

Compressible Flow - TME085

Lecture 11

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Chapter 7

Unsteady Wave Motion



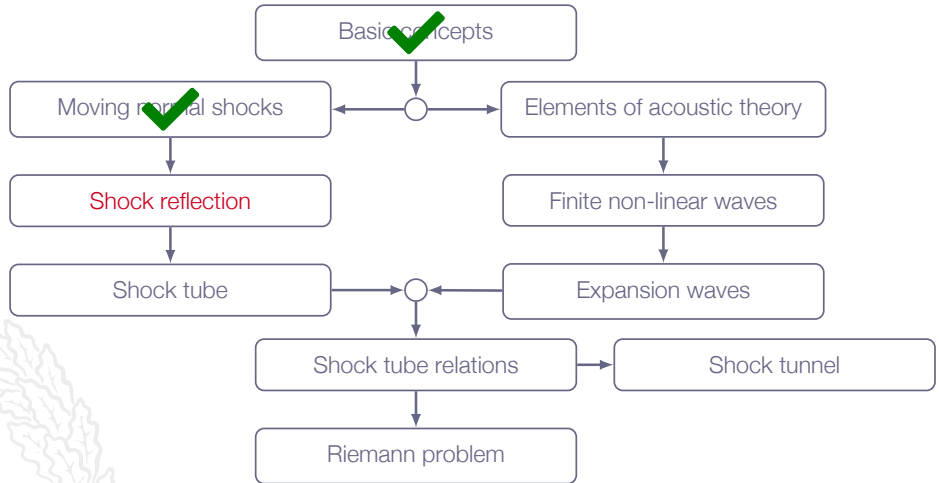


Learning Outcomes

- 3 **Describe** typical engineering flow situations in which compressibility effects are more or less predominant (e.g. Mach number regimes for steady-state flows)
- 4 **Present** at least two different formulations of the governing equations for compressible flows and **explain** what basic conservation principles they are based on
- 8 **Derive** (marked) and **apply** (all) of the presented mathematical formulae for classical gas dynamics
 - a 1D isentropic flow*
 - b normal shocks*
 - j unsteady waves and discontinuities in 1D
 - k basic acoustics
- 9 **Solve** engineering problems involving the above-mentioned phenomena (8a-8k)
- 11 **Explain** how the equations for aero-acoustics and classical acoustics are derived as limiting cases of the compressible flow equations

moving normal shocks - frame of reference seems to be the key here?!

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Chapter 7.3

Reflected Shock Wave

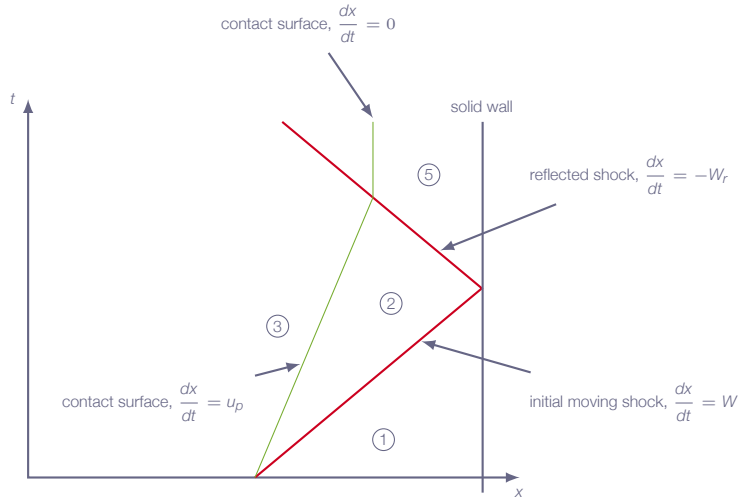


One-Dimensional Flow with Friction

what happens when a moving shock approaches a wall?



