

Governing Equations of Classical Gas Dynamics

Characteristics form and Simple Waves

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- Euler Equations expressed in classical conservation form:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u^2 + p)}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho e_T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u e_T + p u)}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho s}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u s}{\partial x} \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

- Define the Vectors of conserved quantities:

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho \mathbf{e}_T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ (\rho \mathbf{e}_T + p)u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

VECTOR NOTATION

of the conservation equation

- By using the vectors of conserved quantities, we can express in a very compact form the Euler Equations:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (7)$$

- But we know:

$$\vec{f}(\vec{u}) \quad (8)$$

- The by the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial \vec{u}} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} \quad (9)$$

where

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial u_3} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

- To simplify, we call the Jacobian Matrix: A

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + A \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (11)$$

Computing A we obtain:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\gamma-3}{2}u^2 & (3-\gamma)u & \gamma-1 \\ \gamma u e_T + (\gamma-1)u^3 & \gamma e_T - \frac{3}{2}(\gamma-1)u^2 & \gamma u \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

- The Primitive variable from is not commonly used in gasdynamics.
- The Primitive variables are those flow variable that we can directly measure.
- This is a lagrangean description of the Euler Equations.

The Material Derivate:

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad (13)$$

- The material derivative is rate of change along the pathlines.
- Using the material derivative we rewrite the Euler Equations as:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{Dp}{Dt} + \rho a^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{Ds}{Dt} \geq 0 \quad (17)$$

- Define the vector of primitive variables:

The Material Derivate:

$$\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

- Then primitive form of the Euler equations can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial t} + C \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (19)$$

Where:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} u & \rho & 0 \\ 0 & u & \frac{1}{\rho} \\ 0 & \rho a^2 & u \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

- Relations between A and C: First notice that:

$$d\vec{u} = Qd\vec{w} \quad (21)$$

where

$$Q = \frac{d\vec{u}}{d\vec{w}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ u & \rho & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}u^2 & \rho u & \frac{1}{\gamma-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

- Relations between A and C: Or:

$$d\vec{w} = Qd^{-1}\vec{u} \quad (23)$$

where

$$Q^{-1} = \frac{d\vec{w}}{d\vec{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\rho}u & \frac{1}{\rho} & 0 \\ 1/2(\rho-1)u^2 & -(\rho-1)u & \gamma-1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

- Relations between A and C:

$$Q \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial t} + A Q \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial t} + Q^{-1} A Q \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial t} + C \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (27)$$

- In other words, A and C are similar matrices!

- Let's look again to the Primitive Variable Form:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial t} + C \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (28)$$

Where:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} u & \rho & 0 \\ 0 & u & \frac{1}{\rho} \\ 0 & \rho a^2 & u \end{bmatrix} \quad (29)$$

- Matrix C is a diagonalizable and therefore:
- $Q_c^{-1} C Q_c = \Lambda$

Where:

$$Q_c^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho/2a & -\rho/2a \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & \rho a/2 & -\rho a/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (30)$$

$$Q_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2a \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/\rho a \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

and

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & u + a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u - a \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

- using the relation $d\vec{v} = Q_c^{-1} d\vec{w}$ we can formulate a new form of the Euler equation:

$$Q_c^{-1} \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial t} + Q_c^{-1} C \frac{\partial \vec{w}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (33)$$

- a form that involves characteristics rather than primitives variables:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \Lambda \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (34)$$

- This is a decouple sistem of differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial v_0}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v_0}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_+}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial v_+}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (36)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_-}{\partial t} + (u - a) \frac{\partial v_-}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (37)$$

Where

$$dv_0 = d\rho - \frac{dp}{a^2} \quad (38)$$

$$dv_+ = du + \frac{dp}{\rho a} \quad (39)$$

$$dv_- = du - \frac{dp}{\rho a} \quad (40)$$

- Euler Equations can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} dv_0 &= d\rho - \frac{dp}{a^2} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad dx = udt \\ dv_+ &= du + \frac{dp}{\rho a} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad dx = (u + a)dt \\ dv_- &= du - \frac{dp}{\rho a} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad dx = (u - a)dt \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

- integrating the compatibility relations, these equations become:

