

## 6. Gas dynamics

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### Speed of infinitesimal disturbances in still gas

Continuity:  
 $A(a-dv)(\rho+dp) = a\rho A$   
 $a dp = \rho dv$

Momentum theorem:  
 $\sum \vec{I} = \sum \vec{P}$   
 $A\rho a(a-(a-dv)) = A dp$   
 $dp = \rho a dv$

Allievi theorem  $\rightarrow$

$a^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho}$

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| In steel | ~5000 m/s |
| In water | ~1500 m/s |
| In air   | ~340 m/s  |

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### Ideal gases

Equation of state:  $\frac{p}{\rho} = RT$

We also assume that the specific heats are constant.

Internal energy:  $u = c_v T$       Enthalpy:  $h = u + \frac{p}{\rho} = c_p T$

Specific gas constant:  $R = c_p - c_v = \frac{R_u}{M}$ ;  $R_{air} = \frac{8314}{29} = 287 \left[ \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg K}} \right]$

Ratio of specific heats:  $\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$       eg. for all diatomic gases:  
 $\gamma = 1.4$

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### The speed of sound in ideal gases

We assume isentropic compression, which is very fast and the effect of the friction is negligible, thus:

$$\frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} = \text{const.}$$

$$\ln p - \gamma \ln \rho = \ln(\text{const.})$$

$$\frac{dp}{p} - \gamma \frac{d\rho}{\rho} = 0$$

$$\frac{dp}{d\rho} = \gamma \frac{p}{\rho} = \gamma RT$$

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma RT}$$

Eg. for air:  
 at 0°C:  $a=331$  m/s  
 at 20°C:  $a=343$  m/s

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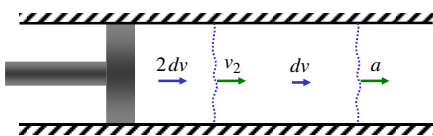
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### Nonlinear wave propagation

What if we generate another small disturbance?



$v_2 > a$  because:

- The second wave propagates in a gas flow of  $dv$  velocity.
- The second wave propagates in a gas flow having a higher speed of sound:  $p \uparrow \rightarrow T \uparrow \rightarrow a \uparrow$ .

The second wave will catch up to the first wave.

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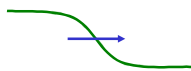
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### Shock waves

A compression wave is steepening, and finally it becomes a **shock wave**.



Expansion waves behave in the opposite way:



- Treated as a discontinuity (finite jump) of the state variables ( $p$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $T$  and  $a$ ).
- Propagates faster than the small disturbances. (Only shock waves can do so.)
- Deceleration of supersonic flows are generally caused by shock waves.
- It is a dissipative process. (Causes head losses.)

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### Analogy

Waves breaking in shallow water




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### Analogy

Hydraulic jump in a sink




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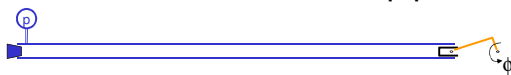
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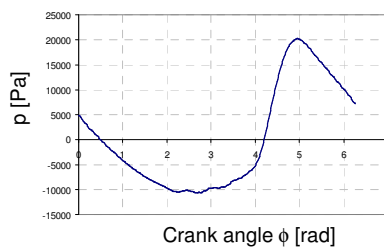
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### Resonance in a closed pipe



Pipe length:  
6.05 m  
Diameter:  
36 mm  
Piston displacement:  
50 cm<sup>3</sup>.

At 29 Hz we measured:




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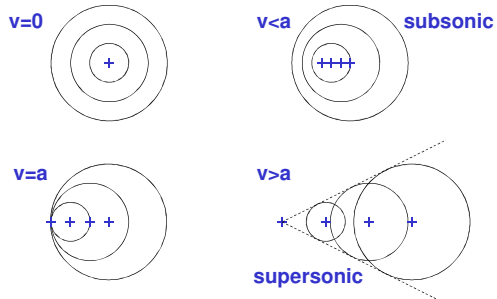
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### Propagation of small disturbances in subsonic and in supersonic flow

Positions of an object having velocity  $v$  at time instants 0, -1, -2 and -3 seconds and also showing the wave fronts started in those instants:




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### Application

Schlieren image of a gun fire



[[http://www.phschool.com/science/science\\_news/articles/revealing\\_covert\\_actions.html](http://www.phschool.com/science/science_news/articles/revealing_covert_actions.html)]