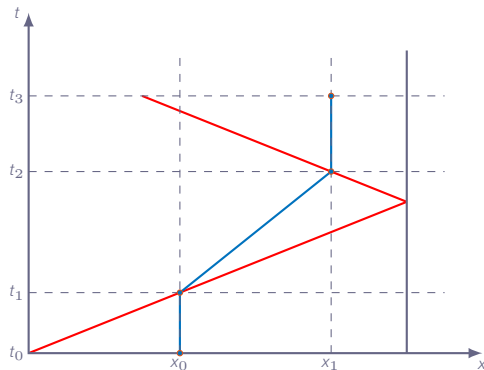
Shock Reflection



Shock Reflection - Particle Path

A fluid particle located at x_0 at time t_0 (a location ahead of the shock) will be affected by the moving shock and follow the blue path

time	location	velocity
t_0	x_0	0
t_1	x_0	u_p
t_2	x_1	u_p
t_3	x_1	0



Shock Reflection Relations

- ▶ velocity ahead of reflected shock: $W_r + u_p$
- ▶ velocity behind reflected shock: W_r

Continuity:

$$\rho_2(W_r + u_p) = \rho_5 W_r$$

Momentum:

$$p_2 + \rho_2(W_r + u_p)^2 = p_5 + \rho_5 W_r^2$$

Energy:

$$h_2 + \frac{1}{2}(W_r + u_p)^2 = h_5 + \frac{1}{2}W_r^2$$

Shock Reflection Relations

Reflected shock is determined such that $u_5 = 0$

$$\frac{M_r}{M_r^2 - 1} = \frac{M_s}{M_s^2 - 1} \sqrt{1 + \frac{2(\gamma - 1)}{(\gamma + 1)^2} (M_s^2 - 1) \left(\gamma + \frac{1}{M_s^2} \right)}$$

where

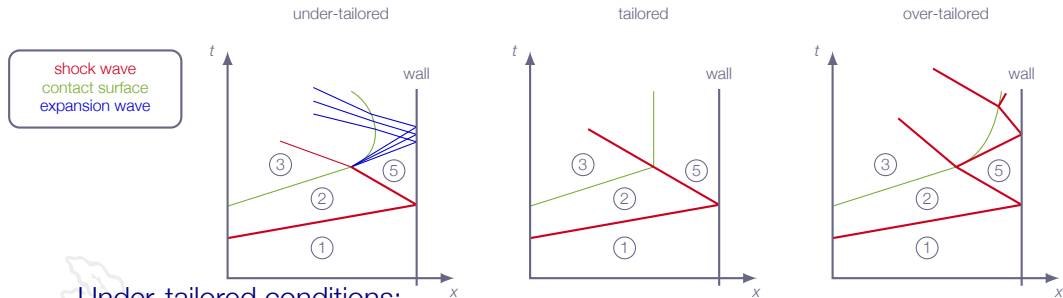
$$M_r = \frac{W_r + u_p}{a_2}$$

Tailored v.s. Non-Tailored Shock Reflection

- ▶ The time duration of condition 5 is determined by what happens after interaction between reflected shock and contact discontinuity
- ▶ For special choice of initial conditions (tailored case), this interaction is negligible, thus prolonging the duration of condition 5



Tailored v.s. Non-Tailored Shock Reflection



Under-tailored conditions:

Mach number of incident wave lower than in tailored conditions

Over-tailored conditions:

Mach number of incident wave higher than in tailored conditions

Shock Reflection - Example

Shock reflection in shock tube ($\gamma = 1.4$)

(Example 7.1 in Anderson)

Incident shock (given data)

$$\begin{array}{ll} p_2/p_1 & 10.0 \\ M_s & 2.95 \\ T_2/T_1 & 2.623 \\ p_1 & 1.0 \text{ [bar]} \\ T_1 & 300.0 \text{ [K]} \end{array}$$

Calculated data

$$\begin{array}{ll} M_r & 2.09 \\ p_5/p_2 & 4.978 \\ T_5/T_2 & 1.77 \end{array}$$

$$p_5 = \left(\frac{p_5}{p_2} \right) \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right) p_1 = 49.78$$

