

Quasi-linear characteristics

DE:
$$u_t + c(u)u_x = S'(u, x, t) \leftarrow \text{source}$$

IVP
$$u|_{t=0} = f(x)$$

\leftarrow "linear in u_x, u_t "

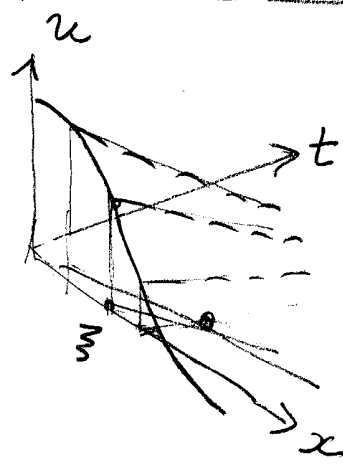
Charact. flow is a coupled system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = c(u) \\ \frac{du}{dt} = S' \end{cases} \Big| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ u \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ f(\xi) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{solution} \\ \boxed{\begin{matrix} x(\xi, t) \\ u(\xi, t) \end{matrix}} \end{matrix}$$

depends on IC + BC

Case $S' = 0$:

$$\begin{cases} u = f(\xi) - \text{const} \\ x = \xi + c(u)t \end{cases}$$



Implicit solution:

$$\boxed{u = f(x - c(u)t)} \Rightarrow u(x, t)$$

* multivalued charact. surface?

* Blow up time - ?

For blow-up t ask: $u_x = \frac{f'(\xi)}{1 + t(c'f)'(\xi)} = \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t_{\text{blow}} = -\frac{1}{(c'f)'(\xi)}}$$

Examples: 1) $c = u$
 $f = \cos x \Rightarrow t_{bl} = -\frac{1}{f'(\xi)} = \frac{1}{\sin \xi} \Rightarrow \boxed{\xi = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}; t = 1}$

2) $c = u^2$
 $f = \cos x \Rightarrow t_{bl} = -\frac{1}{2ff'(\xi)} = \frac{1}{\sin 2\xi} \Rightarrow \boxed{\xi = \pm \frac{\pi}{4}; t = 1}$

Weak solutions & shock propagation for conservation laws in 1D

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A conservation law in 1D is given by

$$(*) \quad \boxed{u_t + [C(u)]_x = 0} \quad C(u) = C'(u) - \text{speed of propagation.}$$

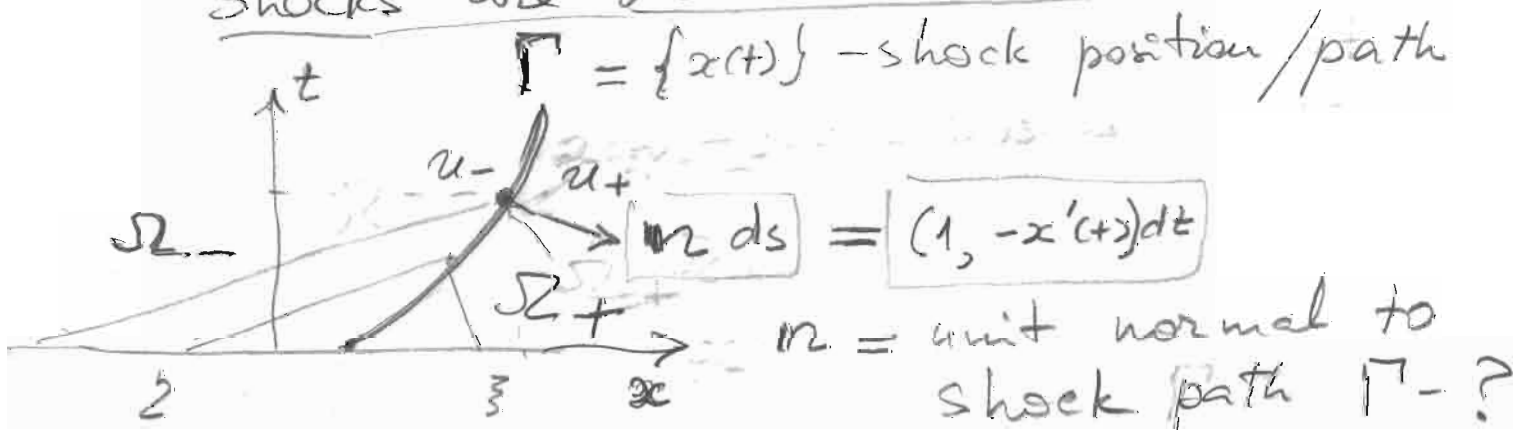
A concept of weak solution applies to discontinuous solutions of DE $u(x, t)$

We replace (*) by an equivalent integral eq-n w. an arbitrary probing (test) f-n: $\psi(x, t)$

$$\boxed{\iint [u_t + (C(u))_x] \psi \, dA = - \iint \left[\psi_t u + \psi_x (C(u)) \right] \, dA = 0}$$

If the r.h.s. = 0 for any ψ we call $u(x, t)$ weak solution.

