

**SECTION-14**  
**Glimm's Total Variation Estimate**

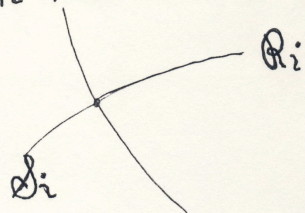
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**Math-280: A Mathematical  
Introduction  
to  
Shock Waves**

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## Glimm's Method: (The total variation estimate) ①

- Let  $\delta_i$  denote the signed strength of a wave



ie.  $\delta_i \equiv$  arclength along wave curve from  $u_L$  to  $u_R$ .

- Main estimate:  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  enter a diamond, and  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$  come out, then

$$(*) \quad \epsilon_i = \alpha_i + \beta_i + O(1) D$$

$$D = \sum_{APP(j,j)} |\alpha_j| |\beta_j|$$

$O(1)$  depends only on values of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{U}$

$$|O(1)| \leq G_0 \frac{1}{n} \left( \Rightarrow \sum_i |\epsilon_i - \alpha_i - \beta_i| \leq G_0 D \right)$$

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- Defn:  $Q(J) = \sum_{APP(J)} |\delta_i| |\delta_j|$

$$L(J) = \sum_J |\delta_i|$$

$$F(J) = L(J) + G Q(J)$$

where  $G$  is a constant to be chosen

We estimate:

$$F(J_2) - F(J_1) = L(J_2) - L(J_1) + G (Q(J_2) - Q(J_1))$$

$$L(J_2) - L(J_1) = \sum_i |\epsilon_i| - |\alpha_i| - |\beta_i| \leq G_0 D$$

$$Q(J_2) - Q(J_1) = \sum_{APP J_2} |\delta_i| |\delta_j| - \sum_{APP J_1} |\delta_i| |\delta_j|$$

$$(*) \quad |\epsilon_i| - |\alpha_i| - |\beta_i| \leq |\alpha_i - \beta_i - \delta_i|$$



Now: if  $\gamma_i, \gamma_j \in J_1 \cap J_2 = \Delta$ , then the corresponding terms cancel.  $\circ \circ$

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$$Q(J_2) - Q(J_1) = \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_2 \\ \gamma_i \notin \Delta}} |\gamma_i| |\epsilon_j| -$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_1 \\ \gamma_i \notin \Delta}} |\gamma_i| |\alpha_j| - \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_1 \\ \gamma_i \notin \Delta}} |\gamma_i| |\beta_j|$$

$$- \underbrace{\sum_{\text{App}} |\alpha_i| |\beta_j|}_D$$

Claim:

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$$\sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_2 \\ \gamma_i \in J_1 \cap J_2}} |\gamma_i| |\epsilon_j| - \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_1 \\ \gamma_i \in J_1 \cap J_2}} |\gamma_i| |\alpha_j| - \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_1 \\ \gamma_i \in J_1 \cap J_2}} |\gamma_i| |\beta_j|$$

$$\leq G_0 L(J_1) D \frac{1}{n}$$

Proof: If  $\text{sign } \epsilon_j = \text{sign } \alpha_j = \text{sign } \beta_j$ , then  $\epsilon_j, \alpha_j, \beta_j$  all approach the same wave  $\gamma_i$  in  $J_1 \cap J_2 \Rightarrow$

$$\text{LHS} = \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_2 \\ \gamma_i \in J_1 \cap J_2}} |\gamma_i| (|\epsilon_j| - |\alpha_j| - |\beta_j|) \leq \frac{1}{n} G_0 L(J_1) D$$



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If  $\text{sign } \epsilon_j \neq \text{sign } \alpha_j$  or  $\text{sign } \beta_j$ , then  
 $\exists$  two cases: if  $\alpha < \text{sign } \epsilon_j$  ( $\epsilon_j$  rarefaction),  
 then  $\epsilon_j$  approaches fewer  $\gamma_i$  than  $\alpha_i$  or  
 $\beta_i$  if  $\alpha_i$  or  $\beta_i$  is a shock.  $\therefore$  in  
 this case

$$\text{LHS} \leq \sum_{\substack{\text{App } J_2 \\ \gamma_i \in J_1 \cap J_2}} |\gamma_i| (|\epsilon_j| - |\alpha_j| - |\beta_j|) \leq \frac{1}{n} G_0 L(J_1) D$$

(I.e., ignore the neg terms  $-|\gamma_i| |\alpha_j|$  where  
 $\gamma_i$  is an  $i$ -rarefaction wave).

