove (63) by induction. To start the induction, note that when $i - j = 0$, (63) reduces to

$$(67) \quad |\Delta u_i^{n+1}| \leq |\Delta u_i^n| + F_i^1 + F_i^2 + \sum_{l=1}^4 E_l(i).$$

But estimate (67) follows directly from (43), (46), (49), and (52) (depending on the possible values for $F_i^1 + F_i^2$), and thus (63) holds for $i - j = 0$. Now suppose that (63) holds for i and j . We show that it holds for $i - 1$ and j as well, thus verifying (63) by induction. In fact, by (67),

$$(68) \quad |\Delta u_{i-1}^{n+1}| \leq |\Delta u_{i-1}^n| + F_{i-1}^2 + F_{i-1}^1 + \sum_{k=1}^4 E_k(i-1).$$

Putting this in (63), we obtain

$$(69) \quad \sum_{k=i-1}^j |\Delta u_k^{n+1}| \leq \sum_{k=i-1}^j |\Delta u_k^n| + F_{i-1}^1 + F_j^2 + (F_i^1 + F_{i-1}^2) + \sum_{k=i}^j E(k) + \sum_{l=1}^4 E_l(i-1).$$

Therefore, in order to prove the proposition, it is sufficient to show that

$$(70) \quad F_i^1 + F_{i-1}^2 \leq E_5(i-1).$$

By definition, $F_i^1 + F_{i-1}^2 = 0$ if either $T_i \in \bar{C}_1, T_{i-1} \in C_2$, or $T_i \in C_1, T_{i-1} \in \bar{C}_2$; and $F_i^1 + F_{i-1}^2 \leq 0$ if $T_i \in C_1, T_{i-1} \in C_2$. But by (61) of Lemma 3.11, if $T_i \in \bar{C}_1, T_{i-1} \in \bar{C}_2$, then $|\Delta f_{i-1}^+| + |\Delta f_i^-| \leq E_5(i-1)$. Thus (63) is established. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Let $U_{\Delta x}$ be an approximate solution generated by the Godunov scheme from compactly supported initial data $U_0(\cdot)$ satisfying (8), (9), and (10) and taking values in \mathbf{B} . Since $\text{Var}\{z_{\Delta x}\}(\cdot, t)$ is uniformly bounded, $f(u_{\Delta x})(x, t)$ tends to a constant state as x tends to plus or minus infinity; and thus F_j^1 and F_j^2 tend to zero as $|j|$ tends to infinity. Thus taking $i = -\infty$ and $j = +\infty$ in (63) and using (66), we obtain

$$(71) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Delta u_k^{n+1}| &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Delta u_k^n| + O(1) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \{|\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| \\ &\quad + |\Delta a_j||a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_{j-1}||a_j - a_{j-2}|\} \\ &\quad + O(1) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} (|\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_{j+1}|)(\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-2}^n). \end{aligned}$$

But

$$(72) \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Delta a_k - \Delta a_{k-1}| \leq V_a' \Delta x,$$

$$(73) \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Delta a_k||a_{k+1} - a_{k-1}| \leq 2V_a' \Delta x \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |a_{k+1} - a_{k-1}| \leq 2V_a V_a' \Delta x,$$

and

$$(74) \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \{(|\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_{j+1}|)(\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-2}^n)\} \leq 36V_z V_a' \Delta x,$$

where we use the inequality

$$|a'(x)| \leq \text{Var}\{a'\},$$

which applies because $\text{Var}\{a(\cdot)\} < \infty$ and $\text{Var}\{a'(\cdot)\} < \infty$ imply that $a'(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$. Putting these in (71) and using CFL yields

$$(75) \quad \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Delta u_k^{n+1}| \leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |\Delta u_k^n| + C \Delta t,$$

where C depends only on V_a , V'_a , V_z , δ , and C_f . Moreover, (75) applies to any weak solution obtained as a limit of approximate solutions $U_{\Delta x}$, so this completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. \square

It remains only to give the following proof.