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \text{const.} \quad \text{for} \quad dx = udt \\ v_+ &= u + \int \frac{dp}{\rho a} = \text{const.} \quad \text{for} \quad dx = (u + a)dt \\ v_- &= u - \int \frac{dp}{\rho a} = \text{const.} \quad \text{for} \quad dx = (u - a)dt \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

- by assuming homentropic conditions (isoentropic flow) we can express $dp/\rho a$ in terms only of a :

$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho a} = \frac{2a}{\gamma - 1} + \text{const.} \quad (43)$$

- Then characteristic form can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \text{const} & \text{for} & \quad dx = udt \\ v_+ &= u + \frac{2a}{\gamma-1} = \text{const} & \text{for} & \quad dx = (u + a)dt \\ v_- &= u - \frac{2a}{\gamma-1} = \text{const} & \text{for} & \quad dx = (u - a)dt \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

- The characteristic Variables $v_{\pm} = u \pm 2a/(\gamma - 1)$ are also called Reimann invariants.

In short:

"All flow variables are constant along the characteristics"

Thus the characteristics are strait lines.

To summarize:

- Assuming $s = \text{const.}$ and $v_- = u - 2a/(\gamma - 1) = \text{const.}$
then all flow properties are constant along lines
 $x = (u + a)t + \text{const.}$ (formulation 1)
- Assuming $s = \text{const.}$ and $v_+ = u + 2a/(\gamma - 1) = \text{const.}$
then all flow properties are constant along lines
 $x = (u - a)t + \text{const.}$ (formulation 2)
- Assuming $v_- = \text{const.}$ and $v_+ = \text{const.}$ then all flow
properties are constant along lines $x = ut + \text{const.}$
(formulation 3)

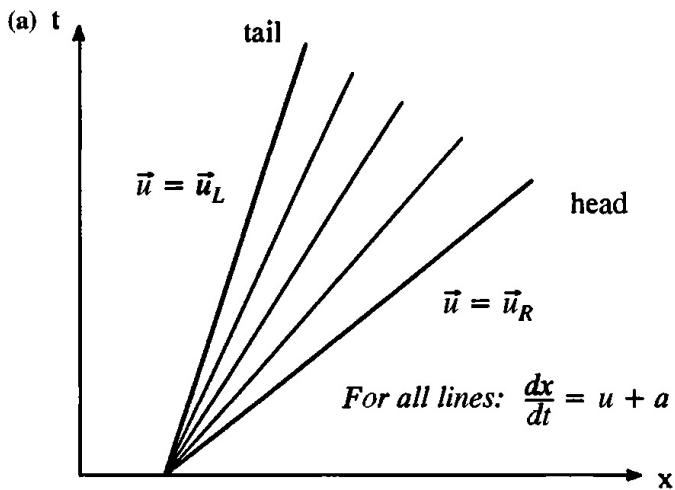
- Any region Governed by Formulation 1 to 3 are called a simple waves.
- equations 1 and 2 describe acoustic waves.
- equations 3 describe entropy waves.
- two regions of steady uniform flow are always separated by simple waves, steadily moving shocks, or steady moving contacts.

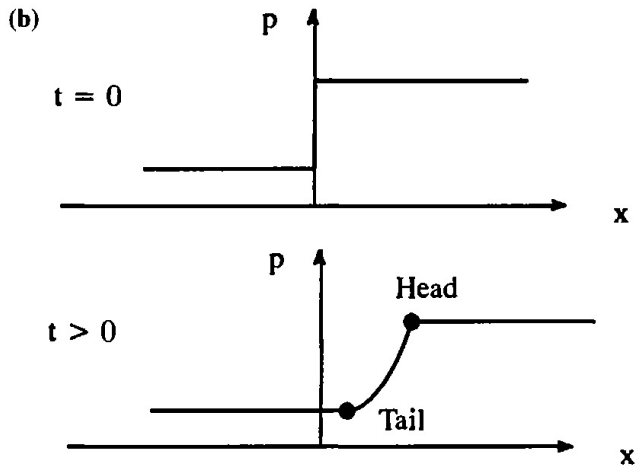
- It decreases pressure and density.
- In any region in which the wave speed $\lambda_2 = u + a$ or $\lambda_3 = u - a$ increases monotonically from left to right.
- Mathematically:

$$u(x, t) + a(x, t) \leq u(y, t) + a(y, t), \quad b_1(t) \leq x \leq y \leq b_2(t)$$

or

$$u(x, t) - a(x, t) \leq u(y, t) - a(y, t), \quad b_1(t) \leq x \leq y \leq b_2(t) \quad (45)$$





