

**SECTION-8**  
**Traveling Waves**  
**for the**  
**p-system**

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

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# Traveling Wave Solutions for viscous p-system

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• System of cons laws:  $u_t + f(u)_x = 0$  (CL)

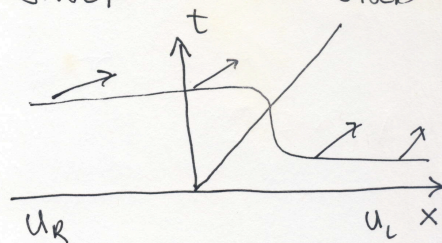
Shocks satisfy R-H jump cond't:  $s[u] = [f]$

• Viscous perturbation with artificial viscosity

$$u_t + f(u)_x = \underbrace{\varepsilon u_{xx}}_{\text{artificial viscosity}} \quad (\text{VCL})$$

• We look for a traveling wave soln of (VCL) that approximates the shock:

$u = u\left(\frac{x-st}{\varepsilon}\right)$   
 Picture  $\nearrow$   
 $u = \text{constant when}$



$x-st = \text{const} \Leftrightarrow x = st + \text{const} \Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = s \quad \checkmark$

• Plug  $u\left(\frac{x-st}{\varepsilon}\right)$  into (VCL):  $\xi = \frac{x-st}{\varepsilon}; \quad \cdot \equiv \frac{d}{d\xi}$  ②

$$-\frac{s u'}{\varepsilon} + df(u) \frac{1}{\varepsilon} u' = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2} u''$$

$$-s u' + f(u(\xi))' = u'' \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{integrate} \\ \text{once} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$u' = -s u + f + c$$

• Ask that:  $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow -\infty} u' = 0$  &  $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow -\infty} u = u_L$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -s u_L + f_L + c \Rightarrow c = s u_L - f_L$$

$$\Rightarrow u' = -s(u - u_L) + f(u) - f_L \quad (\text{ODE})$$

Conclude: if  $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} u' = 0$  then  $u_R = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} u$

must satisfy

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

Conclude:  $u_L, u_R \in \text{graph}(f)$  are rest pts of (ODE). Thus  $\exists$  of traveling wave  $\Leftrightarrow$  exist of connecting orbit of ODE

$\Rightarrow u_L, u_R$  satisfy R-H jump cond't's with  $s = s(u_L, u_R) = \text{const}$  along whole profile!



• Consider the  $p$ -system:

$$v_t - u_x = 0$$

$$u_t + p(v)_x = 0$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix}, f(v) = \begin{pmatrix} -u \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

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ODE is then:

$$v' = -s(v - v_L) + f(v) - f(v_L)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix}' = -s \begin{pmatrix} v - v_L \\ u - u_L \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -u + u_L \\ p - p_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$v' = -s(v - v_L) + (-u + u_L) = \psi(u, v)$$

$$u' = -s(u - u_L) + (p - p_L) = \psi(u, v)$$

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Main Theorem: Let  $v_L, v_R$  be in Hugoniot locus

$$s[v] = [f].$$

Then the shock betw  $v_L$  &  $v_R$  has a viscous profile iff  $v_R \in \mathcal{D}_\varepsilon^-(v_L)$   $\varepsilon=1,2$ .

Note: The result requires  $p' < 0$ ,  $p'' > 0$

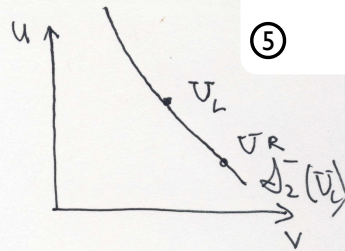
Note: This tells us that for  $p$ -system a shock satisfies the Lax entropy condit iff it is the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  of a viscous profile soln of  $u_t + f(u)_x = \varepsilon u_{xx}$ .



