

**SECTION-6**  
**Lax's Local Solution**  
**of the**  
**Riemann Problem**  
**for**  
 **$n \times n$  Systems of Conservation Laws**

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**Math-280: A Mathematical**  
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## ① Riemann Problem:

Defn: The Riemann Problem for (CL)

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0 \quad (CL)$$

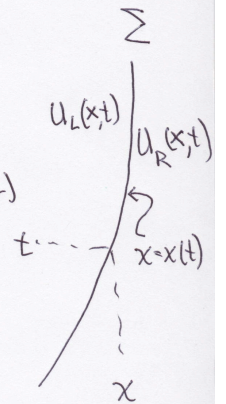
is the ivp with  $\bar{u}$ -data

$$u(x,0) = \begin{cases} u_L & x \leq 0 \\ u_R & x > 0 \end{cases} \equiv u_0(x) \quad (RP)$$

for constant states  $u_L, u_R \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . For smooth solutions the eigenfamilies  $(\lambda(u), R(u))$  of  $df(u)$  determine the simple waves  $u(\lambda(x,t))$  that propagate with values on  $\mathbb{R}$  at speeds  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda$ . Each such e-val of  $df$  is called a characteristic family, and we call the curves  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda$  the characteristics of a solution. We now consider the shock waves associated with (CL).

## ② Shock Waves: The main theorem about shock waves is the following:

Theorem: Let  $u(x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a function that consists of two smooth solutions  $u_L(x,t), u_R(x,t)$  of (CL) separated by a smooth timelike curve  $\Sigma$  described by  $x = x(t)$ .



That is, let

$$u(x,t) = \begin{cases} u_L(x,t) & x \leq x(t) \\ u_R(x,t) & x \geq x(t) \end{cases}$$

st  $u_L$  &  $u_R$  are smooth, cont up to the boundary  $\Sigma$ . Then  $u(x,t)$  is a weak soln of (CL) iff at each pt  $(x_0, t_0) \in \Sigma$ , the Rankine Hugoniot Jump Condt hold:

$$s[u] = [f] \quad (R-H)$$

$$[F] = \text{"jump in } F" = F(u_R(x(t), t)) - F(u_L(x(t), t)), \quad x, t \in \Sigma$$

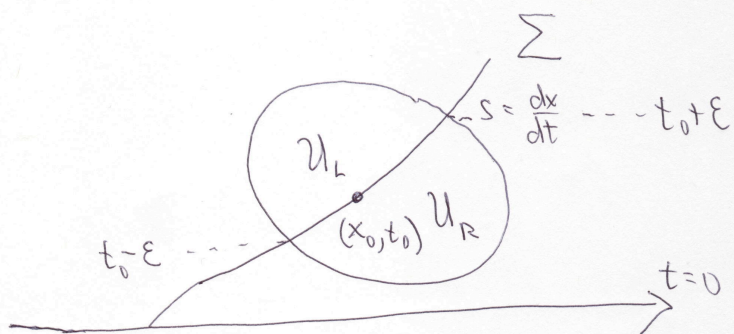


Proof:  $u(x,t)$  is a weak soln of (CL) iff  $\textcircled{3}$

$$\iint_{\substack{-\infty < x < +\infty \\ t \geq 0}} u \varphi_t + f(u) \varphi_x \, dx dt + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x,0) \varphi(x,0) \, dx = 0$$

$\forall$  test fn  $\varphi(x,t) \in C_0^\infty (t \geq 0)$

• Now choose  $\varphi$  with support in a small nbhd  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_L \cup \mathcal{U}_R$  of a point  $(x_0, t_0) \in \Sigma$ , where  $\Sigma = \{x(t), t\}$ . Let  $s = s(t) = x'(t)$  be speed of shock  $\Sigma$ , & assume wlog  $\mathcal{U} \cap \{t=0\} = \emptyset$ .



Then  $u(x,t) = \begin{cases} u_L(x,t) & x < x(t) \\ u_R(x,t) & x \geq x(t) \end{cases}$  is a weak soln  $\textcircled{4}$

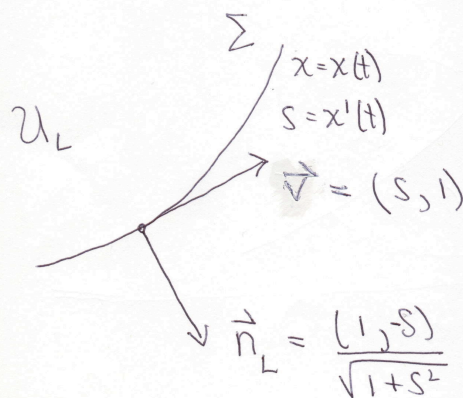
$$\Rightarrow \iint_{\mathcal{U}} u \varphi_t + f(u) \varphi_x \, dx dt = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_{\mathcal{U}_L} u \varphi_t + f(u) \varphi_x \, dx dt + \iint_{\mathcal{U}_R} u \varphi_t + f(u) \varphi_x \, dx dt = 0 \quad (*)$$

