


On the development of shocks and cusps

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Compressible Euler System

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$$\rho: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad u: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad E: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\text{mass: } \partial_t \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho u) = 0$$

$$\text{momentum: } \partial_t(\rho u) + \operatorname{div}(\rho u \otimes u + p I) = 0$$

$$\text{energy: } \partial_t E + \operatorname{div}((p+E)u) = 0$$

The energy is decomposed

$$E = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho |u|^2}_{\text{kinetic}} + \underbrace{e}_{\text{internal}}$$

This system is closed by declaring the internal energy is related to the pressure

$$e = \frac{1}{\gamma-1} p, \quad \gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v} > 1 : \text{adiabatic index}$$

This is the ideal gas law: $pV = nRT$, $\rho = \frac{n}{V}$

$$R = c_p - c_v, \quad e = c_v \rho T. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$p = (c_p - c_v) \rho T = \left(\frac{c_p}{c_v} - 1\right) e = (\gamma - 1)e.$$

Define the entropy (per unit mass)

$$s(p, e) = \log\left(\frac{p}{p^\gamma}\right)$$

Remarkably, for classical solutions

$$\partial_t s + u \cdot \nabla s = 0.$$

Then the entropy satisfies the conservation law

$$\partial_t (ps) + \nabla \cdot (psu) = 0 \quad \text{and } > 0 \quad \text{for nonideal fluid model}$$

As long as the solution (p, u, E) remains smooth, it can be replaced by the system

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t p + \nabla \cdot (pu) &= 0 \\ \partial_t (pu) + \nabla \cdot (pu \otimes u + pI) &= 0 \\ \partial_t (ps) + \nabla \cdot (psu) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

WARNING:

not right after shocks!

this is what is implicitly done when propagating isentropic shock.

with pressure function $p(p, s) = p^\gamma e^s$

10 Theorem (Buckmaster, D., Shkoller, Vicol, 2021) (3)

From an open set of smooth initial conditions at $t=0$

- There forms a Hölderian preshock at some $t_* > 0$ where $u, p \in C^{1/3}$.
↑ isentropic ↑ 1D

- The blowup enjoys a fractional series expansion

$$p(x), u_x(x) = C_0 + C_1 x^{1/3} + C_2 x^{2/3} + C_3 x + O(x^{4/3})$$

After the preshock, the solution is continued as an entropy producing shock with properties

- Shock front $\{x = y(t)\}$ along which

$$[[u]] \sim (t - t_*)^{1/2} \quad [[p]] \sim (t - t_*)^{1/2} \quad [[S]] \sim (t - t_*)^{3/2}$$

- A characteristic surface for u , $\{x = y_2(t)\}$, has

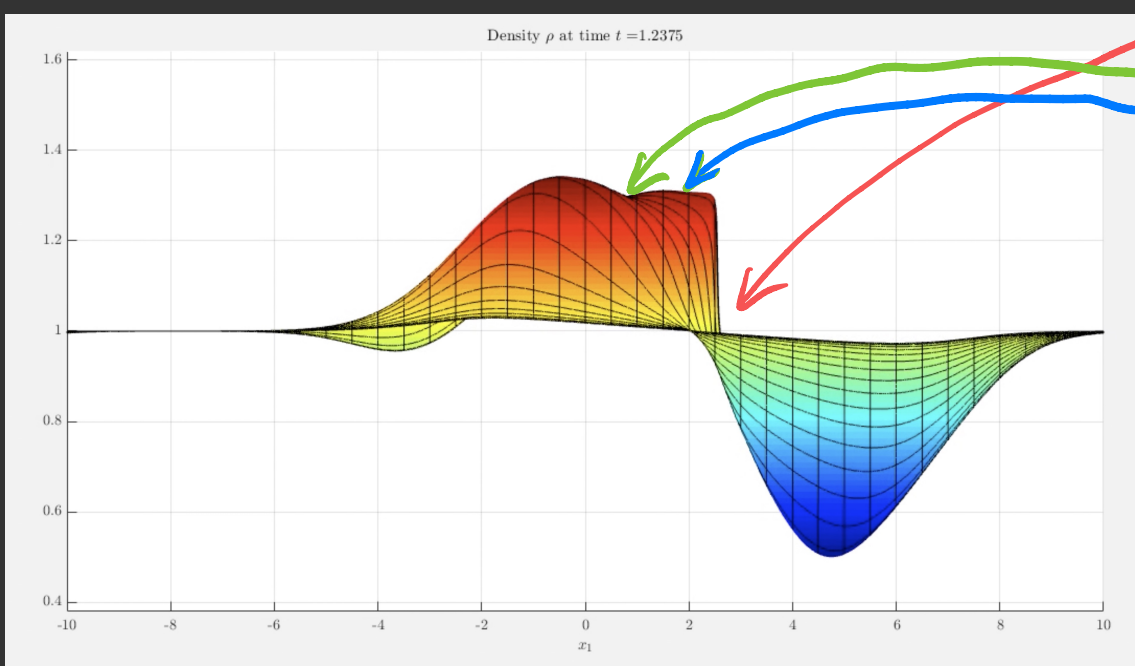
$$p, \rho, S \in C^{3/2} \text{ cusp} \quad \text{whereas} \quad u \in C^2$$

weak contact

- A characteristic surface of $u-c$, $\{x = y_1(t)\}$ has

$$p, u \in C^{3/2} \text{ cusp}, \quad S=0 \quad \text{and} \quad p \in C^2.$$

weak rarefaction



Previous works (in brief)

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- Landau and Lifshitz asserted existence of weak singularities, no examples.
- 1d hyperbolic conservation laws (scalar and systems) have a long history. See [Pfermos \(2010\)](#). These methods allow to continue solutions past singularity but do not give detailed structural information.
- [Majda \(1983\)](#) evolves a preexisting shock.
- [Lebaud \(1994\)](#) did first study of this for a reduced 1D model (isentropic), but did not investigate cusps. Follow ups, [Chen & Dong, Kong \(2001, 2002\)](#), [Christodoulou-Lisbach \(2016\)](#)
- [Christodoulou \(2019\)](#) studies irrotational development outside symmetry completely. Discovers cusps, but not the right jump conditions and faces physics.