Assume  $\bar{v}_R \in \mathcal{D}_2^-(\bar{v}_L)$

so  $s[\bar{v}] = [f]$  and

$$u_R < u_L, v_R > v_L.$$



Traveling wave equations:

$$v' = -s(v - v_L) + (-u + u_L) = \phi(u, v)$$

$$u' = -s(u - u_L) + (p - p_L) = \psi(u, v)$$

$s = s(\bar{v}_L, \bar{v}_R) > 0$   
constant

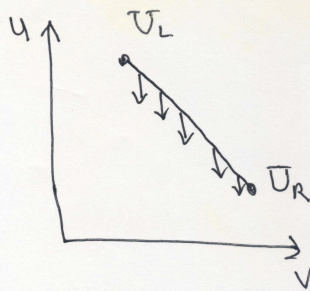
Two isoclines  $\phi(u, v) = 0$  &  $\psi(u, v) = 0$

$$\phi(u, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u - u_L = -s(v - v_L)$$

straight line of slope  $-s < 0$

Claim:  $u' < 0$  on isocline

$\bar{v}_L \bar{v}_R$



Lemma 1  $u' < 0$  on isocline  $\bar{v}_L \bar{v}_R$  ( $u' = 0$  @  $\bar{v}_L, \bar{v}_R$  ref pts) ⑥

Pf. Since  $s[\bar{v}] = [f]$  we know

$$s = s(\bar{v}_L, \bar{v}_R) = \frac{p_R - p_L}{u_R - u_L} = - \frac{p_R - p_L}{v_R - v_L} \frac{1}{s}$$

$$s[u] = [p] \quad s[v] = -[u]$$

thus

$$s^2 = - \frac{p_R - p_L}{u_R - u_L}$$

Now eqn for  $u'$  is

$$u' = -s(u - u_L) + p - p_L$$

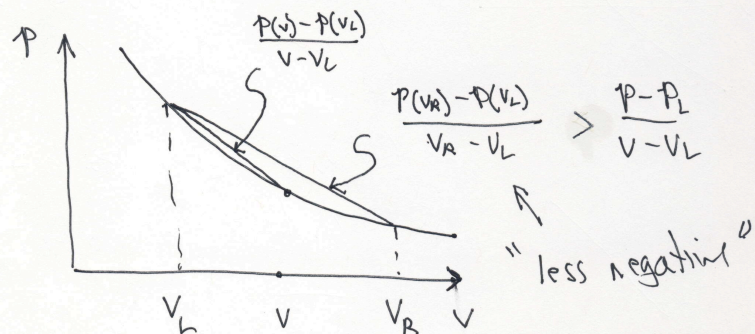
which along isocline  $u - u_L = -s(v - v_L)$  gives

$$u' = s^2(v - v_L) + p - p_L = \left\{ s^2 + \frac{p - p_L}{v - v_L} \right\} (v - v_L)$$

$$\Rightarrow u' = \left\{ - \frac{p_R - p_L}{v_R - v_L} + \frac{p - p_L}{v - v_L} \right\} (v - v_L)$$



Now Lemma 1 follows from the convexity ⑦  
of  $p(v)$ : I.e.,  $p' < 0, p'' > 0 \Rightarrow$



$$\therefore 0 > -\frac{p_R - p_L}{v_R - v_L} + \frac{p - p_L}{v - v_L} \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow u' = \left\{ \underbrace{-\frac{p_R - p_L}{v_R - v_L}}_{\uparrow \text{neg}} + \underbrace{\frac{p - p_L}{v - v_L}}_{\uparrow \text{pos}} \right\} (v - v_L) < 0 \quad \checkmark$$

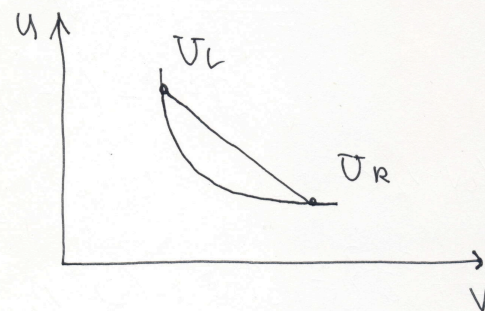
2nd isocline  $\Psi(u, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$   $p - p_L = S(u - u_L)$  ⑧

$$\Leftrightarrow u - u_L = \frac{p - p_L}{S}$$

$$\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{p'(v)}{S} < 0$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dv^2} = \frac{p''(v)}{S} > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  isocline is decreasingly convex up & passes thru  $U_L, U_R$





Lemma 2:  $V' < 0$  on the isocline  $\Upsilon(u, v) = 0$  betw  $U_L$  &  $U_R$ .