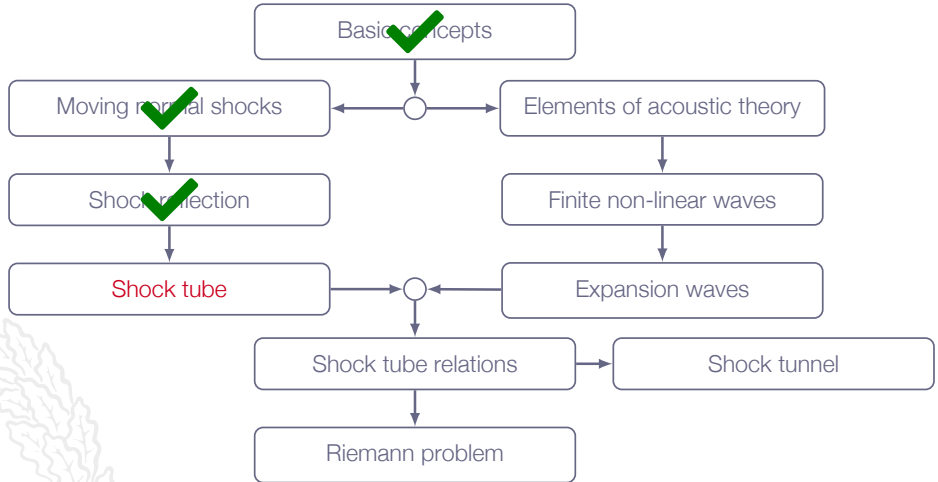
$$T_5 = \left(\frac{T_5}{T_2} \right) \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) T_1 = 1393$$

Shock Reflection - Shock Tube

- ▶ Very high pressure and temperature conditions in a specified location with very high precision (ρ_5, T_5)
 - ▶ measurements of thermodynamic properties of various gases at extreme conditions, e.g. dissociation energies, molecular relaxation times, etc.
 - ▶ measurements of chemical reaction properties of various gas mixtures at extreme conditions



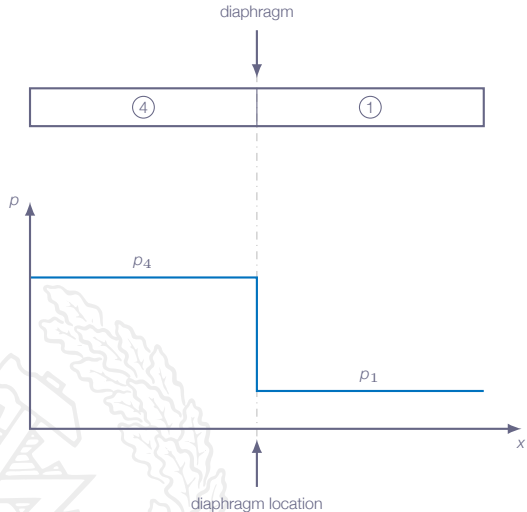
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The Shock Tube



Shock Tube

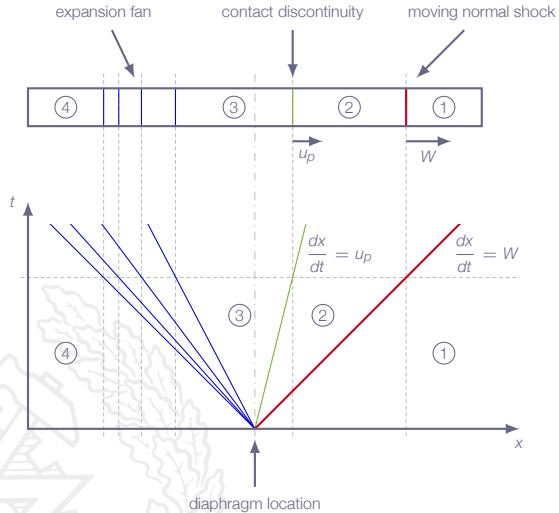


tube with closed ends
diaphragm inside, separating two different constant states
(could also be two different gases)

if diaphragm is removed suddenly (by inducing a breakdown) the two states come into contact and a flow develops

