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# Hyperbolic conservation laws with prescribed eigenfields.

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## System of conservation laws

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0. \quad (1a)$$

- $n$  equations on  $n$  unknown functions  $u(x, t) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- one space-variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ; one time-variable:  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- $f(u) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  smooth flux.

$$u_t + [D_u f] u_x = 0 \quad (1b)$$

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- (1) is called **hyperbolic** on  $\Omega$  if  $\forall \bar{u} \in \Omega$  the Jacobian matrix  $[D_u f]$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .



eigenvector fields  $R_1(u), \dots, R_n(u)$  of  $[D_u f]$  are independent at  $\forall \bar{u} \in \Omega$  – they comprise an **eigenframe**.

- $\lambda^1(u), \dots, \lambda^n(u)$  are eigenfunctions of  $D_u f$ . If distinct  $\forall u \in \Omega$ , then (1) is called **strictly hyperbolic**.

**Problem:** Given a set independent vector fields  $\mathcal{R} = \{R_1, \dots, R_m\}$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq n$  on open  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , find all maps  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  (fluxes), whose Jacobian matrix  $[D_u f]$  has  $\mathcal{R}$  as a prescribed (partial) set of eigenvector-fields.

## Motivation:

- Construct conservations laws with prescribed rarefaction curves and analyze how the geometry of these curves determines behavior of the solutions of conservative these systems.
- Interesting geometric problem on its own.
- Leads to interesting overdetermined systems of PDE's.

## Examples: full frames in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (coordinates $(u, v, w)$ )

(1)  $R_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$ ,  $R_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $R_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$

4-dimensional space of trivial fluxes:

$$f = a [u, v, w]^T + [b_1, b_2, b_3]^T \text{ where } a, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$Df = a I \implies \lambda^1 = \lambda^2 = \lambda^3 = a$$

(2)  $R_1 = [v, u, 1]^T$ ,  $R_2 = [-v, u, 0]^T$ ,  $R_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$

5-dimensional vector space of fluxes

$$f = c \left[ v^3, u^3, \frac{3}{4}(u^2 + v^2) \right]^T + \text{a trivial flux, } c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda^1 = 3cuv + a, \quad \lambda^2 = -3cuv + a, \quad \lambda^3 = a.$$

(3)  $R_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T$ ,  $R_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T$ ,  $R_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$

$$f = [\phi^1(u), \phi^2(v), \phi^3(w)]^T, \quad \phi^i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$\lambda^1 = (\phi^1)'(u), \quad \lambda^2 = (\phi^2)'(v), \quad \lambda^3 = (\phi^3)'(w).$$

## What if we prescribe incomplete (partial) eigenframe?

(1)  $R_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$ ,  $R_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $R_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$  only trivial fluxes.

(1a)  $R_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$ ,  $R_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$  again only trivial fluxes!

(1b)  $R_1 = [0, 1, u]^T$ ,  $R_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$ .

$$f = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \ln(u) \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{w}{u} - v \right) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} u^3 \\ u w \\ w u^2 \end{bmatrix} + a \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^1 = c_1 \ln(u) - \frac{1}{3} c_2 u^3, \quad F^2 = c_2 u w, \quad F^3 = \frac{1}{2} c_1 \left( \frac{w}{u} - v \right) + c_2 u^2.$$

$$\lambda^1 = c_2 u^2, \quad \lambda^3 = c_1 \frac{1}{u} - c_2 u^2$$

(1c)  $R_2 = [w, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $R_3 = [u, 0, -w]^T$ .

$\infty$ -dimensional family of fluxes, but no strictly hyperbolic among them!

## What about coordinate frame example?

$$(3) R_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T, \quad R_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T, \quad R_3 = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

$$f = [\phi^1(u), \phi^2(v), \phi^3(w)]^T, \quad \phi^i: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ arbitrary}$$

$$\lambda^1 = (\phi^1)'(u), \quad \lambda^2 = (\phi^2)'(v), \quad \lambda^3 = (\phi^3)'(w).$$

$$(3a) \quad R_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T, \quad R_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T.$$

$$f = [\phi^1(u, w), \phi^2(v, w), \phi^3(w)]^T, \quad \phi^1, \phi^2: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad \phi^3: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda^1 = \frac{\partial \phi^1}{\partial u}, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{\partial \phi^2}{\partial v}.$$

$$(3b) \quad R_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T.$$

$$f = [\phi^1(u, v, w), \phi^2(v, w), \phi^3(v, w)]^T \quad \phi^1: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad \phi^2, \phi^3: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda^1 = \frac{\partial \phi^1}{\partial u}.$$

## How did we find $f$ in the above examples?

- Given a set of independent vector-fields  $\mathcal{R} = \{R_1, \dots, R_m\}$  on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , set up an overdetermined (for  $n > 2$ ) system of  $m n$  1st order PDE's on  $n + m$  unknown functions  $f = [F^1, \dots, F^n]: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda^i: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

$$[D_u f] R_i(u) = \lambda^i(u) R_i(u), \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system

where  $[D_u f] = \left[ \frac{\partial F^i}{\partial u^j} \right]_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$  is the Jacobian matrix.

