

Detached shocks past a blunt body

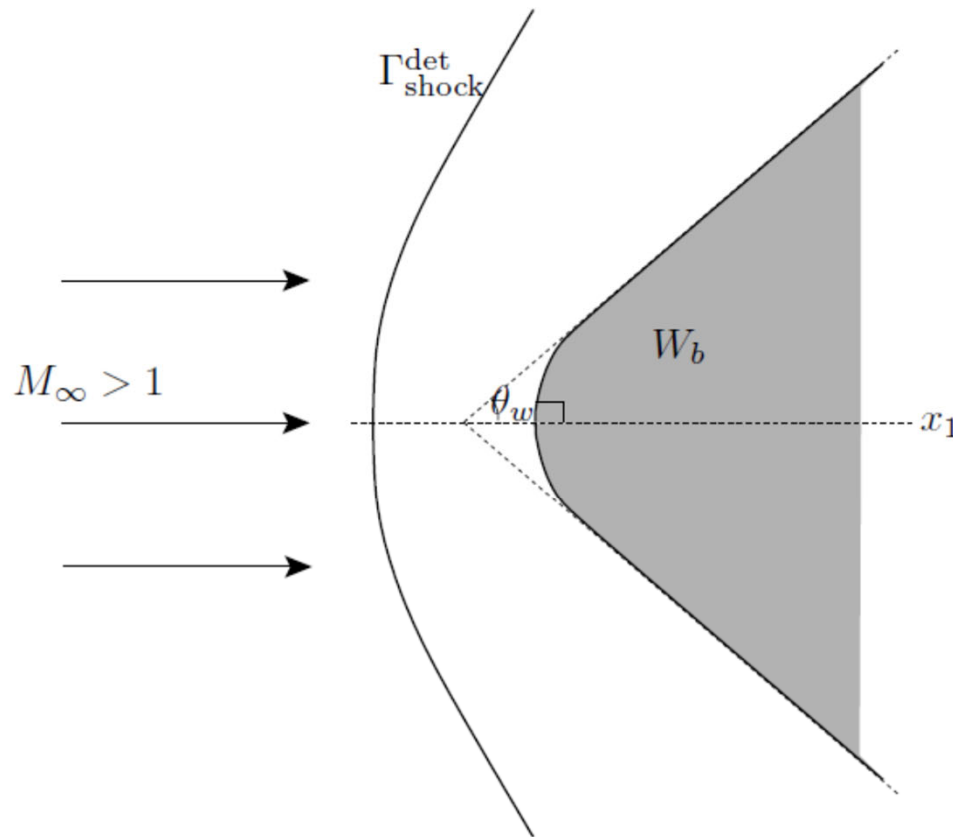
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Main problem

Given incoming **supersonic** flow with uniform state, find a weak solution to the steady **compressible Euler system** with a (detached) **shock** $\Gamma_{\text{shock}}^{\text{det}}$ in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus W_b$.



Basics

ρ : density, \mathbf{u} : velocity, p : pressure

Steady Euler system

for inviscid
compressible
flow of ideal
polytropic
gas

$$\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}(\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}}(\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} + p \mathbb{I}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\operatorname{div}_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\rho \mathbf{u} \left(\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{\gamma p}{(\gamma - 1) \rho} \right) \right) = 0 \text{ for an adiabatic exponent } \gamma > 1$$

Some important quantities to remember

Sound speed $c(\rho, p) = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$

Mach number $M = \frac{\text{flow speed}}{\text{sound speed}} = \frac{|\mathbf{u}|}{c}$

Physical (Mathematical) classifications of flow types

$M < 1$: Subsonic
(Elliptic-Hyperbolic)

$M = 1$: Sonic
(Degenerate-Hyperbolic)

$M > 1$: Supersonic
(Hyperbolic)

Let Ω be a domain in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Suppose that a non self-intersecting C^1 –curve Γ divides Ω into two open and connected subsets Ω^\pm s.t.

$$\Omega^- \cap \Omega^+ = \emptyset, \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega^- \cup \Gamma \cup \Omega^+ = \Omega.$$

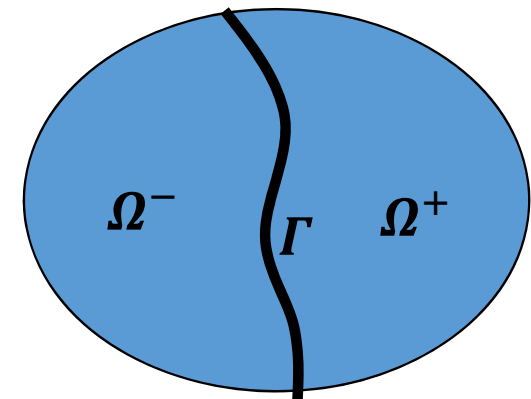
(ρ, \mathbf{u}, p) with $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ is an **entropy solution in Ω with a shock Γ** if

- $(\rho, \mathbf{u}, p) \in C^1(\Omega^\pm) \cap C^0(\overline{\Omega^\pm})$;
- (ρ, \mathbf{u}, p) is a weak solution to steady Euler system in Ω ;
- $\rho^\pm > 0$ in $\overline{\Omega^\pm}$ and $0 < \mathbf{u}^+ \cdot \mathbf{n} < \mathbf{u}^- \cdot \mathbf{n}$ on Γ for $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{u}^- - \mathbf{u}^+}{|\mathbf{u}^- - \mathbf{u}^+|}$.