Proof of Lemma 3.11. Lemma 3.11 is proved by a case-by-case study of the possible wave patterns that can occur in any two consecutive Riemann problems $[U_{j-2}^n, U_{j-1}^n], [U_{j-1}^n, U_j^n]$. Each case depends on the number of waves at each mesh point, on whether they are positive or negative speed, and on whether Δa_{j-1} and Δa_j are positive or negative. Recall that there can be at most three waves in each Riemann problem and that these waves alone determine the types T_{j-1}^n and T_j^n . Here we will first state and prove a number of estimates (which we reference as Observations) from which estimate (61) can be deduced in each case. We will then verify (61) in three representative cases, the remaining cases being analagous. Since we are at a fixed time level t_n , we suppress the index n , and we let $E_5(j-1) \equiv O(1)E_5$ where

$$(76) \quad E_5 = \{|\Delta a_{j+1} - \Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j||a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_{j-1}||a_j - a_{j-2}|\} \\ + \{(|\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| + |\Delta a_{j+1}|)(\text{Var}_z U_j^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-1}^n + \text{Var}_z U_{j-2}^n)\}$$

and $O(1)$ denotes a generic constant depending only on f, δ , and the supnorm bounds for the solution. For convenience, we allow the constant $O(1)$ to be adjusted upward as we go along.

OBSERVATION 1. *If $(\Delta f_{j-1}^+)(\Delta f_j^-) \leq 0$, then we have both*

$$(77) \quad |\Delta f_{j-1}^+| \leq O(1)E_5 \quad \text{and} \quad |\Delta f_j^-| \leq O(1)E_5.$$

Proof. If $(\Delta f_{j-1}^+)(\Delta f_j^-) \leq 0$, then $|\Delta f_{j-1}^+| + |\Delta f_j^-| = |\Delta f_{j-1}^+ - \Delta f_j^-|$ and we can write $\Delta f_{j-1}^+ - \Delta f_j^-$ as a second-order difference as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f_j^- - \Delta f_{j-1}^+ &= (f_{j,j}^- - f_{j,j-1}^-) - (f_{j-1,j-1}^+ - f_{j-1,j-2}^+) \\ &= -(f_{j,j-1}^- - f_{j-1,j-1}^-) + (f_{j-1,j-2}^+ - f_{j-2,j-2}^+) \\ &= \{-(f_{j,j-1}^- - f_{j-1,j-1}^-) + (f_{j-1,j-1}^- - f_{j-2,j-1}^-)\} \\ &\quad + \{-(f_{j-1,j-1}^- - f_{j-2,j-1}^-) + (f_{j-1,j-2}^+ - f_{j-2,j-2}^+)\} \\ &= -\Delta^2 f_{j-1}(U_{j-1-}) - \Delta^2 f_{j-1}(U_{j-1-}, U_{j-2+}), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that $f_{j,j}^- = f_{j-1,j-1}^+$. But by Lemma 3.2,

$$|\Delta^2 f_{j-1}(U_{j-1-})| \leq O(1)E_5,$$

and by Lemma 3.1,

$$|\Delta^2 f_{j-1}(U_{j-1-}, U_{j-2+})| \leq O(1)E_5;$$

so (77) is verified. \square

As an immediate consequence of (77) we have the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.13. *If either $|\Delta f_{j-1}^+|$ or $|\Delta f_j^-|$ is bounded by $O(1)E_5$, then so is the other one.*

The next two observations give cases in which Lemma 3.11 is easily verified.

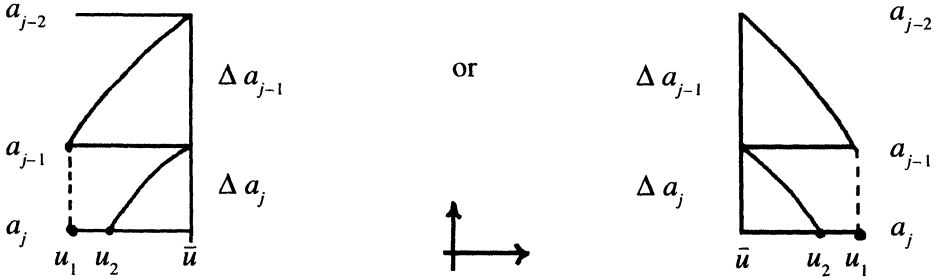


FIG. 1.

