Hydrodynamic equations

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\rho\mathbf{u}) = 0\\ &\frac{\partial\rho\mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\mathbf{u}\otimes(\rho\mathbf{u})) + \nabla p = 0\\ &\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla\cdot(\mathbf{u}(E+p)) = 0, \end{split}$$

- conservation laws
- can be obtained from statistical physics, but firstly obtained fenomenologically
- generate chaos \rightarrow turbulence
- solution may break \rightarrow discontinuity (shock-wave) appears

Wave steepening -> Shock wave



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rig. A. Self-steepening of a finiteamplitude sound wave. In the region where the state variables of the wave (here, pressure) would become multivalued, irreversible processes dominate to create a steep, single-valued shock front (vertical dashed line).

An example of a receding shock wave. From Supersonic Flow and Shock Waves by R. Courant and K. O. Friedrichs (New York:Interscience Publishers, Inc., 1948),

Irreversibility



Inverse Density

Fig. B, Effects of the passage of a sound wave and of a shock wave. As a sound wave passes through a gas, the pressure and density of the gas oscillates back and forth along an adiabat (a line of constant entropy], which is a reversible path. In contrast, the passage of a shock front causes the state of the gas to jump along an irreversible path from point 1 to point 2, that is, to a higher pressure, density, and entropy. The curve connecting these two points is called a Hugoniot, for it was Hugoniot (and simultaneously Rankine) who derived, from the conservation laws, the jump conditions for the state variables across a shock front, After passage of the shock, the gas relaxes back to point 3 along an adiabat, returning to its original pressure but to a higher temperature and entropy and a lower density. The shock has caused an irreversible change in the gas.

Spherical harmonics



Spherical harmonics vs. beauty







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