

Advanced Partial Differential Equations
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Lecture 33
Shock and Rarefaction Wave: An Example

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Riemann's Problem

$$EC \begin{cases} u_t + u u_x = 0 \\ u(x,0) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Consider, $u_t + [f(u)]_x = 0; t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$
 $u(x,0) = \phi(x)$

Here, $\phi(x) = \begin{cases} u^- & ; x < 0 \\ u^+ & ; x > 0 \end{cases}$ — Piecewise constant

also, ϕ is uniformly convex e.g. $\exists \theta > 0$ s.t. $f'' \geq \theta > 0$.
 Ex: Find $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is u.c (assuming $f \in C^2$).
 [1] is called the Riemann's Problem.

On the right side of the whiteboard, there are additional notes:
 $f \in C^\infty$ which is convex
 $f'' \geq 0$
 x_n
 $f''(x_n) \rightarrow 0$

Welcome students, and in this video we are going to talk about Riemann problem. So, in the last video; so this is a continuation of our study of conservation laws.

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where $G = (f')^{-1}$. [Q: Why do you think that the inverse of f' exists].

By the way, you see the whole of whatever we did up till here; to solve the second order equations, which we have studied; heat equation, wave equation and Laplace equation. And now this conservation laws, which you are studying; I am doing all of that from Evan's book.

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$\sigma = \frac{f'(t)}{t}$

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Riemann's Problem 2

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Consider, $u_t + [f(u)]_x = 0$; $t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$ [1]
 $u(x,0) = \phi(x)$ ✓

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 \Downarrow
 $f'' > 0$
 x_n x
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Proof:
$$u(x,t) = \begin{cases} u^- & ; x/t < f'(u^-) \\ G(x/t) & ; f'(u^-) < x/t < f'(u^+) \\ u^+ & ; x/t > f'(u^+) \end{cases} \text{ where } G = (f')^{-1}$$

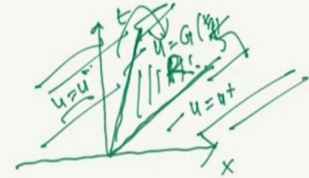
Check: u is a solution in $f'(u^-) < x/t < f'(u^+)$

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + [f(u)]_x &= G'(x/t) \left(-\frac{x}{t^2}\right) + f'(G(x/t)) G'(x/t) \left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\ &= G'(x/t) \left(-\frac{x}{t^2}\right) + G'(x/t) \left(\frac{x}{t^2}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore u$ is classical in each of the three regions.

Also, along the curve $x/t = f'(u^-)$, $G(x/t) = (f')^{-1}(x/t) = u^-$

$\therefore 'u'$ has waves of discontinuity and thus satisfy the entropy condition. \square



$$[f(u)]_x = f'(u) u_x$$

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$$u_t + uu_x = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$$
 where,
$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$C_1(r) = \text{Data Curve} = \{(r, 0, \phi(r)) : r \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\text{Char. Curves: } P(b)$$

$$z(r, s) := u(x(r, s), y(r, s))$$

$$z'(r, s) = 0$$

The projected char. curves are given by $x(r, t) = \phi(r)t + r; r \in \mathbb{R}$.

Case 1: If $r < 0$, then $\phi(r) = 0 \Rightarrow x = r$ and $u = 0$ along $x = r$.
 If $0 < r < 1$, $\phi(r) = 1 \Rightarrow x = t + r$ and $u = 1$ along $x = t + r$.
 If $r > 1$, then $\phi(r) = 0 \Rightarrow x = r$ and $u = 0$ along $x = r$.

We have shock when the lines $x = t + r; 0 < r < 1$ and $x = 1$ intersect, and we get a rarefaction wave between $x = 0$ and $x = t$.

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By R-H condition :-

$$r = \frac{[f(u)]}{[u]} = \frac{u' + u''}{2} = \frac{1+0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

∴ The shock curve ($x = \bar{x}(t)$) is given by

$$(x-1) = \frac{t}{2}$$

Ofcourse, $u = x/t$ in the region $x=0$ and $x=t$.

At $t=2$; $x-1=t/2$ and $x=t$ intersects and we have a problem. (R.W and S.W intersects)

Φ - Capital ϕ

$\Phi(x,t) = \Phi(x)$ - Fundamental F.o.s of heat eqn = Soln of Laplace.

Ex 3: $u_t + uu_x = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0$
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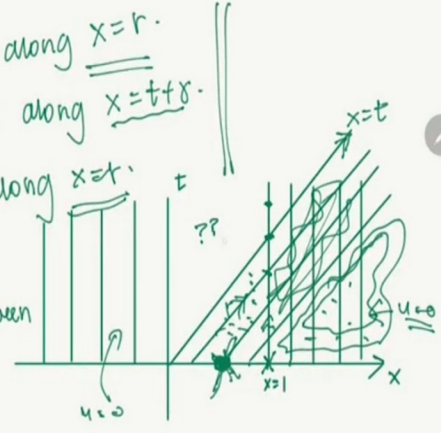
$f(u) = \frac{u^2}{2}$

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$$\sigma = \frac{[f(u)]}{[u]} = \frac{u^- + u^+}{2} = \left(\frac{x}{2t} \right)$$

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\therefore The curve is given by

$$x(t) = \sqrt{2t}$$

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The weak solutions are given by

$$u(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ x/t, & 0 < x < t \\ 1, & t < x < t/2 + 1 \\ 0, & x > 1 + t/2 \end{cases} \quad \text{for } t \leq 2$$

and for $t \geq 2$,

$$u(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x/t & \text{if } 0 < x < \sqrt{2t} \\ 0 & \text{if } x > \sqrt{2t} \end{cases}$$

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I hope this is clear to you; this is the weak solution, which we get. Of course, this is a weak solution, because the Rankine-Hugoniot condition will hold. Thus, we have manipulated our solution like that itself, because there we have derived those things; so that will hold. Then of course, you guys can check that this is also going to, the entropy condition is going to be satisfied. So, this particular solution is an admissible weak solution; hence u is an admissible weak solution. So, if you are not convinced, please check it yourself; but this is an admissible weak solution, which we have obtained.

So, with this we are going to end this video.