Pf.  $u' = \Upsilon(u, v) = 0 = -s(u - u_L) + (p - p_L)$

$\Rightarrow p - p_L = s(u - u_L)$

thus

$$v' = \underbrace{-s(v - v_L)}_{\text{neg}} + \underbrace{(-u + u_L)}_{\text{pos}} = -s(v - v_L) - \frac{p - p_L}{s}$$

$$= \left\{ -s^2 - \frac{p - p_L}{v - v_L} \right\} \frac{v - v_L}{s}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{p_R - p_L}{v_R - v_L} - \frac{p - p_L}{v - v_L} \right\} \frac{v - v_L}{s} > 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$> 0$  by (\*)

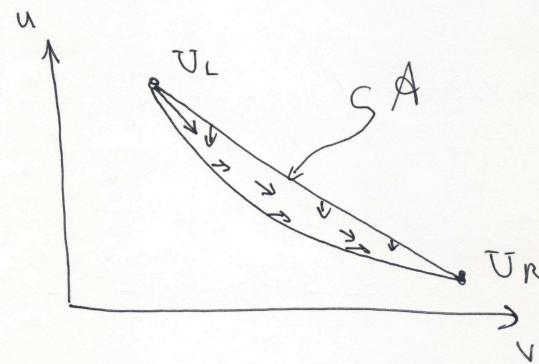
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Picture: autonomous system of ODE's determines states on traveling wave:

$$v' = -s(v - v_L) + (-u + u_L) = \Phi(u, v)$$

$$u' = -s(u - u_L) + (p - p_L) = \Upsilon(u, v)$$

$$s = s(v_L, v_L) = \text{const} > 0, \quad U = (v, u)$$



Rest pts  $U_L, U_R$  & region betw isoclines in an invariant region. We prove  $\exists!$  orbit connecting  $U_L$  to  $U_R$  (i.e.  $U_R \in \mathcal{I}_2(U_L)$  is only pt that meets Hug. locus  $s[U] = [t]$  with speed  $s$  because  $s$  monotone along  $\mathcal{I}_2(U)$ )

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• Check:  $v' > 0$ ,  $u' < 0$  in <sup>interior of</sup> region  $A$ : ⑪

Pf. The isoclines  $\phi(u,v)=0$  &  $\psi(u,v)=0$  are where  $v'$  &  $u'$  change sign. Since  $A$  is bounded by isoclines,  $v'$  &  $u'$  have const sign in  $\text{int}A$ . But  $u' < 0$  on  $\phi(u,v)=0$  &  $v' > 0$  on  $\psi(u,v)=0 \Rightarrow$  these signs are maintained thruout.

• Thus - the existence of a unique orbit connecting  $U_L$  to  $U_R$  follows so long as  $U_L$  is a saddle pt whose unstable direction points into  $A$ . I.e. then the unstable orbit @  $A$  starts into  $A$ , & since  $\text{int}A$  has no rest pts, Poincare-Bendixson  $\Rightarrow$  orbit must end at  $U_R$ . ( $u$  &  $v$  are monotone along orbit)

Proof: that  $U_L$  is a saddle, & unstable direction points into  $A$ : ⑫

$$\begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} -s(v-v_L) + (-u+u_L) \\ -s(u-u_L) + (p-p_L) \end{pmatrix} = F(v,u)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial U} \right|_{U=U_L} = \begin{bmatrix} -s & -1 \\ p'(v_L) & -s \end{bmatrix} = dF$$

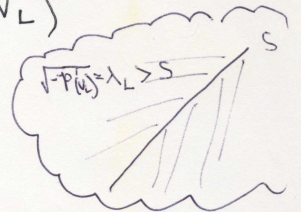
$$0 = |dF - \lambda I| = (-s-\lambda)^2 + p'(v_L)$$

$$(s+\lambda)^2 = -p'(v_L)$$

$$\lambda = -s \pm \sqrt{-p'(v_L)}$$

Max Shock cond

$\Rightarrow$  one pos / one neg eval  $\Rightarrow$  saddle ✓





Claim: unstable direction pts into  $\mathcal{A}$ :

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•  $\lambda_+ = -s + \sqrt{-p'(v_L)}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{-p'_L} & -1 \\ p'_L & -\sqrt{-p'_L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ b \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow -\sqrt{-p'_L} - b = 0 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{b = -\sqrt{-p'_L}}$