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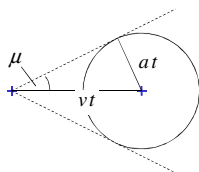
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### Mach cone



Mach number:  $M = \frac{v}{a}$

Mach angle:  $\mu = \arcsin\left(\frac{a}{v}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$

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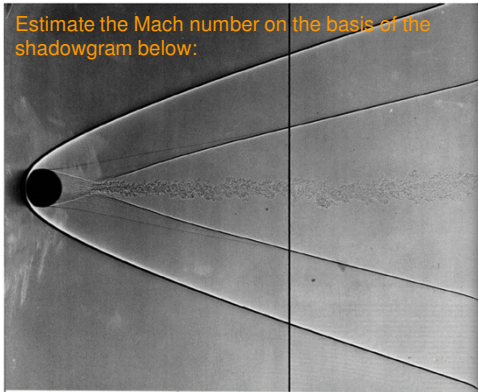
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### Problem #6.1

Estimate the Mach number on the basis of the shadowgram below:



[An album of fluid motion] Spherical projectile [To the solution](#)

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### Analogy

Cerenkov radiation

The Cerenkov radiation from a muon produced by a muon neutrino event yields a well defined circular ring in the photomultiplier detector bank.

The Cerenkov radiation from the electron shower produced by an electron neutrino event produces multiple cones and therefore a diffuse ring in the detector array.

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### Variable cross-section channel (1)

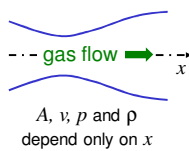
Continuity:  $\frac{dA}{A} + \frac{dv}{v} + \frac{d\rho}{\rho} = 0$

Euler equation:  $v dv = -\frac{dp}{\rho}$

Definition of  $a$ :  $a^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho}$

$$v^2 \frac{dv}{v} = -\frac{dp}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dp} a^2 = -a^2 \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$M^2 \frac{dv}{v} = -\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \frac{dA}{A} + \frac{dv}{v} \quad \rightarrow \quad (M^2 - 1) \frac{dv}{v} = \frac{dA}{A}$$




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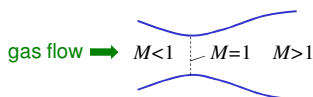
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### Variable cross-section channel (2)

$$(M^2 - 1) \frac{dv}{v} = \frac{dA}{A}$$

|            |         | Acceleration | Deceleration |
|------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Subsonic   | $M < 1$ | Convergent   | Divergent    |
| Supersonic | $M > 1$ | Divergent    | Convergent   |

If  $M=1$  then  $dA=0$ : the area has an extreme value (minimum).




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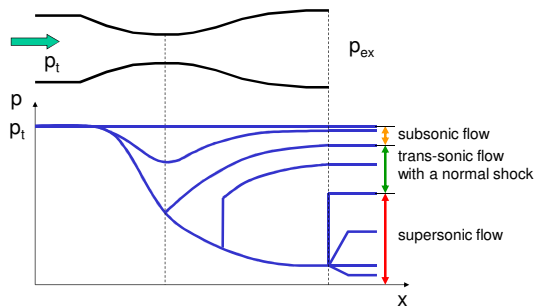
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### Laval nozzle




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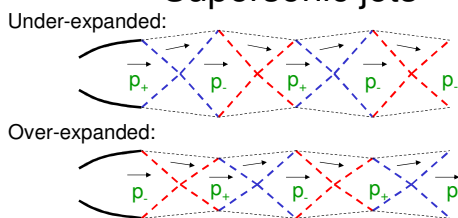
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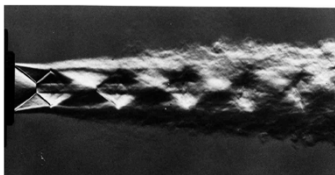
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### Supersonic jets



$M=1.8$



[An Album of Fluid Motion, 1968]

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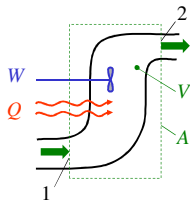
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### Energy equation (1)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V (u + \frac{v^2}{2}) \rho dV + \oint_A (u + \frac{v^2}{2}) \rho \vec{v} d\vec{A} = Q + W - \oint_A p \vec{v} d\vec{A}$$



For steady state:

$$\oint_A (h + \frac{v^2}{2}) \rho \vec{v} d\vec{A} = Q + W$$

Denoting the mass weighted average of the stagnation (total) enthalpy in cross-sections 1 and 2 by  $h_{t,1}$  and  $h_{t,2}$ , it reads:

$$(h_{t,2} - h_{t,1}) q_m = Q + W$$

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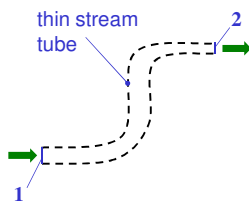
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### Energy equation (2)



The stream tube can be regarded as a moving wall.