Shock formation

Let $c = \sqrt{\partial p / \partial \rho}$ be the speed of sound

Introduce Riemann variables:

$$w := u + \frac{1}{\alpha} c, \quad z := u - \frac{1}{\alpha} c, \quad \alpha := \frac{\gamma-1}{2}$$

Then the system for (ρ, u, S) is equivalent to

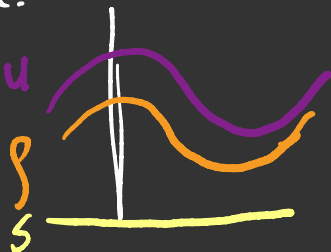
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t w + \lambda_3 \partial_x w &= \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S \\ \partial_t S + \lambda_2 \partial_x S &= 0 \\ \partial_t z + \lambda_1 \partial_x z &= \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda_3 = u+c$, $\lambda_2 = u$, $\lambda_1 = u-c$

Original system is recovered by

$$u = u(w, z, S) \quad \rho = \rho(w, z, S) \quad E = E(w, z, S)$$

If $S_0 = \text{constant}$, $S(t) = \text{const.}$ Thus if $z_0 = 0$, $z(t) = 0$
i.e. Then $u+c = \frac{1+\alpha}{2} w$ and set $\frac{1+\alpha}{2} = 1$



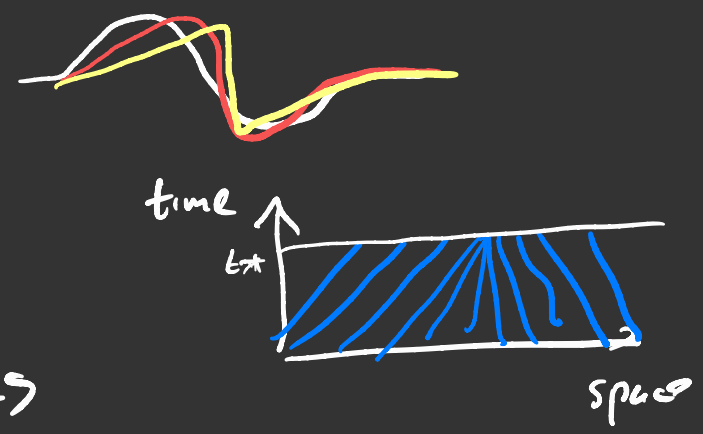
$$\partial_t w + w \partial_x w = 0$$

by changing time

Burgers equation

$$\partial_t w + w \partial_x w = 0$$

$$w|_{t=0} = w_0$$



Let η be characteristics

$$\frac{d}{dt} \eta(t, x) = w(\eta(t, x), t), \quad \eta_0(x) = x$$

Then $\frac{d}{dt} w(\eta(t, x), t) = 0$ so $w(\eta(t, x), t) = w_0(x)$

and thus $\eta(t, x) = x + t w_0(x)$

Since $w_x = \partial_x w$ satisfies

$$\partial_t w_x + w \partial_x w_x = -w_x^2$$

$$w_x(\eta(t, x), t) = \frac{w_0'(x)}{1 + t w_0'(x)}$$

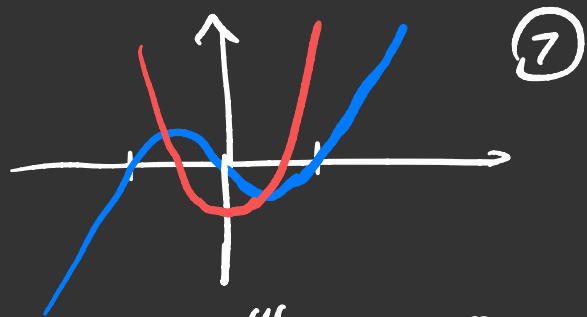
First singularity emerges from label x_* at which $w_0'(x_*)$ is most negative. Time of

blowup is $t_* = 1 / -w_0'(x_*)$.

Typical situation:

$$\omega_0(x) = -x + x^3$$

$$\omega_0'(x) = -1 + 3x^2$$



$$x_* = 0, \quad \omega_0'(x_*) = -1, \quad \omega_0''(x_*) = 0, \quad \omega_0'''(x_*) = 6 \neq 0$$

generic in that it is stable under C^3 perturbation.

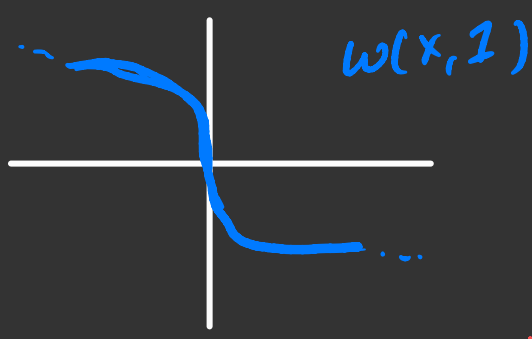
Blowup occurs at time $t_* = \frac{1}{-\omega_0'(0)} = 1$.

Recall $\eta(t,x) = (1-t)x + tx^3$

Consider $|x| \ll 1$. Since $w(x,1) = \omega_0(\eta(1,x))$

and $\eta(1,x) = x^3, \quad \eta^{-1}(1,x) = x^{1/3} = \text{sgn}(x)|x|^{1/3}$.

Thus $w(x,1) = \omega_0(x^{1/3}) = -x^{1/3} + x$



ceases to be a diffeomorphism but still a homeo.

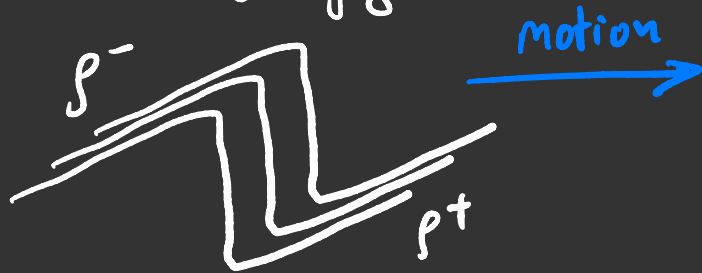
we should expect precisely $C^{1/3}$ cusps to arise from generic initial conditions! [Chr. 07] [BSV, 20, 21]

NOTE: $\omega_0 = -x + x^n$ gives $C^{1/n}$ cusp for any $n \geq 2$. can be smooth, but not generic.

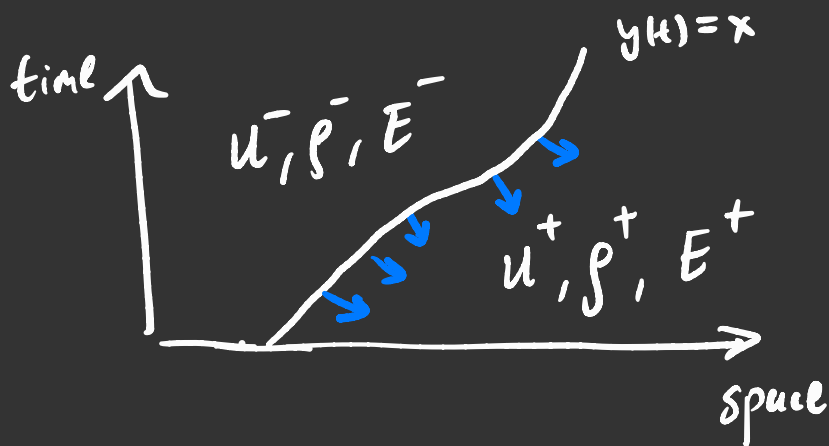
Life after the first singularity

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... shock forms, the equations hold classically away from the shock front and weakly across, to conserve mass, momentum and total energy.