If  $\text{sign } \epsilon_j < 0$  ( $\epsilon_j$  shock) then we  
 argue as follows: by (\*),

$$0 \leq |\epsilon_j| = -\epsilon_j \leq -\alpha_j - \beta_j + G_0 D \frac{1}{n}$$

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But if either  $\alpha_j$  or  $\beta_j$  is positive,  
 then we can ignore it; i.e., if both  
 $\alpha_j \geq 0, \beta_j \geq 0$  then  $|\epsilon_j| \leq G_0 D \frac{1}{n}$  &  
 we are done. If one is  $\geq 0$ , say  $\beta_j \geq 0$ ,  
 then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad -\epsilon_j + \alpha_j &\leq -\beta_j + G_0 D \frac{1}{n} \\ &\leq G_0 D \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $|\alpha_j| < |\epsilon_j|$ , LHS(\*) is positive,  
 and we have

$$|\epsilon_j| - |\alpha_j| \leq G_0 D \frac{1}{n}.$$

If  $|\alpha_j| > |\epsilon_j|$ , then  $|\epsilon_j| - |\alpha_j| \leq 0$   
 and we are done i.e., in either case,

$$\text{LHS} (*) \leq \sum_{\gamma_i \in J_1 \cap J_2} |\gamma_i| (|\epsilon_j| - |\alpha_j|) \leq \frac{1}{n} G_0 L(J_2) D.$$

& CLAIM IS PROVED ✓



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Thus:  $Q(J_2) - Q(J_1) \leq -D + G_0 \sum_n \frac{1}{n} L(J_1) D$

$$\leq (-1 + G_0 L(J_1)) D.$$

In particular, if  $G_0 L(J_1) \leq 1$ , then

$$Q(J_2) - Q(J_1) \leq 0.$$

Now consider

$$\Delta F = F(J_2) - F(J_1) = L(J_2) - L(J_1) + G(Q(J_2) - Q(J_1))$$

where  $G$  is yet to be chosen.

$$\Delta F \leq G_0 D + G(-1 + G_0 L(J_1)) D$$

$$= \{G_0 - G + G G_0 L(J_1)\} D$$

Or

$$\Delta F \leq G \left\{ -1 + \frac{G_0}{G} + G_0 L(J_1) \right\} D$$

Idea: we attempt to show that if

$$L(J_0) \leq \epsilon$$

then  $L(J) \leq K\epsilon$  for all  $J$ , by showing that  $\Delta F \leq 0 \forall J_1, J_2$ . So

set  $G \geq 2G_0$  so that

$$\Delta F \leq G \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} + G_0 L(J_1) \right\} D \leq 0$$

if  $G_0 L(J_1) < \frac{1}{2}$ , or

$$L(J_1) < \frac{1}{2G_0}$$

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Thus we need

$$L(J_1) \leq K\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2G_0}$$

to insure  $\Delta F \leq 0$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad K\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2G_0}$$

Now assume for induction that

$$L(J) \leq K\varepsilon \quad \forall J \leq J_1. \text{ Then}$$

$$L(J_2) \leq F(J_2) \leq F(J_0) \leq L(J_0) + GQ(J_0)$$

$$\leq L(J_0) + G L(J_0)^2$$

$$\leq \varepsilon + G\varepsilon^2$$

Thus,  $L(J_2) \leq K\varepsilon$  if

$$\varepsilon(1 + G\varepsilon) \leq K\varepsilon,$$

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or,

$$(1 + G\varepsilon) \leq K.$$

Thus choose

$$K = 1 + G\varepsilon \quad \text{for} \quad G = 2G_0,$$

and choose  $\varepsilon \ll 1$  so that

$$K\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2G_0} = \frac{1}{G}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 + G\varepsilon)\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{G}$$

