

Finite Volume Methods for Hyperbolic Problems

Gas Dynamics and Euler Equations

- The Euler equations
- Conservative vs. primitive variables
- Contact discontinuities
- Projecting phase space to $p-u$ plane
- Hugoniot loci and integral curves
- Solving the Riemann problem

Riemann Problems and Jupyter Solutions

Theory and Approximate Solvers for Hyperbolic PDEs

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General information and links to book, Github, Binder, etc.:

bookstore.siam.org/fa16/bonus

View static version of notebooks at:

www.clawpack.org/riemann_book/html/Index.html

In particular see: [Euler.ipynb](#)

Compressible gas dynamics

Conservation laws:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_t + (\rho u)_x &= 0 \\ (\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2 + p)_x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Equation of state:

$$p = P(\rho).$$

Same as shallow water if $P(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}g\rho^2$ (with $\rho \equiv h$).

Isothermal: $P(\rho) = a^2\rho$ (since T proportional to p/ρ).

Isentropic: $P(\rho) = \hat{\kappa}\rho^\gamma$ ($\gamma \approx 1.4$ for air)

Jacobian matrix:

$$f'(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ P'(\rho) - u^2 & 2u \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda = u \pm \sqrt{P'(\rho)}.$$

Gas dynamics variables

ρ = density

\vec{u} = velocity (just u in 1D, $[u, v]$ in 2D, $[u, v, w]$ in 3D)

$h\vec{u}$ = momentum

p = pressure

e = internal energy (vibration, heat) = $\frac{p}{(\gamma-1)\rho}$ for polytropic

$\frac{1}{2}\rho\|\vec{u}\|_2^2$ = kinetic energy

E = total energy

c_p, c_v = specific heat at constant pressure or volume

T = temperature = $e/c_v = \frac{p}{c_v(\gamma-1)\rho}$ for polytropic

$\gamma = c_p/c_v$ = adiabatic exponent for polytropic, $1 < \gamma \leq 5/3$

$h = e + p/\rho$ = specific enthalpy

$H = \frac{E+p}{\rho} = h + \frac{1}{2}u^2$ = total specific enthalpy

$s = c_v \log(p/\rho^\gamma) + \text{const}$ = specific entropy for polytropic

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The Jacobian $f'(q)$ has eigenvalues $u - c$, u , $u + c$ where

$$c = \sqrt{\left. \frac{dp}{d\rho} \right|_{\text{at constant entropy}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}} \text{ for polytropic}$$

Euler equations in primitive variables

Can rewrite the conservation laws in **quasilinear form**:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix}_t + \begin{bmatrix} u & \rho & 0 \\ 0 & u & 1/\rho \\ 0 & \gamma p & u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix}_x = 0.$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^1 &= u - c, & \lambda^2 &= u, & \lambda^3 &= u + c, \\ r^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -\rho/c \\ 1 \\ -\rho c \end{bmatrix}, & r^2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & r^3 &= \begin{bmatrix} \rho/c \\ 1 \\ \rho c \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

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2-waves are **linearly degenerate** (contact discontinuity).

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Euler in conservation form

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$$f'(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 3)u^2 & (3 - \gamma)u & (\gamma - 1) \\ \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^3 - uH & H - (\gamma - 1)u^2 & \gamma u \end{bmatrix},$$

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Note: u and p constant across in any simple 2-wave, and across a contact discontinuity (check R-H condition).

Since $\lambda^2 = u$, this says characteristics are parallel (the field is linearly degenerate)

Riemann Problem for Euler equations

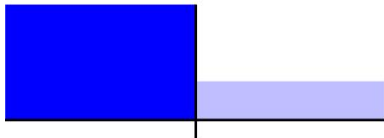
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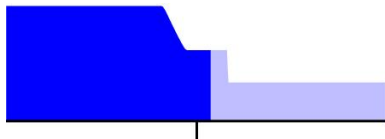
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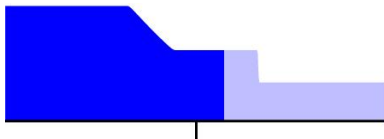
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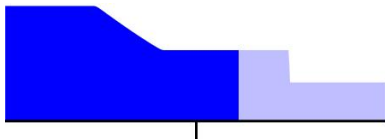
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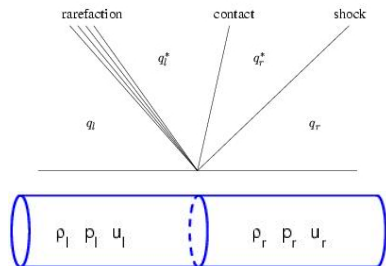
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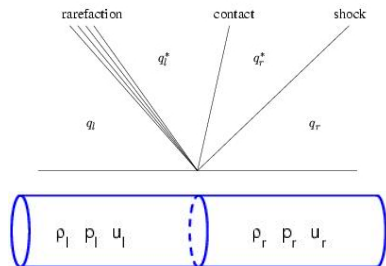
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(function of x/t alone)