Now  $u_L, u_R$  smooth in  $\mathcal{U}_L, \mathcal{U}_R$  resp  $\Rightarrow$

$$\iint_{\mathcal{U}_L} u \varphi_t + f \varphi_x \, dx dt = - \iint_{\mathcal{U}_L} (u_t + f_x) \varphi \, dx dt + \int_{\Sigma} \varphi (f, u) \cdot (n_x, n_t) \, d\sigma$$

↑  
int by parts



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outer unit normal  
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order of  $\Sigma$

So

$$\int_{\Sigma} (f, u) \cdot (n_x, n_t) dV = \int_{t_0-\epsilon}^{t_0+\epsilon} \phi (f, u) \cdot \frac{(1, -s)}{\sqrt{1+s^2}} \|\vec{v}\| dt$$

$$= \int_{t_0-\epsilon}^{t_0+\epsilon} \phi \{f - su\} dt$$

Similarly

$$\iint_{U_R} u \phi_t + f \phi_x dx dt = \int_{t_0-\epsilon}^{t_0+\epsilon} \phi (-1) \{f - su\} dt$$

and so (\*)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\int_{t_0-\epsilon}^{t_0+\epsilon} \phi \{s(u_R - u_L) - (f_R - f_L)\} dt = 0 \quad \forall \phi$$

So we must have  $s[u] = [f]$  @  $t=t_0, x=x_0$

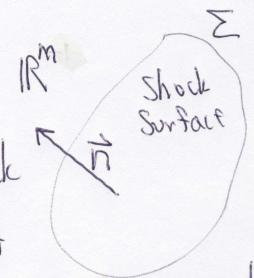
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Defn: The set of all  $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$  that solve

$$s[u] = [f]$$

for  $[u] = u - u_L$ ,  $[f] = f(u) - f(u_L)$  is called the Hugoniot Locus of  $u_L$ .

Homework: Prove that  $u_t + \text{div} F = 0$ ,  $F = (F_1, \dots, F_m)$  is a system of cons laws in  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then a solution consisting of smooth soln's  $u_L(x, t)$  &  $u_R(x, t)$  on either side of a smooth shock surface  $\Sigma$  is a weak soln iff



$$s[u] = [F] \cdot \vec{n} \quad \vec{n} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ is normal to } \Sigma \text{ at each } t = \text{const}$$

or  $[u; \vec{F}] \cdot \vec{N} = 0 \quad \vec{N} \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}$  normal to  $\Sigma$  in spacetime

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## General Riemann Problem: ⑦

(Lax 1957: with simplification by Lighthill)

Assume: a system of conservation laws

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0 \quad (CL)$$

$$u \equiv u(x,t) = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$$

$$df(u) \equiv A \quad n \times n \text{ matrix field}$$

Assume<sup>(1)</sup> (CL) is strictly hyperbolic; i.e.,  $A$  has  $n$  real & distinct evs at each  $u$ ,

$$\lambda_1(u) < \lambda_2(u) < \dots < \lambda_n(u)$$

and assume<sup>(2)</sup> that each characteristic family  $\lambda_i$  is either genuinely nonlinear or linearly degenerate

$$\nabla \lambda_i \cdot R_i \neq 0 \quad R_i \text{ rt. e-vector of } \lambda_i \quad (GN)$$

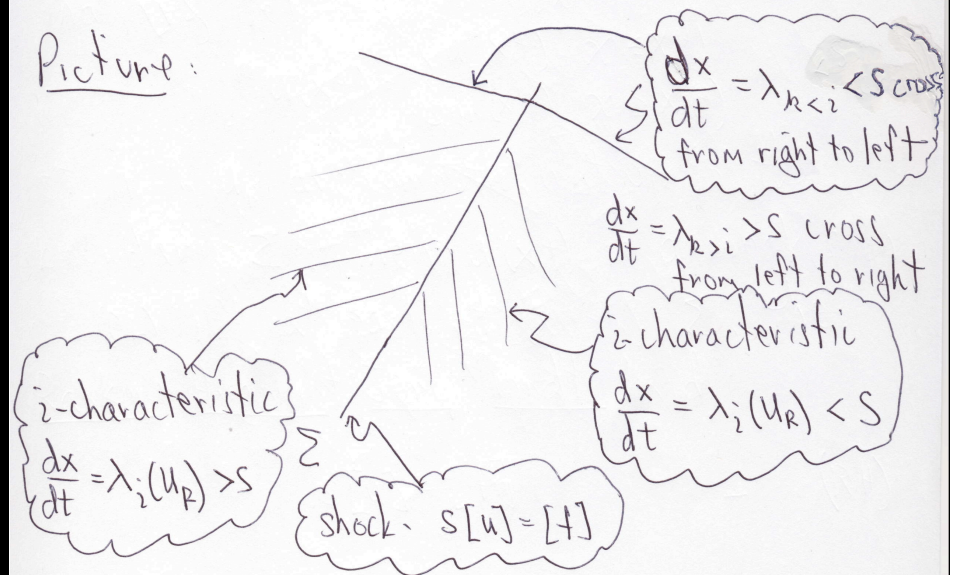
$$\nabla \lambda_i \cdot R_i \equiv 0 \quad (LD)$$