(Although unknown functions  $\lambda^i, \dots, \lambda^m$  are not differentiated, they are not free parameters, but must, for  $n > 1$  satisfy some conditions for  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system to have a solution.)

- Either solve by hand or employ a computer solver (e.g. Maple, “pdsolve”, and hope that it produces a complete and readable solutions set of  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system).
- Can we trust these computations?!!



Can we predict the “size” and the structure of the solution set of  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ -system from the geometric properties of the set  $\mathcal{R} = \{R_1, \dots, R_m\}$ ?

Yes, by using integrability theorems: smooth Frobenius and Darboux theorems (and their generalizations), and as the last resort analytic Cartan-Kähler theorem.

# Geometry of vector fields

**vector fields**  $\longleftrightarrow$  **derivations:**

$$S(u) = [S^1(u), \dots, S^n(u)] \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad s = S^1(u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + \dots + S^n(u) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^n}.$$

$$\phi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad s: \phi \rightarrow s(\phi) = S \cdot \text{grad } \phi.$$

Notation:

$C^\infty(\Omega)$  - the set of smooth functions on  $\Omega$ ;

$\mathcal{X}^\infty(\Omega)$  - the set of smooth vector-fields on  $\Omega$ .

**Covariant derivative:** For  $s, r \in \mathcal{X}(\Omega)$  define

$$\nabla_s r := s(R) \in \mathcal{X}(\Omega)$$

where  $R$  is a component vector of  $r$  in u-coordinates, and  $s$  is applied to each component.

**Lie bracket:**  $[r, s](\phi) := r(s(\phi)) - s(r(\phi))$

**Theorem:**  $[r, s] = \nabla_r s - \nabla_s r \in \mathcal{X}(\Omega)$

## In more intrinsic geometric language:

We defined flat, symmetric connection  $\nabla$  on  $\Omega$ , with  $u$  being affine coordinates:

$$\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial u^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} = 0, \quad \forall i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

For all  $r, s, t \in \mathcal{X}(\Omega)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_r s - \nabla_s r &= [r, s] && \text{Symmetry,} \\ \nabla_r \nabla_s t - \nabla_s \nabla_r t &= \nabla_{[r, s]} t && \text{Flatness.} \end{aligned}$$

# Partial frames, involutivity, richness

Definitions:

- A set of smooth vector fields  $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$ , where  $m \leq n$ , is called a partial frame on open  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  if at each  $\bar{u} \in \Omega$  vectors  $\mathbf{r}_1|_{\bar{u}}, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m|_{\bar{u}}$  are linearly independent. If  $m = n$ , then  $\mathcal{R}$  is a frame.
- $\mathcal{R}$  is in involution if  $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty} \mathcal{R}$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ .
- $\mathcal{R}$  is rich if  $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty} \{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$  (pairwise in involution).

**Darboux Integrability Theorem** [Leçons sur les systèmes orthogonaux et les coordonnées curvilignes. (1910)]

Given:

1. subsets  $\alpha(i) \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .
2.  $\Omega \subset \mathcal{R}^n$  and  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  open subsets
3.  $h_j^i(u^1, \dots, u^n, \phi^1, \dots, \phi^p)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $j \in \alpha(i)$  smooth functions on  $\Omega \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with certain combinatorial restrictions on which  $\phi$ 's each of the  $h_j^i$  may depend so that (2) become algebraic.

Consider a system of PDE's on  $(\phi^1, \dots, \phi^p) : \Omega \rightarrow \Theta$ :

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \phi^i}{\partial u^j} = h_j^i(u, \phi(u))}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p; j \in \alpha(i). \quad (1)$$

If integrability conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u^k} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} (\phi^i) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial u^k} (\phi^i) \right) = 0 \text{ for all } j, k \in \alpha(i) \quad (2)$$

are identically satisfied on  $\Omega \times \Theta$  after substitution of  $h_j^i(u, \phi)$  for  $\frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} (\phi^i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $j \in \alpha(i)$  as prescribed by system (1)

Then  $\exists!$  smooth local solution of (1) around  $\bar{u}$ , for any smooth initial data for  $\phi^i$  prescribed along submanifold  $\Xi_i = \{u^j = \bar{u}^j, j \in \alpha_i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  of dimension  $n - |\alpha_i|$ .

