A relaxation method for conservation laws via the Born-Infeld system



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A class of scalar conservation laws

■ Some simplified two-phase flow models can be reduced to the equation

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x \left(u(1 - u)g(u) \right) = 0, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \tag{1}$$

where $u(t,x) \in [0,1]$ and $g \in \mathcal{C}^1([0,1];\mathbb{R})$.

 \blacksquare The unknown u represents a volume- or mass-fraction, while

$$w(u) = (1 - u)g(u) \qquad \text{and} \qquad z(u) = -ug(u) \tag{2}$$

play the role of convective phase velocities, since

$$\partial_t(u) + \partial_x(u \cdot w(u)) = 0,$$
 (3a)

$$\partial_t(1-u) + \partial_x((1-u) \cdot z(u)) = 0. \tag{3b}$$

■ The slip velocity g(u) = w(u) - z(u) is assumed to keep a constant sign, i.e., $0 \notin g(]0,1[)$.



Need for a new relaxation scheme

■ The scalar conservation law (1) is embedded in a larger system, which contains additional equations of the type

$$\partial_t \alpha_k + \partial_x (\alpha_k \cdot w(u)) = 0, \tag{4a}$$

$$\partial_t \beta_\ell + \partial_x (\beta_\ell \cdot z(u)) = 0,$$
 (4b)

where the α_k 's and β_ℓ 's denote the species of the mixture.

- The phase velocities w and z have to be always well-defined. But standard numerical methods for (1), such as the semi-linear relaxation, do not guarantee this property.
- Design a suitable relaxation method for this problem, based (surprisingly) on a system called Born-Infeld. Can be studied per se and has interesting extensions [M3AS 19 (2009), 1–38].

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A general-purpose relaxation strategy

Consider the scalar conservation law

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x f(u) = 0, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ t > 0,$$
 (5)

where $u(t,x) \in [0,1]$ and $f(.) \in \mathcal{C}^1([0,1];\mathbb{R})$ is a nonlinear flux function.

■ To construct admissible weak solutions and to design robust numerical schemes, Jin and Xin (1995) proposed the semi-linear relaxation

$$\partial_t U^{\lambda} + \quad \partial_x \mathbf{F}^{\lambda} = 0, \tag{6a}$$

$$\partial_t F^{\lambda} + a^2 \partial_x U^{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda} [f(U^{\lambda}) - F^{\lambda}], \tag{6b}$$

where F^{λ} is a full-fledged variable, maintained close to $f(U^{\lambda})$ by choosing large λ .



Diagonal form of the relaxation system

■ The relaxation system (6) is linear with eigenvalues $\pm a$.

$$\begin{split} &\partial_t \left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} - \frac{F^{\lambda}}{2a} \right) - a \, \partial_x \left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} - \frac{F^{\lambda}}{2a} \right) = \lambda \left[\left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} - \frac{f(U^{\lambda})}{2a} \right) - \left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} - \frac{F^{\lambda}}{2a} \right) \right] \\ &\partial_t \left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{F^{\lambda}}{2a} \right) + a \, \partial_x \left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{F^{\lambda}}{2a} \right) = \lambda \left[\left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2} + \frac{f(U^{\lambda})}{2a} \right) - \left(\frac{U^{\lambda}}{2a} + \frac{F^{\lambda}}{2a} \right) \right] \end{split}$$

■ It can be given a kinetic interpretation

$$\partial_t K^{\lambda}(t,x,\xi) + \xi \, \partial_x K^{\lambda}(t,x,\xi) = \lambda \left[k \left(\int K^{\lambda}(t,x,\zeta) d\zeta, \xi \right) - K^{\lambda}(t,x,\xi) \right],$$

with $\xi \in \{-a, +a\}$ and a Maxwellian k(.,.) such that

$$u = \int_{\{-a,+a\}} k(u,\xi) d\xi$$
 and $f(u) = \int_{\{-a,+a\}} \xi k(u,\xi) d\xi$. (8)

