ON THE RIEMANN PROBLEM FOR NON-CONSERVATIVE HYPERBOLIC SYSTEMS

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Abstract. We consider the construction and the properties of the Riemann solver for the hyperbolic system

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0, \tag{0.1}$$

assuming only that Df is strictly hyperbolic. In the first part we prove a general regularity theorem on the admissible curves T_i of the i-family, depending on the number of inflection points of f: namely, if there is only one inflection point, T_i is $C^{1,1}$. If the i-th eigenvalue of Df is genuinely nonlinear, by it is well known that T_i is $C^{2,1}$. However, we give an example of an only Lipschitz continuous admissible curve T_i if f has two inflection points.

In the second part, we show a general method for constructing the curves T_i, and we prove a stability result for the solution to the Riemann problem. In particular we prove the uniqueness of the admissible curves for (0.1).

Finally we apply the construction to various approximations to (0.1): vanishing viscosity, relaxation schemes and the semidiscrete upwind scheme. In particular, when the system is in conservation form, we obtain the existence of smooth travelling profiles for all small admissible jumps of (0.1).

1. Introduction

In this paper we consider the construction of the self similar solution $u(t)$ to the $n \times n$ strictly hyperbolic system in one space dimension

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0, \tag{1.1}$$

with initial data

$$u(0,x) = \begin{cases} u^- & x < 0 \\ u^+ & x \geq 0 \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

This problem is known as the Riemann problem, and it corresponds to the weak solution to the boundary value problem

$$-\xi u_\xi + f(u)_\xi = 0, \quad u(\pm\infty) = u^\pm. \tag{1.3}$$

where $\xi = x/t$. It is well known that a weak solution to (1.1), (1.2) is not unique, unless we specify some admissibility condition on the solution $u(t)$.

Let $A(u) \doteq Df(u)$ be the Jacobian matrix of the flux function f, and denote with $\lambda_i(u)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ its eigenvalues and with $l_i(u)$, $r_i(u)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ its left and right eigenvectors, respectively.

The most general solution to (1.1), (1.2) is given in [8]. It is assumed that the flux function f has a finite number of inflection points, i.e. the directional derivative of the i-th eigenvalue $\lambda_i(u)$ in the direction of $r_i(u)$, $D\lambda_i r_i(u)$, is zero along a finite number of hypersurface $\mathcal{F}_m$, $m = 1, \dots, M$, and each $\mathcal{F}_m$ is transversal to $r_i(u)$. Under this hypothesis, it is shown that there exists only one weak self similar solution to the Riemann problem (1.1), (1.2), for $u^- - u^+$ sufficiently small. This solution is obtained by patching together a finite number of rarefaction fronts and shocks or contact discontinuities, and the admissibility condition is that each shock satisfies Liu's stability condition (see [8] and section 2).

An alternative approach is given in [10], using the limit of an elliptic regularization of the Riemann operator (1.3),

$$-\xi u_\xi + f(u)_\xi = \epsilon u_{\xi\xi}, \quad u(\pm\infty) = u^\pm.$$

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The author shows that for a general flux function f the solutions to the above equation exists and it has uniformly bounded total variation, independent of ϵ, if $u^- - u^+$ is sufficiently small. Up to a subsequence, for $\epsilon \to 0$ we thus obtain a weak solution to the Riemann problem (1.1), (1.2). If the flux f has a finite number of inflection points, then one can show that this limit coincides with Liu's Riemann solver.

A generalization of the above results has been obtained in connection to the vanishing viscosity approximation [3]. In that work it is shown that the limit of the solutions u^ϵ to

$$u_t + f(u)_x - \epsilon u_{xx} = 0 \tag{1.4}$$

with initial data (1.2) converges to a unique weak solution of (1.1). This limiting solution is a self similar solution, obtained by patching together a countable number of rarefaction fronts and shocks (or contact discontinuities), and each jump satisfies Liu's stability condition. The argument relies on the construction of a center manifold for the equation of travelling profiles and the analysis of the reduced dynamics on this manifold. We sketch the main ideas here.

