

Singular Solutions for Systems of Conservation Laws

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Weak solutions:

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For some initial data, the Riemann problem may not have a solution.

- Korchinski (PhD thesis, Adelphi University, 1978)

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$$v_t + \left(\frac{1}{2}uv\right)_x = 0$$

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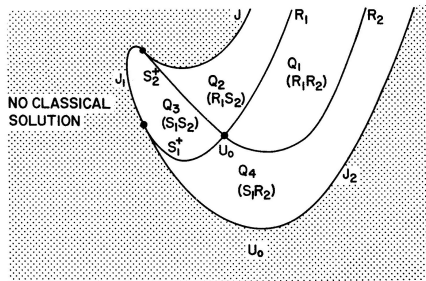
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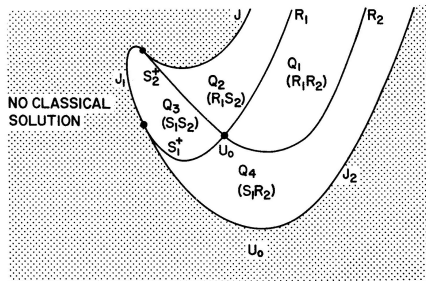
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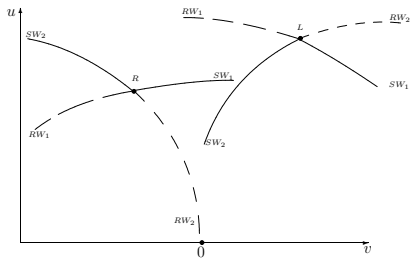
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If $u_l > u_r + 2$, the solutions contains singular shocks with Dirac delta distributions:

$$u(x, t) = u_l + (u_r - u_l)H(x - ct)$$

$$v(x, t) = v_l + (v_r - v_l)H(x - ct) + \alpha(t)\delta(x - ct)$$

To understand the term uv , use theory of

Dal Maso et al. (J. Math. Pure Appl. 1995)

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Weak solutions: $u, V \in L^\infty$, $v = V + \alpha(t)\delta(x - ct)$

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Suppose $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i \mid i \in I\}$ is a graph in the upper half plane, containing arcs γ_i , $i \in I$. Let I_0 be the subset of I containing all indices of arcs that connect to the x -axis, and let $\Gamma_0 = \{x_k^0 \mid k \in I_0\}$ be the set of initial points of the arcs γ_k with $k \in I_0$.

Define the singular part by $\alpha(x, t)\delta(\Gamma) = \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i(x, t)\delta(\gamma_i)$.

Let $u, V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$, and let $v(x, t) = V(x, t) + \alpha(x, t)\delta(\Gamma)$.

Definition 1

The pair of distributions u and $v = V + \alpha(x, t)\delta(\Gamma)$ are called a generalized δ -shock wave solution of system (\star) with the initial data $u_0(x)$ and $V_0(x) + \sum_{I_0} \alpha_k(x_k^0, 0)\delta(x - x_k^0)$ if the integral identities

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hold for all test functions $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+)$.

Definition 1 is quite general, allowing a combination of initial steps and delta distributions; but its effectiveness is already demonstrated by considering the Riemann problem with a single jump. Indeed, for this configuration it can be shown that a δ -shock wave solution exists for any 2×2 system of conservation laws. Consider the Riemann problem for (\star) with initial data $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ and $v(x, 0) = v_0(x)$, where

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Theorem 1 (K. and Mitrovic)

a) If $u_l \neq u_r$ then the pair of distributions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= u_0(x - ct), \\ v(x, t) &= v_0(x - ct) + \alpha(t)\delta(x - ct), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c = \frac{[f(u, V)]}{[u]} = \frac{f(u_r, v_r) - f(u_l, v_l)}{u_r - u_l}, \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(t) = (c[V] - [g(u, V)])t,$$

represents the δ -shock wave solution of (*) with initial data $u_0(x)$ and $v_0(x)$ in the sense of Definition 1.