Shock front: $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^d \times (T_1, T_2]$
orientable hypersurface



$$\Sigma = \{ x = y(t) \}$$

spacetime normal
: $(-y'(t), 1)$.

across the shock, the solution jumps

$$[[p]] = p^- - p^+, \dots \quad p^\pm = p|_{y^\pm}$$

in a way consistent with mass, momentum, energy cons.

Note if

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$$\partial_t p + \partial_x f = 0, \quad f = pu$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} p dx = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\pi}^{y(t)} p dx + \frac{d}{dt} \int_{y(t)}^{\pi} p dx$$

$$= \dot{y}(t)(p^- - p^+) + \int \partial_t p dx$$

$$= \dot{y}(t) \llbracket p \rrbracket - \int_{-\pi}^{y(t)} \partial_x f dx - \int_{y(t)}^{\pi} \partial_x f dx$$

$$= \dot{y}(t) \llbracket p \rrbracket - \llbracket f \rrbracket = 0$$

Thus we arrive at the following conditions

mass : $\dot{y}(t) \llbracket p \rrbracket = \llbracket pu \rrbracket$

momentum : $\dot{y}(t) \llbracket pu \rrbracket = \llbracket pu^2 + p \rrbracket$

energy : $\dot{y}(t) \llbracket E \rrbracket = \llbracket (p + E)u \rrbracket$

Speed of shock determined to fix one of these.

Other two?

Rankine - Hugoniot conditions

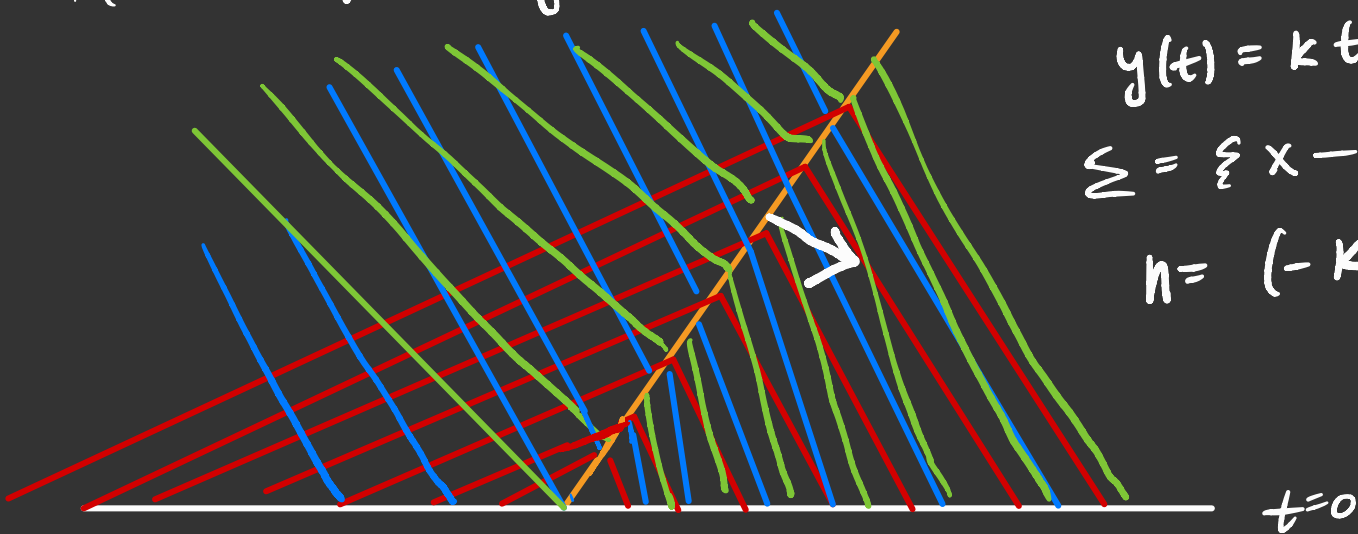
Deterministic development: Lax entropy conditions ⁽¹⁰⁾

movement of information

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t + (u+c) \partial_x = (1, u+c) \cdot \nabla_{t,x} \\ \partial_t + u \partial_x = (1, u) \cdot \nabla_{t,x} \\ \partial_t + (u-c) \partial_x = (1, u-c) \cdot \nabla_{t,x} \end{cases}$$

$\{y(t)=x\}$
 $(-y(t), 1)$

Recall $\hat{n} = (-\dot{y}(t), 1)$ is shock spacetime normal



$$y(t) = kt$$

$$\Sigma = \{x - tk = 0\}$$

$$n = (-k, 1)$$

$$n \cdot (1, u^+ - c^+) < 0, \quad n \cdot (1, u^+) < 0, \quad n \cdot (1, u^+ + c^+) < 0$$

$$n \cdot (1, u^- - c^-) < 0, \quad n \cdot (1, u^-) < 0, \quad n \cdot (1, u^- + c^-) > 0$$

Physical entropy conditions:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Pi} \rho s dx > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [\rho s] > 0$$

Theorem: For weak shocks, Lax \Leftrightarrow physical entropy

Mass : $\dot{y}(t) \llbracket \rho \rrbracket = \llbracket \rho u \rrbracket$

← speed of shock determined

Momentum : $\dot{y}(t) \llbracket \rho u \rrbracket = \llbracket \rho u^2 + p \rrbracket$

← production of

Energy : $\dot{y}(t) \llbracket E \rrbracket = \llbracket (p + E) u \rrbracket$

← s, z on shock

Recall the Riemann variable system:

$$\partial_t w + (u+c) \partial_x w = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S$$

$$\partial_t S + u \partial_x S = 0$$

$$\partial_t z + (u-c) \partial_x z = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S$$

holds to either side of the shock.

$$\llbracket \rho u \rrbracket^2 = \llbracket \rho u^2 + p \rrbracket \llbracket \rho \rrbracket$$

$$E_1 (w^-, w^+, s^-, s^+, z^-, z^+) = 0$$



$$E_2 (w^-, w^+, s^-, s^+, z^-, z^+) = 0$$

Regard w^\pm, s^\pm, z^\pm as given, solve coupled 6th order polynomial system for s^- and z^- .

