

so that

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \lambda_1 \cdot \pi_1 = -\rho \frac{\partial c}{\partial \rho} - c = -\left(c + \rho \frac{\partial c}{\partial \rho}\right), \\ \nabla \lambda_2 \cdot \pi_2 = 0, \\ \nabla \lambda_3 \cdot \pi_3 = c + \rho \frac{\partial c}{\partial \rho}. \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Using (19)', we then obtain that the first and the third characteristic fields are genuinely nonlinear while the second one is linearly degenerate.

Riemann Invariants

For each characteristic field, we seek $(p-1) = 2$ Riemann invariants whose gradients are linearly independent. Recall that a k -Riemann invariant $w: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$\nabla w(u) \cdot \pi_k(u) = 0 \quad \forall u. \quad (22)$$

We choose here again to work with the set of variables (ρ, u, s) . Let us begin with the first characteristic field. (22) gives

$$\rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial \rho} - c \frac{\partial w}{\partial u} = 0$$

Then, s and $u + l(\rho, s)$ with l defined up to an additive function of s by

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \rho}(\rho, s) = \frac{c(\rho, s)}{\rho}$$

are clearly candidates. It remains to check that these gradients are linearly independent. We have

$$\nabla s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla(u+l) = \begin{pmatrix} c/\rho \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

These vectors are clearly independent.

In a similar way, we get that s and $u - l(\rho, s)$ are two Riemann invariants with linearly independent gradients associated with the third characteristic field.