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Definition 3 (K. and Mitrovic)

The collection of smooth **complex-valued** distributions (u_ε) and (v_ε) represent a weak asymptotic solution to (\star) if there exist real-valued distributions $u, v \in C(\mathbb{R}_+; \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}))$, such that for every fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$u_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u, \quad v_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup v \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0,$$

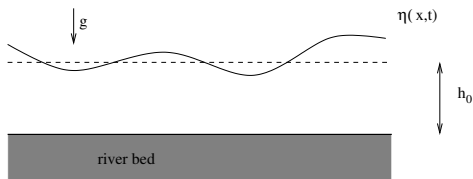
in the sense of distributions in $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u_\varepsilon + \partial_x f(u_\varepsilon, v_\varepsilon) &= o_{\mathcal{D}'}(1), \\ \partial_t v_\varepsilon + \partial_x g(u_\varepsilon, v_\varepsilon) &= o_{\mathcal{D}'}(1). \end{aligned}$$

In addition, we need

$$u_\varepsilon(x, 0) \rightharpoonup u(x, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad v_\varepsilon(x, 0) \rightharpoonup v(x, 0).$$

Example: shallow-water equations



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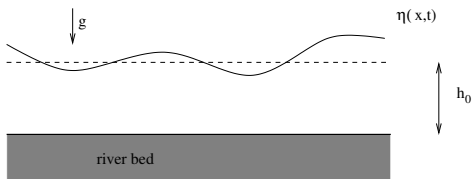
$$\eta_t + h_0 u_x + (\eta u)_x = 0 \quad (1)$$

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- $u = u(x, t)$ (no vertical acceleration)

Momentum conservation:

$$\left[(h_0 + \eta)u \right]_t + \left[(h_0 + \eta)u^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{g}(h_0 + \eta)^2 \right]_x = 0$$

Energy conservation:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[(h_0 + \eta)u^2 + (h_0 + \eta)^2 \right]_t + \left[\frac{1}{2}(h_0 + \eta)u^3 + \mathbf{g}u(h_0 + \eta)^2 \right]_x = 0$$

Shallow-water equations with bottom topography

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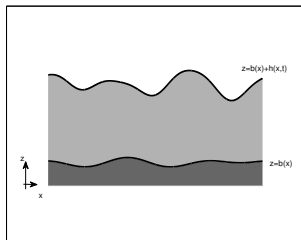
$$[u]_t + \left[\mathbf{g}(h + b) + \frac{u^2}{2} \right]_x = 0$$

Momentum balance:

$$[hu]_t + \left[hu^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{g} h^2 \right]_x = -ghb_x \quad (3)$$

Energy conservation:

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} hu^2 + \frac{1}{2} h^2 + bh \right]_t + \left[\frac{1}{2} u^3 + \mathbf{g} uh(h + b) \right]_x = 0 \quad (4)$$



Traveling hydraulic jump

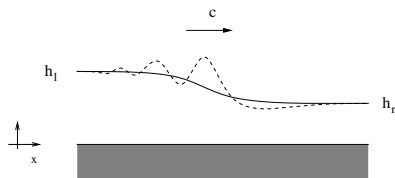
A traveling hydraulic jump over an even bottom must respect conservation of mass and momentum.

In shallow-water theory, it is useful to consider the jump as having a discontinuity at the bore front. Rankine-Hugoniot conditions

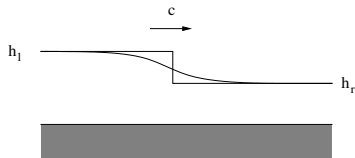
$$c[h] = [uh]$$
$$c[uh] = [u^2h + \frac{1}{2}gh^2]$$

The velocity can be expressed as

$$c = \frac{u_r h_r - u_l h_l}{h_r - h_l} = \frac{(u_r^2 h_r + \frac{1}{2} g h_r^2) - (u_l^2 h_l + \frac{1}{2} g h_l^2)}{u_r h_r - u_l h_l}$$



Surface profile of a traveling hydraulic jump



Shallow-water approximation

Relative velocity:

$$m = h_r(u_r - c) = h_l(u_l - c) = \mp h_r h_l \sqrt{\frac{g}{2} \left(\frac{1}{h_r} + \frac{1}{h_l} \right)}$$

Energy loss:

$$\frac{1}{\rho Y} \Delta E = - \frac{mg(h_r - h_l)^3}{4h_r h_l}$$

Head loss:

$$\Delta H = \frac{(h_l - h_r)^3}{4h_l h_r}$$

Mass conservation:

$$c[h] - [uh] = 0$$

Head loss:

$$c[u] - \left[\mathbf{g}(h+b) + \frac{u^2}{2} \right] = \mathbf{g}\Delta H$$

Momentum balance:

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Energy loss:

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Weak asymptotics for traveling hydraulic jump

Let $\rho \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ be non-negative, smooth, compactly supported even function with $\text{supp}\rho \subset (-1, 1)$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \rho(z) dz = 1$