Shocks are discont. weak solutions of (*):



Apply divergence Thm. to discont.
 vector field $\underline{F} = \psi(C(u), u) = \begin{cases} F_+ & \text{in } \Omega_+ \\ F_- & \text{in } \Omega_- \end{cases}$

$$\iint_{\Omega_-} \nabla \cdot \underline{F} \, dA = \iint \left[\psi_x(C(u), u) + \psi_u(C(u), u) \right] + \psi \left[\underbrace{u_+ + (C(u))_x}_{\Gamma} \right] = \oint_{\Gamma} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{n} \, ds$$

$$\iint_{\Omega_+} \nabla \cdot \underline{F} \, dA = \dots = - \oint_{\Gamma} \underline{F}_+ \cdot \underline{n} \, ds;$$

Use $\underline{n} \, ds = (1, -\frac{dx}{dt}) \, dt$

$$0 = \iint_{\Omega_+ \cup \Omega_-} \nabla \cdot \underline{F} \, dA = \oint_{\Gamma} \psi \left[C(u) - u \frac{dx}{dt} \right] \Big|_{\ominus}^{\oplus} dt \quad (2)$$

Designate jump-across Γ by $[\dots]$
 Since (2) holds for any $\Gamma \Rightarrow$

(R-H) $\boxed{\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{[C(u)]}{[u]} = \frac{C(u)_+ - C(u)_-}{u_+ - u_-}}$ Rankine-Hugoniot shock eq-n

Example 1: Inviscid Burgers: $\begin{cases} u_t + uu_x = 0 \\ u|_{t=0} = g(x) \end{cases}$

Conserv. form $C(u) = u^2/2$

\Rightarrow R-H $\boxed{\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{u_+^2 - u_-^2}{2(u_+ - u_-)} = \frac{u_+ + u_-}{2}}$

(I) Rarefaction wave;

↑ t charact.



$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0; & x < 0 \\ x/t; & 0 < x < t \\ 1; & x > t \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Explanation of rarefaction wave (3) ⁽³⁾

Problem: 1) check that any Burgers solution linear in x , $u = p(t)x$ obeys

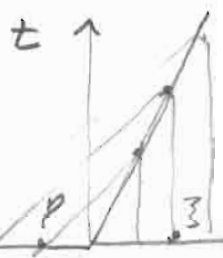
ODE $p' + p^2 = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{p_0}{1 + p_0 t}$ or $\frac{1}{t}$.

2) More general separable solution:

$u = p(t)g(x) \Rightarrow \frac{p'}{p^2} + \underbrace{g'(x)}_{m - \text{const}} = 0$

$\Rightarrow u = \frac{(g_0 + mx)p_0}{1 + mp_0 t}$

(II) Shock waves for step $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ 0 & x > 0 \end{cases}$



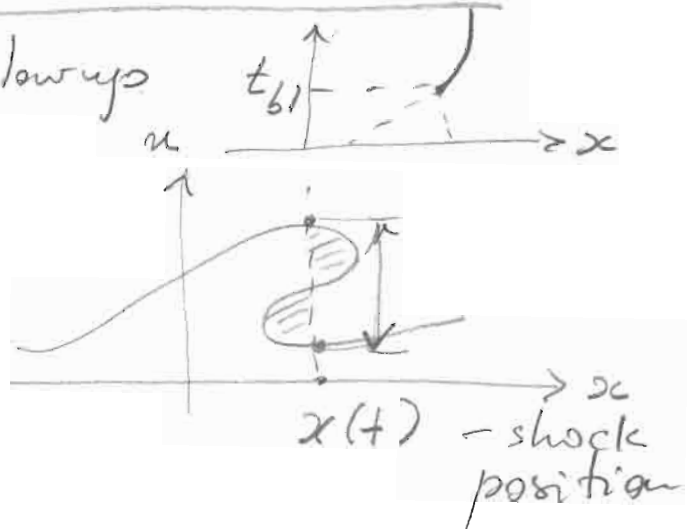
$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{u_+ + u_-}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ R-H

Entropy condition: $c(u_+) \leq \frac{dx}{dt} \leq c(u_-)$

Shock formation & structure

1) Initiation at 1st blowup t_{bl}

2) Equal-area rule:

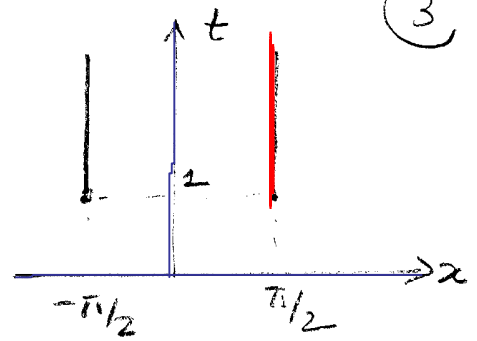


(from mass conservation)
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u dx = \text{const}$