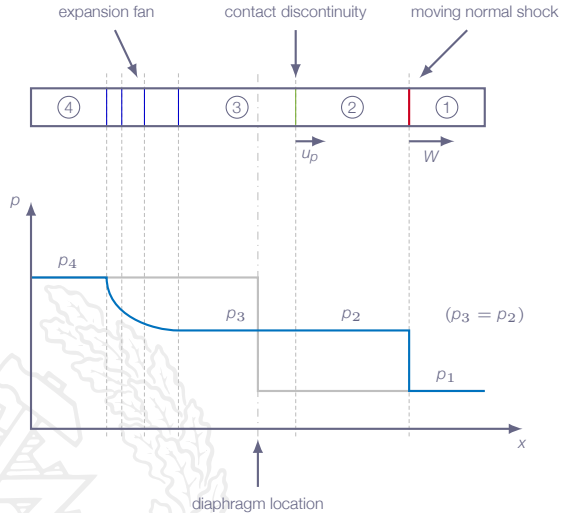
assume that $p_4 > p_1$:
state 4 is "driver" section
state 1 is "driven" section

Shock Tube



flow at some time after diaphragm breakdown

Shock Tube



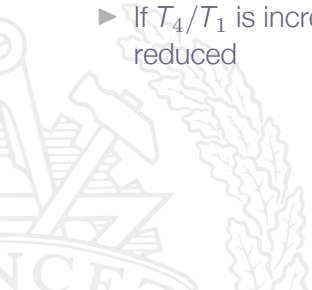
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Shock Tube

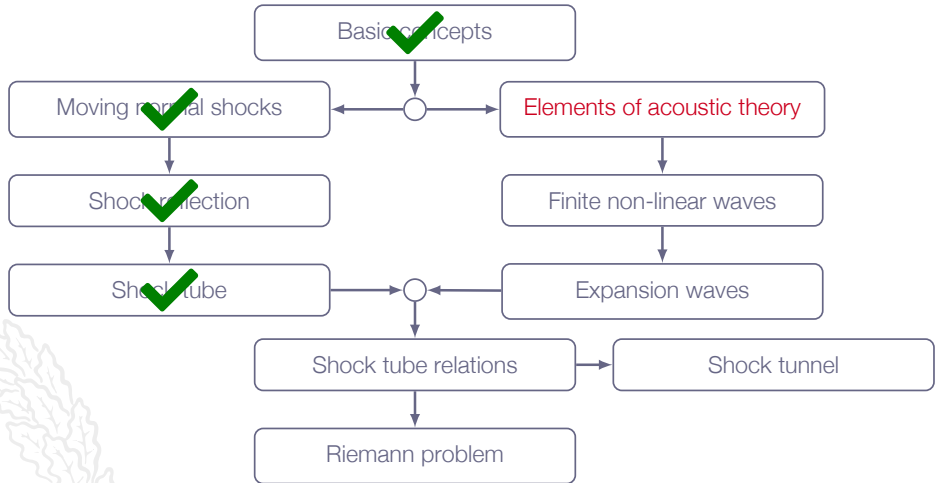
- ▶ As the diaphragm is removed, a pressure discontinuity is generated
- ▶ The only process that can generate a pressure difference in the gas is a shock
- ▶ The velocity upstream of the shock must be supersonic
- ▶ Since the gas is standing still when the shock tube is started, the shock must move in order to establish a relative velocity
- ▶ The shock must move in to the gas with the lower pressure

Shock Tube

- ▶ By using light gases for the **driver section** (e.g. He) and heavier gases for the **driven section** (e.g. air) the pressure p_4 required for a specific p_2/p_1 ratio is significantly reduced
- ▶ If T_4/T_1 is increased, the pressure p_4 required for a specific p_2/p_1 is also reduced



Roadmap - Unsteady Wave Motion



Chapter 7.5

Elements of Acoustic Theory



Sound Waves

sound wave	L_p [dB]	Δp [Pa]
Weakest audible sound wave	0	2.83×10^{-5}
Loud sound wave	91	1
Amplified music	120	28
Jet engine @ 30 m	130	90
Threshold of pain	140	283
Military jet @ 30 m	150	890