## Definition (Lax shock condition) ⑧

We say that a shock wave is an admissible i-shock if the characteristic curves in the family of the shock impinge on the shock, & all other characteristics cross the shock. I.e. if

$$\lambda_i(u_R) < s < \lambda_i(u_L); \quad s < \lambda_{i+1}(u_R); \quad s > \lambda_{i-1}(u_L) \quad (LS)$$

Picture:

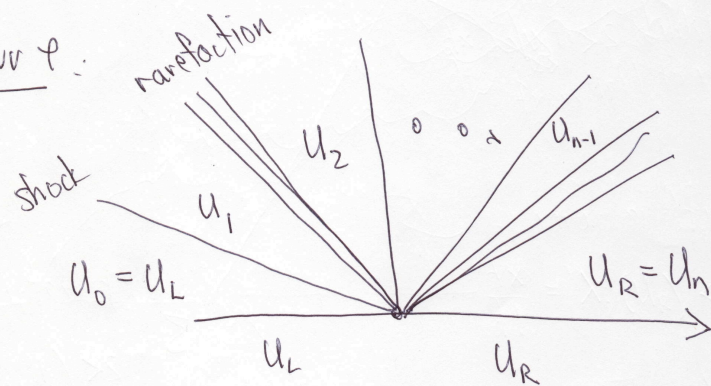


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Theorem: (Lax 1957)  $\forall u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that Assumptions (1) & (2) hold,  $\exists$  nbhd  $\mathcal{U} \ni u_0$  such that, if  $u_L, u_R \in \mathcal{U}$ , then there exists a unique soln of the R-P.

$[u_L, u_R]$  in the class of  $i$ -centered simple waves (rarefaction waves) and  $i$ -admissible shock waves.

Picture:



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Proof:

Let  $L_1, \dots, L_n$  and  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  denote the left and right eigenvectors of  $A = df$ , normalized to unit length, so

$$L_i^t A = \lambda_i L_i^t \quad \|L_i\| = 1$$

$$A R_i = \lambda_i R_i \quad \|R_i\| = 1$$

and we have

Lemma (1)  $L_i \cdot R_k = 0 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n, i \neq k$

Assume wlog that  $u_0 \in \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $\mathcal{U}_0$  is so small that

$$\lambda_i(u) < \lambda_j(v) \quad \forall i < j, u, v \in \mathcal{U}_0$$



LEMMA (2): Assume only that (c1) is strictly hyperbolic. Then the soln of (R-H)  $s[u] = [f]$  consists of  $n$  smooth curves (one associated with each eigenfamily of  $A = df$ )  $\mathcal{L}_i(u_L)$  defined in a nbhd  $\mathcal{U}_i$  for each  $u_L \in \mathcal{U}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{U}_i$ . ⑪

Proof: (View  $u, f(u)$  as vertical vectors...)

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) - f(u_L) &= \int_0^1 \frac{d}{d\sigma} f(u_L + \sigma(u - u_L)) d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^1 df(u_L + \sigma(u - u_L)) \cdot (u - u_L) d\sigma \\ &\equiv G(u) \cdot (u - u_L) \end{aligned}$$

Now the jump condn  $s[u] = [f]$ ,  $[u] = u - u_L$   
 $[f] = f(u) - f(u_L)$  determines the Hugoniot Locus of  $u_L$  — the set of all states  $u$  that can be connected to  $u_L$  by a shock of speed  $s$

Thus

$$[f] = G(u)[u]$$

$\&$  (R-H) is equivalent to

$$[G(u) - s](u - u_L) = 0, \quad G(u) \text{ } n \times n \text{ matrix field}$$

$$G(u) = \int_0^1 df(u_L + \sigma(u - u_L)) d\sigma$$

= "Ave. of  $df$  along line  $\overline{u_L u}$ "

Now

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow u_L} G(u) = df(u_L)$$

so for  $u_L, u$  in a nbhd of  $u_0 \in \mathcal{U}_0$ ,  $G(u)$  has real  $\&$  distinct evals

$$\mu_1(u) < \mu_2(u) < \dots < \mu_n(u).$$

Let  $l_1(u), \dots, l_n(u)$  denote the corresponding left e-vectors of  $G(u)$ ,  $\&$   $r_1(u), \dots, r_n(u)$  the right e-vectors of  $G(u)$ ,  $\|l_i\| = 1 = \|r_i\|$ .