We apply the energy equation for steady flow under the following assumptions:

- the stream tube is thermally isolated ( $Q=0$ );
- the shear stress is 0 over the stream tube ( $W=0$ ).

We obtain:  $h_{t,2} = h_{t,1}$

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### Isentropic flow (1)

I. law of thermodynamics:  $T ds = du + p d(\rho^{-1})$

for an ideal gas:  $T ds = c_v dT - \frac{p}{\rho^2} d\rho = c_v dT - RT \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$

for isentropic flow:  $c_v \frac{dT}{T} = R \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$

$$\frac{R}{c_v} = \frac{c_p - c_v}{c_v} = \gamma - 1$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^{\gamma-1} \quad \leftarrow \frac{dT}{T} = (\gamma-1) \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

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### Isentropic flow (2)

$$\frac{dT}{T} = (\gamma - 1) \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$\frac{dp}{p} = \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dT}{T}$$

$$\frac{dT}{T} = (\gamma - 1) \left[ \frac{dp}{p} - \frac{dT}{T} \right]$$

$$\gamma \frac{dT}{T} = (\gamma - 1) \frac{dp}{p}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

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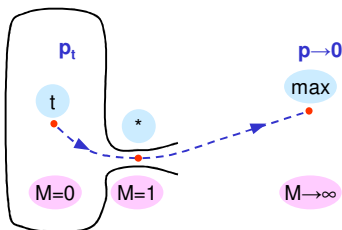
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### Isentropic flow (3)

Reference states




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### Isentropic flow (5)

We can express temperature  $T$  as a function of  $M$ :

$$h_t = h + \frac{v^2}{2}$$

$$c_p T_t = c_p T + \frac{v^2}{2}$$

$$a^2 = \gamma R T = \gamma c_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) T = (\gamma - 1) c_p T$$

$$\frac{a_t^2}{\gamma - 1} = \frac{a^2}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{v^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{a_t^2}{a^2} = \frac{T_t}{T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2$$

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### Isentropic flow (6)

Local pressure and density can be expressed in terms of the Mach number through the isentropic relations:

$$\frac{p_t}{p} = \left(\frac{T_t}{T}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\frac{\rho_t}{\rho} = \left(\frac{T_t}{T}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$$

The critical ratios (for the state of M=1):

$$\frac{T_*}{T_t} = \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \quad \frac{p_*}{p_t} = \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad \frac{\rho_*}{\rho_t} = \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$$

For  $\gamma=1.4$ :      **0.83**      **0.53**      **0.63**

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### Isentropic flow (8)

Mass flow-rate:  $q_m = \rho v A = \frac{\rho}{\rho_t} \rho_t M \frac{a}{a_t} a_t A$

$$q_m = M \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{-\left(\frac{1}{\gamma-1} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \rho_t a_t A$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma-1} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2+\gamma-1}{2(\gamma-1)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}$$

$$q_m = M \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \rho_t a_t A$$

$$\parallel$$

$$q_m = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}} \rho_t a_t A_* \rightarrow \frac{A}{A_*} = f(M)$$

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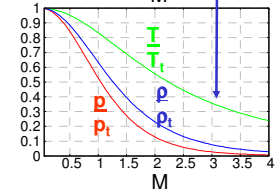
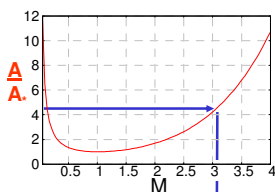
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### Isentropic flow (9)



$$\frac{A}{A_*} = \frac{M^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}{\left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1}}}$$

The inverse of the above function also gives the Mach number for a given A/A\* .