Example:

$\Delta p \sim 1$ Pa gives $\Delta \rho \sim 8.5 \times 10^{-6}$ kg/m³ and $\Delta u \sim 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ m/s

Elements of Acoustic Theory

PDE:s for conservation of mass and momentum are derived in Chapter 6:

	conservation form	non-conservation form
mass	$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$	$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = 0$
momentum	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + p \mathbf{I}) = 0$	$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} + \nabla p = 0$



Elements of Acoustic Theory

For adiabatic inviscid flow we also have the entropy equation as

$$\frac{Ds}{Dt} = 0$$

Assume one-dimensional flow

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rho = \rho(x, t) \\ \mathbf{v} = u(x, t)\mathbf{e}_x \\ p = p(x, t) \\ \dots \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{continuity} \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\text{momentum} \quad \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$s = \text{constant}$$

can $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$ be expressed in terms of density?

Elements of Acoustic Theory

From Chapter 1: any thermodynamic state variable is uniquely defined by any two other state variables

$$p = p(\rho, s) \Rightarrow dp = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s d\rho + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \right)_\rho ds$$

$s = \text{constant}$ gives

$$dp = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s d\rho = a^2 d\rho$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + a^2 \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Elements of Acoustic Theory

Assume **small perturbations** around stagnant reference condition:

$$\rho = \rho_\infty + \Delta\rho \quad p = p_\infty + \Delta p \quad T = T_\infty + \Delta T \quad u = u_\infty + \Delta u = \{u_\infty = 0\} = \Delta u$$

where ρ_∞ , p_∞ , and T_∞ are constant

Now, insert $\rho = (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho)$ and $u = \Delta u$ in the continuity and momentum equations (derivatives of ρ_∞ are zero)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta\rho) + \Delta u \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) + (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta u) = 0 \\ (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho) \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta u) + (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho) \Delta u \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta u) + a^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Elements of Acoustic Theory

Speed of sound is a thermodynamic state variable $\Rightarrow a^2 = a^2(\rho, s)$. With entropy constant $\Rightarrow a^2 = a^2(\rho)$

Taylor expansion around a_∞ with $(\Delta\rho = \rho - \rho_\infty)$ gives

$$a^2 = a_\infty^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho}(a^2) \right)_\infty \Delta\rho + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2}(a^2) \right)_\infty (\Delta\rho)^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta\rho) + \Delta u \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) + (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta u) = 0 \\ (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho) \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta u) + (\rho_\infty + \Delta\rho) \Delta u \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta u) + \left[a_\infty^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho}(a^2) \right)_\infty \Delta\rho + \dots \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Acoustic Equations

Since $\Delta\rho$ and Δu are assumed to be small ($\Delta\rho \ll \rho_\infty$, $\Delta u \ll a$)

- ▶ products of perturbations can be neglected
- ▶ higher-order terms in the Taylor expansion can be neglected

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta\rho) + \rho_\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta u) = 0 \\ \rho_\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta u) + a_\infty^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Note! Only valid for small perturbations (sound waves)

This type of derivation is based on linearization, *i.e.* the acoustic equations are **linear**

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Acoustic Equations

Acoustic equations:

"... describe the motion of gas induced by the passage of a sound wave ..."



Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

Combining linearized continuity and the momentum equations we get

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}(\Delta\rho) = a_\infty^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(\Delta\rho)$$

(combine the time derivative of the continuity eqn. and the divergence of the momentum eqn.)

General solution:

$$\Delta\rho(x,t) = F(x - a_\infty t) + G(x + a_\infty t)$$

wave traveling in
positive x -direction
with speed a_∞

wave traveling in
negative x -direction
with speed a_∞

F and G may be arbitrary functions

Wave shape is determined by functions F and G

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

Spatial and temporal derivatives of F are obtained according to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial(x - a_{\infty}t)} \frac{\partial(x - a_{\infty}t)}{\partial t} = -a_{\infty}F' \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial(x - a_{\infty}t)} \frac{\partial(x - a_{\infty}t)}{\partial x} = F' \end{array} \right.$$

spatial and temporal derivatives of G can of course be obtained in the same way...