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$$(R-H) \Leftrightarrow [G(u) - S](u - u_L) = 0. \quad (R-H), \textcircled{13}$$

- By cont., in a nbhd of  $u_L$ ,  $G(u)$  has real & distinct e-vals  $\mu_1 < \dots < \mu_n$  & e-vectors  $\{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$ . Thus to solve

$$[G(u) - S](u - u_L) = 0$$

need  $S = \mu_i$ ,  $u - u_L = \varepsilon r_i$  some  $i$ . ( $\|r_i\| = 1$ )

- We show  $\forall i$  this defines a smooth curve  $u_i(\varepsilon)$

$$\text{i.e., } u - u_L = \varepsilon r_i(u)$$

has a unique soln in nbhd of  $\varepsilon = 0, u = u_L$  by IFT:

$$0 = u_L - u + \varepsilon r_i(u) = F(u, \varepsilon) \quad (F)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \Big|_{\substack{u=u_L \\ \varepsilon=0}} = -I \Rightarrow \text{can solve for } u = u(\varepsilon) \text{ uniquely in a nbhd of } \varepsilon = 0 \checkmark$$

Indeed: The IFT says: if  $z = f(x; y)$

$z \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and we have

$$0 = f(x_0; y_0) \quad (Z)$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0; y_0) \right| \neq 0$$

then we can solve (Z) in a nbhd by

$$x = g(y), \quad y \in \mathcal{N} \ni y_0$$

so that

$$0 = f(g(y); y).$$

Thus for (F) we can take

$$0 = u_L - u + \varepsilon r_i(u) = F(u, \varepsilon, u_L) \quad (F')$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(u_L, 0, u_L) = -I$$

$\Rightarrow u = u(\varepsilon; u_L)$  solves  $u_L - u + \varepsilon r_i(u) = 0$  in a nbhd of  $\varepsilon = 0, u = u_L$ . This  $\Rightarrow$  shock curves depend smoothly on  $u_L$  as well  $\checkmark$



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Theorem: In some nbhd of  $u_L$ , the solution of the R-H jump conditions

$$S[u] = [f]$$

consists of  $n$  smooth curves  $\mathcal{S}_1(u_L), \dots, \mathcal{S}_n(u_L)$ . States  $u$  on the curve  $\mathcal{S}_i(u_L)$  satisfy

$$u - u_L = \varepsilon r_i(u), \quad S = M_i(u) \quad (*)$$

where  $(u_i(u), r_i(u))$  is an eigenpair of  $G(u, u_L)$ ,  $G(u_L, u_L) = dF(u_L)$ . I.e., (by IFT) (\*) can be solved in a nbhd  $|\varepsilon| < \bar{\varepsilon}$  by smooth curve  $u_i(\varepsilon)$  which define  $\mathcal{S}_i(u_L)$ ,  $u_i(0) = u_L$ .

In this case the shock speed is given by

$$S = S_i(\varepsilon) = M_i(u_i(\varepsilon)) \quad (**)$$

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Lemma 3: The  $i$ -th Shock Curve  $\mathcal{S}_i(u_L)$  is tangent to  $R_i(u_L)$  at  $u = u_L$ , and the  $i$ -shock speed tends to  $\lambda_i(u_L)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

P.f. From (F1) we have

$$0 = u_L - u + \varepsilon \Gamma_n(u)$$

is solved by  $u = u_n(\varepsilon; u_L)$ , so

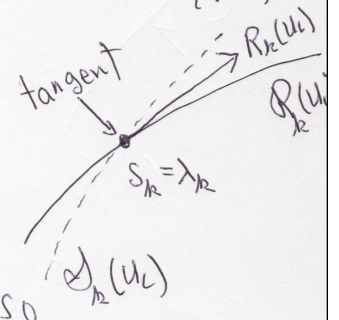
$$0 = u_L - u_n(\varepsilon; u_L) + \varepsilon \Gamma_n(u_n(\varepsilon, u_L)).$$

Diff wrt  $\varepsilon$  & set  $\varepsilon = 0$ :

$$0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} u_n(0; u_L) + \Gamma_n(\underbrace{u_n(0, u_L)}_{u_L})$$

or 
$$\dot{u}_n(0) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} u_n(0; u_L) = \Gamma_n(u_L) = c R_n(u_L) \checkmark$$

Also 
$$S_i(\varepsilon) = M_i(u_i(\varepsilon)) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} M_i(u_L) = \lambda_i(u_L) \checkmark$$



Now let  $u_i(\epsilon) \equiv u_i(\epsilon, u_L)$  denote the  $i$ -th shock curves and  $v_i(\epsilon) \equiv v_i(\epsilon, u_L)$  the  $i$ -th rarefaction curves,  $\mathcal{A}_i(u_L)$  &  $\mathcal{R}_i(u_L)$ , respectively, and assume  $\epsilon$  is the arclength parameterization of these curves,  $u_i(0) = v_i(0) = u_L$ ,  $\dot{u}_i(0) = \dot{v}_i(0) = R_i(u_L)$

The following was first proved by Lax:

**Theorem:** at  $\epsilon=0$  we have:

(1)  $S_i(0) = \lambda_i(0)$  [ $S_i \equiv$  shock speed  $\equiv S_i(u_i(\epsilon))$ ]

(2)  $\dot{S}_i(0) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\lambda}_i(0)$  [ $\lambda_i(\epsilon) \equiv \lambda_i(v(\epsilon))$ ]