OBSERVATION 2. If $(\Delta a_{j-1})(\Delta a_j) \leq 0$, then

$$(78) \quad |\Delta a_{j-1} - \Delta a_j| = |\Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j| = O(1)E_5.$$

Proof. Equation (78) follows directly from the definition of E_5 . \square

Observation 2 shows that in the case $(\Delta a_{j-1})(\Delta a_j) \leq 0$, whenever Δf_{j-1}^+ or Δf_j^- are bounded by the first-order differences (Δa_{j-1}) or (Δa_j) , they are also bounded by the second-order difference E_5 . This makes it easy to verify Lemma 3.11 in the case that the sign of Δa_{j-1} is not equal to the sign of Δa_j , so we will omit these cases here. \square

OBSERVATION 3. If $(\Delta u_{j-1})(\Delta u_j) \geq 0$, then when we restrict to the case $(\Delta f_{j-1}^+)(\Delta f_j^-) \geq 0$ (the only interesting case by Observation 1), we must have that either

$$(\Delta f_{j-1}^+)(\Delta u_{j-1}) \geq 0$$

or

$$(\Delta f_j^-)(\Delta u_j) \leq 0.$$

In this case, to verify Lemma 3.11, it suffices to show that either $|\Delta f_{j-1}^+| \leq (2\delta)^{-1}|\Delta u_{j-1}|$ or $|\Delta f_j^-| \leq (2\delta)^{-1}|\Delta u_j|$.

Proof. This follows because the latter estimates verify that either $T_{j-1} \in C^2$ or $T_j \in C^1$ according to Definitions 3.4 and 3.5, either one being contrary to the assumption of Lemma 3.11. \square

The following observations are more technical.

OBSERVATION 4. Consider any three states \bar{u}, u_1 , and u_2 in the configuration diagrammed in Fig. 1. Then the following estimate holds:

$$(79) \quad |f(a_j, u_2) - f(a_j, u_1)| \leq O(1)\{|\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j||a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j||z(a_j, \bar{u}) - z(a_{j-1}, u_1)|\}.$$

Proof. Since $f(a_j, u_2) = f(a_{j-1}, \bar{u})$ and $f(a_{j-1}, u_1) = f(a_{j-2}, \bar{u})$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} f(a_j, u_2) - f(a_j, u_1) &= f(a_j, \bar{u}) - f(a_j, u_1) - f(a_{j-1}, \bar{u}) + f(a_{j-1}, u_1) \\ &\quad + \{-f(a_j, \bar{u}) + 2f(a_{j-1}, \bar{u}) - f(a_{j-2}, \bar{u})\} \\ &= -\Delta^2 f_{j-1}(\bar{u}) + \Delta^2 f_j(\bar{u}, u_1) \\ &\leq O(1)|\Delta a_j - \Delta a_{j-1}| + |\Delta a_j||a_{j+1} - a_{j-1}| \\ &\quad + O(1)|\Delta a_j||z(a_{j-1}, u_1) - z(a_j, \bar{u})|, \end{aligned}$$

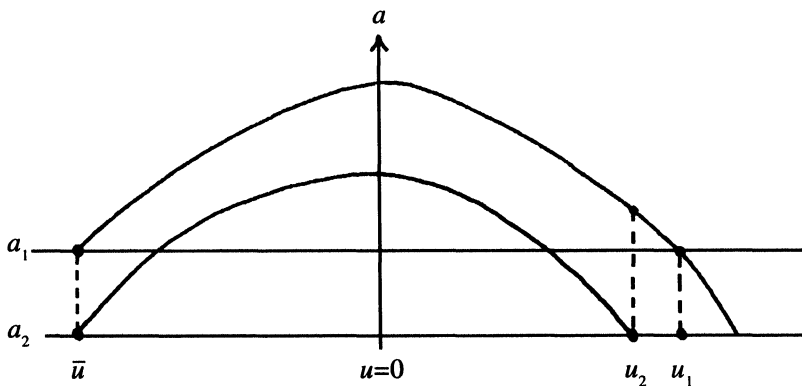


FIG. 2.

