

Problems on Systems of Conservation Laws

1. Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u + \partial_x u + \partial_x v &= 0 \\ \partial_t v + \partial_x u + 2\partial_x v + \partial_x w &= 0 \\ \partial_t w - \partial_x u + 2\partial_x v &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Write these equations in matrix form and show that the system is strictly hyperbolic
- Find the eigenvalues and left eigenvectors for the system
- Find the Riemann invariants of the system (there are 3 of them).

2. The equations for 2-dimensional steady state gas dynamics are

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_x(\rho u) + \partial_y(\rho v) &= 0 \\ u\partial_x u + v\partial_y u &= -\frac{1}{\rho}\partial_x p, \quad u\partial_x v + v\partial_y v = -\frac{1}{\rho}\partial_y p \\ \rho(u\partial_x + v\partial_y)\left(\frac{p}{(\gamma-1)\rho} + \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2)\right) + \partial_x(pu) + \partial_y(pv) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Write these equations in matrix form $A\partial_x \vec{u} + B\partial_y \vec{u} = \vec{0}$, where $\vec{u} = (\rho, u, v, p)$
- Show that the system (i.e., $A^{-1}B$) has 4 real but not distinct eigenvalues when $u^2 + v^2 > \gamma p/\rho$
- Find any Riemann invariants that may exist.

3. Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u + u\partial_x v &= u\sqrt{v} \\ \partial_t v + v\partial_x u &= v\sqrt{u}\end{aligned}$$

- Write these equations in matrix form and show that the system is strictly hyperbolic if $u, v > 0$.
- Find the eigenvalues and left eigenvectors for the system
- Find the Riemann invariants of the system

4. Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u + u\partial_x u + 2v\partial_x v &= 0 \\ 2\partial_t v + v\partial_x u + 2u\partial_x v &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- Write these equations in matrix form and show that the system is strictly hyperbolic
- Find the eigenvalues and left eigenvectors for the system
- Find the Riemann invariants of the system