(3)  $\dot{u}_i(0) = \dot{v}_i(0) = R_i(u_L)$

(4)  $\ddot{u}_i(0) = \ddot{v}_i(0) = (R_i \cdot \nabla) R_i \Big|_{u=u_L}$

Pf. We have already proven (1) & (3). Now for this proof let  $u(\epsilon) \equiv u_i(\epsilon)$  and  $v(\epsilon) \equiv v_i(\epsilon)$  (suppress  $i$ ). To obtain (2), (4) we diff the (R-A) jump conditions & the e-value relations:

**For  $\mathcal{A}(u_L)$ :**  $s[u] = [f]$   $A = df$

Diff Once:  $\dot{s}[u] + s\dot{u} = A\dot{u}$  (1)

Diff Twice:  $\ddot{s}[u] + 2\dot{s}\dot{u} + s\ddot{u} = \dot{A}\dot{u} + A\ddot{u}$  (2)

Now (1) at  $\epsilon=0$  gives:  $sR = \lambda R$  (3)

(2) at  $\epsilon=0$  gives  $2\dot{s}R + \lambda\ddot{u} = \dot{A}R + A\ddot{u}$  (4)

**For  $\mathcal{R}(u_L)$ :**  $(A - \lambda)\dot{v} = 0$

Diff Once:  $(\dot{A} - \dot{\lambda})\dot{v} + (A - \lambda)\ddot{v} = 0$  (5)

(5) at  $\epsilon=0$  gives  $\dot{A}R = \dot{\lambda}R - (A - \lambda)\ddot{v}$  (6)

Subst (6) into (4):

$$2\dot{s}R + \lambda\ddot{u} = \dot{\lambda}R - (A - \lambda)\ddot{v} + A\ddot{u}$$

or

$$(2\dot{s} - \dot{\lambda})R = (A - \lambda)(\ddot{u} - \ddot{v}) \quad (7)$$



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Now consider:  $A - \lambda : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \text{Span}\{\hat{R}_1, \dots, \hat{R}_i, \dots, \hat{R}_n\}$   
 ie.,  $R$  is not in Range of  $A - \lambda$ . Thus by (7)

$$2\dot{s} - \dot{\lambda} = 0$$

Thus by (7) again,  $\ddot{u} - \ddot{v} = cR$  some const  $c$ .

But since  $u(\epsilon), v(\epsilon)$  are arclength parameterized  
 and  $\dot{u}(0) = \dot{v}(0) = R$ , we must have

$$(\ddot{u} - \ddot{v}) \perp R$$

Therefore  $\ddot{u} = \ddot{v}$  verifying (4).

HW. Show that for  $u_R \in \mathcal{S}(u)$  near  $u_L$ ,

$$s = \frac{\lambda(u_L) + \lambda(u_R)}{2} + O(\epsilon^2)$$

where  $s$  = shock speed for shock jumping  $u_L$  to  $u_R$



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□ Lemmas 2, 3 require only that (c1) be strictly hyperbolic in some nbhd.

Assume now that (c1) is genuinely nonlinear (GN) in the  $k$ th char. field  $\lambda_k$ , & set

$$\lambda \equiv \lambda_k, R \equiv R_k, |R| \equiv 1$$

& assume (normalize  $R$  so that)

$$\nabla \lambda \cdot R > 0$$

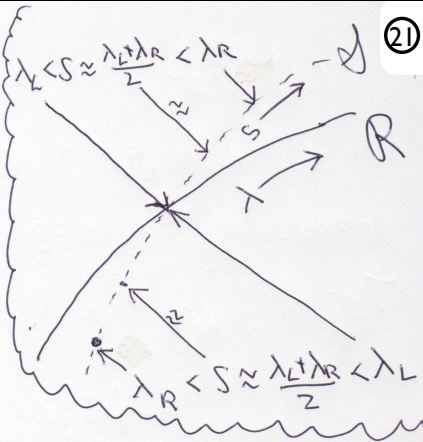
(GN)

Let  $u(\epsilon)$  denote the arclength parameterization of  $\mathcal{S}_k(u_L) \equiv \mathcal{S}$ , &

$$u(0) = u_L, \dot{u}(0) = R.$$



Lemma 4:  $u_R = u(\epsilon) \in \mathcal{J}$  corresponds to an admissible shock wave (for  $u_R$  suff close to  $u_L$ ) iff  $\epsilon < 0$ .



Pf: We have

$$s(\epsilon) = \frac{\lambda_R + \lambda_L}{2} + o(u) \epsilon^2$$

But

$$\dot{\lambda} = \left. \frac{d}{d\lambda} \lambda(u(\epsilon)) \right|_{\epsilon=0} = \nabla \lambda \cdot \dot{u} \Big|_{\epsilon=0} = \nabla \lambda \cdot R > 0$$

Thus for  $u \approx u_L$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{J}$ ,  $\lambda(\epsilon) = \lambda_R < \lambda_L$ ;  
for  $\epsilon < 0$ ,

$$s(\epsilon) = \frac{\lambda(\epsilon) + \lambda_L}{2} + o(u) \epsilon^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_R = \lambda(\epsilon) < s(\epsilon) < \lambda_L$$

For  $\epsilon > 0$ , the reverse inequality holds.