where we have applied Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 in the last line. \square

OBSERVATION 5. Consider any three states \bar{u} , u_1 , and u_2 in the configuration diagrammed in Fig. 2, and let $\Delta a \equiv a_2 - a_1$. Then the following estimate holds:

$$(80) \quad |f(a_2, u_2) - f(a_2, u_1)| \leq O(1)\{|\Delta a| |z(a_2, \bar{u})|\}.$$

Proof. Since we are assuming that the curves $f = \text{const}$ are smooth curves that have a quadratic tangency with the curves $a = \text{const}$ at each point on the curve $u = 0$, for each a and each state $u_- \leq 0$ we can define the state

$$u_+ = h(a, u_-)$$

by the condition that $u_+ \geq 0$ and $f(a, u_-) = f(a, u_+)$. By our assumptions on f , h is smooth and is a 1-1 mapping for each a and

$$(81) \quad h(a, 0) = 0$$

in our domain. But (81) implies that

$$(82) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial a} h(a, 0) = 0,$$

thus we must have

$$(83) \quad \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial a} h(a, u) \right| \leq O(1)|u|.$$

Now referring back to Fig. 2, we have $u_1 = h(a_1, \bar{u})$ and $u_2 = h(a_2, \bar{u})$; thus we can write

$$(84) \quad \begin{aligned} f(a_2, u_2) - f(a_2, u_1) &= f(a_2, h(a_2, \bar{u})) - f(a_2, h(a_1, \bar{u})) \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(a_2, u_*) [h(a_2, \bar{u}) - h(a_1, \bar{u})] \\ &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(a_2, u_*) \frac{\partial h}{\partial a}(a_*, \bar{u}) \Delta a. \end{aligned}$$

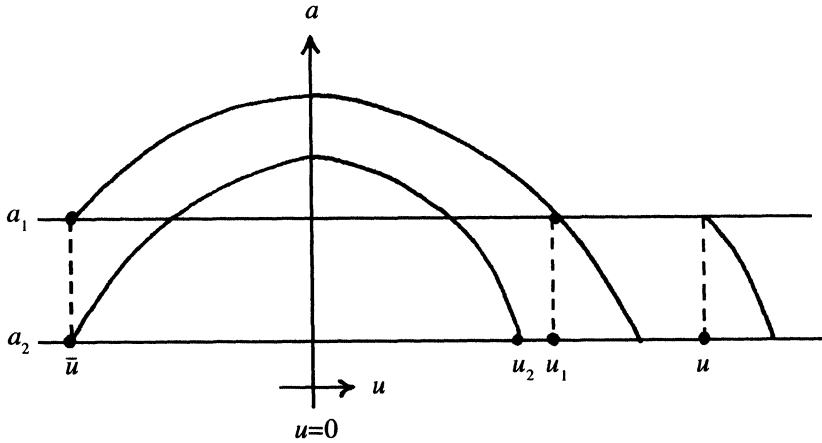


FIG. 3.

But by (83) and the fact that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(a, 0) = 0$, we can estimate

$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(a_2, u_*) \right| \leq O(1)|\bar{u}|$$

and

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial a}(a_*, \bar{u}) \leq O(1)|\bar{u}|,$$

and substituting these into (84), we obtain (80). \square

The following two corollaries of Observation 5 are useful.

