

**ME EN 5830/6830: Aerospace Propulsion**  
**Problem Set #5: Compressible Flows III and IV**  
**Due date: 02/13/2024 by 11:59pm**

**Submission**

Assignments can only be submitted on Gradescope, which can be accessed through Canvas. If you have any questions about submission, please email the class TA, John Gardner at [john.w.gardner@utah.edu](mailto:john.w.gardner@utah.edu). Submissions will be automatically locked at the due date given above.

**Introduction**

This problem set primarily covers the material from Lectures 9 and 10. The goal is for students to work with non-isentropic supersonic flows that lead to normal and oblique shocks, as well as look at how these shocks interact with nozzles. By completion, students will be able to

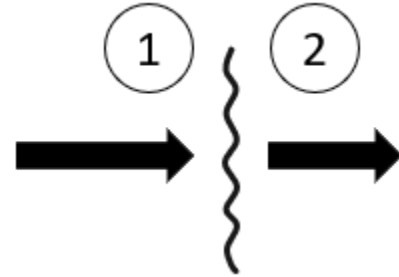
- Compute state changes across a normal shock
- Compute state changes across an oblique shock
- Compute state changes across multiple oblique shocks
- Calculate states within a nozzle operating at the second limit

## Assignment

**Problem #1:** Consider air flowing at  $T_1 = 200$  K,  $p_1 = 10$  kPa,  $M_1 = 2$ . This supersonic flow encounters three different types of non-isentropic shocks.

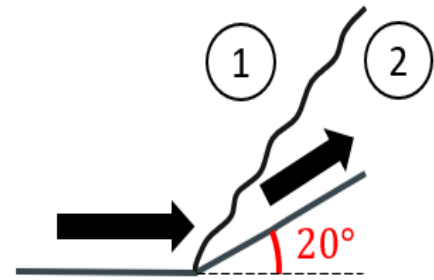
- a) Consider that this flow encounters a normal shock, that brings it from state 1 given above, to state 2.

1. Compute the Mach number after the shock  $M_2$
2. Compute the temperature after the shock  $T_2$
3. Compute the pressure after the shock  $p_2$
4. Compute the ratio of stagnation pressure  $p_{t2}/p_{t1}$  across the shock. *Remember, we have lost a good deal of energy across this shock because it is non-isentropic*



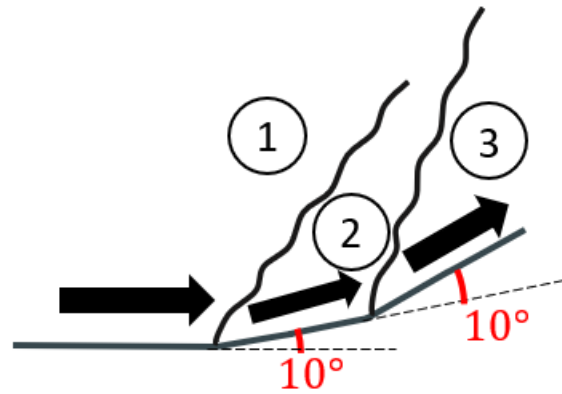
- b) Instead of encountering a normal shock, consider the above flow encountering a turning wall which leads to a single oblique shock, that brings it from state 1 given above, to state 2 (which is different from part a). Assume the wall turns by an angle  $\theta = 20^\circ$ . At this inlet Mach number and deflection angle, the shock angle is  $\beta = 53.42^\circ$ .

1. Compute the normal Mach number at state 1  $M_{n1}$
2. Compute the normal Mach number after the shock at state 2  $M_{n2}$
3. Compute the Mach number after the shock  $M_2$
4. Is this a “strong” or “weak” oblique shock? Why?
5. Compute the temperature after the shock  $T_2$
6. Compute the pressure after the shock  $p_2$
7. Compute the ratio of stagnation pressure  $p_{t2}/p_{t1}$  across the shock. How does this value compare to that you found in part a)?



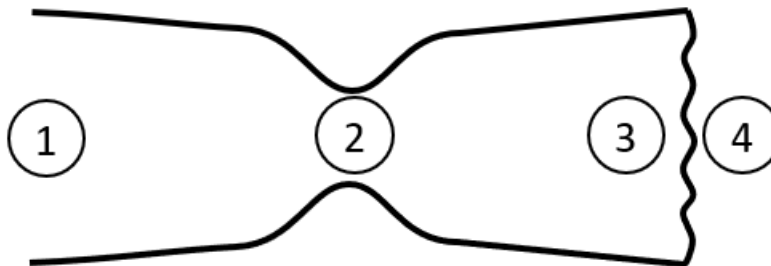
- c) Instead of encountering a single oblique shock, consider the above flow encountering a wall with two turns which lead to two oblique shocks that bring the flow from state 1 given above, to a final state 3. Assume each turn in the wall has an angle  $\theta = 10^\circ$ . At this inlet Mach number and deflection angle, the first shock angle is  $\beta_{12} = 39.31^\circ$ .

1. Compute  $M_2, T_2, p_2, p_{t2}/p_{t1}$
2. If you've correctly calculated  $M_2$ , the second shock angle would be  $\beta_{23} = 49.38^\circ$ . Assuming this angle, compute  $M_3, T_3, p_3, p_{t3}/p_{t2}$
3. Compute the ratio of stagnation pressure  $p_{t3}/p_{t1}$ . How does this compare to the ratios of stagnation pressure computed in part a) and b)?



- d) Rank the three shock systems (i.e., 1 normal, 1 oblique, or 2 obliques) in terms of efficiency (i.e., most efficient is closest to isentropic).

**Problem 2:** Consider air flowing through a converging-diverging nozzle operating at the second limit (i.e., with a normal shock occurring right at the outlet). The nozzle has an area ratio  $A_4/A_2 = 3$ .



- a) Compute the Mach number at state 3 (just before the normal shock)
- b) Compute the Mach number at state 4 (just after the normal shock)
- c) Assume that the inlet Mach number is  $M_1 = 0$  and that the outlet pressure  $p_4 = 1$  bar. Compute the inlet pressure required for this nozzle to operate at the second limit.
- d) **Conceptual:** If the outlet pressure were slightly increased, what would (qualitatively) happen to the shock? What would happen to the strength the shock?