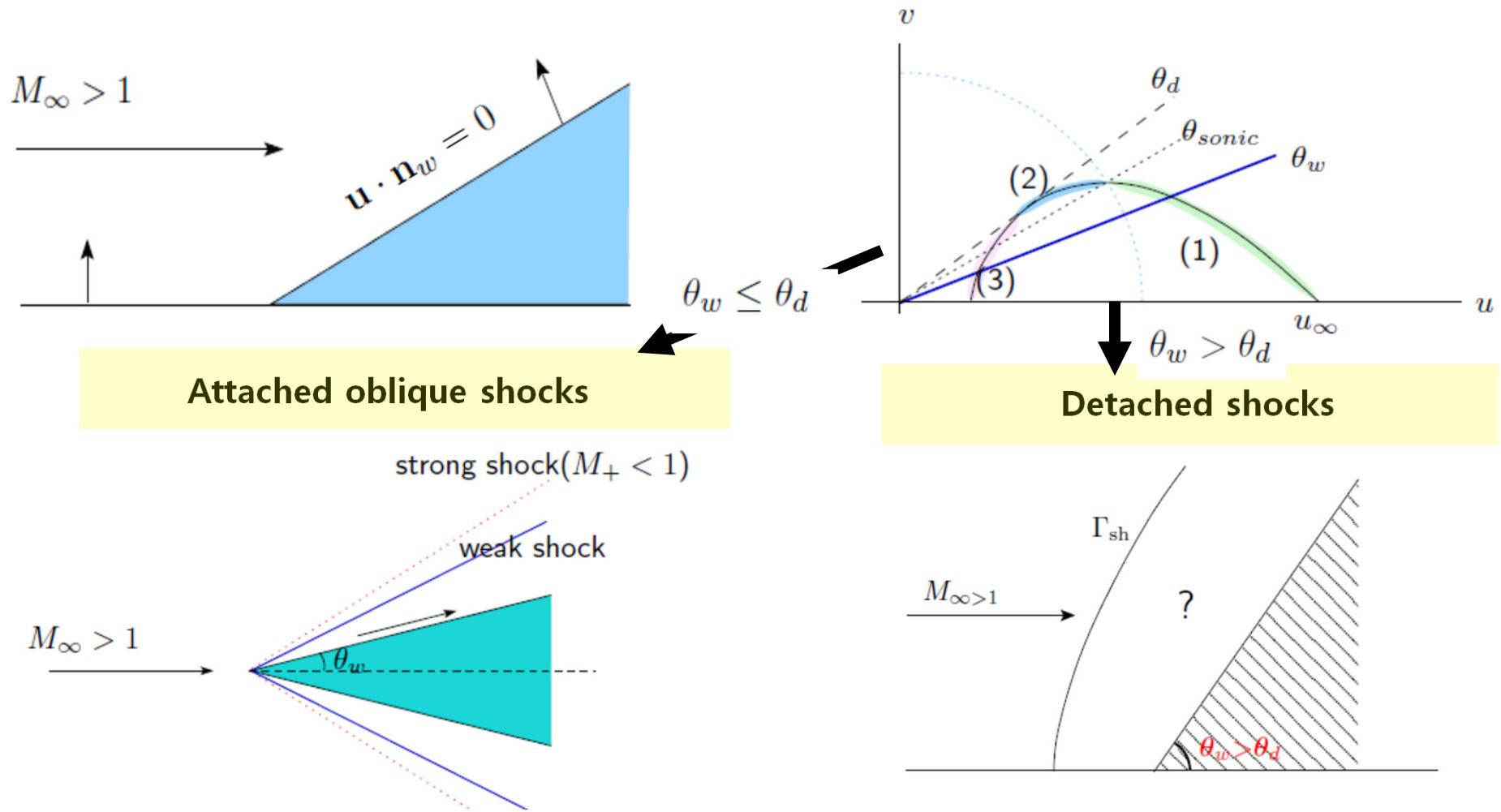
Rankine-Hugoniot conditions

$$[\rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}]_\Gamma = [\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}]_\Gamma = [\rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 + p]_\Gamma = [B]_\Gamma = 0$$

for $B = \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{\gamma p}{(\gamma - 1)\rho}$.



Motivation



Questions.

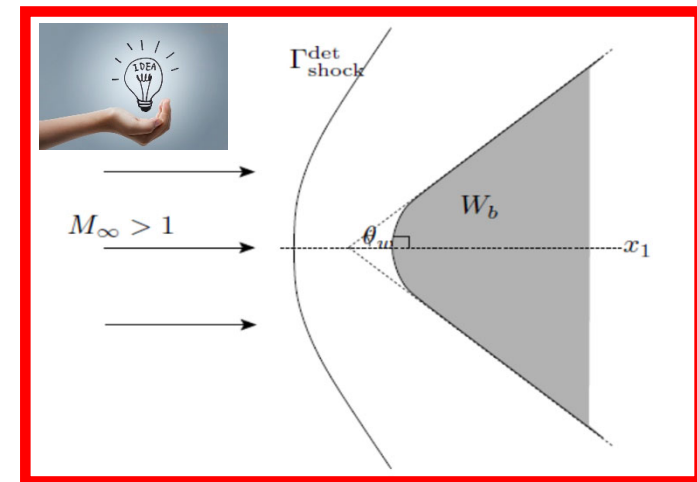
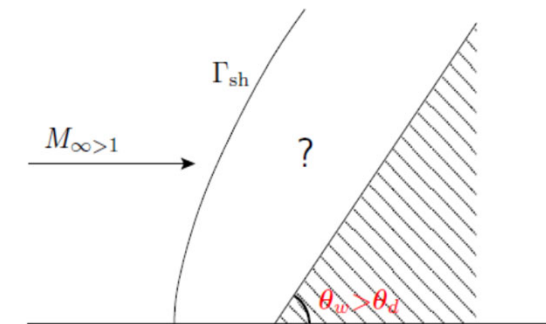
1. ($\theta_w \leq \theta_d$) **Prove Prandtl's conjecture.**

➡ Find a **global-in-time weak solution** of unsteady Euler system, and show that the solution **converges to the weak shock solution** as time tends to infinity.