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Waves can be approximated by discontinuities:

High-resolution wave-propagation methods

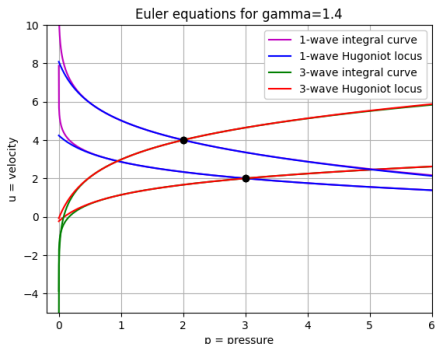
Approximate Riemann solvers

Riemann Problem for gas dynamics

Any jump in ρ is allowed across contact discontinuity

General Riemann solver:

- Project 3D phase space to p - u plane,
Hugoniot loci and integral curves can be written as
 $u = \phi(p)$, (and $\rho = \rho(p)$)
- Find intersection
 (p^*, u^*) ,
- Compute ρ_ℓ^* and ρ_r^* .



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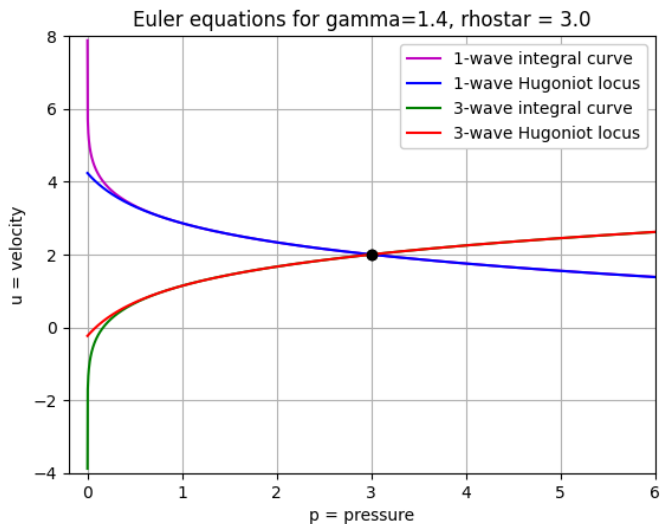
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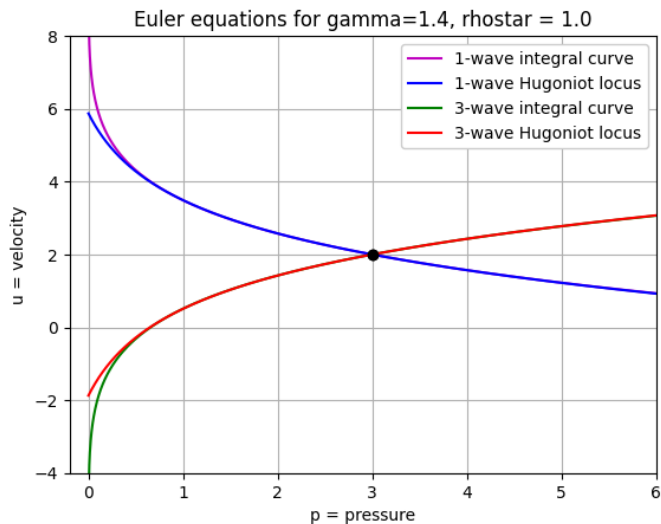
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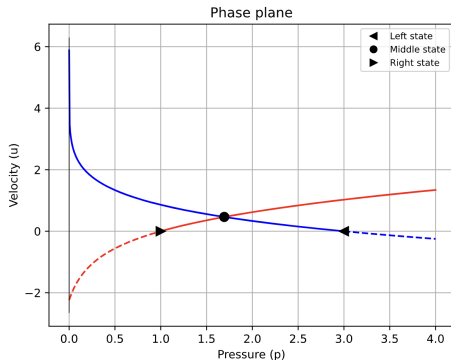