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Approximation properties

■ Inserting the Chapman-Enskog expansion

$$F^{\lambda} = f(U^{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{\lambda} F_1^{\lambda} + O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right) \tag{9}$$

into the relaxation system, we obtain the equivalent equation

$$\partial_t U^{\lambda} + \partial_x f(U^{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_x \left\{ (a^2 - [f'(U^{\lambda})]^2) \partial_x U^{\lambda} \right\}. \tag{10}$$

For dissipativeness, we require the subcharacteristic condition

$$f'(u) \in [-a, +a], \quad \forall u \in [0, 1].$$
 (11)

■ Under the subcharacteristic condition and suitable assumptions on the initial data, the sequence U^{λ} can be shown to converge (in L^{∞} weak*) to the entropy solution of the original scalar conservation law as $\lambda \to +\infty$.

First-order explicit scheme

- Splitting between differential and source terms.
 - $\lambda = \infty$. Set the data at time *n* to equilibrium, i.e.,

$$F_i^n = f(u_i^n). (12)$$

■ $\lambda = 0$. Solve the Riemann problem associated with the relaxation system at each edge i + 1/2. The intermediate state (U^*, F^*) is subject to

$$aU^* - F^* = au_L - F_L, (13a)$$

$$aU^* + F^* = au_R + F_R.$$
 (13b)

Update formulae

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [F^*(u_i^n, u_{i+1}^n) - F^*(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n)], \tag{14}$$

with

$$F^*(u_L, u_R) = \frac{f(u_L) + f(u_R)}{2} - a\frac{u_R - u_L}{2}.$$
 (15)

Maximum principles

$$U^*(u_L, u_R) = \frac{u_L + u_R}{2} - \frac{f(u_R) - f(u_L)}{2a}$$
 (16)

■ satisfies the local maximum principle $U^* \in \lfloor u_L, u_R \rceil$ provided that

$$a \ge \left| \frac{f(u_R) - f(u_L)}{u_R - u_L} \right|,\tag{17}$$

which is implied by the subcharacteristic condition;

■ satisfies the global maximum principle $U^* \in [0,1]$ provided that

$$a \ge \max\left\{\frac{f(u_R) - f(u_L)}{u_R + u_L}, -\frac{f(u_R) - f(u_L)}{(1 - u_R) + (1 - u_L)}\right\};\tag{18}$$

for f(u) = u(1 - u)g(u), a simpler and sufficient condition is

$$a \ge \max\{|g(u_L)|, |g(u_R)|\}.$$
 (19)



Troubleshoots

■ Since $F^* \neq f(U^*) = U^*(1 - U^*)g(U^*)$, the intermediate velocities

$$W^* = \frac{F^*}{U^*} \qquad Z^* = -\frac{F^*}{1 - U^*} \tag{20}$$

may become unbounded as u_L and u_R go to 0 or 1.

■ However, we need W^* and Z^* in order to discretize the additional equations

$$\partial_t \alpha_k + \partial_x (\alpha_k \cdot w(u)) = 0, \tag{21a}$$

$$\partial_t \beta_\ell + \partial_x (\beta_\ell \cdot z(u)) = 0.$$
 (21b)

■ In order to achieve some maximum principle on w and z, we have to take advantage of the form

$$f(u) = u(1 - u)g(u). (22)$$



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Change of variables

■ Equilibrium variables

$$w(u) = (1-u)g(u) = \frac{f(u)}{u},$$
 $u = \frac{z(u)}{z(u) - w(u)},$ (23a)

$$z(u) = -ug(u) = -\frac{f(u)}{1-u},$$
 $f(u) = \frac{w(u)z(u)}{z(u) - w(u)}.$ (23b)

The pair (w, z) belongs to either $\{w \ge 0, z \le 0\}$ or $\{w \le 0, z \ge 0\}$.

Relaxation variables

$$W(U,F) = (1-U)G = \frac{F}{U},$$
 $U(W,Z) = \frac{Z}{Z-W},$ (24a)

$$Z(U,F) = -UG = -\frac{F}{1-U},$$
 $F(W,Z) = \frac{WZ}{Z-W}.$ (24b)

The pair (W,Z) belongs to the same quarter-plane as (w,z). The pair (U,F) is not subject to the constraint F = f(U).