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

with $\Delta\rho(x, t) = F(x - a_\infty t) + G(x + a_\infty t)$ and the derivatives of F and G we get

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}(\Delta\rho) = a_\infty^2 F'' + a_\infty^2 G''$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(\Delta\rho) = F'' + G''$$

which gives

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}(\Delta\rho) - a_\infty^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(\Delta\rho) = 0$$

i.e., the proposed solution fulfils the wave equation

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

F and G may be arbitrary functions, assume $G = 0$

$$\Delta\rho(x,t) = F(x - a_\infty t)$$

If $\Delta\rho$ is constant (constant wave amplitude), $(x - a_\infty t)$ must be a constant which implies

$$x = a_\infty t + c$$

where c is a constant

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a_\infty$$

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

We want a relation between $\Delta\rho$ and Δu

$\Delta\rho(x, t) = F(x - a_\infty t)$ (wave in positive x direction) gives:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta\rho) = -a_\infty F' \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) = F'$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta\rho)}_{-a_\infty F'} + a_\infty \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho)}_{F'} = 0$$

or

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta\rho) = -\frac{1}{a_\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta\rho)$$

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

Linearized momentum equation:

$$\rho_{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta u) = -a_{\infty}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta \rho) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta u) = -\frac{a_{\infty}^2}{\rho_{\infty}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta \rho) = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Delta \rho) = -\frac{1}{a_{\infty}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta \rho) \right\} = \frac{a_{\infty}}{\rho_{\infty}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\Delta \rho)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\Delta u - \frac{a_{\infty}}{\rho_{\infty}} \Delta \rho \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta u - \frac{a_{\infty}}{\rho_{\infty}} \Delta \rho = \text{const}$$

In undisturbed gas $\Delta u = \Delta \rho = 0$ which implies that the constant must be zero and thus

$$\Delta u = \frac{a_{\infty}}{\rho_{\infty}} \Delta \rho$$

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

Similarly, for $\Delta p(x, t) = G(x + a_\infty t)$ (wave in negative x direction) we obtain:

$$\Delta u = -\frac{a_\infty}{\rho_\infty} \Delta p$$

Also, since $\Delta p = a_\infty^2 \Delta \rho$ we get:

Right going wave (+x direction) $\Delta u = \frac{a_\infty}{\rho_\infty} \Delta \rho = \frac{1}{a_\infty \rho_\infty} \Delta p$

Left going wave (-x direction) $\Delta u = -\frac{a_\infty}{\rho_\infty} \Delta \rho = -\frac{1}{a_\infty \rho_\infty} \Delta p$

Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation

- ▶ Δu denotes **induced mass motion** and is positive in the positive x-direction

$$\Delta u = \pm \frac{a_{\infty} \Delta \rho}{\rho_{\infty}} = \pm \frac{\Delta p}{a_{\infty} \rho_{\infty}}$$

- ▶ **condensation** (the part of the sound wave where $\Delta \rho > 0$):
 Δu is always in the **same** direction as the wave motion
- ▶ **rarefaction** (the part of the sound wave where $\Delta \rho < 0$):
 Δu is always in the **opposite** direction as the wave motion