COROLLARY 3.14. *Consider any three states \bar{u} , u_1 , and u_2 in the configuration diagrammed in Fig. 3, and let u be an arbitrary state. Then either*

$$(85) \quad |f(a_1, u) - f(a_1, u_2)| \leq (2\delta)^{-1}|u - u_1|$$

or

$$(86) \quad |f(a_1, u) - f(a_1, u_2)| \leq O(1)E,$$

where

$$(87) \quad E = |\Delta a|^2 + |\Delta a||z(a_1, u_1) - z(a_2, u_2)|.$$

Proof. In Fig. 3, $u_1 = h(a_1, \bar{u})$ and $u_2 = h(a_2, \bar{u})$, and we could have $u_1 \leq u_2$ or $u_2 \leq u_1$ (the latter is drawn) and u could be on either side of these. In this case we can estimate

$$(88) \quad |f(a_1, u) - f(a_1, u_2)| \leq |f(a_1, u) - f(a_1, u_1)| + |f(a_1, u_1) - f(a_1, u_2)|,$$

where

$$(89) \quad |f(a_1, u) - f(a_1, u_1)| \leq \lambda|u - u_1|,$$

and

$$(90) \quad \begin{aligned} |f(a_1, u_1) - f(a_1, u_2)| &\leq |f(a_2, u_1) - f(a_2, u_2)| \\ &\quad + \{|f(a_1, u_1) - f(a_1, u_2) - f(a_2, u_1) + f(a_2, u_2)|\}. \\ &\leq O(1)E. \end{aligned}$$

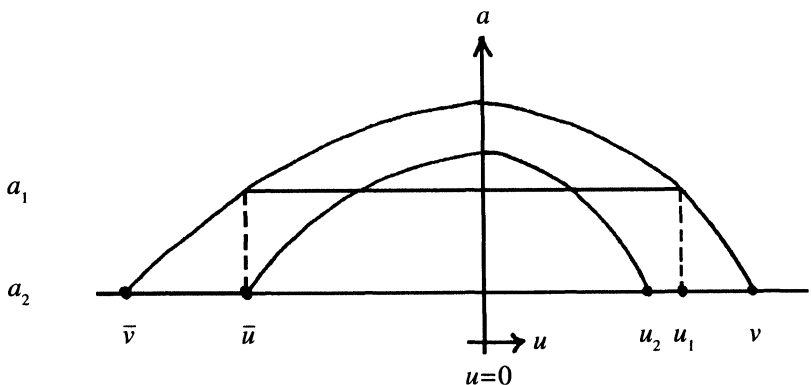


FIG. 4.

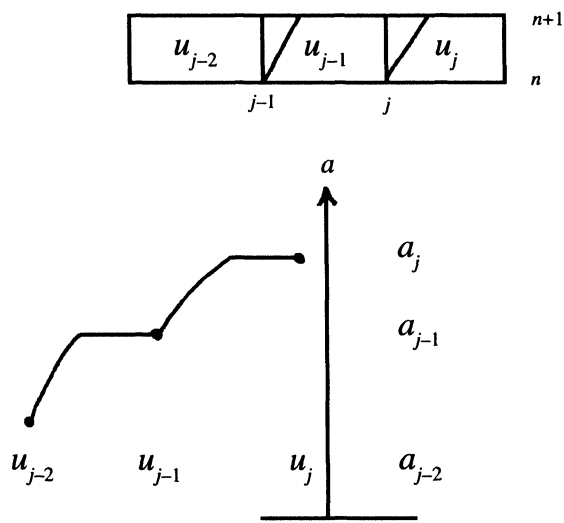


FIG. 5.

In the latter estimate we applied (80) and Lemma 3.1. Thus,

$$(91) \qquad |f(a_1, u) - f(a_1, u_2)| \leq \lambda|u - u_1| + O(1)E.$$

Therefore, if $\lambda|u - u_1| \geq O(1)E$, then we obtain (85) by taking $\delta = (4\lambda)^{-1}$, and if $\lambda|u - u_1| \leq O(1)E$, then we obtain (86). This completes the proof of the first corollary. \square