We show by induction that if  $L(J_0) < \varepsilon$ , then  $L(J) \leq K\varepsilon \quad \forall J$ . I.e., assume for induction that  $L(J) \leq K\varepsilon \quad \forall J \leq J_1$ .



Then

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$$L(J_2) \leq F(J_2) \leq F(J_0) \leq L(J_0) + G L(J_0)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \uparrow \\ & G = 2G_0 \\ & K \leq 1 + G\epsilon \\ & \Rightarrow \Delta F \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq (1 + G\epsilon)\epsilon$$

$$\leq K\epsilon \quad \checkmark$$

We have: if

$$\epsilon_i = \alpha_i + \beta_i \pm \frac{1}{n} G_0 D$$

defines  $G_0$ ; then, if

$$L(J_0) \leq \epsilon,$$

$$\text{where } (1 + 2G_0\epsilon)\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{2G_0},$$

then

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$$L(J_j) \leq K\epsilon \quad \text{all } j \geq 0$$

$$\text{where } K = 1 + 2G_0\epsilon.$$

This gives the total variation estimate

Actually: we also need that the soln stays within a nbhd  $\mathcal{U}$  where R.P.'s are defined and estimate (\*) holds. Thus,

take  $u_0(-\infty) = \bar{u} \in \mathcal{U}$  so that

$$L(J_j) \leq K\epsilon \Rightarrow u_{\Delta x}(\cdot, t_j) \in \mathcal{U} \quad \forall t_j.$$

This is a further restriction on  $\epsilon$  ✓



Glimm's Method: (3rd Order Extension by Young-Te) ⑬

- R.P. soln  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$   $B = (B_1, \dots, B_n)$   
 $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$  any sequence of waves
- $R^i =$  unit right eigenvector at  $\bar{u}$ .

Improved Interaction Estimate:

$$(y) \quad \sum \epsilon_i R^i = \sum (\alpha_i + B_i) R^i + \sum_{j>k} \alpha_j B_k [R^j, R^k] + D(\alpha, B) O(S(\alpha, B))$$

$$D(\alpha, B) = \sum_{App} |\alpha| |B|$$

$$S(\alpha, B) = \max(|\alpha|, |B|)$$

Here: wave strengths must be measured in a coordinate system that is as close as possible to a coord. syst. of Riemann invariants

Here: solutions are restricted to a nbhd of  $\bar{u} \in \mathcal{U}$  in which G.N., L.D., S.H. and Riemann problems can be solved via lax.  $(\lambda_i, r^i)$  are eigenpairs, and a coordinate system of "almost" Riemann invariants is chosen to satisfy  $\nabla W_i \cdot r^i = 1$ , together with the condition that

$$W_i(\bar{u}) = 0$$

$$W_i(u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{R}_h(\bar{u}), h \neq i.$$

$r^i$  points toward increasing  $\lambda_i$

In general we can choose  $r^i$  as unit eigenvectors, and we set

$$R^i = r^i(\bar{u}).$$

Wave strength  $\gamma_i$



Note: since (Y) is a vector statement,  
each component must read:

$$\varepsilon_i = \alpha_i + B_i + \sum_{j>k} \alpha_j B_k [R^j, R^k]_i + D(\alpha, B) O(S(\alpha, B))$$

& since  $\sum_{j>k} |\alpha_j B_k [R^j, R^k]| \leq D(\alpha, B)$

(Y) implies Glimm's estimate

$$(G) \quad \varepsilon_i = \alpha_i + B_i + O(1) D \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

Cor: (Glimm) if there exists a coordinate system of Riemann Invariants, then we can choose  $[R^i, R^j] = 0$  & (Y) gives

$$(G2) \quad \varepsilon_i = \alpha_i + B_i + \underbrace{O(1)SD}_{3rd\ order} \quad (\text{improved estimate})$$

We show how to prove Glimm's Thm, how to improve it using (G2), and how Young gets this improvement when  $\exists$  a coord system of R.I. by taking advantage of estimate (Y) & a cancellation in quadratic terms that improves the method to 3rd order.