Definition of the relaxation system

■ The Born-Infeld relaxation system for the scalar conservation law (1) is defined as

$$\partial_t W^{\lambda} + Z^{\lambda} \partial_x W^{\lambda} = \lambda [w(U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda})) - W^{\lambda}],$$
 (25a)

$$\partial_t Z^{\lambda} + W^{\lambda} \partial_x Z^{\lambda} = \lambda [z(U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda})) - Z^{\lambda}],$$
 (25b)

where $\lambda > 0$ is the relaxation coefficient.

- When $\lambda = 0$, the above system coincides with a reduced form of the Born-Infeld equations, or more accurately, with a plane-wave subset of the augmented Born-Infeld system by Brenier (2004).
- The eigenvalues $(Z^{\lambda}, W^{\lambda})$ of (25), both linearly degenerate, are respectively associated with the strict Riemann invariants W^{λ} and Z^{λ} .

From the diagonal to the conservative form

For all $\lambda > 0$, we recover

$$\partial_t U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda}) + \partial_x F(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda}) = 0$$
 (26)

by means of a nonlinear combination.

For all $\lambda > 0$, the Born-Infeld relaxation system (25) is equivalent to the system

$$\partial_t U^{\lambda} + \qquad \partial_x (U^{\lambda} (1 - U^{\lambda}) G^{\lambda}) = 0,$$
 (27a)

$$\partial_t G^{\lambda} + (G^{\lambda})^2 \, \partial_x \, U^{\lambda} \qquad \qquad = \lambda [g(U^{\lambda}) - G^{\lambda}]. \tag{27b}$$

The second equation can transformed into the conservative form

$$\partial_t((1-2U^{\lambda})G^{\lambda}) - \partial_x(U^{\lambda}(1-U^{\lambda})(G^{\lambda})^2) = \lambda(1-2U^{\lambda})[g(U^{\lambda}) - G^{\lambda}].$$



Chapman-Enskog analysis

■ Inserting the formal expansion

$$G^{\lambda} = g(U^{\lambda}) + \lambda^{-1}g_1^{\lambda} + O(\lambda^{-2})$$
(28)

into the relaxation system yields the equivalent equation

$$\partial_t U^{\lambda} + \partial_x f(U^{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_x \left\{ - [f'(U^{\lambda}) - w(U^{\lambda})][f'(U^{\lambda}) - z(U^{\lambda})] \partial_x U^{\lambda} \right\}.$$

■ A sufficient condition for this to be a dissipative approximation to the original equation is that the subcharacteristic condition

$$f'(u) \in \lfloor w(u), z(u) \rceil,$$
 (29)

holds true for all *u* in the range of the problem at hand.

■ Notation: $|\mathfrak{a},\mathfrak{b}| = \{r\mathfrak{a} + (1-r)\mathfrak{b}, r \in [0,1]\}.$

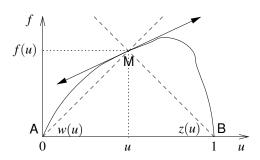


Geometric interpretation

The subcharacteristic condition

$$f'(u) \in \lfloor w(u), z(u) \rceil = \lfloor \frac{f(u) - f(0)}{u - 0}, \frac{f(1) - f(u)}{1 - u} \rfloor$$
 (30)

can be seen as a comparison between the slopes of 3 lines.



Eligible flux functions

- Two practical criteria
 - The subcharacteristic condition (29) is satisfied at $u \in]0,1[$ if and only if the functions w(.) and z(.) are
 - decreasing at u in the case g(.) > 0,
 - increasing at u in the case g(.) < 0.
 - The subcharacteristic condition (29) is satisfied at $u \in]0,1[$ if and only if

$$g'(u) \in \left[-\frac{g(u)}{u}, \frac{g(u)}{1-u} \right].$$
 (31)

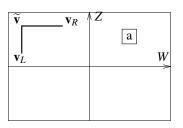
- Examples
 - convex or concave functions f with f(0) = f(1) = 0 and $0 \notin f(]0,1[)$;
 - for $n \ge 2$, the function

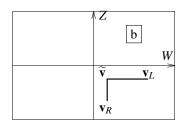
$$f(u) = u(1-u) \left[1 + \frac{\sin(2\pi nu)}{2\pi n} \right]$$
 (32)

is admissible, although f'' does not have a constant sign.