We express

$$\langle\langle w \rangle\rangle = \frac{w^- + w^+}{2}, \quad [\bar{w}] = w^- - w^+$$

Lemma: there exists exactly one real root consistent with entropy production. Moreover, if $|\bar{w}]| \ll 1$

$$\begin{aligned} [z] &= -C_z(\gamma, \langle\langle w \rangle\rangle, z_+) [\bar{w}]^3 + \mathcal{O}([\bar{w}]^5) \\ [s] &= C_s(\gamma, \langle\langle w \rangle\rangle, z_+) [\bar{w}]^3 + \mathcal{O}([\bar{w}]^5) \\ j &= \underbrace{C_j(\gamma, \langle\langle w \rangle\rangle, z_+)}_{\left(\frac{1+d}{2}\right) K} + \mathcal{O}([\bar{w}]^2) \end{aligned}$$

$\left(\frac{1+d}{2}\right) K \leftarrow$ speed of sound at $t=0, x=0$

Recall

$$\partial_t w + \overbrace{\left(\left(\frac{1+d}{2}\right)w + \left(\frac{1-d}{2}\right)z\right)}^{u+c} \partial_x w = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S$$

Assuming time is short so $|\bar{w}]| \ll 1$ and thus $|z| \ll 1$ and $|s| \ll 1$ so

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t w + \left(w + \text{small error}\right) \partial_x w &= \left(\text{small entropic error}\right) \\ w_0(x) &= K - b x^{1/3} + \left(\text{small error } |x| \ll 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

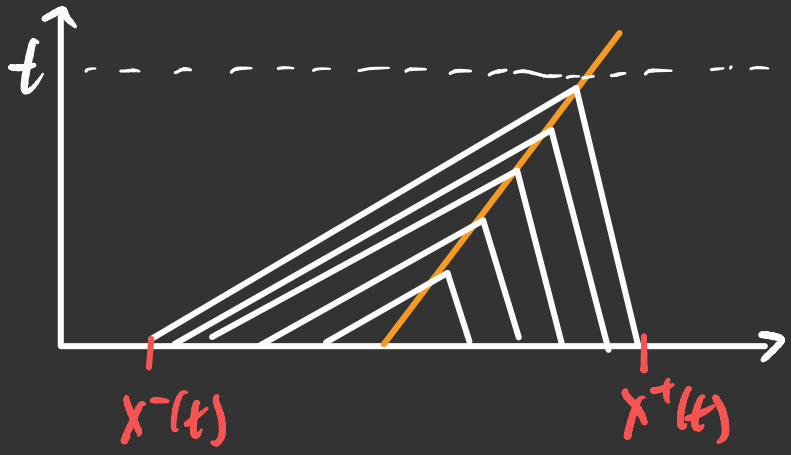
Thus, for short time we say

$$\omega(t, x) \approx \omega_B(t, x) = \omega_0(\eta^{-1}(t, x))$$

where

$$\eta(t, x) = x + t \omega_0(x) \approx x + t(k - b x^{1/3}) + \dots$$

QUESTION: Which labels $x^\pm(t)$ fall into the shock at time $t > 0$?



We look for a such that $X_t(a) = y(t)$, at shock. Recall:

$$y(t) = kt + (\text{small error for } Ht \ll 1)$$

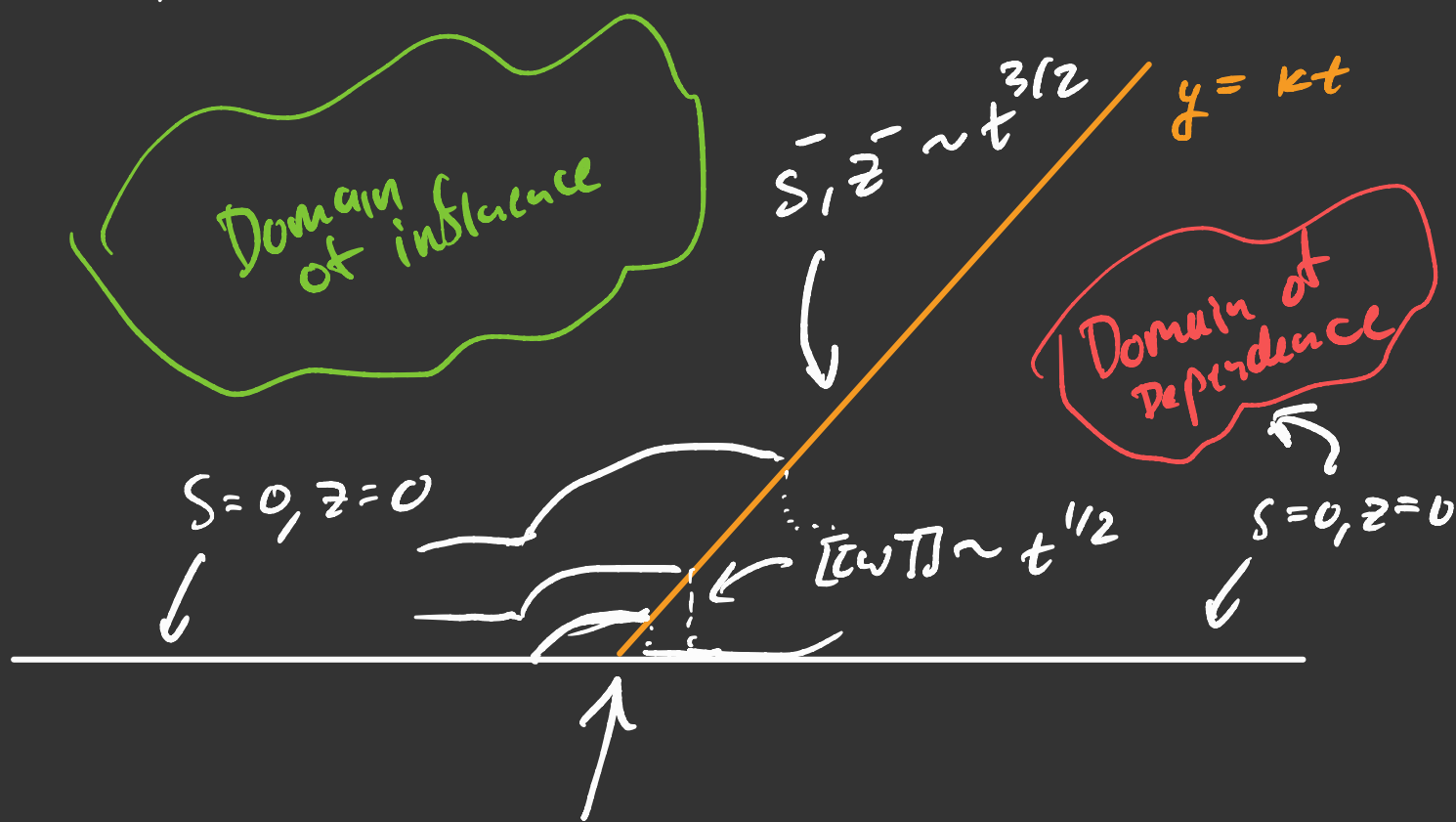
Then $x^\pm(t)$ solve $x^\pm(t) = (\frac{t+d}{2}) \pm b x^\pm(t)^{1/3}$, thus

$$x^\pm(t) = \pm (bt)^{3/2} \sim t^{3/2}$$

Thus

$$[[\omega]] = \omega_0(a^-) - \omega_0(a^+) \approx 2b (bt)^{1/2} \sim t^{1/2}$$