- Elling-Liu 2008(CPAM)
- B.-Chen-Feldman 2013(QAM) & 2020(*To appear in Mem. of AMS*)

2. ($\theta_w > \theta_d$) Construct a detached shock solution of steady Euler system.

Detached shocks



Description of a blunt body W_b

For fixed $\theta_w \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and $h_0 > 0$ (not necessarily small), $b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfies

(b_1) $b(x_2) = b(-x_2)$ for all $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$;

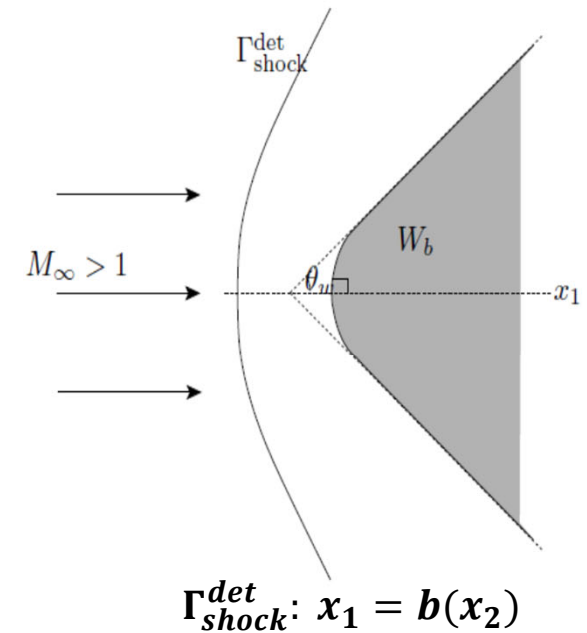
(b_2) $b \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$;

This condition turns out to be important !!!

(b_3) $b'(x_2) > 0$ and $b''(x_2) \geq 0$ for all $x_2 > 0$;

(b_4) $b(x_2) = x_2 \cot \theta_w$ for $x_2 \geq h_0$.

$$W_b := \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 \geq b(x_2)\}.$$



(Note) The half-wedge angle θ_w is arbitrary in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Model equations

Assumption

Irrotational flow $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0} (\Rightarrow p = S_0 \rho^\gamma \text{ for some constant } S_0 > 0)$

Steady Euler system for irrotational flow

$$\partial_{x_1}(\rho u_1) + \partial_{x_2}(\rho u_2) = 0 \quad (\text{Conservation of mass})$$

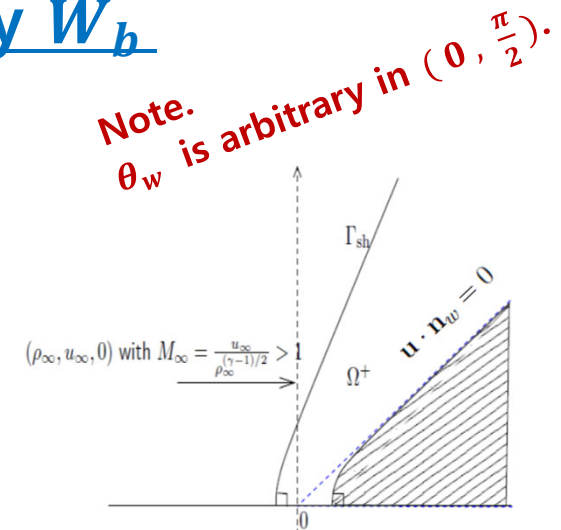
$$\partial_{x_1} u_2 - \partial_{x_2} u_1 = 0 \quad (\text{Irrotationality})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{\rho^{\gamma-1}}{\gamma-1} = B_0 \quad (\text{Bernoulli law})$$

Detached shock problem past a blunt body W_b

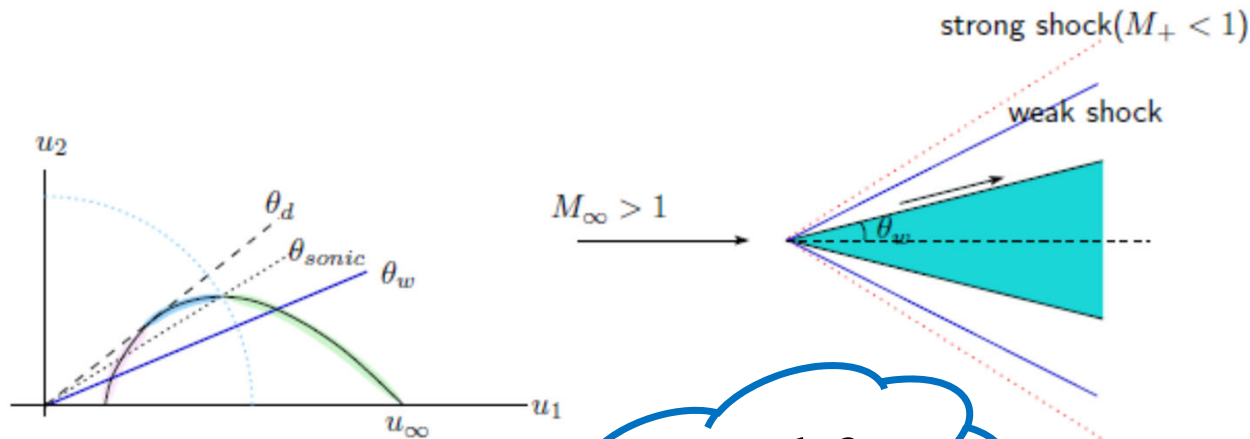
For a fixed $d_0 > 0$, find an entropy solution (ρ, \mathbf{u}) with a shock $\Gamma_{sh} = \{x_1 = f_{sh}(x_2), x_2 \geq 0\}$ s.t. the following properties hold:

- (i) $b(0) - f_{sh}(0) = d_0$; (detached distance)
- (ii) $(\rho, u_1, u_2) = (\rho_\infty, u_\infty, 0)$ in $\{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : x_1 < f_{sh}(x_2)\}$;
- (iii) $u_2 = 0$ on $\Gamma_{sym} := \{(x_1, 0) : x_1 \leq b(0)\}$;
- (iv) $(u_1, u_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}_w = 0$ on $\Gamma_w := \{(b(x_2), x_2) : x_2 \geq 0\}$ for a unit normal \mathbf{n}_w on Γ_w ;
- (v) (ρ, u_1, u_2) uniformly converges to a piecewise constant state as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$

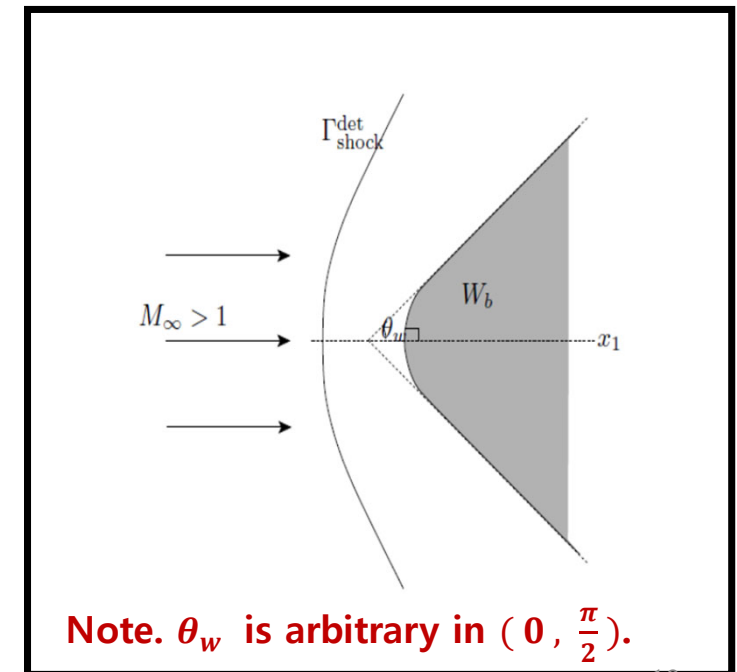


Asymptotic state at $|(x_1, x_2)| = \infty$

If the asymptotic state of (ρ, u_1, u_2) at $|x_1, x_2| = \infty$ is given as a piecewise constant state, then it must be determined by the shock polar curve associated with the incoming state (ρ_∞, u_∞) .



How do we make the problem well-posed and solvable?



Lemma

For any given $\theta_w \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, there exists a small constant $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1)$ depending on (γ, B_0, θ_w) s.t. if

$$M_\infty \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} (> 1),$$

then,

$$\theta_w < \theta_d^{M_\infty}.$$

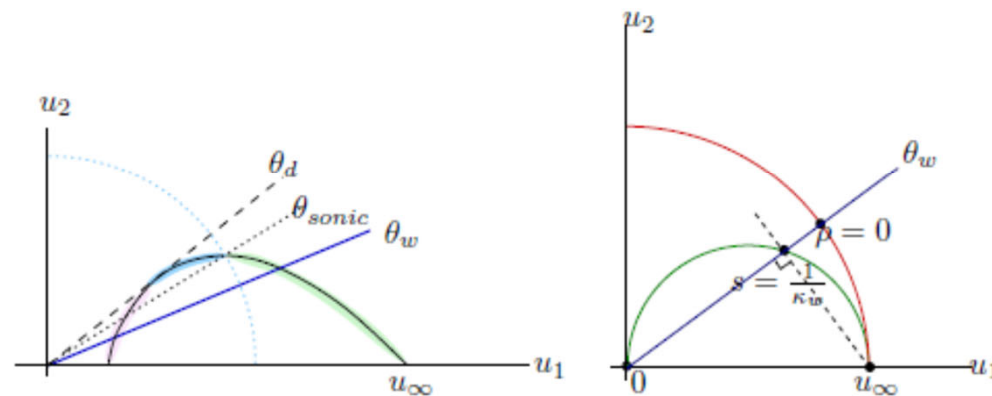


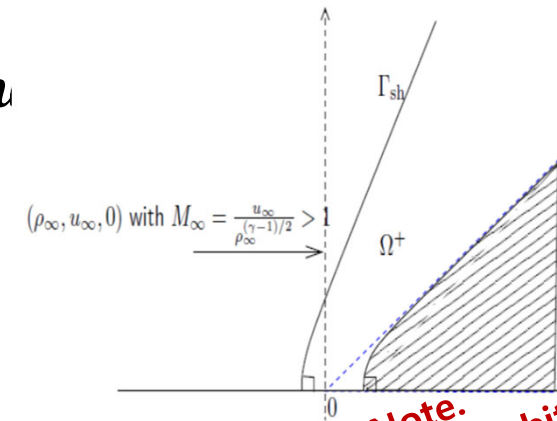
Figure: Shock polar for $M_\infty = \infty \Rightarrow \theta_{\text{det}}^{M_\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Detached shock problem past a blunt body W_b

(Revisit of the main problem)