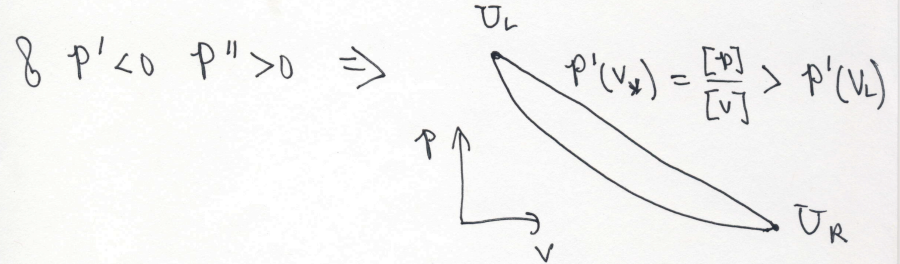
$\Rightarrow R_+ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{-p'_L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow v \\ \leftarrow u \end{matrix} \sim \frac{du}{dv} = -\sqrt{-p'_L}$  in direction  $R_+$

•  $0 = \phi(u, v) = -s(v - v_L) + (-u + u_L) \sim \boxed{\frac{du}{dv} = -s}$

•  $0 = \psi(u, v) = -s(u - u_L) + (p - p_L) \sim \boxed{\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{p'}{s}}$

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• Now  $s = \sqrt{-\frac{p_L - p_R}{v_L - v_R}} = \sqrt{-p'(v_*)}$



$\therefore -p'(v_*) < -p'(v_L)$   
 $\sqrt{-p'(v_*)} < \sqrt{-p'(v_L)}$   
 $-\sqrt{-p'(v_*)} > -\sqrt{-p'(v_L)}$

$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{-p'(v_*)} > -\sqrt{-p'(v_L)} > -\frac{\sqrt{-p'(v_L)}}{\sqrt{-p'(v_*)}} \sqrt{-p'(v_L)}$

$\frac{du}{dv}$  along  $\phi=0$  @  $U_L$        $\frac{du}{dv}$  along  $R_+$  at  $U_L$

$> 1$   
 $\frac{du}{dv}$  along  $\psi=0$  @  $U_L$



## Picture

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$$\begin{array}{l}
 \bar{U}_L \\
 \swarrow \\
 \rightarrow \frac{du}{dv} = -\sqrt{-p'(v_x)} \quad \phi=0 \\
 \searrow \\
 \frac{du}{dv} = -\sqrt{-p'(v_L)} \quad R_1 \\
 \searrow \\
 \frac{du}{dv} = \frac{p'(v_L)}{\sqrt{-p'(v_x)}} = -\frac{\sqrt{-p'(v_L)}}{\sqrt{-p'(v_x)}} \sqrt{-p'(v_L)} \quad \psi=0
 \end{array}$$

Proves that  $R_1$  pts into  $A$  at  $\bar{U}_L$ .

Theorem: if  $U_R \in \mathcal{A}_2^-(U_L)$  then  $\exists$  a unique traveling wave soln of the viscous p-system (1.1)  $U_t + f(u)_x = \epsilon U_{xx}$  connecting  $U_L$  to  $U_R$  & propagating at speed  $S$ .  
 Sim. result for  $U_R \in \mathcal{A}_1^-(U_L)$ .

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Note ① We required  $p' < 0$ ,  $p'' > 0$

② The argument fails for  $U_R \in \mathcal{A}_{1,2}^+(U_L)$

Conclude: For the p-system the Lax entropy condn for shocks is equivalent to the condition that shocks be limits of traveling wave solns of

$$U_t + f(U_x) = \epsilon U_{xx}$$

in limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

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Existence of traveling wave sol'n's  
for Navier-Stokes (Gilbarg, Am Jour Math  
Vol 73, No 2, pp 256-274 (1951))

From (MA), (MO), (EN) pg 7-13 Section 2

$$(MA) \rho_t + \text{div}(\rho u) = 0$$

$$(MO) (\rho u)_t + \text{div}(\rho u \otimes u - \sigma) = 0$$

$$(EN) E_t + \text{div}[(E - \sigma)u] = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

with NS stress tensor

$$(NS) \sigma = -pI + \tilde{\sigma}, \quad \tilde{\sigma} = (\lambda \text{div} u)I + 2\mu D$$

$D \equiv$  "symm part of vel grad"