Moreover,  $\epsilon < 0 \ \& \ \epsilon \ll 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_R(u_L) < s(\epsilon) < \lambda_{R+1}(u_L)$  because  $s(\epsilon) \approx \lambda_R$  for  $\epsilon \ll 1$ .

DEFN: If the  $i$ th characteristic family is (GN), let

$\mathcal{R}_i^+(u_L) \equiv$  portion of  $\mathcal{R}_i(u_L)$  such that  $\lambda_i > \lambda_i(u_L)$

$\mathcal{S}_i^-(u_L) \equiv$  portion of  $\mathcal{S}_i(u_L)$  such that  $S_i < \lambda_i(u_L)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{Y}_i(u_L) \equiv \mathcal{S}_i^-(u_L) \cup \mathcal{R}_i^+(u_L)$ .

By our theorem,  $\exists$  a  $C^2$ -parameterization of  $\mathcal{S}_i(u_L)$  in a nbhd of  $u_L$ , and the 3rd derivative has at most a jump discontinuity:

Let  $T_\epsilon^i(u_L) \equiv T^i(u_L; \epsilon)$  be the arc-length parameterization of  $\mathcal{S}_i(u_L)$  in a nbhd of  $u_L$ ,

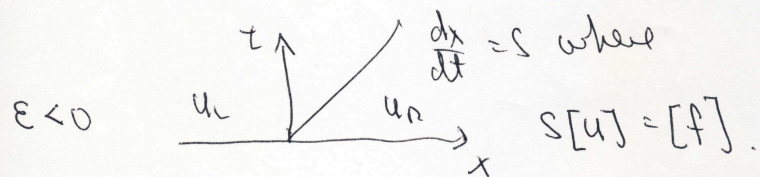
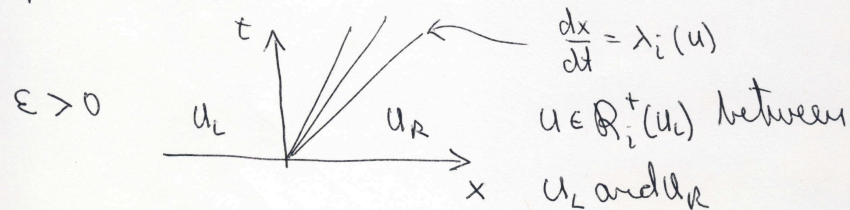
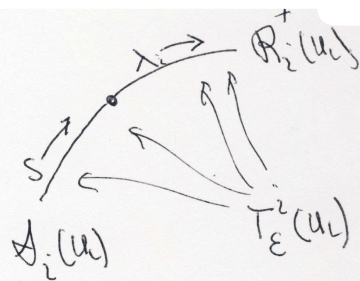
$$|\epsilon| < \epsilon_0,$$

$T_0^i(u_L) = u_L$ ,  $T_\epsilon^i(u_L) \in \mathcal{R}_i^+(u_L) \ \epsilon > 0$ ,  $T_\epsilon^i(u_L) \in \mathcal{S}_i^-(u_L) \ \epsilon < 0$



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Note:  $\forall u_R = \int_{\epsilon}^i(u_L)$  we can solve the Riemann Problem with a wave of speed  $\approx \lambda_i(u_L)$  i.e.



Moreover, the shocks are admissible.

DEFN: we call the above solution  $i$ -waves " $i$ -shock and  $i$ -rarefaction waves"

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Assume: (LD)  $\nabla \lambda \cdot R = 0$

in the  $k$ th char. field. Then

LEMMA 5: The shock curve  $S$  coincides with the integral curve  $R$ , which is also the level curve  $\lambda = \text{const}$ . In this case,  $S(\epsilon) = \lambda(\epsilon) = \lambda(u_L)$  is constant on  $S$ , and all shocks are contact discontinuities for  $\epsilon < 0$ .

Proof: We show that every point on  $R(u_L)$  satisfies the (R-H) with  $S = \lambda$ . First, let  $u(\epsilon)$  denote a smooth parameterization of  $R$ ,  $u(0) = u_L$ . Then

$$\dot{f} = \frac{d}{d\epsilon} f(u(\epsilon)) = df \cdot \dot{u} = \lambda \dot{u} \quad \text{since } \dot{u} = R.$$

$$\text{thus } f(u(\epsilon)) = \lambda u(\epsilon) + \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda [u(\epsilon) - u_L] = [f(u(\epsilon)) - f(u_L)]$$

so  $R$  must be the portion of integral curve corresp. to  $\lambda = \lambda_i$

$$\text{or } f_R - f_L = \int_0^\epsilon \dot{f} d\epsilon = \int_0^\epsilon \lambda \dot{u} d\epsilon = \lambda [u]$$