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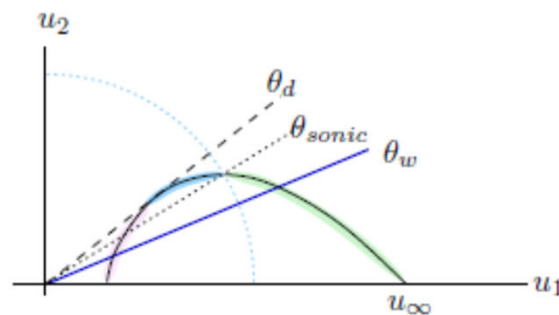
- (i) $b(0) - f_{sh}(0) = d_0$;
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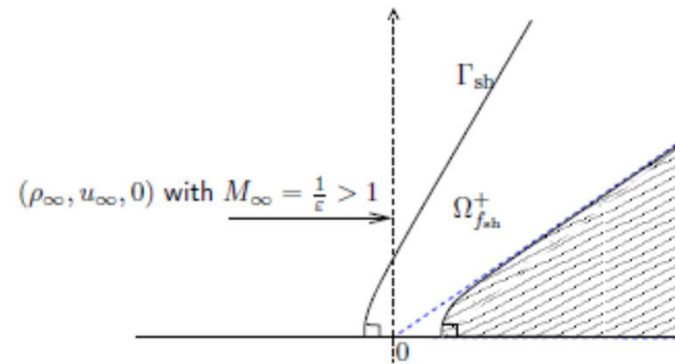
Note.
 θ_w is arbitrary in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Formulation step 1

1. Given $\theta_w \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, fix $(\rho_\infty, u_\infty, 0)$ with $M_\infty > 1$ sufficiently large s.t. $\theta_w < \theta_d^{M_\infty}$.
2. Choose the far-field asymptotic state as the strong shock point $(\mathbf{u}_{st}, \rho_{st})$ corresponding to θ_w on the shock polar.



Formulation step 2



3. Find a solution (ρ, u_1, u_2, f_{sh}) to the **Free Boundary Problem**:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{x_1}(\rho u_1) + \partial_{x_2}(\rho u_2) = 0 \\ \partial_{x_1} u_2 - \partial_{x_2} u_1 = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{u}|^2 + \frac{\rho^{\gamma-1}}{\gamma-1} = B_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{in } \Omega_{f_{sh}}^+ := \{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \setminus \overline{W_b} : x_1 > f_{sh}(x_2)\}$$

$$\rho(u_1, u_2) \cdot \nu = \rho_\infty(u_\infty, 0) \cdot \nu \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{sh} := \{x_1 = f_{sh}(x_2) : x_2 > 0\}$$

$$u_2 = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{sym}$$

$$(u_1, u_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}_w = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_w := \{(b(x_2), x_2) : x_2 \geq 0\}$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \|(\rho, \mathbf{u}) - (\rho_{st}^\varepsilon, \mathbf{u}_{st}^\varepsilon)\|_{C^0(\overline{\Omega_{f_{sh}}^+ \setminus B_R(0)})} = 0$$

Formulation step 3

with the free boundary condition

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{\text{sh}}(x_2) &= \frac{u_2(f_{\text{sh}}(x_2), x_2)}{(u_{\infty} - u_1)(f_{\text{sh}}(x_2), x_2)} \quad \text{for } x_2 > 0, \\ f_{\text{sh}}(0) &= b_0 - d_0 \quad \text{for } b_0 := b(0). \end{aligned}$$

The free boundary condition is derived from

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u}_{\infty} - \mathbf{u}) \cdot (f'_{\text{sh}}(x_2), 1) &= 0 \quad \text{for } \mathbf{u}_{\infty} = (u_{\infty}, 0). \\ \left(\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} &= \mathbf{u}_{\infty} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}, \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{(f'_{\text{sh}}(x_2), 1)}{\sqrt{(f'_{\text{sh}}(x_2))^2 + 1}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Result part 1 (Existence, B.-Xiang, submitted)

Fix $\gamma > 1$, $B_0 > 0$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$. For any fixed constant $d_0 > 0$, \exists a small constant $\bar{\varepsilon} > 0$ depending on (γ, B_0, d_0) s.t. if $M_\infty = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ for $\varepsilon \in (0, \bar{\varepsilon}]$, then the FBP has a solution $(\rho, \mathbf{u}, f_{sh})$ that satisfies the following properties:

- (i) $f_{sh}(0) = b(0) - d_0$;
- (ii) (Detached shock) $\exists \delta > 0$ depending only on (γ, B_0, d_0) such that

$$b(x_2) - f_{sh}(x_2) \geq \delta \quad \text{for all } x_2 \geq 0;$$

(iii) $\lim_{\substack{|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty \\ \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{f_{sh}}^+}} |(\rho, \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{x}) - (\rho_{st}^\varepsilon, \mathbf{u}_{st}^\varepsilon)| = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x_2 \rightarrow \infty} |f'_{sh}(x_2) - s_{st}^\varepsilon| = 0;$

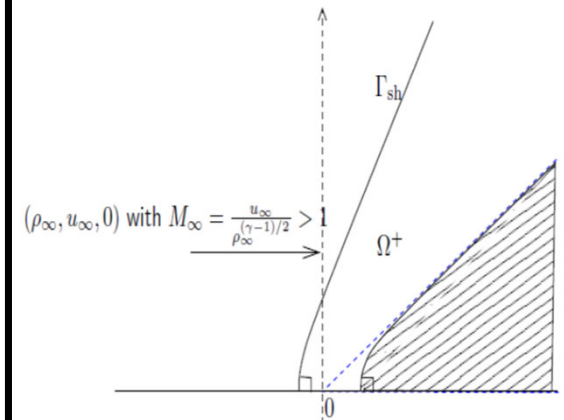
- (iv) $\exists C > 0$ and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ s.t.