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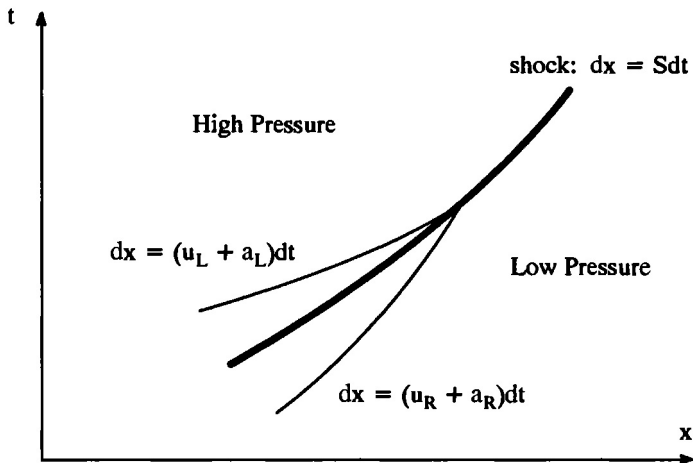


Figure 3.8 Wave diagram for a shock wave in the Euler equations.

As we have seen:

- The characteristics in a expansion diverge.
- The characteristics in a compresion diverge.
- An intersection between two or more characteristics from the same family creates a shock wave.
- A shock wave is jump discontinuity governed by Rankine-Hugoniot relations:

$$\vec{f}_R - \vec{f}_L = S(\vec{u}_R - \vec{u}_L) \quad (47)$$

where:

- $\vec{f}_{L,R}$ are flux vectors on the left- and right- side of the shock.
- $\vec{u}_{L,R}$ are the conserved quantities on the left- and right-side of the shock.

- Nearby Characteristics must diverge, converge or be precisely parallel each other.
- Contact discontinuities are parallel entropy waves that neither create and compresion or expansion. They separate regions of different Entropy.
- They occur when $\lambda_1 = u$ and pressure are continuous while other flow properties jump.
- In other words:

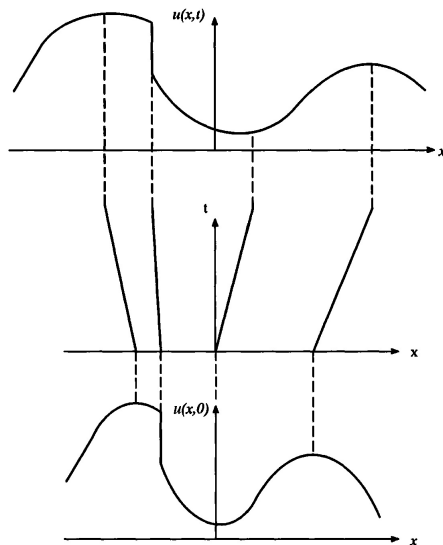
$$u_L = u_R, \quad (48)$$

$$p_L = p_R \quad (49)$$

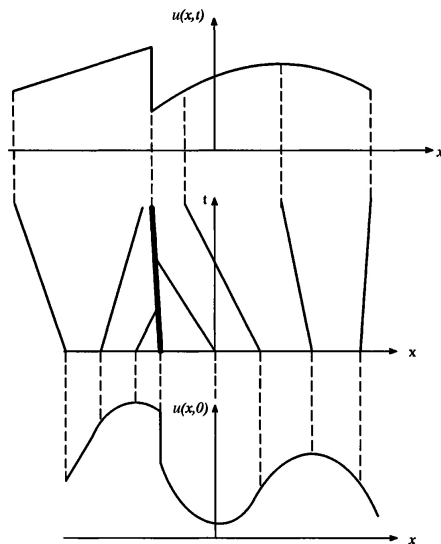
CONTACT DISCONTINUITIES

- No fluid passes through a contact; thus the second law does not apply across a contact.
- - Thus, entropy, density, energy, and all other other flow properties may either increase or decrease across the contact.
- Like shocks, contacts discontinuities obey the Rankine-Hugoniot relations.
- Unlike shock, contacts cannot form spontaneously: They must originate either in the initial condition or in the intersection of two shocks.

WAVEFORM EXAMPLE 1



WAVEFORM EXAMPLE 2



WAVEFORM EXAMPLE 3