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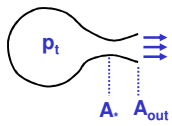
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### Problem #6.3



- a) What is the optimum  $A_{out}/A_c$  ratio of the nozzle of a rocket thruster designed for near ground flight, if the chamber pressure  $p_c=10 \text{ bar}_A$ , and  $\gamma=1.3$ . Please, use the gas tables!
- b) Calculate the mass flow-rate for  $T_c=1300 \text{ K}$ ,  $R=462 \text{ J/kg-K}$  and  $A_{out}=20 \text{ cm}^2$ !
- c) Please, calculate the thrust!

To the solution

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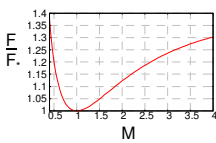
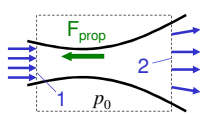
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### Thrust function

The momentum theorem for a variable cross-section steady channel flow reads:

$$F_{prop} = (p_2 + \rho_2 v_2^2)A_2 - (p_1 + \rho_1 v_1^2)A_1 + p_0(A_1 - A_2)$$



$$F = (p + \rho v^2)A$$

$$\frac{F}{F_*} = \frac{p + \rho v^2}{p_* + \rho_* v_*^2} \frac{A}{A_*} = \frac{p}{p_*} \frac{1 + \gamma M^2}{1 + \gamma} \frac{A}{A_*}$$

known functions of M. E.g:

$$\frac{p}{p_*} = \frac{p_c}{p_*} \frac{p}{p_c} = \left(\frac{\gamma+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2\right)^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

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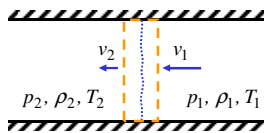
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### Normal shock waves (1)



4 unknowns. We can eliminate one by using:

$$\frac{p_2}{\rho_2} = RT_2$$



A steady flow is observed!

Continuity:

$$v_1 \rho_1 A = v_2 \rho_2 A$$

Momentum law:

$$(p_1 + \rho_1 v_1^2)A = (p_2 + \rho_2 v_2^2)A$$

Energy equation:

$$\left(c_p T_1 + \frac{v_1^2}{2}\right) \rho_1 v_1 A = \left(c_p T_2 + \frac{v_2^2}{2}\right) \rho_2 v_2 A$$

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### Normal shock waves (2)

Mach number was the key to isentropic flows ...  
 ... we should try to solve this problem for  $M_2(M_1)$ .

$$\rho_1 v_1 = \dots \rightarrow \frac{p_1}{RT_1} M_1 (\gamma RT_1)^{1/2} = \dots$$

$$p_1 + \rho_1 v_1^2 = \dots \rightarrow p_1 \left( 1 + \frac{\rho_1 v_1^2}{p_1} \right) = \dots \rightarrow p_1 \left( 1 + \gamma \frac{v_1^2}{a_1^2} \right) = \dots$$

$$p_1 (1 + \gamma M_1^2) = \dots$$

$$c_p T_1 + \frac{v_1^2}{2} = \dots \rightarrow T_1 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma R v_1^2}{2 c_p a_1^2} \right) = \dots \rightarrow T_1 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2 \right) = \dots$$

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### Normal shock waves (3)

$$\begin{matrix} \text{(a)} & \text{(b)} & \text{(c)} \\ \frac{p_1}{RT_1} M_1 (\gamma RT_1)^{1/2} = \dots & p_1 (1 + \gamma M_1^2) = \dots & T_1 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2 \right) = \dots \end{matrix}$$

$$a \cdot b^{-1} \cdot c^{0.5} \quad \frac{M_1}{1 + \gamma M_1^2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2} = \frac{M_2}{1 + \gamma M_2^2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_2^2}$$

$$M_1^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_1^2 \right) (1 + \gamma M_2^2)^2 = M_2^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_2^2 \right) (1 + \gamma M_1^2)^2$$

It is a quadratic formula for  $M_2^2$

We can arrange it into the polynomial form:

$$M_2^4(\dots) + M_2^2(\dots) + (\dots) = 0$$

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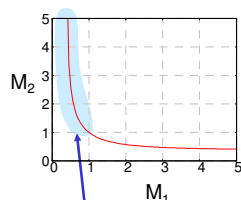
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### Normal shock waves (4)



$$M_2^2 = \frac{M_1^2 + \frac{2}{\gamma - 1}}{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma - 1} M_1^2 - 1}$$

This branch belongs to an expansion shock.  
 Is it valid?

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