Solving Riemann problems





Starting from $\mathbf{v}_L = (W_L, Z_L)$ and $\mathbf{v}_R = (W_R, Z_R)$, we have

$$\mathbf{v}(t,x) = \mathbf{v}_L \mathbf{1}_{\{x < s_L t\}} + \widetilde{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{1}_{\{s_L t < x < s_R t\}} + \mathbf{v}_R \mathbf{1}_{\{x > s_R t\}}, \tag{33}$$

with

$$s_L = \min(W_L, Z_L) \le 0, \tag{34a}$$

$$s_R = \max(W_R, Z_R) \ge 0, \tag{34b}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{v}} = (\widetilde{W}, \widetilde{Z}) = (W_L^- + W_R^+, Z_L^- + Z_R^+).$$
 (34c)

Deducing maximum principles

The intermediate velocities $\widetilde{\mathbf{v}} = (\widetilde{W}, \widetilde{Z})$ obeys the local maximum principle

$$\widetilde{W} \in [W_L, W_R], \qquad \widetilde{Z} \in [Z_L, Z_R]$$
 (35)

unconditionally.

■ The intermediate fraction

$$\widetilde{U} = U(\widetilde{W}, \widetilde{Z}) = \frac{\widetilde{Z}}{\widetilde{Z} - \widetilde{W}}$$
 (36)

obeys the local maximum principle $\widetilde{U} \in \lfloor u_L, u_R \rceil$ provided that

$$[w(u_R) - w(u_L)][z(u_R) - z(u_L)] \ge 0, (37)$$

which is implied by the subcharacteristic condition;

The intermediate fraction \widetilde{U} obeys the global maximum principle $\widetilde{U} \in [0,1]$ unconditionally.



First-order explicit scheme

Update formulae

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} [\widetilde{F}(u_i^n, u_{i+1}^n) - \widetilde{F}(u_{i-1}^n, u_i^n)], \tag{38}$$

with

$$\widetilde{F}(u_{L}, u_{R}) = F(\widetilde{W}, \widetilde{Z}) = \begin{cases}
\frac{w(u_{L})z(u_{R})}{z(u_{R}) - w(u_{L})} & \text{if } g(.) < 0, \\
\frac{w(u_{R})z(u_{L})}{z(u_{L}) - w(u_{R})} & \text{if } g(.) > 0.
\end{cases}$$
(39)

If the subcharacteristic condition is met, then the Born-Infeld flux $\widetilde{F}(u_L, u_R)$ is monotone, i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial \widetilde{F}}{\partial u_L}(u_L, u_R) \ge 0, \qquad \frac{\partial \widetilde{F}}{\partial u_R}(u_L, u_R) \le 0. \tag{40}$$

Numerical results

■ The flux and data

$$f(u) = u(1-u)(1+u),$$
 (41a)

$$(u_L, u_R) = (0.5, 1)$$
 (41b)

give rise to a shock wave propagating at the speed

$$\frac{f(u_R) - f(u_L)}{u_R - u_L} = \frac{0 - 0.375}{1 - 0.5} = -0.75.$$
 (42)

- We compare the Born-Infeld relaxation with two variants of the Jin-Xin relaxation, namely,
 - JX1: uniform parameter

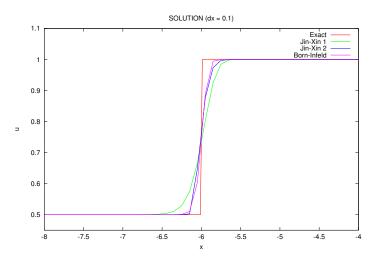
$$a = \max_{i \in \mathbf{Z}} |f'(u_i^n)|; \tag{43}$$