Thus, since $[[s]] \sim -[[z]] \sim [[w]]^3$, we find (14)



Shock front serves as Cauchy hypersurface for entropy and z in the domain of influence of the shock.

Initial data on $\{x=kt\}$ of type

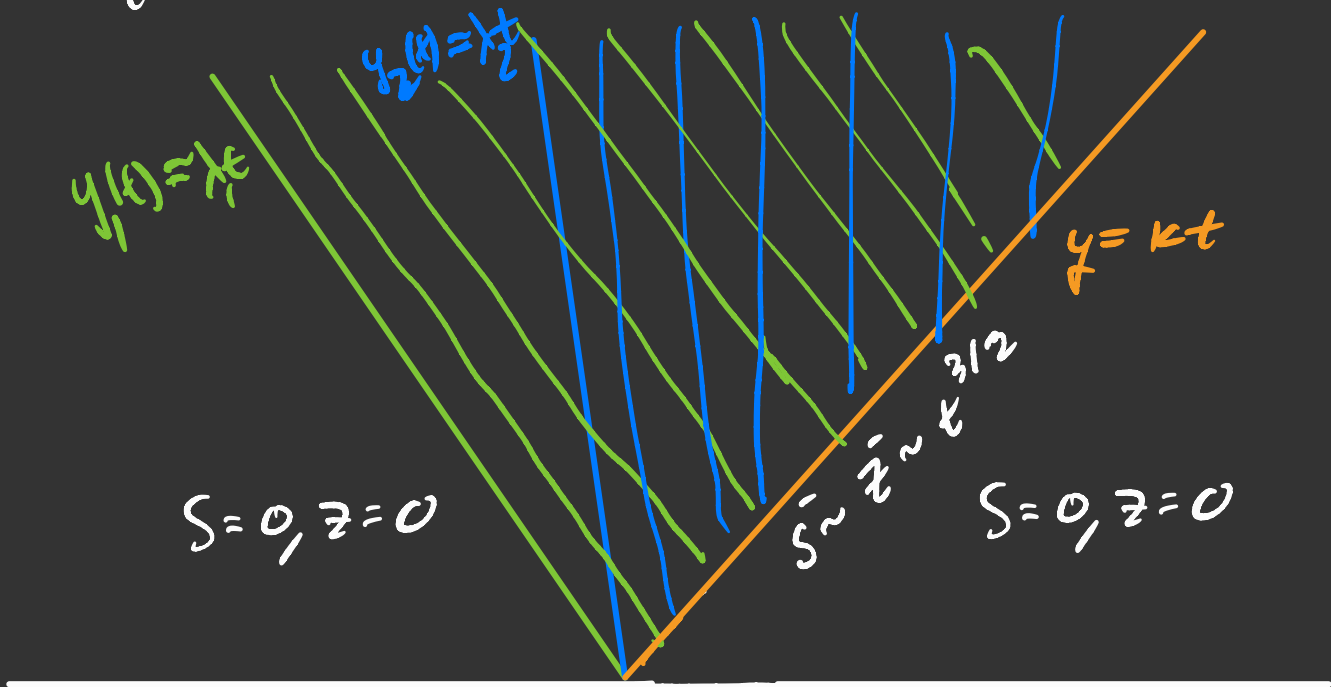
$$z_0(x), s_0(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ c x^{3/2} & x = kt \end{cases}$$

Cusp singularity at $x=0$.

$$\partial_t w + (u+c) \partial_x w = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S$$

$$\partial_t S + u \partial_x S = 0$$

$$\partial_t z + (u-c) \partial_x z = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (w-z)^2 \partial_x S$$



For short times, near $x=0$

$$(u+c) \approx k, \quad u \approx \frac{k}{1+\alpha}, \quad u+c \approx \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)k.$$