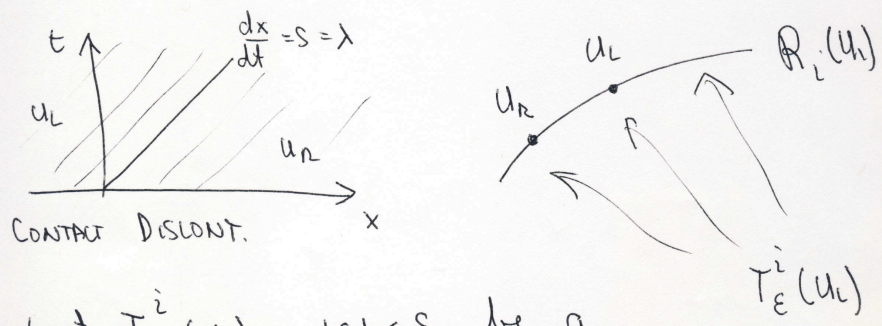


Moreover, for  $u_R = u(\epsilon) \approx u_L, \lambda = \lambda_i,$

$$\lambda_i = \lambda_i(u_R) = S = \lambda_i(u_L) = \lambda_i$$

$$\lambda_{i-1}(u_L) \leq S \leq \lambda_{i+1}(u_L)$$

$$\lambda_{i-1}(u_R) \leq S \leq \lambda_{i+1}(u_R)$$



Let  $T_\epsilon^i(u_L) \quad |\epsilon| < \epsilon_0$  be a smooth param. of  $R_i(u_L)$  in a nbhd of  $u_L$ .  
 Show ~~at~~  $u_R$  the Riemann problem has a soln given by a contact discont.  $\forall u_R = T_\epsilon^i(u_L)$ .

ASIDE

THM (TE): An integral curve  $R(u)$  of  $(\lambda, R)$  lies in the Hugoniot locus of  $u_L$  iff  $R(u_L)$  is a level curve of  $\lambda$  or else  $R(u_L)$  is a straight line in  $u$ -space:

RESULT: Can classify the  $2 \times 2$  systems of cons. laws with convexly shock and rarefaction waves:

<u>CLASS I</u>	<u>CLASS II</u>	<u>CLASS III</u>
2 contact fields	one line one contact	two line fields



CLASS II:  $u_t + (u\phi(u,v))_x = 0$  Polymer Equations  
 $v_t + (v\phi(u,v))_x = 0$  Nonlinear Coupling

CLASS III:  $u_t + \left(\frac{u}{1+u+v}\right)_x = 0$  Multicomponent Chromatography  
 $v_t + \left(\frac{kv}{1+u+v}\right)_x = 0$

[Book: Aris, R. & AMUNDSON, N. Math methods in Chem. Engineering practice - Heil]

NASC on flux fn's were given for system to lie in I, II, III.

Local Soln of RP:

(C1)  $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$

Theorem: (Lax 1957) Assume (C1) is strictly hyperbolic and GN or LD in each characteristic field in some nbhd  $\mathcal{U}_0 \ni u_0$ . Then  $\exists \delta$  st if  $u_L, u_R \in \mathcal{U}_\delta = \{u: |u-u_0| < \delta\}$ , then  $\exists!$  soln of RP in the class of  $i$ -simple waves, call it  $[u_L, u_R](x,t)$ . Moreover,  $\exists \delta' = \delta(0)$  st all intermediate states in  $[u_L, u_R](x,t)$  lie in  $\mathcal{U}_{\delta'}$ ; i.e.,  $[u_L, u_R](x,t) \in \mathcal{U}_{\delta'} \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0$ .



Proof. We have defined the  $\bar{z}$ -wave curve (29)

$$\mathcal{Y}_i(u_L) = \mathcal{R}_i^+(u_L) \cup \mathcal{A}_i^-(u_L)$$

Let  $u_R = T_{\underline{\varepsilon}}^i(u_L)$  denote the state  $\varepsilon_i$ -arc length units from  $u_L$  along  $\mathcal{Y}_i(u_L)$ ,  $\varepsilon_i > 0$  along  $\mathcal{R}_i^+$  &  $\varepsilon_i < 0$  along  $\mathcal{A}_i^-$ . Then for

$$\underline{\varepsilon} = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n)$$

we can define

$$u_R = T(\underline{\varepsilon}, u_L)$$

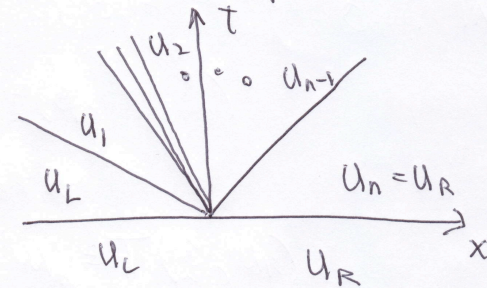
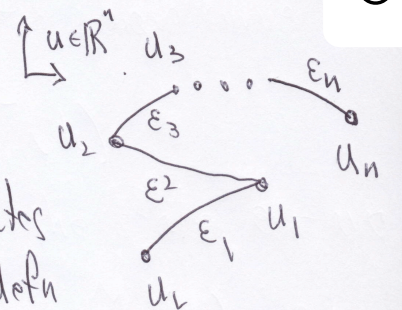
by

$$T(\underline{\varepsilon}, u_L) = T_{\varepsilon_n} \circ T_{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \circ \dots \circ T_{\varepsilon_1} u_L$$