Thm (Glimm): [Assume  $\mathcal{U} \ni \tilde{u}$  is chosen so all (17)  
 assumptions about R.P.'s hold, & following  
 inequality hold in  $\mathcal{U}$ : ]

$$(1) \quad |\varepsilon_i - (\alpha_i + \beta_i)| \leq \frac{K}{n} D(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$(2) \quad V(J) = \sum_J |\chi_i|$$

$$(3) \quad Q(J) = \sum_{\text{App}(J)} |\chi_i| |\chi_j|$$

$$(4) \quad G(J) = V(J) + c Q(J)$$

Choose:  $c = 3K$

$$(L1) \quad Q(J_+) - Q(J_-) \leq D(\Delta) (K V(J_-) - 1)$$

choose:  $\nu = \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{3K} < 1$

Then if  $V(J_0) \leq \nu$ , then  $V(J) \leq 2\nu$

$\forall J$  (so long as  $V(J) \leq 2\nu$  guarantees  $u_\Delta \in \mathcal{U}$ )

Proof:  $V(J_0) \leq \nu \leq 2\nu$ . Thus by induction (18)

it suffices to show that if  $V(J) \leq 2\nu$

$\forall J \leq J_-$ , then  $V(J_+) \leq 2\nu$  also.

But for any successors  $\tilde{J}_+$ ,  $\tilde{J}_-$  with

$\tilde{J}_- \leq J_-$ , we have

$$G(\tilde{J}_+) - G(\tilde{J}_-) \leq KD + c D (K V(\tilde{J}_-) - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq D \{ K + cK V(\tilde{J}_-) - c \} \\ &\leq D \left\{ K + 3K^2 \cdot \frac{2}{3K} - 3K \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$\leq 0 \checkmark$

$$\therefore V(J_+) \leq G(J_+) \leq G(J_0) \leq V(J_0) + cV(J_0)^2$$

$$\leq \nu + c\nu^2 = \nu \left( 1 + \frac{3K}{3K^2} \right) \leq 2\nu$$

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### Improved Existence Theorem:

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Let  $\delta = \frac{3}{4} \eta \exp\left\{-\frac{L}{3k^2}\right\}$ , (some const  $L$  to be given)

where  $\eta$  is chosen so that the ball of radius  $\eta$  around  $\tilde{u}$  lies entirely within  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Thm:  $\exists$  positive constants  $\delta$  and  $\nu$  such that if the initial data  $u_0$  is chosen so that

$$S(J_0) \leq \delta, \quad V(J_0) \leq \nu$$

then  $u_\Delta$  can be defined  $\forall$  time, and on any  $I$ -curve  $J$  we have

$$S(J) \leq P(J) \leq \eta, \quad V(J) \leq 2\nu$$

Here:  $S(J)$  is a measure of the

(20)

$$\text{Sup } |u_\Delta - u_0(-\infty)|$$

given by

$$(*) \quad S(J) = \text{Sup}_{p, \gamma} \left| \sum_{i=1}^M \gamma_i \right|,$$

where  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_M)$  is any sequence of consecutive  $p$ -waves along  $J$ .