■ JX2: local parameter

$$a_{i+1/2} = \max\{|f'(u_i^n)|, |f'(u_{i+1}^n)|. \tag{44}$$

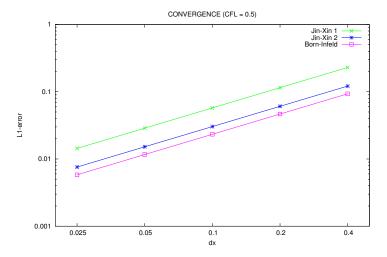
Solution snapshot

$$T = 8$$
; CFL = 0.5



Convergence study

JX1 = 0.99992; JX2 = 1.00021; BI = 1.00573



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Porous media with discontinuous coefficients

■ Simplistic model

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x (u(1-u)\mathbf{k}) = 0, \tag{45a}$$

$$\partial_t k = 0,$$
 (45b)

with $u \in [0, 1]$ and k > 0, studied by Seguin and Vovelle (2003).

Set

$$w(u,k) = (1-u)k, W = (1-U)K,$$
 (46a)

$$z(u,k) = -uk, Z = -UK, (46b)$$

and consider the relaxation model

$$\partial_t W^{\lambda} + Z^{\lambda} \ \partial_x W^{\lambda} = \lambda [w(U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda}), k) - W^{\lambda}], \tag{47a}$$

$$\partial_t Z^{\lambda} + W^{\lambda} \partial_x Z^{\lambda} = \lambda [z(U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda}), k) - Z^{\lambda}],$$
 (47b)

$$\partial_t k = 0,$$
 (47c)

where U(W,Z) = Z/(Z-W).

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Porous media with discontinuous coefficients

Conservative form

$$\partial_t U^{\lambda} + \qquad \partial_x (U^{\lambda} (1 - U^{\lambda}) K^{\lambda}) = 0,$$
 (48a)

$$\partial_t K^{\lambda} + (K^{\lambda})^2 \, \partial_x \, U^{\lambda} \qquad \qquad = \lambda [k - K^{\lambda}], \tag{48b}$$

$$\partial_t k = 0. (48c)$$

Chapman-Enskog analysis

$$\partial_t U^{\lambda} + \partial_x (U^{\lambda} (1 - U^{\lambda}) k) = \lambda^{-1} \partial_x \{ U^{\lambda} (1 - U^{\lambda}) k^2 \partial_x U^{\lambda} \}. \tag{49}$$

Dissipative approximation, no need for a subcharacteristic condition. Actually, we already have

$$\lfloor 0, (1-2u)k \rceil \subset \lfloor -uk, (1-u)k \rceil. \tag{50}$$

Compressible two-phase flow

■ Drift-flux model in Eulerian coordinates

$$\partial_t(\rho) + \partial_x(\rho v) = 0,$$
 (51a)

$$\partial_t(\rho v) + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + P(\mathbf{q})) = 0, \tag{51b}$$

$$\partial_t(\rho Y) + \partial_x(\rho Y v + \rho Y (1 - Y) \phi(\mathbf{q})) = 0, \tag{51c}$$

with $\mathbf{q} = (\rho, \rho v, \rho Y)$. Here, $Y \in [0, 1]$ is the gas mass-fraction and $\phi(\mathbf{q})$ is the slip velocity, given by a closure law.

■ In addition to (51), passive transport

$$\partial_t(\rho \alpha_k) + \partial_x(\rho \alpha_k \nu + \rho \alpha_k (1 - Y) \phi(\mathbf{q})) = 0, \tag{52a}$$

$$\partial_t(\rho\beta_\ell) + \partial_x(\rho\beta_k v - \rho\beta_\ell Y\phi(\mathbf{q})) = 0, \tag{52b}$$

of various partial component-fractions.