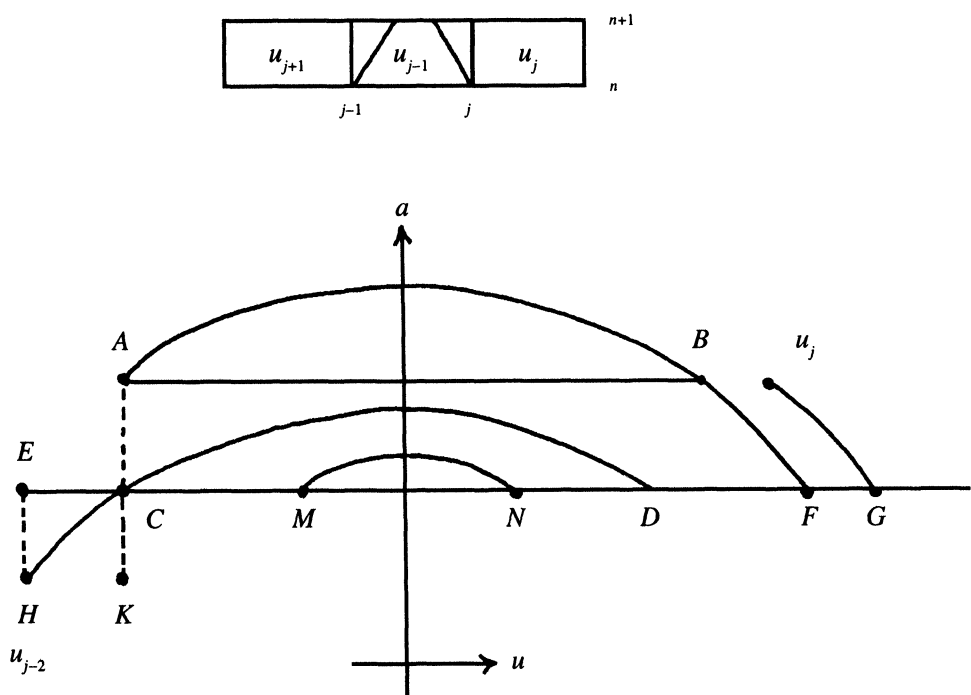
COROLLARY 3.15. *Consider any four states $\bar{u}, \bar{v}, u_1 = h(a_1, \bar{u})$ and $u_2 = h(a_2, \bar{u})$ in the configuration diagrammed in Fig. 4. Then the following estimate holds:*

$$(92) \qquad |f(a_2, \bar{u}) - f(a_2, \bar{v})| = |f(a_2, u_1) - f(a_2, u_2)| + O(1)|\Delta a||z(a_2, \bar{u})|.$$

Proof. By Observation 5 we have that

$$(93) \qquad |f(a_2, u_2) - f(a_2, u_1)| \leq O(1)|\Delta a||z(a_2, \bar{u})|,$$

and since $f(a_2, \bar{u}) - f(a_2, \bar{v}) = f(a_2, u_2) - f(a_2, u_1)$, we can conclude (94) from the triangle inequality. \square



$$\begin{aligned} C &= (a_{j-1}, u_{j-1-}) \\ D &= h(a_{j-1}, u_{j-1-}) \\ A &= (a_j, u_{j-1-}) \\ B &= h(a_j, u_{j-1-}) \end{aligned}$$

FIG. 7.

(In particular note that in three-wave Riemann problems, the standing wave always ends at $u = 0$; this limits the analysis a bit.) Observe first that in order for the left nonlinear wave to be positive, the intermediate state $U_{j-1} = (a_{j-1}, u_{j-1})$ must lie to the left of the point labeled D in Figs. 6 and 7. (Recall that the zero speed shocks must jump between equal values of the function f .) Here we do the case when U_{j-1} lies between the points labeled C and D in Fig. 7, the other case being similar. By Observation 1, it suffices to consider the two cases

$$(94) \quad \Delta f_j^- \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta f_{j-1}^+ \leq 0$$

or

$$(95) \quad \Delta f_j^- \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta f_{j-1}^+ \geq 0.$$