$$\|f_{sh} - f_0\|_{2,\alpha,\mathbb{R}^+}^{(-\beta)} + \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{st}^\varepsilon\|_{1,\alpha,\Omega_{f_{sh}}^+}^{(1-\beta)} \leq C|(\rho_{st}^\varepsilon, u_{st}^\varepsilon, s_{st}^\varepsilon) - (\rho_{st}^0, 0, 0)|$$

$$\text{for } f_0(x_2) = s_{st}^\varepsilon x_2 + b_0 - d_0.$$

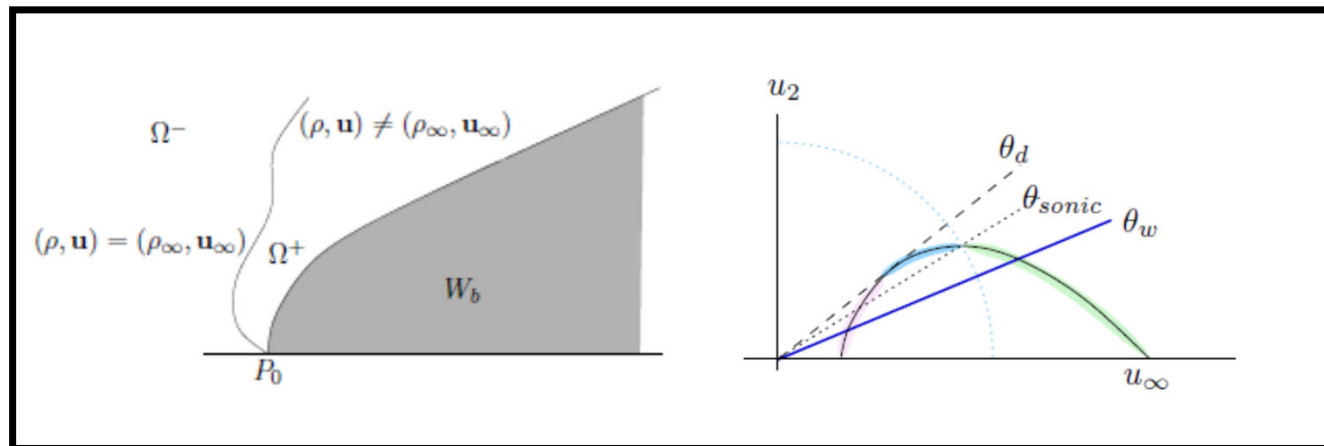
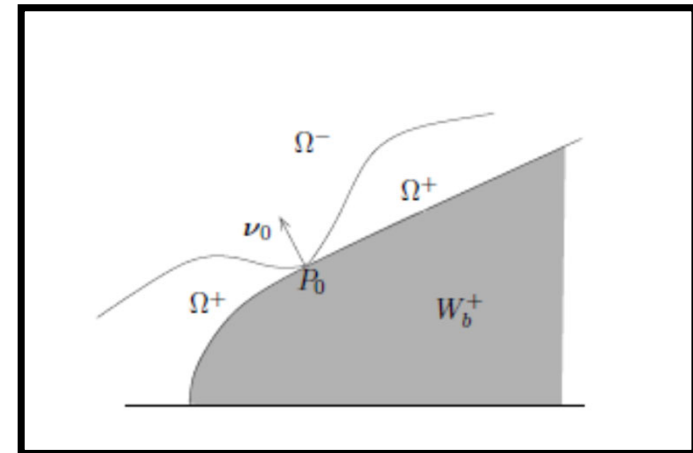
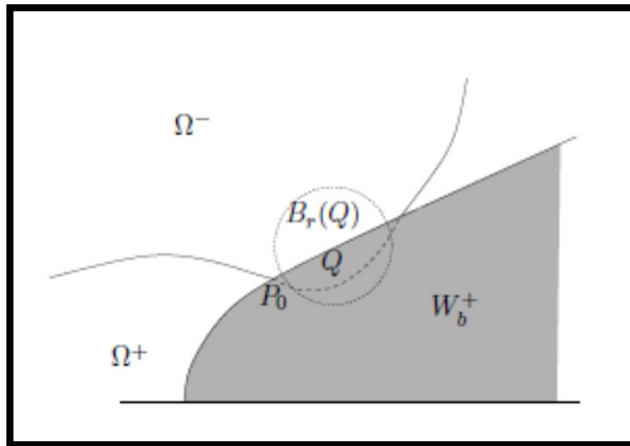
(transonic shock solution)

If $d_0 \geq d_*$ for some $d_* > 0$, then $\bar{\varepsilon}$ can be fixed depending only on d_* .



$$\begin{aligned} |(f_{sh} - f_0)(x_2)| &\approx (1 + x_2)^\beta \\ |(f_{sh} - f_0)'(x_2)| &\approx (1 + x_2)^{-1+\beta} \\ |(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{st})(x_2)| &\approx (1 + x_2)^{-1+\beta} \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

Why a shock must be DETACHED globally from the blunt body?



Idea of a proof:

1. Stream function for 2D flow

$$\partial_{x_1}(\rho u_1) + \partial_{x_2}(\rho u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^\perp \psi = (\rho u_1, \rho u_2) \quad \text{for } \nabla^\perp \psi := (\psi_{x_2}, -\psi_{x_1}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{x_2} u_1 - \partial_{x_1} u_2 = 0 &\Rightarrow \operatorname{Div} \left(\frac{\nabla \psi}{\rho} \right) = 0, \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\rho^2} + \frac{\rho^{\gamma-1}}{\gamma-1} = B_0 &\Rightarrow \rho = \rho(|\nabla \psi|^2) \end{aligned}$$

if either $M > 1$ or $M < 1$.

$$\text{Steady Euler system for irrotational flow} \Rightarrow \operatorname{Div} \left(\frac{\nabla \psi}{\rho(|\nabla \psi|^2)} \right) = 0.$$

2. Reformulation of FBP

(i)

$$|\nabla\psi|^2 < -2H(\rho_{\text{sonic}}) \quad \text{in} \quad \overline{\Omega_{f_{\text{sh}}}^+} \quad (\Leftrightarrow M < 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{elliptic equation for } \psi)$$

(ii) (Equation for ψ)

$$(c^2 - u_1^2)\psi_{x_1x_1} - 2u_1u_2\psi_{x_1x_2} + (c^2 - u_2^2)\psi_{x_2x_2} = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_{f_{\text{sh}}}^+$$