Compressible two-phase flow

Lagrangian velocities

$$w(\mathbf{q}) = \rho (1 - Y)\phi(\mathbf{q}), \quad z(\mathbf{q}) = -\rho Y\phi(\mathbf{q}), \quad g(\mathbf{q}) = \rho \phi(\mathbf{q}).$$
 (53)

Switch to Lagrangian coordinates first, work out the relaxation model, then go back to Eulerian coordinates.

$$\partial_t(\rho)^{\lambda} + \partial_x(\rho \nu)^{\lambda} = 0, \tag{54a}$$

$$\partial_t(\rho v)^{\lambda} + \partial_x(\rho v^2 + \Pi)^{\lambda} = 0, \tag{54b}$$

$$\partial_t(\rho\Pi)^{\lambda} + \partial_x(\rho\Pi\nu + a^2\nu)^{\lambda} = \lambda \rho(P(\mathbf{q}^{\lambda}) - \Pi^{\lambda}), \quad (54c)$$

$$\partial_t(\rho Y)^{\lambda} + \partial_x(\rho Y\nu + Y(1 - Y)G)^{\lambda} = 0, \tag{54d}$$

$$\partial_t (\rho G)^{\lambda} + \partial_x (\rho G v)^{\lambda} + (G^{\lambda})^2 \partial_x Y^{\lambda} = \lambda \rho (g(\mathbf{q}^{\lambda}) - G^{\lambda}). \tag{54e}$$

Most "real-life" hydrodynamic laws ϕ satisfy the subcharacteristic condition.



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General scalar conservation law

■ The homogeneous Born-Infeld system

$$\partial_t W + Z \partial_x W = 0, \tag{55a}$$

$$\partial_t Z + W \partial_x Z = 0 \tag{55b}$$

has an entropy-entropy flux pair

$$\partial_t U(W, Z) + \partial_x F(W, Z) = 0 \tag{56}$$

if and only if

$$U(W,Z) = \frac{A(W) + B(Z)}{Z - W}$$
 and $F(W,Z) = \frac{ZA(W) + WB(Z)}{Z - W}$. (57)

Goursat equation

$$U_W - U_Z + (Z - W)U_{WZ} = 0. (58)$$



General scalar conservation law

■ The natural idea is to relax the conservation law $\partial_t u + \partial_x f(u) = 0$ by the generalized system

$$\partial_t W^{\lambda} + Z^{\lambda} \partial_x W^{\lambda} = \lambda W_F [f(U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda})) - F(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda})], \tag{59a}$$

$$\partial_t Z^{\lambda} + W^{\lambda} \partial_x Z^{\lambda} = \lambda Z_F[f(U(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda})) - F(W^{\lambda}, Z^{\lambda})].$$
 (59b)

■ The difficulty lies in obtaining close-form expressions for W(U,F) and Z(U,F). Moreover, the equilibrium values

$$w(u) = W(u, f(u)), z(u) = Z(u, f(u))$$
 (60)

do not always have an obvious physical meaning but have to remain bounded.

■ But an abstract framework can be worked out, in which *all* of the results obtained for f = u(1 - u)g can be extended. Most notably, the subcharacteristic condition and the monotonicity of the numerical flux.

Examples

■ A(W) = 0 and B(Z) = Z [linear BI] lead to U = Z/(Z - W) and F = WZ/(Z - W), the inverse of which is

$$W(U,F) = \frac{F}{U} \quad \text{and} \quad Z(U,F) = -\frac{F}{1-U}. \tag{61}$$

If f(u) = u(1-u)g(u), where g keeps a constant sign, then w(u) and z(u) remain well-defined.

■ A(W) = 0 and $B(Z) = Z^2$ [quadratic BI] lead to $U = Z^2/(Z - W)$ and $F = WZ^2/(Z - W)$, the inverse of which is

$$W(U,F) = \frac{F}{U}$$
 and $Z(U,F) = \frac{U + \sqrt{U^2 - 4F}}{2}$. (62)

If f(u) = -uh(u), where h > 0, then w(u) and z(u) remain well-defined.