(Eg., take  $u_0(-\infty) = \tilde{u}$ ,  $\mathcal{P} (*)$  measures the supnorm distance from  $u_{\Delta x}$  to  $\tilde{u}$ )



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To prove the theorem we define a new potential  $P(J)$  for  $S(J)$  that satisfies

$$(A) \quad S(J) \leq P(J) \leq S(J) (1 + K \nabla(J)),$$

and

$$P(J_+) - P(J_-) \leq L D P(J_-);$$

3rd order error

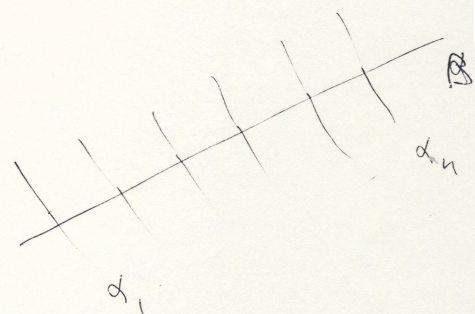
$$(B) \quad P(J_+) \leq P(J_-) (1 + L D)$$

Some constant  $L$  (that appears in the theorem).

The theorem follows from (A), (B). The construction of  $P$  is very technical.

The idea :

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If a wave  $B$  crosses a string of consecutive  $n$ -waves  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ , then wave on order of  $\alpha_i B [R_i, R_j]$  are generated. But if supnorm  $|u_\Delta - \tilde{u}| \ll 1$ , then the waves  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  must alternate in sign  $\Rightarrow$  the reflected waves must alternate in sign.  $\Rightarrow$  even tho  $\sum |\alpha_i B|$  is quadratic,  $|\sum \alpha_i B [R_i, R_j]|$  is cubic.  $\Rightarrow$  "cannot generate large supnorm"



Idea:

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$$P(J) = \sup_{\tau \in A(\gamma)} S(i^\tau(\gamma))$$

where  $i^\tau(\gamma)$  denotes the sequence of waves obtained from  $\gamma$  by interchanging waves and including the quadratic interaction errors given by (v), according to permutation  $\tau$ .

• Only certain admissible "interaction maps"  $i^\tau$  are allowed (ie. approaching waves can un-approach, but un-approaching waves cannot approach.)

• It turns out that  $P$  satisfies (A) & (B).

[P.S. see Young - beautiful !]

Proof: For the induction, suppose

$$S(J_0) \leq \delta,$$

and

$$V(J_0) \leq \nu = \frac{1}{3K}.$$

By previous argument we have

$$G(J_+) - G(J_-) \leq 0 \quad \forall J_-, J_+$$

and

$$V(J) \leq 2\nu \quad \forall J.$$

Consider now

$$P(J_+) \leq P(J_-) (1 + LD)$$

and so moving thru a sequence of successors backwards from  $P(J_-)$  we obtain

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$$P(J_-) \leq P(J_0) \prod_{\Delta} (1 + L D_{\Delta}) \quad (\Delta \text{ below } J_-)$$

$$\leq P(J_0) \exp\{L \sum_{\Delta} D_{\Delta}\}$$

where the sum is over all diamonds  $\Delta$  preceding  $J_-$ . But

$$\sum_{\Delta < J_-} D_{\Delta} \leq 3(Q(J_0) - Q(J_-))$$

$$\leq 3Q(J_0) \leq 3V(J_0)^2 \leq \frac{1}{3k^2}$$

because

$$Q(\tilde{J}_+) - Q(\tilde{J}_-) \leq D_{\Delta}(kV(\tilde{J}_-) - 1)$$

$$\leq D_{\Delta}(k \frac{2}{3k} - 1) \leq -\frac{1}{3} D_{\Delta}$$

thus

$$P(J_-) \leq P(J_0) \exp\left(L \frac{1}{3k^2}\right)$$

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But:

$$P(J_0) \leq S(J_0)(1 + kV(J_0)) \stackrel{\text{assumption } \checkmark}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} \delta \leq \eta \exp\left\{-\frac{L}{3k^2}\right\}$$

So

$$S(J_+) \leq P(J_+) \leq P(J_0) \exp\left(\frac{L}{3k^2}\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{4}{3} \delta \exp\left(\frac{L}{3k^2}\right) \leq \eta$$