**Frobenius Theorem:** PDE version: suff. cond. [Deahna (1840)];  
nec. cond. [Clebsch (1860)]; diff. form version: [Frobenius (1877)]; vectorfield  
formulation: (all equivalent)

## Generalized PDE version [M. Benfield (2016)]:

### Given:

1.  $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$  – a partial frame in involution on open  $\Omega \subset \mathcal{R}^n$ .
2.  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  is open
3.  $h_j^i(u, \phi)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  smooth functions on  $\Omega \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Consider a system of PDE's on  $(\phi^1, \dots, \phi^p) : \Omega \rightarrow \Theta$ :

$$\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i(u)) = h_j^i(u, \phi(u)), \quad i = 1, \dots, p; j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (3)$$

### If integrability conditions

$$\mathbf{r}_k(\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i)) - \mathbf{r}_j(\mathbf{r}_k(\phi^i)) = \sum_{l=1}^m c_{jk}^l \mathbf{r}_l(\phi) \quad i = 1, \dots, p; j, k = 1, \dots, m \quad (4)$$

are identically satisfied on  $\Omega \times \Theta$  after substitution of  $h_j^i(u, \phi)$  for  $\mathbf{r}_j(\phi^i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  as prescribed by system (3)

Then  $\exists!$  smooth local solution of (3), for any smooth initial data prescribed along any embedded submanifold  $\Xi \subset \Omega$  of dimension  $n - m$  transversal to  $\mathcal{R}$ .



## Coordinate-free definition of the Jacobian map:

Definition: The Jacobian of a vector field  $\mathbf{f}$  on open  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , relative to a flat, symmetric connection on  $\Omega$  connection  $\nabla$  is a map

$$J\mathbf{f}: \mathcal{X}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(\Omega) \text{ defined by } J\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}\mathbf{f}$$

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If  $\mathbf{f} = F^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + \dots + F^n \frac{\partial}{\partial u^n}$  and  $\mathbf{r} = R^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + \dots + R^n \frac{\partial}{\partial u^n}$ , where  $u^1, \dots, u^n$  are affine coordinates  $\left( \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial u^i}} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^j} = 0 \right)$  then

$$J\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}) = [D_u F]R,$$

where  $F = [F^1, \dots, F^n]^T$  and  $R = [R_1, \dots, R^n]^T$ .

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Definition:  $\mathbf{f}$  is called hyperbolic on  $\Omega$  if eigenvector-fields of  $J\mathbf{f}$  form a frame on  $\Omega$ . (This implies that all eigenfunctions of  $J\mathbf{f}$  are real)

$\mathbf{f}$  is called strictly hyperbolic if, in addition, at every point of  $\Omega$  all  $n$  eigenfunctions of  $J\mathbf{f}$  have distinct values.

## Jacobian problem:

Given a partial frame  $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$  on open  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq m$ ), and a fixed point  $\bar{u} \in \Omega$ , describe the set of smooth vector fields

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) = \{\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{X}(\Omega') \mid \bar{u} \in \Omega' \subset \Omega\}$$

s. t. there  $\exists$  smooth functions  $\lambda^i: \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which

$$J\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}_i) := \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where  $\nabla$  is a flat, symmetric connection on  $\Omega$ .

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Elements of  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  will be called fluxes.

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- $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  is, possibly  $\infty$ -dimensional,  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space.
- scaling invariance: if  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}} = \{\phi^1 \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \phi^m \mathbf{r}_m\}$ , where  $\phi^i: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are nowhere zero, then  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{F}(\tilde{\mathcal{R}})$ .
- $\forall \mathcal{R}$ , the set  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  contains a trivial fluxes:

$$(a u^1 + b^1) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} + \dots + (a u^n + b^n) \frac{\partial}{\partial u^n}, \quad \text{for all } a, b^1, \dots, b^n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

## Jacobian problem for **rich** (partial) frames $\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$ :

Recall:

- rich means that  $[\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j] \in \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\}$   $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ .
- $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  if  $\exists \lambda^i: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  such that

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{f} = \lambda^i \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Theorem: If  $\mathcal{R}$  is rich then  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes iff

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} \mathbf{r}_j \in \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j\} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq m. \quad (*)$$

Under (\*),  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  depends on  $m$  arbitrary functions of  $n - m + 1$  (the degree of freedom of prescribing  $\lambda$ 's) and  $n$  functions of  $n - m$  variables (the degree of freedom for prescribing  $\mathbf{f}$  for given  $\lambda$ 's)

## Jacobian problem for non-involutive partial frames simplest case: $\mathcal{R} = \{r_1, r_2\}$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Recall:

- non-involutive means that  $[r_1, r_2] \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty}(\mathcal{R}) = \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{r_1, r_2\}$ .
- $f \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  if  $\exists \lambda^1, \lambda^2: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  such that

$$\nabla_{r_i} f = \lambda^i r_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2.$$

**Theorem:** In this case, if  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  contains strictly hyperbolic fluxes, then

$$\nabla_{r_1} r_2 \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{r_i, r_j\} \text{ and } \nabla_{r_2} r_1 \notin \text{span}_{C^\infty}\{r_i, r_j\} \quad (**)$$

Under (\*\*),  $4 \leq \dim(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})) \leq 8$

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- we have examples in all dimensions:  $4, \dots, 8$  and with strictly hyperbolic fluxes when  $\dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) > 4$ .
  - $\dim \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R}) = 4$  iff  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  has only trivial fluxes.

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