Examples

■ A(W) = 0 and $B(Z) = Z^3$ [cubic BI] lead to $U = Z^3/(Z - W)$ and $F = WZ^3/(Z - W)$, the inverse of which is

$$W(U,F) = \frac{F}{U}$$
 and $Z(U,F) = \text{negative root of } Z^3 - UZ + F$. (63)

If f(u) = uh(u), where h > 0, then w(u) and z(u) remain well-defined.

■ The function

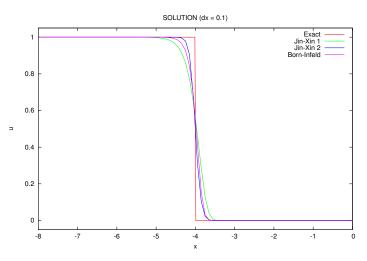
$$h(u) = \frac{1}{(1+u)^{\alpha}}, \qquad 0 \le \alpha \le 1,$$
 (64)

satisfies the subcharacteristic condition for the quadratic and cubic Born-Infeld relaxations.



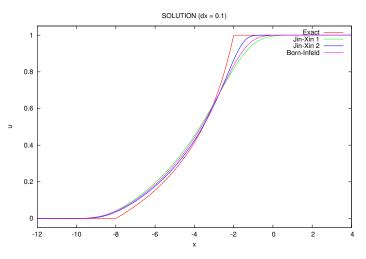
Solution snapshot

Quadratic Born-Infeld for
$$f(u) = -\frac{u}{1+u}$$



Solution snapshot

Cubic Born-Infeld for
$$f(u) = \frac{u}{1+u}$$



Rich systems

Prototype of a 3×3 linearly degenerate rich system

$$\partial_t W_1 + (W_2 + W_3)\partial_x W_1 = 0,$$
 (65a)

$$\partial_t W_2 + (W_3 + W_1)\partial_x W_2 = 0,$$
 (65b)

$$\partial_t W_3 + (W_1 + W_2)\partial_x W_3 = 0.$$
 (65c)

■ The entropy-entropy flux pairs are of the form (Serre, 1992)

$$\partial_t(\mathscr{P}_j(\mathbf{W})q(W_j)) + \partial_x(\mathscr{P}_j(\mathbf{W})q(W_j)\nu_j(\mathbf{W})) = 0, \tag{66}$$

where q(.) is any function,

$$\mathscr{P}_j(\boldsymbol{W}) = -\frac{1}{(W_j - W_i)(W_j - W_k)}$$
 and $v_j(\boldsymbol{W}) = W_i + W_k$. (67)

Another entropy-entropy flux pair is

$$\partial_t(W_1 + W_2 + W_3) + \partial_x(W_2W_3 + W_3W_1 + W_1W_2) = 0.$$
 (68)

An attempt at pressureless gas

■ Taking $q(W_2) = K_0$ and $2W_2K_0$, we get

$$\partial_t(K_0\mathscr{P}_2(\mathbf{W})) + \partial_x(K_0\mathscr{P}_2(\mathbf{W}) \cdot (W_3 + W_1)) = 0, \quad (69a)$$

$$\partial_t (K_0 \mathscr{P}_2(\mathbf{W}) \cdot 2W_2) + \partial_x (K_0 \mathscr{P}_2(\mathbf{W}) \cdot 2W_2 \cdot (W_3 + W_1)) = 0.$$
 (69b)

■ If $W_3 + W_1 = 2W_2$, then we formally recover

$$\partial_t(\boldsymbol{\rho}) + \partial_x(\boldsymbol{\rho}u) = 0,$$
 (70a)

$$\partial_t(\rho u) + \partial_x(\rho u^2) = 0. \tag{70b}$$

Non-strictly hyperbolic, with the resonant eigenvalue *u*.