In case (94), it suffices to verify that either $T_j \in C_1$ or else both $|\Delta f_j^-| \leq O(1)E_5$ and $|\Delta f_{j-1}^+| \leq O(1)E_5$. But in order for $\Delta f_j^- = f(a_j, u_j) - f(A) \leq 0$, we must have $u_j > u(B)$. (See Fig. 7.) In this case, still referring to Fig. 7, it is clear that Corollary

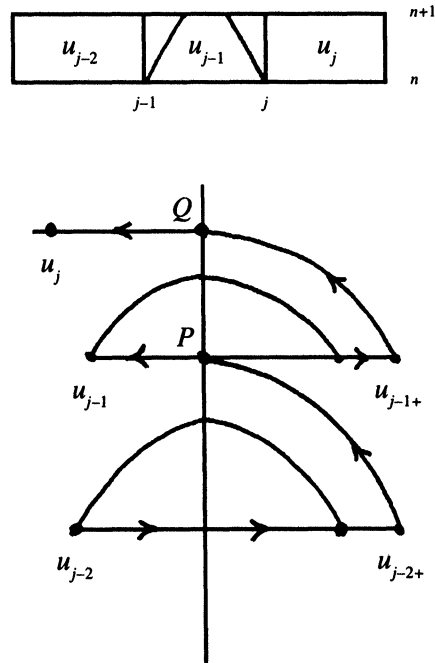


FIG. 8.

3.14 of Observation 5 applies, and we must have that either $u_{j-1} \leq u_j$ and

$$(96) \quad |\Delta f_j^-| = |f(a_j, u_j) - f(B)| \leq (2\delta)^{-1} |u_j - u(D)| \leq (2\delta)^{-1} |\Delta u_j|,$$

or else

$$(97) \quad |\Delta f_j^-| \leq O(1)E_5.$$

But if $u_{j-1} \leq u_j$ and (96) holds, then $T_j \in C_1$, and we are done; and if (97) holds, then we can apply Corollary 3.13 of Observation 1 to conclude that $|\Delta f_{j-1}^+| \leq O(1)E_5$ as well. This verifies Lemma 3.11 under the alternative (94).

Now assume the second alternative, (95), holds. In this case it suffices to show that

$$(98) \quad |\Delta f_{j-1}^+| \leq (2\delta)^{-1} |\Delta u_{j-1}|,$$

since then $T_{j-1} \in C_2$. Consider first when $u_{j-1} \leq 0$. (For example, take M to be U_{j-1} in Fig. 7.) Then, since the nonlinear wave at x_j has negative speed, we must also have that $u_{j-1+} \leq u(N)$ in Fig. 7, so

$$(99) \quad \begin{aligned} |\Delta f_{j-1}^+| &\leq |f(E) - f(N)| = |f(E) - f(M)| \\ &\leq (2\delta)^{-1} |\Delta u_{j-1}|, \end{aligned}$$

as required. The inequality (99) is also readily apparent when $u_{j-1} \geq 0$. This completes the proof of Lemma 3.11 in case (ii).

Case (iii). We consider the case diagrammed in Fig. 8. In this case there are two consecutive three-wave Riemann problems at the mesh points (x_{j-1}, t_n) and (x_j, t_n) .

We assume again that Δa_{j-1} and Δa_j are both positive. In this case, referring to Fig. 8, we see that both $u_{j-} = 0$ and $u_{j-1-} = 0$. Thus,

$$(100) \quad \Delta f_j^- = f(a_j, u_{j-}) - f(a_j, u_{j-1-}) = 0,$$

and thus $T_j \in C_1$, contradicting the assumption of Lemma 3.11. Thus Lemma 3.11 holds in this case as well. Note that in this case, $\Delta f_{j-1}^+ = f(a_{j-1}, u_{j-1+}) - f(a_{j-1}, u_{j-2+}) = O(1)E_5$ by Corollary 3.13. This is useful in verifying the cases when only one of the Riemann problem solutions at x_{j-1} and x_j have three waves. The remaining cases are omitted. \square

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