Define $C = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \rho^2(z) dz$, and

$$\delta_\varepsilon(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \rho\left(\frac{x - ct - 4\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\right) + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \rho\left(\frac{x - ct + 4\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

$$R_\varepsilon(x, t) = \frac{i}{2\varepsilon} \rho\left(\frac{x - ct - 2\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\right) - \frac{i}{2\varepsilon} \rho\left(\frac{x - ct + 2\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

$$S_\varepsilon(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}} \rho\left(\frac{x - ct}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

$$U_\varepsilon(x, t) = \begin{cases} u_l, & x < ct - 20\varepsilon, \\ 0, & ct - 10\varepsilon \leq x \leq ct + 10\varepsilon, \\ u_r, & x \geq ct + 20\varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

$$H_\varepsilon(x, t) = \begin{cases} h_l, & x < ct - 20\varepsilon, \\ 0, & ct - 10\varepsilon \leq x \leq ct + 10\varepsilon, \\ h_r, & x \geq ct + 20\varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

Now make the ansatz

$$h_\varepsilon(x, t) = H_\varepsilon(x - ct),$$

$$u_\varepsilon(x, t) = U_\varepsilon(x - ct) + \alpha(t)(\delta_\varepsilon(x - ct) + R_\varepsilon(x - ct)) + \sqrt{c\alpha(t)} S_\varepsilon(x - ct)$$

We can show that

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Bottom step transition

For a bottom step, mass and energy need to be conserved.

Rankine-Hugoniot conditions are

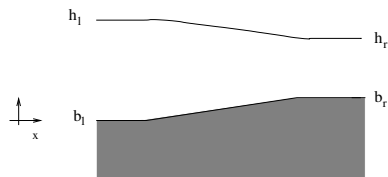
$$[uh] = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\left[guh(h+b) + h\frac{u^2}{2}\right] = 0 \quad (6)$$

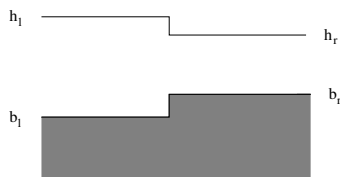
The second condition can be replaced by the simpler condition

$$\left[g(h+b) + \frac{u^2}{2}\right] = 0 \quad (7)$$

These are standard relations in hydraulic theory (Henderson, 1966).



Surface profile over a bottom transition



Shallow-water approximation

Mass conservation:

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Conservation of total head:

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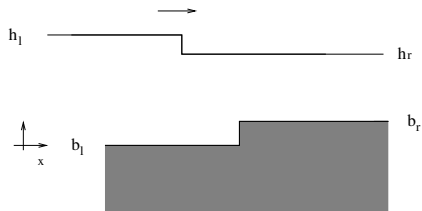
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Energy balance:

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Interaction Shock / Bottom step



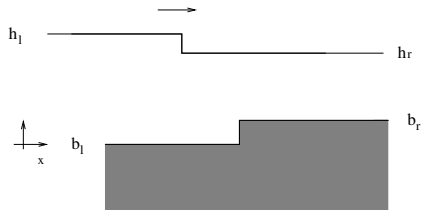
Initial configuration: Shock approaching a bottom step

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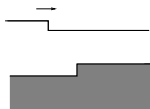


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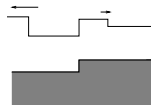
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Initial configuration



Riemann problem over bottom step

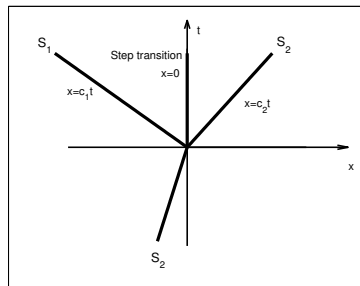


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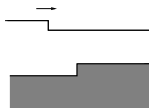
Solution of Riemann problem over bottom step can be solved by requiring

- Energy conservation across bottom step
- Momentum conservation across flat bottom

Alcrudo and Benkhaldoun,
Computers and Fluids, 2001



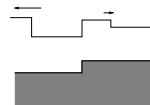
Shock trajectories



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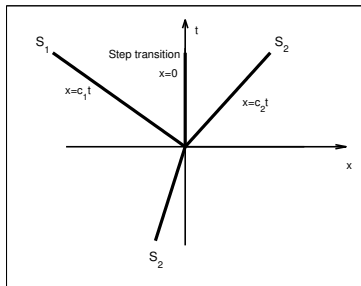


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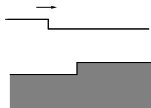
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J. Comp. Physics, 2010

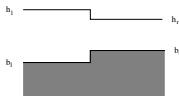
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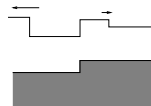
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$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_t + \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2)_x &= 0 \\ v_t + (uv - u)_x &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8)$$

Definition

A δ -shock solution of the Briot system (8), connecting a left state $L = (u_1, v_1)$ and a right state $R = (u_2, v_2)$ is i -admissible if

$$\lambda_i(u_2, v_2) \leq c \leq \lambda_i(u_1, v_1), \quad (9)$$

for $i = 1$ or $i = 2$. For such δ shock wave we say that it is compressive.