The equation for travelling profiles of (1.4) is the first order system of ODE

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_x &=& p \\ p_x &=& \big(A(u) - \sigma I\big)p \\ \sigma_x &=& 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{1.5}$$

The linearized system of ODE around the equilibrium $(\bar{u}, 0, \lambda_i(\bar{u}))$ has the eigenvalue 0 with multiplicity $n+2$, and the corresponding $n+2$ dimensional invariant eigenspace $\mathcal{M}_0$ is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_0 \doteq \Big\{ (u,p,\sigma) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n+1} : p = v_i r_i(\bar{u}), p_i \in \mathbb{R} \Big\}. \tag{1.6}$$

By the strict hyperbolicity assumption, the other eigenvalues are real and different from 0, so that there is an invariant $n+2$ dimensional manifold $\mathcal{C}_i$ for (1.5), parameterized by u, p_i, σ, which contains all the orbits remaining close to the equilibrium $(\bar{u}, 0, \lambda_i(\bar{u}))$. We can thus write

$$p_j = \big\langle l_j(\bar{u}), p \big\rangle = \mathcal{C}_{ji}(u, v_i, \sigma) = v_i \tilde{r}_{j,i}(u, v_i, \sigma) \quad \forall j \neq i,$$

where the last equality follows from the fact that all the equilibrium points with $p = 0$ belong to $\mathcal{C}_i$. Defining the vector $\tilde{r}_i$ by

$$\big\langle l_j(\bar{u}), \tilde{r}_i(u, v_i, \sigma) \big\rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & j = i \\ \tilde{r}_{j,i}(u, v_i, \sigma) & j \neq i \end{cases} \tag{1.7}$$

we can write the equation on $\mathcal{C}_i$ as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_x &=& v_i \tilde{r}_i(u, v_i, \sigma) \\ v_{i,x} &=& \big(\tilde{\lambda}(u, v_i, \sigma) - \sigma\big) v_i \\ \sigma_x &=& 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{1.8}$$

where

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i(u, p_i, \sigma) = \big\langle l_i(\bar{u}), A(u)\tilde{r}_i(u, v_i, \sigma) \big\rangle.$$

By construction, all the bounded and small travelling profiles of (1.4) belongs to $\mathcal{C}_i$, so that it is sufficient to study the system (1.8).

We associate the following system to (1.8): fixed s sufficiently small, consider

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u(\tau) &=& u^- + \displaystyle\int_0^\tau \tilde{r}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i(\varsigma), \sigma_i(\varsigma)\big) d\varsigma \\ v_i(\tau) &=& f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) - \mathrm{conv}_{[0,s]} f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) \\ \sigma_i(\tau) &=& \dfrac{d}{d\tau} \mathrm{conv}_{[0,s]} f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) \end{array} \right. \tag{1.9}$$

where we define the "reduced" flux f_i by

$$f_i(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq \int_0^\tau \tilde{\lambda}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i(\varsigma), \sigma_i(\varsigma)\big) d\varsigma, \tag{1.10}$$

and $\mathrm{conv}_{[0,s]} f_i$ denotes the convex envelope of f_i in $[0, s]$.

It is clear that in the regions where $f_i > \mathrm{conv} f_i$, (1.8) and (1.9) are equivalent, and the solution $(u(\tau), v_i(\tau), \sigma_i(\tau))$ corresponds to a travelling wave. The idea is that the regions where $v_i = 0$ describe rarefaction waves, and the solution to (1.9) is a sequence of rarefaction and travelling profiles describing the Riemann Solver for the hyperbolic system (1.1).

In this paper we generalize the construction of the Riemann Solver for the vanishing viscosity case.