■ The idea is therefore to supplement (69) with a third equation

$$\partial_{t}(W_{1} + W_{2} + W_{3}) + \partial_{x}(W_{2}W_{3} + W_{3}W_{1} + W_{1}W_{2})
= \lambda(2W_{2} - (W_{3} + W_{1})).$$
(71)

Pressureless gas...far from vacuum

Conservative form

$$\partial_t(\rho)^{\lambda} + \partial_x(\rho V)^{\lambda} = 0,$$
 (72a)

$$\partial_t(\rho u)^{\lambda} + \partial_x(\rho uV)^{\lambda} = 0,$$
 (72b)

$$\partial_t (V + u/2)^{\lambda} + \partial_x (Vu - u^2/4 - K_0/\rho)^{\lambda} = \lambda (u - V)^{\lambda}. \tag{72c}$$

Diagonal variables

$$W_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(V + \sqrt{(V - u)^2 + 4K_0/\rho} \right)$$
 (73a)

$$W_2 = \frac{1}{2} u \tag{73b}$$

$$W_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(V - \sqrt{(V - u)^2 + 4K_0/\rho} \right) \tag{73c}$$

■ The eigenvalues $v_j = W_i + W_k$ coincide, at equilibrium, with

$$v_1 = u - \sqrt{K_0/\rho}, \quad v_2 = u, \quad v_3 = u + \sqrt{K_0/\rho}.$$
 (74)



The original Born-Infeld equations

■ The BI system (6×6)

$$\partial_t D + \nabla \times \frac{-B + D \times P}{h} = 0, \qquad \nabla \cdot D = 0,$$
 (75a)

$$\partial_t B + \nabla \times \frac{D + B \times P}{h} = 0, \qquad \nabla \cdot B = 0,$$
 (75b)

with

$$h = \sqrt{1 + |D|^2 + |B|^2 + |D \times B|^2}, \qquad P = D \times B,$$
 (76)

were intended (1934) to be a nonlinear correction to the Maxwell equations.

- Designed on purpose to be hyperbolic and linearly degenerate, so as to avoid shock wave. No further microscopical theory needed.
- Additional conservation laws on h (energy density) and P (Poynting vector), but h is not a uniformly convex entropy.

The augmented Born-Infeld equations

■ In his works on wave-particle transition, Brenier (2004) proposed to consider the conservation laws in *h* and *P* as part of a larger system

$$\partial_t D + \nabla \times \frac{-B + D \times P}{h} = 0, \qquad \nabla \cdot D = 0,$$
 (77a)

$$\partial_t B + \nabla \times \frac{D + B \times P}{h} = 0, \qquad \nabla \cdot B = 0,$$
 (77b)

$$\partial_t h + \nabla \cdot P \qquad = 0, \tag{77c}$$

$$\partial_t P + \nabla \cdot \frac{P \otimes P - D \otimes D - B \otimes B}{h} = \nabla \frac{1}{h}.$$
 (77d)

- The ABI system (10 × 10) is hyperbolic, linearly degenerate, and coincides with the BI system on the submanifold defined by (76).
- The uniformly convex entropy $\eta = (1 + |D|^2 + |B|^2 + |P|^2)/2h$ satisfies

$$\partial_t \eta + \nabla \cdot \frac{(\eta h - 1)P + D \times B - (D \otimes D + B \otimes B)P}{h^2} = 0. \tag{78}$$

Plane-wave solution to the ABI system

Choose $x = x_1$ and look for fields that depend only on (t,x). After simplification, the (h,P)-block becomes

$$\partial_t h + \partial_x P_1 = 0, (79a)$$

$$\partial_t P_1 + \partial_x \frac{P_1^2 - 1}{h} = 0.$$
 (79b)

■ The eigenvalues

$$v^{-} = \frac{P_1 - 1}{h}$$
 and $v^{+} = \frac{P_1 + 1}{h}$ (80)

are linearly degenerate and are governed by $\partial_t v^{\mp} + v^{\pm} \partial_x v^{\mp} = 0$.

■ Setting formally $U = (P_1 + 1)/2$ and G = -2/h, we recover

$$\partial_t U + \partial_x U (1 - U) G = 0, \tag{81a}$$

$$\partial_t G + G^2 \, \partial_x U \qquad = 0. \tag{81b}$$