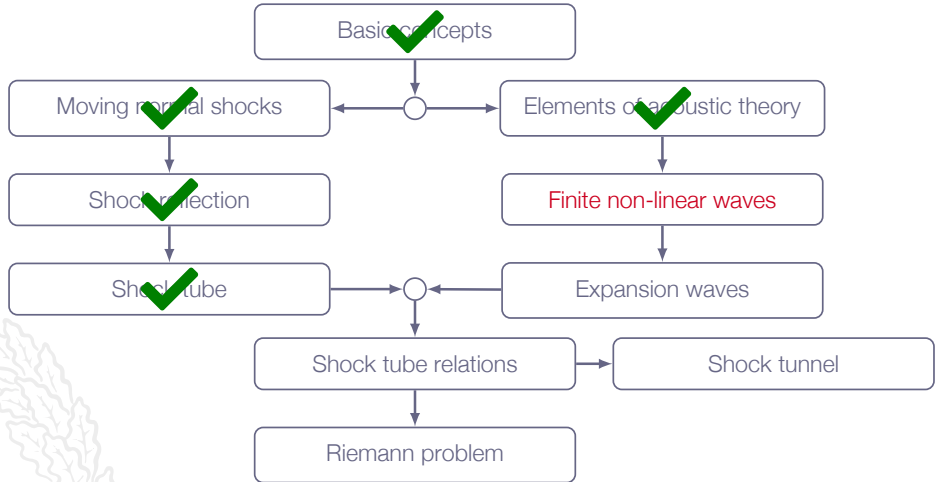
Elements of Acoustic Theory - Wave Equation *Summary*

Combining **linearized** continuity and the momentum equations we get

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}(\Delta\rho) = a_\infty^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(\Delta\rho)$$

- ▶ Due to the assumptions made, the **equation is not exact**
- ▶ More and more accurate as the perturbations becomes smaller and smaller
- ▶ How should we describe waves with larger amplitudes?

Roadmap - Unsteady Wave Motion



Chapter 7.6

Finite (Non-Linear) Waves



Finite (Non-Linear) Waves

When $\Delta\rho$, Δu , Δp , ... Become large, the linearized acoustic equations become poor approximations

Non-linear equations must be used

One-dimensional non-linear continuity and momentum equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$

Finite (Non-Linear) Waves

We still assume isentropic flow, $ds = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_s \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \right)_s \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$$

Inserted in the continuity equation this gives:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \rho a^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$

Finite (Non-Linear) Waves

Add $1/(\rho a)$ times the continuity equation to the momentum equation:

$$\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{1}{\rho a} \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right] = 0$$

If we instead subtraction $1/(\rho a)$ times the continuity equation from the momentum equation, we get:

$$\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u - a) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] - \frac{1}{\rho a} \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (u - a) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right] = 0$$

Finite (Non-Linear) Waves

Since $u = u(x, t)$, we have:

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

Let $\frac{dx}{dt} = u + a$ gives

$$du = \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] dt$$

Interpretation: change of u in the direction of line $\frac{dx}{dt} = u + a$

Finite (Non-Linear) Waves

In the same way we get:

$$dp = \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

and thus

$$dp = \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right] dt$$



Finite (Non-Linear) Waves

Now, if we combine

$$\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{1}{\rho a} \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right] = 0$$

$$du = \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] dt$$

$$dp = \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (u + a) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right] dt$$

we get

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \frac{1}{\rho a} \frac{dp}{dt} = 0$$

Characteristic Lines

Thus, along a line $dx = (u + a)dt$ we have

$$du + \frac{dp}{\rho a} = 0$$

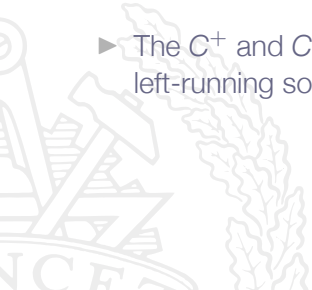
In the same way we get along a line where $dx = (u - a)dt$