(iii) (Boundary conditions for ψ)

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_\infty (:= \rho_\infty u_\infty x_2) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{sh}}, \\ \psi &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{\text{sym}} \cup \Gamma_w. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

(Asymptotic boundary condition)

$$\lim_{\substack{|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty \\ \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_{f_{\text{shock}}}}} |\nabla^\perp \psi(\mathbf{x}) - \rho_{\text{st}}^\varepsilon \mathbf{u}_{\text{st}}^\varepsilon| = 0. \tag{2}$$

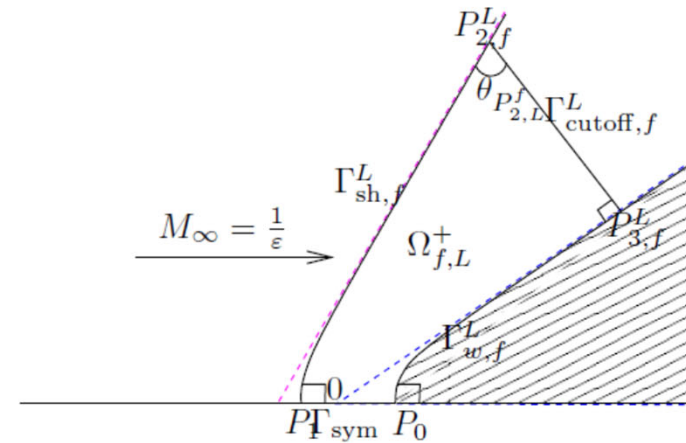
(iv) (Free boundary condition)

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{\text{sh}}(x_2) &= \frac{(\psi_{x_1}/\rho(|\nabla\psi|^2))(f_{\text{sh}}(x_2), x_2)}{(\psi_{x_2}/\rho(|\nabla\psi|^2))(f_{\text{sh}}(x_2), x_2) - u_\infty} \quad \text{for all } x_2 > 0, \\ f_{\text{sh}} &= b_0 - d_0. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Free boundary problem in cut-off domains

How to execute actually?
(Iteration frame work)

- (1) Fix L sufficiently large.
- (2) Fix an approximated shock f of "the height" L . Then, $\Omega_{f,L}^+$ is fixed.
- (3) Solve a NLBVP in $\Omega_{f,L}^+$.
- (4) Update the shock.



Boundary condition on the cut-off boundary $\Gamma_{cutoff,f}^L$

$$\nabla \psi \cdot \mathbf{n}_c = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{cutoff,L}^f \quad \text{for } \mathbf{n}_c = \langle \cos \theta_w, \sin \theta_w \rangle$$

This corresponds to

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_c = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{cutoff,L}^f.$$

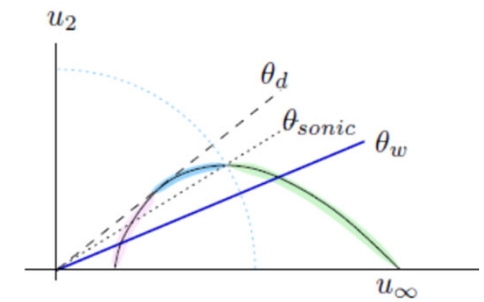
Result part 2(Convexity of the detached shock)

For a fixed $d_0 > 0$, one can find $\hat{\varepsilon} \in (0, \bar{\varepsilon}]$ s.t. if

$$M_\infty \geq \frac{1}{\hat{\varepsilon}},$$

then the detached shock $x_1 = f_{sh}(x_2)$ satisfies that

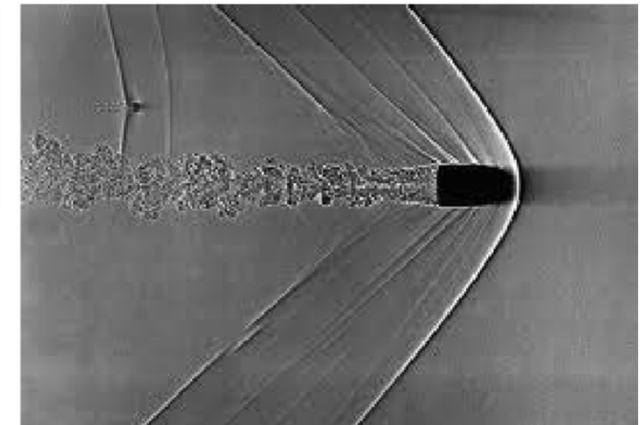
$$f_{sh}''(x_2) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x_2 \geq 0.$$



The key assumption to achieve the convexity of the shock is

$$b''(x_2) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } x_2 > 0.$$

Q. Can the condition $b'' \geq 0$ be removed?



Summary & Further questions to study...

Summary

1. For a fixed (convex) blunt body W_b , we have proven the existence of a global detached shock solution.
2. The existence of a global detached shock solution can be proven for any given **shock detached distance from the tip of W_b** provided that M_∞ is sufficiently large.
3. The detached shock solutions that we have constructed converge to the strong shock solution at $|x| = \infty$.