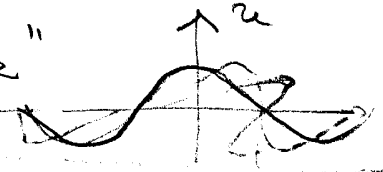
Examples:

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$$1) \begin{cases} u_t + uu_x = 0 \\ u|_{t=0} = \cos x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \xi + t f(\xi) \\ t_{bl} = -\frac{1}{\sin \xi} \end{cases}$$



stocks start at $\{\pm \pi/2\}$ at $t_{bl} = \pm 1$, but they don't propagate by the "area rule"

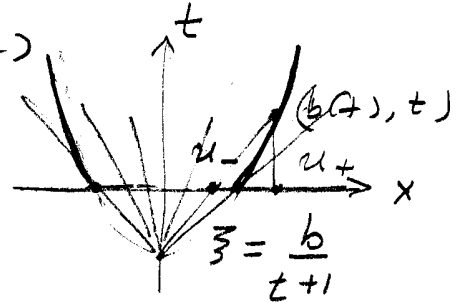


$$2) \text{N-wave: } f(x) = \begin{cases} x; & |x| < 1 \\ 0; & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution: $u(x,t) = \begin{cases} x/t; & |x| \leq b(t) - \text{shock} \\ 0; & |x| > b(t) \end{cases}$

Charact: $x = \xi + t f(\xi) = \xi(1+t)$

R-G: $\frac{db}{dt} = \frac{u_+ + u_-}{2}; \begin{cases} u_+ = 0 \\ u_- = \frac{b}{t+1} \end{cases}$



Shock eq-n: $\frac{db}{dt} = \frac{b}{2(t+1)} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = \pm \sqrt{t+1}}$ parabola

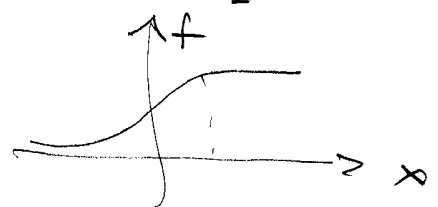
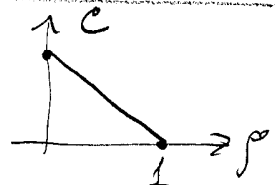
$$3) \text{Traffic: } \rho_t + (1-\rho)\rho_x = 0$$

Cons. form: $C(\rho) = \rho(1-\rho/2);$

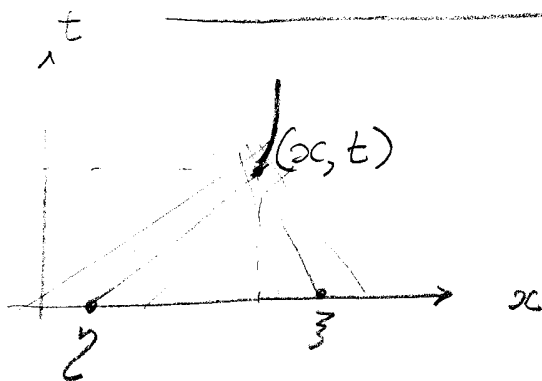
Charact: $x = \xi + (1 - f(\xi))t$

Blow up: $t_{bl} = \frac{1}{f'(\xi)}$

R-G: $\boxed{\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - \frac{u_+ + u_-}{2}} ?$



Characteristic coordinates for $u_t + [C(u)]_x = 0$ (4)



Any initial profile $g(\xi)$ defines local characteristic coordinates, where two families of characteristics meet (speed $c = f'(u)$)

Eq-ns: $x = \eta + t \cdot c(g(\eta)) = \xi + t \cdot c(g(\xi)) \Rightarrow$

$$(1) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t = \frac{\xi - \eta}{c(g(\eta)) - c(g(\xi))} = t(\xi, \eta) \\ x = \eta + \frac{(\xi - \eta) \cdot c(g(\eta))}{c(g(\eta)) - c(g(\xi))} = x(\xi, \eta) \end{array} \right.$$

Shock evolution could be described either in (x, t) - variables $x = x(t)$ or

in (ξ, η) - variables: $\xi = \xi(\eta)$

(Rankin-Hugoniot) $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{C(g(\xi)) - C(g(\eta))}{g(\xi) - g(\eta)} = V(\xi, \eta)$

mixes $\frac{dx}{dt}$ (left) with $V(\xi, \eta)$ (right).

To get (ξ, η) - equation for shock, write

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{x_\xi \frac{d\xi}{d\eta} + x_\eta}{t_\xi \frac{d\xi}{d\eta} + t_\eta} = V \quad \text{and solve for } \frac{d\xi}{d\eta}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2) \quad \frac{d\xi}{d\eta} = \frac{t_\eta V - x_\eta}{-x_\xi V + t_\xi} = F(\xi, \eta)$$

Rankin-Hugoniot in char. coord.