$$du - \frac{dp}{\rho a} = 0$$

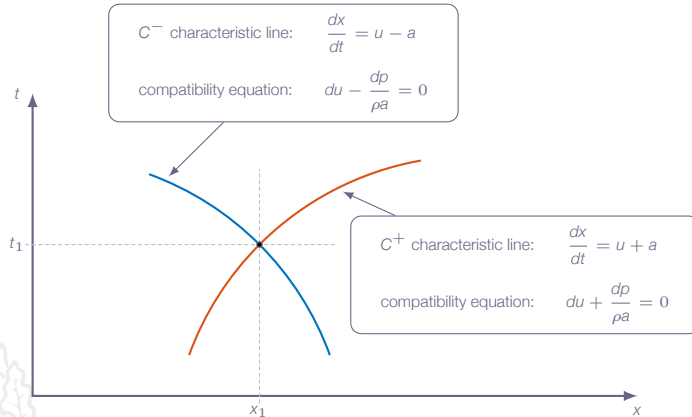


Characteristic Lines

- ▶ We have found a path through a point (x_1, t_1) along which the governing partial differential equations reduces to ordinary differential equations
- ▶ These paths or lines are called **characteristic lines**
- ▶ The C^+ and C^- characteristic lines are physically the paths of right- and left-running sound waves in the xt -plane



Characteristic Lines



Characteristic Lines - Summary

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \frac{1}{\rho a} \frac{dp}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{along } C^+ \text{ characteristic}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} - \frac{1}{\rho a} \frac{dp}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{along } C^- \text{ characteristic}$$

$$du + \frac{dp}{\rho a} = 0 \quad \text{along } C^+ \text{ characteristic}$$

$$du - \frac{dp}{\rho a} = 0 \quad \text{along } C^- \text{ characteristic}$$

Riemann Invariants

Integration gives:

$$J^+ = u + \int \frac{dp}{\rho a} = \text{constant along } C^+ \text{ characteristic}$$

$$J^- = u - \int \frac{dp}{\rho a} = \text{constant along } C^- \text{ characteristic}$$

We need to rewrite $\frac{dp}{\rho a}$ to be able to perform the integrations

Riemann Invariants

Let's consider an isentropic processes:

$$p = c_1 T^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} = c_2 a^{2\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$$

where c_1 and c_2 are constants and thus

$$dp = c_2 \left(\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) a^{[2\gamma/(\gamma-1)-1]} da$$

Assume calorically perfect gas: $a^2 = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho} \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{\gamma p}{a^2}$

with $p = c_2 a^{2\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$ we get $\rho = c_2 \gamma a^{[2\gamma/(\gamma-1)-2]}$

Riemann Invariants

$$J^+ = u + \int \frac{dp}{\rho a} = u + \int \frac{c_2 \left(\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) a^{[2\gamma/(\gamma-1)-1]}}{c_2 \gamma a^{[2\gamma/(\gamma-1)-1]}} da = u + \int \frac{2da}{\gamma-1}$$

$$J^+ = u + \frac{2a}{\gamma-1}$$

$$J^- = u - \frac{2a}{\gamma-1}$$

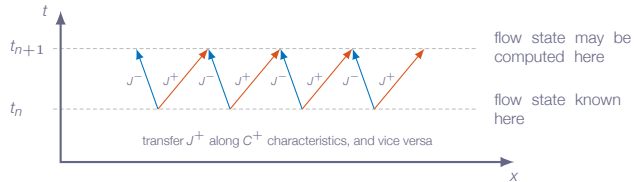
Riemann Invariants

If J^+ and J^- are known at some point (x, t) , then

$$\begin{cases} J^+ + J^- = 2u \\ J^+ - J^- = \frac{4a}{\gamma - 1} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u = \frac{1}{2}(J^+ + J^-) \\ a = \frac{\gamma - 1}{4}(J^+ - J^-) \end{cases}$$

Flow state is uniquely defined!

Method of Characteristics



Summary

Acoustic waves

- ▶ $\Delta\rho$, Δu , etc - **very small**
- ▶ All parts of the wave propagate with the same **velocity a_∞**
- ▶ The **wave shape** stays the **same**
- ▶ The flow is governed by **linear relations**

Finite (non-linear) waves

- ▶ $\Delta\rho$, Δu , etc - can be **large**
- ▶ Each local part of the wave propagates at the **local velocity $(u + a)$**
- ▶ The wave **shape changes** with time
- ▶ The flow is governed by **non-linear relations**

One-Dimensional Flow with Friction

the method of characteristics is a central element in classic compressible flow theory