Assuming (NS), (MO) & (EN)  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(u_{x_j}^i + u_{x_i}^j)$$

$$(MO) (\rho u)_t + \text{div}(\rho u \otimes u + p) = (\lambda + \mu) \nabla \text{div} u + \mu \Delta T$$

$$(EN) E_t + \text{div}((E + p)u) = \text{div} \tilde{\sigma} u + k \Delta T$$

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Restrict to  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\boxed{1-D} (MA) \rho_t + (\rho u)_x = 0$$

$$(MO) (\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x = (\lambda + 2\mu) u_{xx}$$

$$(EN) E_t + ((E + p)u)_x = (\lambda + 2\mu)(u u_x)_x + k T_{xx}$$

Set  $\lambda + 2\mu \leftrightarrow \mu$  &  $k \leftrightarrow \lambda$  &  $T \leftrightarrow \theta$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$(MA) \rho_t + (\rho u)_x = 0$$

$$(MO) (\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x = \mu u_{xx}$$

(NS)

$$(EN) E_t + ((E + p)u)_x = \mu (u u_x)_x + \lambda \theta_{xx}$$



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Look for traveling waves  $\equiv$  soln's that depend on  $x-st$  some speed  $s \equiv \text{const}$ .

wlog do a Galilean Trans. so  $s=0 \Rightarrow$

$\rho = \rho(x), u = u(x), E = E(x)$  plug in (NS)

$$(MA) \quad \rho u = \text{const} = c_1$$

$$(MO) \quad \rho u^2 + p - \mu u_x = \text{const} = c_2$$

$$(EN) \quad \rho u \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 + e + \frac{p}{\rho} \right) - \mu u u_x - \lambda \theta_x = \text{const} = c_3$$

use (MA) to solve for  $u = c_1/\rho$ , plug into

(MO) & (EN) & use cancellation to get

$$(EN) \quad \lambda \frac{d\theta}{dx} = b \left[ e - \frac{1}{2} b^2 (\tau - a)^2 - c \right] \equiv L(\tau, \theta) \quad (E)$$

$$(MO) \quad \mu \frac{d\tau}{dx} = \frac{1}{b} \left[ p + b^2 (\tau - a) \right] \equiv M(\tau, \theta)$$

$$b = c_1, \quad a = \frac{c_2}{c_1^2}, \quad c = \frac{c_3}{c_1} - c_2^2 / 2c_1^2; \quad \begin{matrix} p = p(\tau, \theta) \\ e = e(\tau, \theta) \end{matrix}$$

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Now assume  $Z_0 = (\tau_0, \theta_0)$  &  $Z_1 = (\tau_1, \theta_1)$  are the left & right states of a Lax shock-wave, so  $s[u] = [f(v)]$  & wlog  $s=0 \Rightarrow [f(v)] = 0$ . In 1952, Gilbarg identified the following cond'ts, valid at Lax shocks for Euler w. polytropic eqn of state, sufficient to imply  $\exists!$  of shock profiles

Assume:

$$(A) \quad L_\theta, M_\theta > 0$$

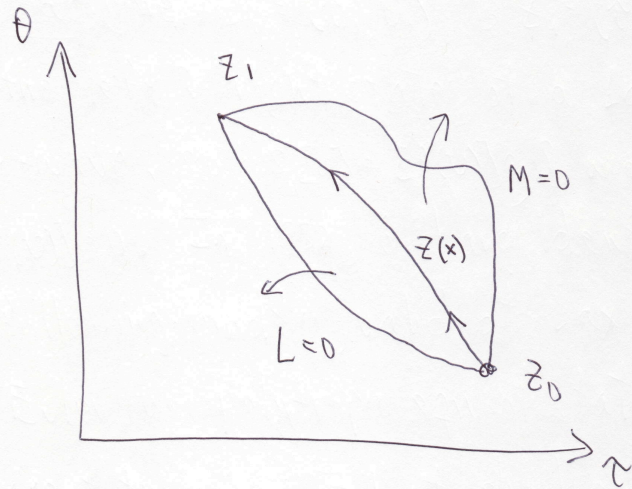
(B)  $\exists$  two curves  $L$  &  $M$  on which  $L(\tau, \theta) = 0$  &  $M(\tau, \theta) = 0$  resp., which intersect at  $Z_0, Z_1$  st these are the only solns  $L=0 \cap M=0$

$$(C) \quad L_\tau > 0 \text{ on } L \quad \tau_1 \leq \tau \leq \tau_0$$

$$(D) \quad L_\tau / L_\theta < M_\tau / M_\theta \text{ at } Z_0; \quad L_\tau / L_\theta > M_\tau / M_\theta \text{ at } Z_1$$

Thm:  $\exists!$  shock profile soln (E),  $Z(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} Z_i$ .

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Pf. Condition  $\Rightarrow$  same argument as  $p$ -system  
goes thru  $\infty$ . (see paper for details)

Homework: Fill in details

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