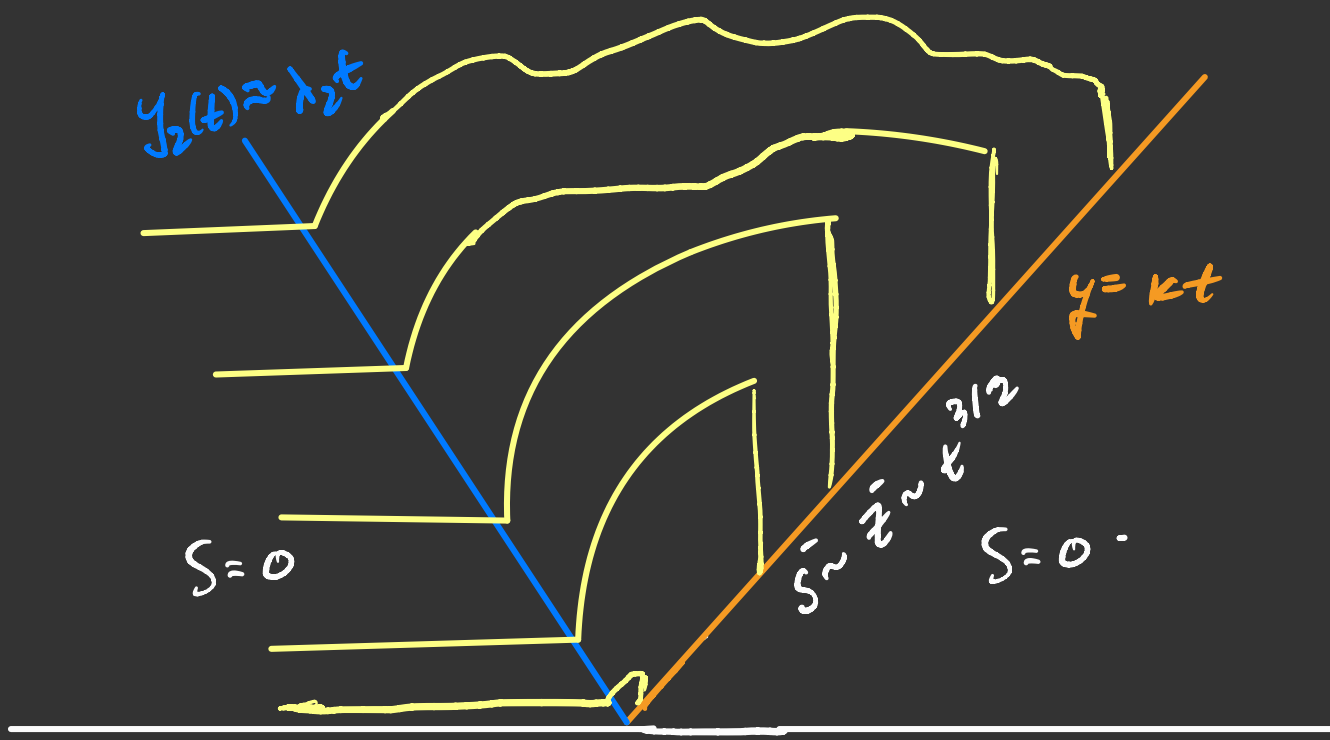
Flows $\eta_3(t, x) = x + \lambda_3 t$

$$\eta_2(t, x) = x + \lambda_2 t$$

$$\eta_1(t, x) = x + \lambda_1 t$$

$$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3$$

Since entropy is transported : $\partial_t S + \lambda_2 \partial_x S = 0$.



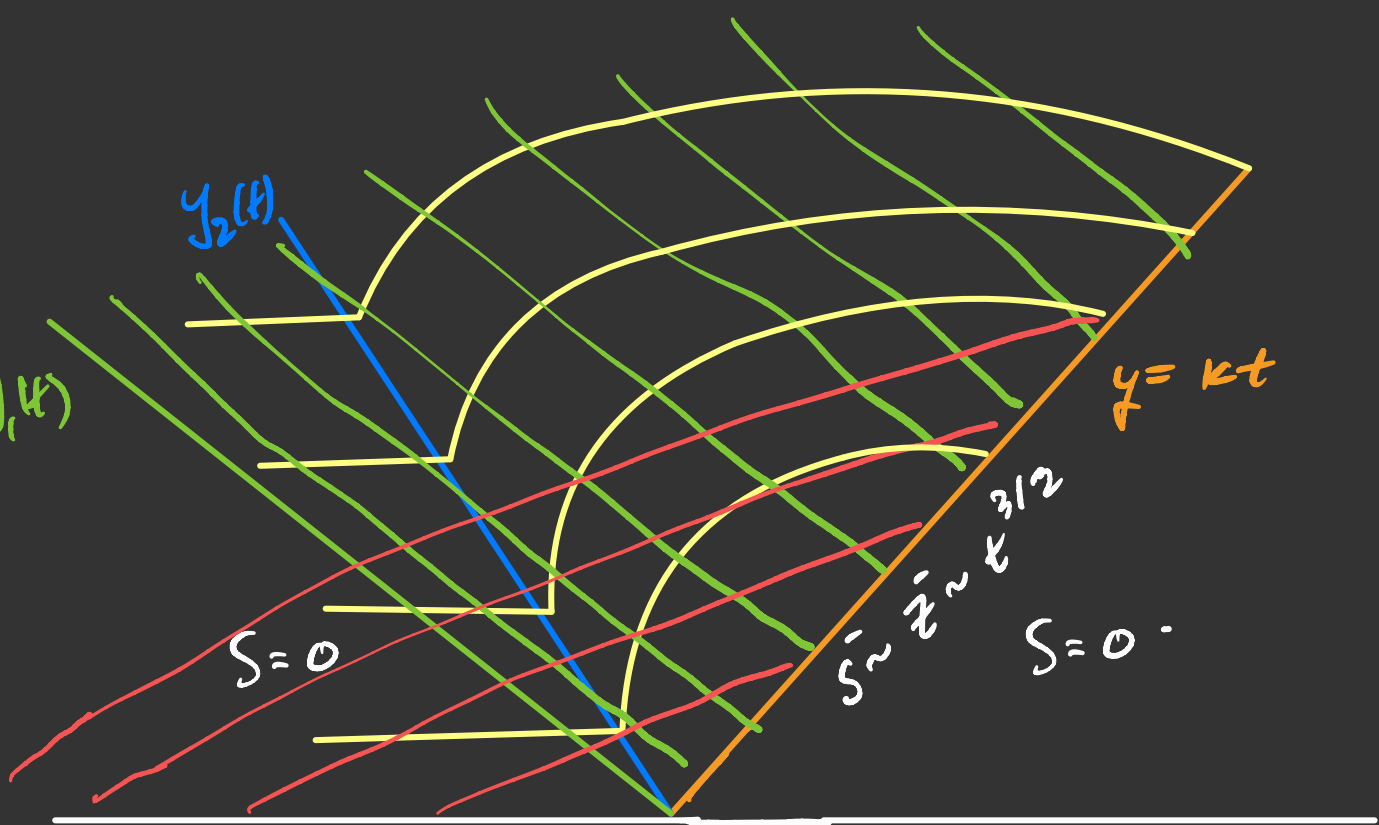
$$S(t, x) \sim \begin{cases} 0 & x < y_2(t) \\ (x - y_2(t))^{3/2} & y_2(t) \leq x \leq y(t) \\ 0 & y(t) \leq x \end{cases}$$

$C^{3/2}$ cusp in entropy propagates with the fluid velocity from the preshock.

$$\partial_t \omega + (u+c) \partial_x \omega = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (\omega-z)^2 \partial_x S$$

$$\partial_t z + (u-c) \partial_x z = \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} (\omega-z)^2 \partial_x S$$

naively $C^{1/2}$ across $y_2(t)$



But $\partial_x S$ acts as a force which is integrated along transversal characteristics

Gain in regularity!

$$z(a + y_2(t), t) - z_0(a + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t)$$

$$\approx \frac{\alpha}{8\gamma} \int_0^t (\sigma z S)(a + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t + \lambda_1 \tau, \tau) d\tau$$

$$\approx C \int_{t + \frac{a}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}}^t (y - \lambda_1(t - \tau))^{1/2} d\tau \sim a^{3/2}$$

Thus, z and w both make $C^{3/2}$
cusp singularities along $\{x = \varphi_2(t)\}$.

$$S \in C^{3/2}, \quad z \in C^{3/2}, \quad w \in C^{3/2}$$

Miraculously, there is a cancellation in
the quantity $u = \frac{1}{2}(w + z)$ which makes

$$u \in C^2 \quad (\text{actually should be } C^{5/2})$$

uses "good unknowns"

$$q_w = \partial_x w - \gamma C \partial_x S \quad q_z = \partial_x z - \gamma C \partial_x S.$$

Thus we call this a weak contact
discontinuity, since the velocity is
slightly smoother than density & pressure.