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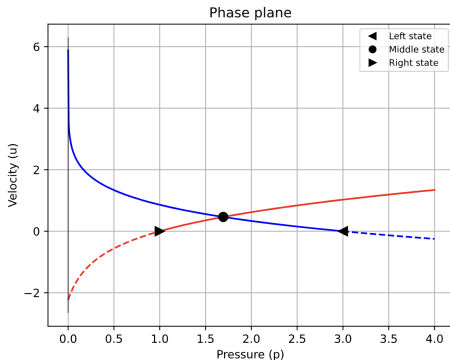


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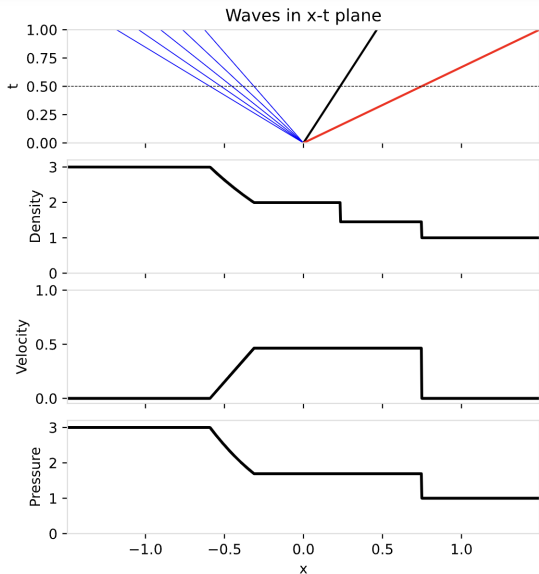
$$\rho_{ml} = \rho(p_m) \text{ across 1-wave}$$

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Red curve is displaced from blue
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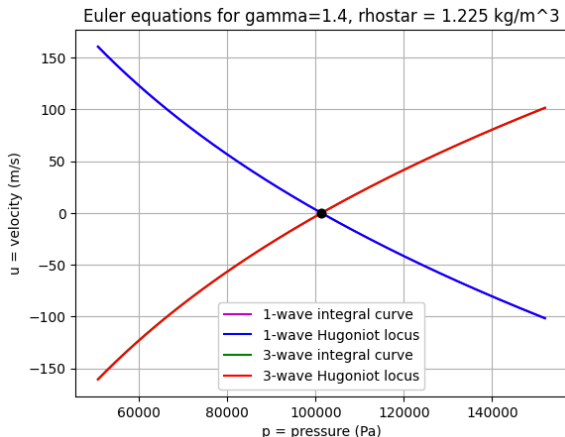
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Euler equations at atmospheric conditions

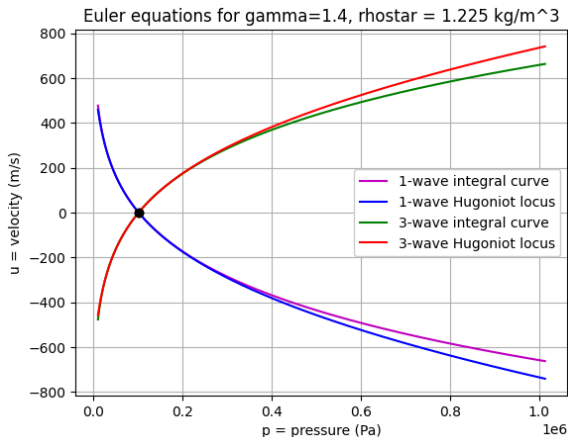
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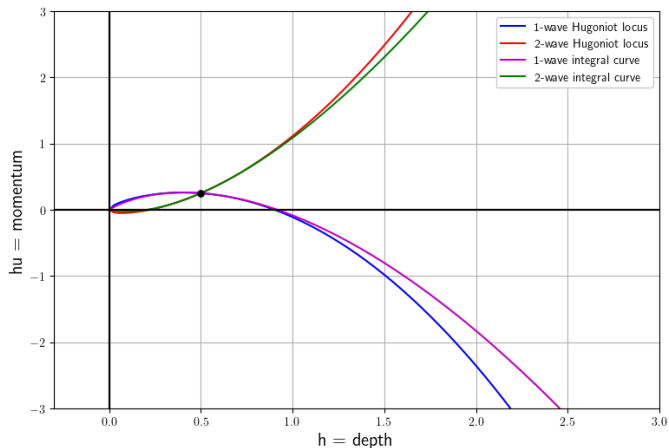
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Shallow water equations phase plane

In the $h-hu$ phase plane (the conserved quantities):



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Replot in the $h-u$ phase plane (primitive variables):