"... move  $\varepsilon_1$  units <sup>from  $u_L$</sup>  along  $\mathcal{Y}_1(u_L)$  to get  $u_1$ ,  
 $\varepsilon_2$  units from  $u_1$  along  $\mathcal{Y}_2(u_1)$  to get  $u_2$ , ... ,  
 $\varepsilon_n$  " "  $u_{n-1}$  "  $\mathcal{Y}_n(u_{n-1})$  " "  $u_n$  "

Picture

• claim: if  $u_R = T(\underline{\varepsilon}, u_L)$ , then the intermediate states and wave curves in the defn of  $T$  determine a unique soln of R.P.  $[u_L, u_R]$



$$u_1 = T_{\varepsilon_1}^1 u_L, u_2 = T_{\varepsilon_2}^2 T_{\varepsilon_1}^1 u_L = T_{\varepsilon_2}^2 u_1,$$

$$u_{i+1} = T_{\varepsilon_{i+1}}^{i+1} u_i.$$



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• Thus to prove the Thm, it suffices to prove that for  $u_L, u_R$  suff close to  $u_0$ ,  $\exists \underline{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  st  $u_R = T(\underline{\varepsilon}; u_L)$ .

Inverse Fn Thm = If  $\left| \frac{\partial T}{\partial \underline{\varepsilon}} \right|_{\substack{\underline{\varepsilon}=0 \\ u_L = u_0}} \neq 0$ , (IFT)

then  $\exists$  nbhd  $\mathcal{U}_{\delta_1} \ni u_0$ ,  $u_L = u_0$   
 $\mathcal{U}_{\delta_2} \ni u_R$  st if  $u_L = T(0; u_L)$

$u_L \in \mathcal{U}_{\delta_1}$ ,  $u_R \in \mathcal{U}_{\delta_2}$  then we can solve  $u_R = T(\underline{\varepsilon}; u_L)$  uniquely for  $\underline{\varepsilon}$  that is

$$\underline{\varepsilon} = T^{-1}(u_R; u_L), \quad u_R, u_L \in \mathcal{U}_{\delta}$$

$$\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$$

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• To verify (IFT), our  $C^2$ -contact betw  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  &  $\mathcal{U}_i^-$  implies

$$T_{\varepsilon_n}^k u = u + \varepsilon_n R_n(u) + o(|\varepsilon_n|^2)$$

Thus:

$$u_1 = T_{\varepsilon_1}^1 u_L = u_L + \varepsilon_1 R_1(u_L) + o(|\varepsilon_1|^2)$$

$$u_2 = T_{\varepsilon_2}^2 T_{\varepsilon_1}^1 u_L = T_{\varepsilon_2}^2 u_1 = u_1 + \varepsilon_2 R_2(u_1) + o(|\varepsilon_2|^2)$$

$$= R_2(u_L) + o(|\varepsilon_2|)$$

by cont

$$\vdots$$

$$= u_L + \varepsilon_1 R_1(u_L) + \varepsilon_2 R_2(u_L) + o(|\varepsilon|^2)$$

$$u_R = T(\underline{\varepsilon}; u_L) = T_{\varepsilon_n}^n \dots T_{\varepsilon_1}^1 u_L = u_L + \varepsilon_1 R_1(u_L) + \dots + \varepsilon_n R_n(u_L) + o(|\varepsilon|^2)$$

(Uses...  $R_i(u_{i-1}) = R_i(u_L) + o(|\varepsilon|)$ )

Thus:  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial \varepsilon_i} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} = R_i(u_L)$

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$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial \underline{\varepsilon}} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} = \begin{bmatrix} -R_1(u_L) \\ \vdots \\ -R_n(u_L) \end{bmatrix}$

nonzero det  
because  
 $R_i$  indept  
at  $u_L$  by  
strid hyp.

Conclude:  $\left| \frac{\partial T}{\partial \underline{\varepsilon}} \right|_{\substack{\varepsilon=0 \\ u_L=u_0}} \neq 0$

so by IFT  $\underline{\varepsilon} = T^{-1}(u_R, u_L)$  & done ✓

That all states in  $[u_L, u_R](x,t)$  lie within  
some  $u_\delta, \geq u_\delta$  follows because the  
indept. of e-vectors  $\Rightarrow |u_i - u_L| \leq \text{Const} |u_R - u_L|$

HW: Prove Lax's Soln of RP is a weak (FIP)  
soln of (CL) (Hint: RP is PW smooth with shock boundaries)

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