Across $\{t = y_1(t)\}$ a similar phenomenon happens for z ,

$$z(x,t) \approx C \begin{cases} 0 & x < y_1(t) \\ (x - y_1(t))^{3/2} & y_1(t) < x \ll y_2(t) \end{cases}$$

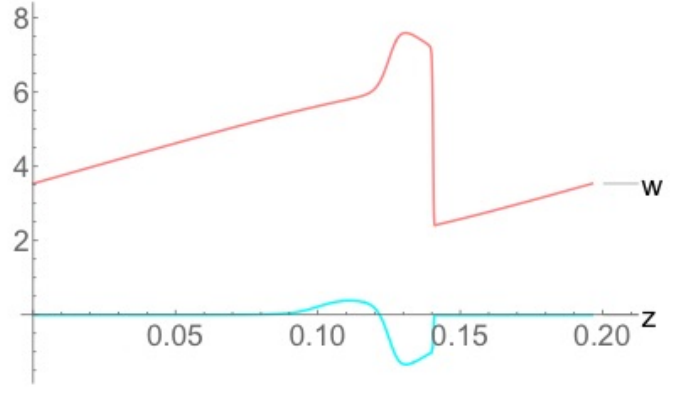
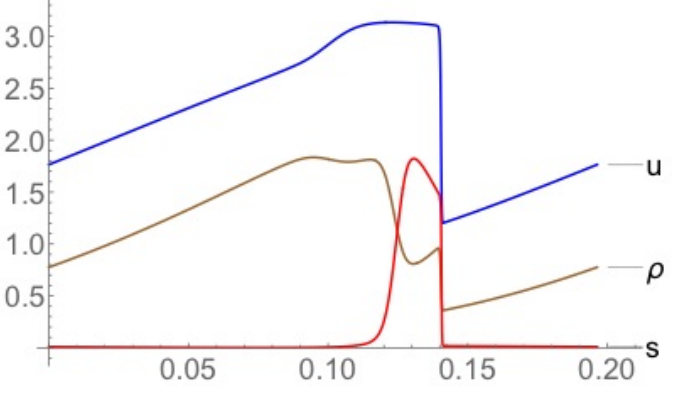
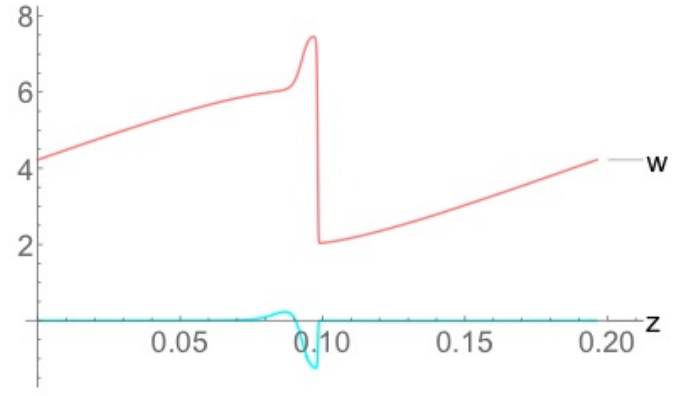
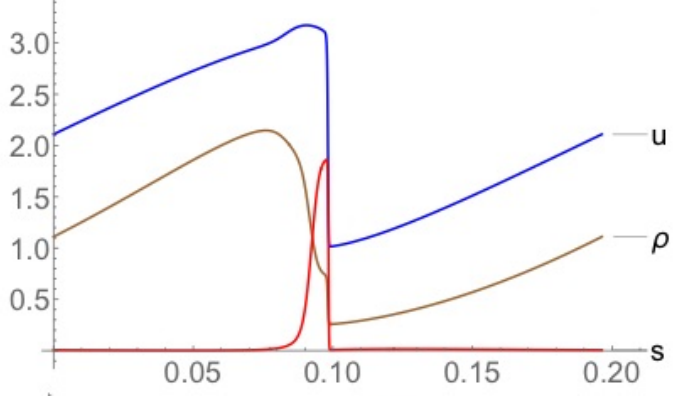
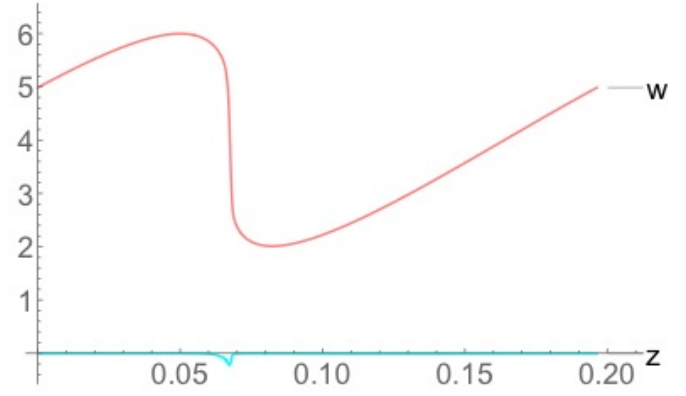
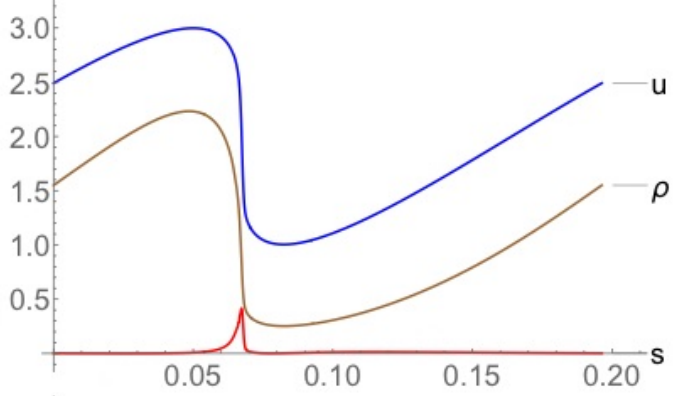
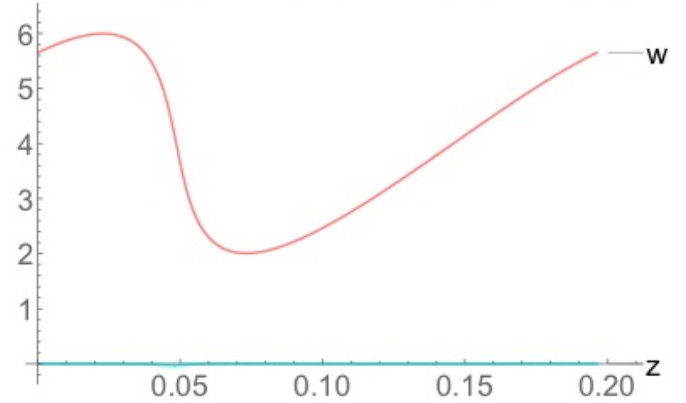
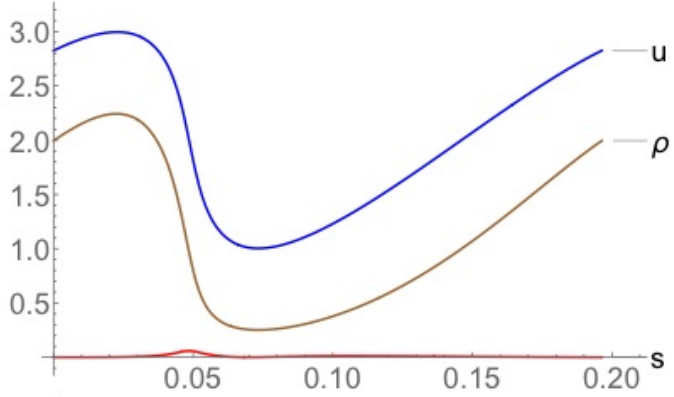
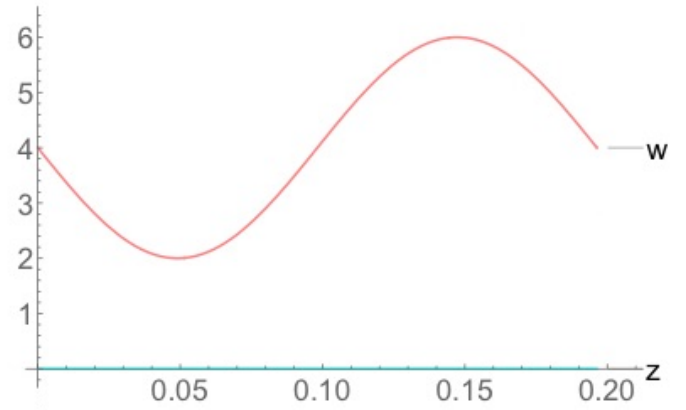
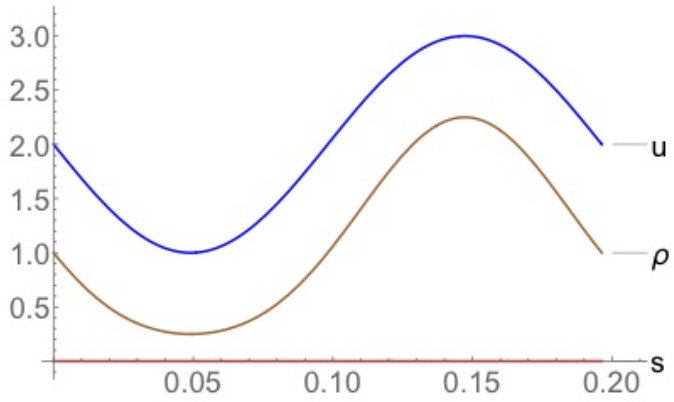
However, here entropy is vanishing, so