Questions

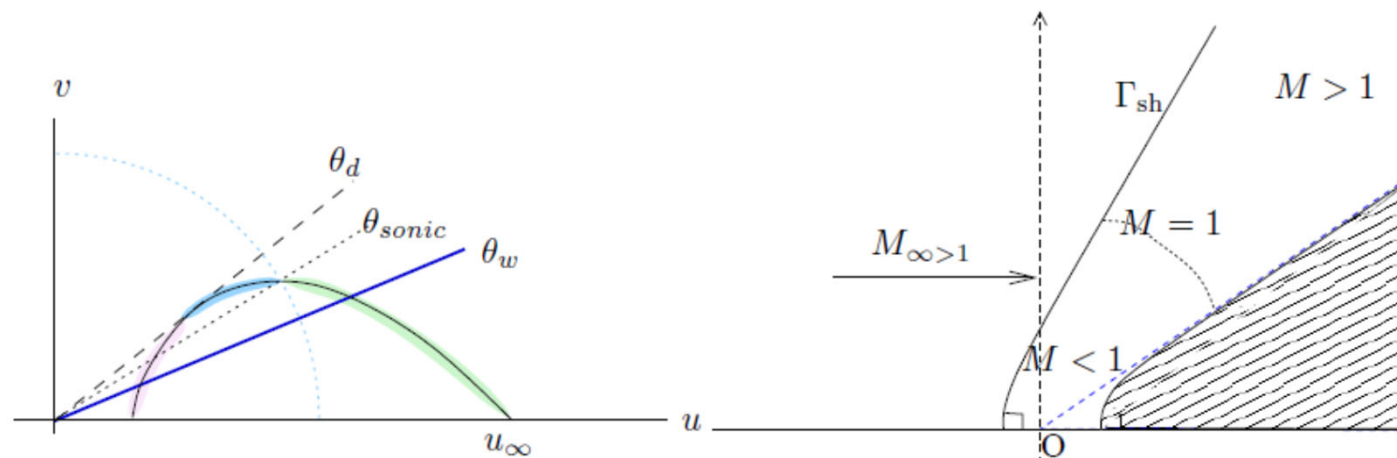
Q1. The uniqueness for a fixed d_0 ?

Q2. Given incoming supersonic state, can we determine **the optimal shock detached distance** $d_0^* > 0$?

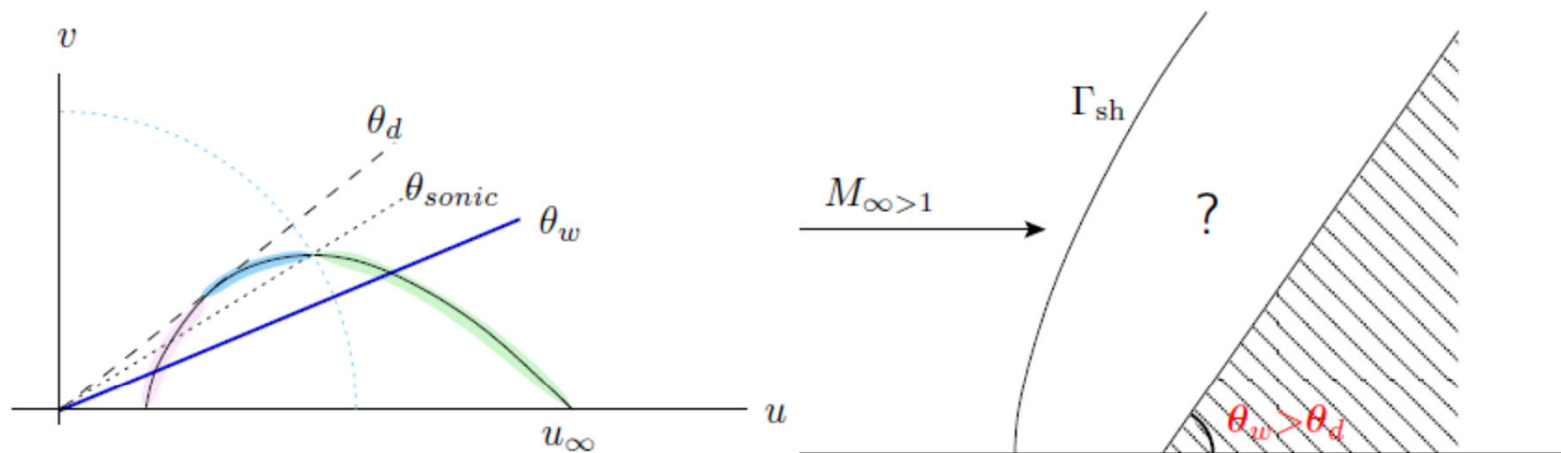
& Detached shock solution of full Euler system?

Further questions

Q3. Is it possible for a detached shock solution to converge to the weak shock solution at $|x| = \infty$?

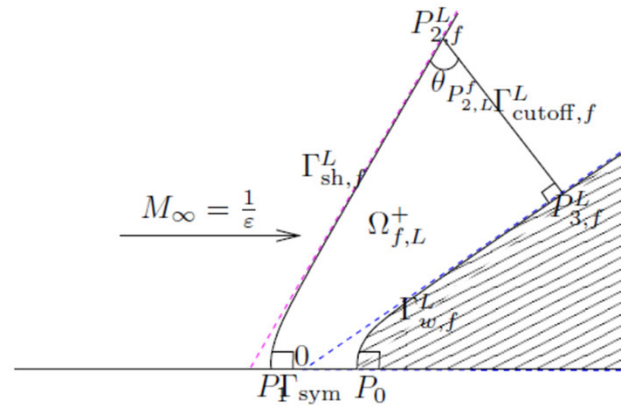


Q4. Detached shock solution past a wedge of the half-angle $\theta_w > \theta_{\text{det}}$ with the straight boundary?



THANK YOU!!

How to prove the convexity of $x_1 = f_{sh}(x_2)$?



- (1) Take $L_n = 4(n + L_*)$.
- (2) For each n , find $x_1 = f_{sh}^{(n)}(x_2)$.
- (3) $\text{sgn } \frac{d^2}{dx_2^2} f_{sh}^{(n)}(x_2) = \text{sgn } \frac{d}{dx_2} \left| (u_1, u_2) \left(f_{sh}^{(n)}(x_2), x_2 \right) \right|$
- (4)* Show that $\left| (u_1, u_2) \left(f_{sh}^{(n)}(x_2), x_2 \right) \right|$ monotonically increases.

(Here, the convexity of the blunt body is heavily used.)