Lemma

Assume Riemann data are such that $u_1 = u_2 = \tilde{u}$, $v_1 = 0$ and $v_2 < 0$. Then, the δ -shock solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \tilde{u} + \alpha(t)\delta(x - ct), \\ v(x, t) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where $\alpha(t)$ and c are given by Thm 1, is a 1-admissible δ -shock solution of (8).

Proof.

The functions given by (10) represent δ shock solution to (8), (9) according to Theorem 1, b). In order to prove that the solution is 1-admissible, recall that $c = \frac{v_2(u_2-1) - v_1(u_1-1)}{v_2 - v_1}$. Then, due to (9), we need to show:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1(u_2, v_2) &= u_2 - 1/2 - \sqrt{1/4 + v_2^2} \leq \frac{v_2(u_2 - 1) - v_1(u_1 - 1)}{v_2 - v_1} \\ &\leq u_1 - 1/2 - \sqrt{1/4 + v_1^2} = \lambda_1(u_1, v_1).\end{aligned}$$

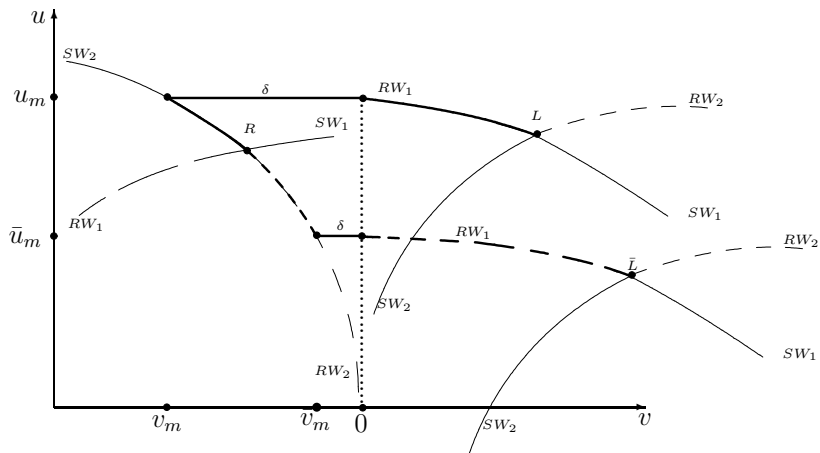
Since $u_1 = u_2 = u$ and $v_1 = 0$, the latter reduces to

$$u - 1/2 - \sqrt{1/4 + v_2^2} \leq u - 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1/2 - \sqrt{1/4 + v_2^2} \leq 0,$$

which is clearly true. □

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Solution of Cauchy problem for $n \times n$ system

- a) We split the x -axis into the intervals $(x_{\Delta x}^j, x_{\Delta x}^{j+1})$ of length Δx .
- b) We approximate the functions U_1^0 and U_2^0 by the functions
- $$U_{01, \Delta x}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v_{1, \Delta x}^j \chi_{(x_{\Delta x}^j, x_{\Delta x}^{j+1})}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad U_{02, \Delta x}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v_{2, \Delta x}^j \chi_{(x_{\Delta x}^j, x_{\Delta x}^{j+1})}(x),$$
- respectively, which are piecewise constant on the intervals defined in item a). For $j \in \mathbb{N}$, denote by

$$c_j^i = \frac{f_i(v_{1, \Delta x}^{j+1}, v_{2, \Delta x}^{j+1}) - f_i(v_{1, \Delta x}^j, v_{2, \Delta x}^j)}{v_{i, \Delta x}^j - v_{i, \Delta x}^{j+1}} = \frac{[f_i]^j}{[v_i]^j}, \quad i = 1, 2$$

i.e. the speeds given by the Rankine-Hugoniot conditions of the first and second equations ($i = 1, 2$).

- c) We thus obtain series of Riemann problems (at the edge of each interval from item a)) which we solve using Definition 1 such that c_j , satisfies the minimum amplitude condition

$$c_j = \begin{cases} C_j^1, & |C_j^1[v_2]^j - [f_2]^j| \leq |C_j^2[v_1]^j - [f_1]^j| \\ C_j^2, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

The δ -distribution is adjoined to the function for which the minimum is not reached.

- d) We obtain the family $(u_{\Delta x}^1, u_{\Delta x}^2)$ of distributions which can be represented as a sum of bounded functions $U_{\Delta x}^i$ and δ -distributions, satisfying Definition 1