$$z \in C^{3/2}, \quad w \in C^{3/2}, \quad s = 0$$

Miraculously, the pressure again smooths

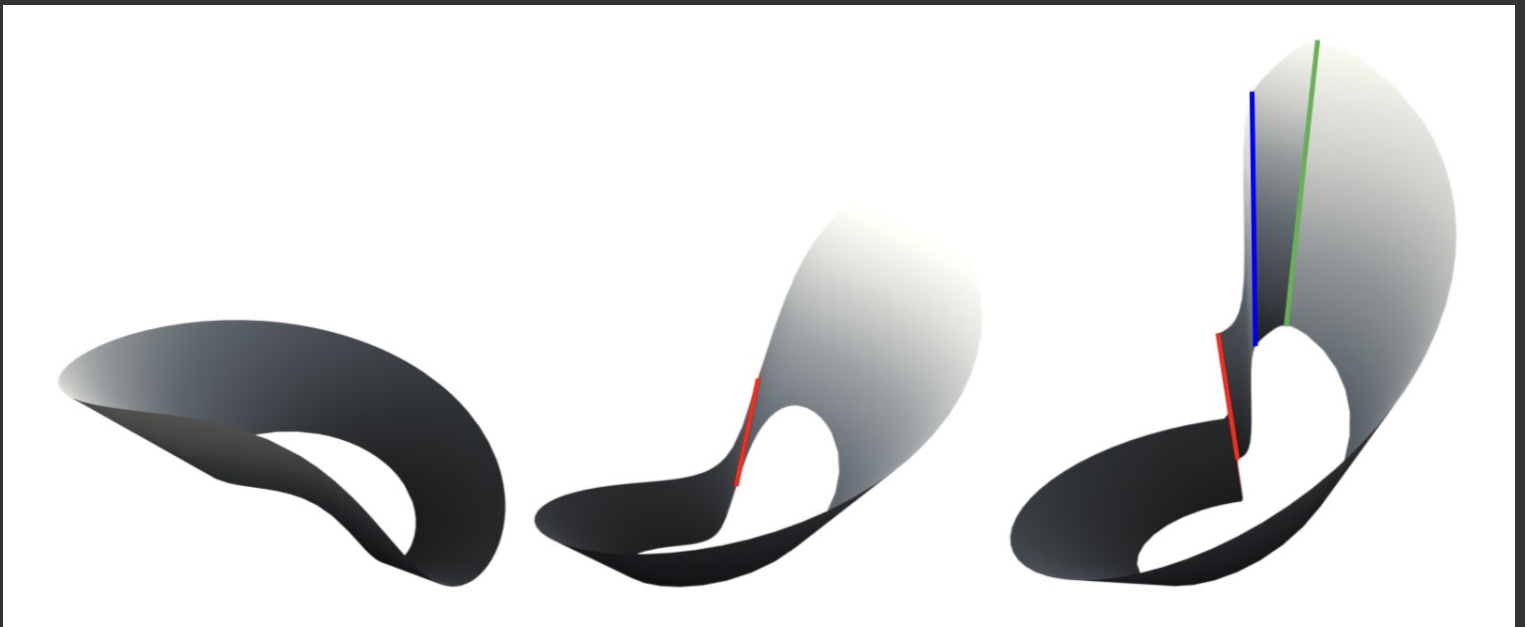
$$p \in C^2$$

Thus we call this a weak rarefaction wave.



THANK-You!

real story...



2D Azimuthal shock development