For many schemes, for example semidiscrete schemes or relaxation, it is possible to find an invariant manifold of travelling profiles, but the reduced equations on this manifold are not of the form (1.8). In general, these equations are of the form

$$\left\{\begin{array}{rcl} u_x &=& v_i \tilde{r}_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \\ p_{i,x} &=& v_i \phi(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \\ \sigma_{i,x} &=& 0 \end{array}\right. \tag{1.11}$$

where $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $v_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and σ_i is the speed of the profile. We show however that under an assumption of non-degeneracy, namely $\partial\phi_i/\partial\sigma_i < 0$, it is possible to construct an integral system of the form (1.9). This construction works even for systems not in conservation form, and a slight modification of the system (1.9) allows us to construct the rarefaction curves $\mathcal{R}_i$ and shock curves $\mathcal{S}_i$ for these systems.

Note that the choice

$$\sigma_i = \frac{d}{d\tau}\mathrm{conv}_{[0,s]} f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big),$$

generalizes the Lax construction of the Riemann Solver for the scalar case, where one considers the convex envelope of the flux function f. The main difference here is that the reduced flux function f_i is not given explicitly, but it must be deduced from the function ϕ_i.

Once we have the shock curves even for non conservative systems, we can verify that the Riemann Solver we construct by means of (1.9) satisfies Liu's stability condition. We prove that if the curves $\mathcal{R}_i$ and $\mathcal{S}_i$ are given, and there exists a Riemann Solver such that every shock satisfies Liu's stability condition, then this Riemann Solver must coincide with the one given here. In particular, if the system (1.11) is derived from an approximation in conservation form, then the rarefaction and shock curves are uniquely determined, and thus there is a unique Riemann Solver which satisfies the shock stability condition. This Riemann Solver is the Riemann Solver obtained by means of the vanishing viscosity.

Another consequence of this uniqueness result is that if $[u^-, u^+]$ is a stable shock in the sense of Liu, then there is a travelling profiles ϕ, i.e. a solution to the system (1.11) such that

$$\lim_{x\to-\infty}\phi(x) = u^-, \qquad \lim_{x\to+\infty}\phi(x) = u^+.$$

The paper is organized as follows.

In section 2 we prove a general regularity results for the i-th admissible curve T_i. We recall that u belongs to the admissible curve starting in u^- if u can be connected to u^- by patching together i-th rarefactions and i-th admissible shocks. In [7] it is shown that if there are not inflection points the admissible curve is $C^{2,1}$, i.e. with second derivative Lipschitz continuous. We prove that if there is one inflection point, then T_i is in general $C^{1,1}$, and we give a simple example which shows that if there are more than two inflection points then this curve is only Lipschitz continuous. We recall that in [3] the curve T_i is proved to be Lipschitz.

In section 3 we give the construction of the admissible curve under the hypotheses that there exist a vector function $\tilde{r}_i$ with values in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and a scalar function ϕ_i, both depending on $n+2$ scalar quantities. Roughly speaking, the two functions describe the evolution of the equation for travelling profiles on the center manifold of travelling profiles: the vector $\tilde{r}_i$ gives the direction of the derivative u_x, while the scalar ϕ_i contains the information of the internal dynamics of the profiles. The approach follows closely [3] and it is based on the contraction principle.

Finally in section 4 we show how to obtain the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i for several singular approximations of (1.1): vanishing viscosity with semidefinite positive viscosity matrix, general relaxation schemes and semidiscrete schemes. In all these approximations, the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, $\tilde{\lambda}_i$ are obtained by writing the reduced equations for travelling profiles on the center manifold of travelling profiles.

2. Regularity of the admissible curves for general hyperbolic systems

Consider the $n \times n$ strictly hyperbolic system of conservation laws

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0. \tag{2.1}$$

Let $\lambda_i(u)$ be the i-th eigenvector of $A(u) \doteq Df(u)$, and $r_i(u)$, $l_i(u)$ the corresponding right and left eigenvectors, normalized by

$$\big|r_i(u)\big| = 1, \qquad \big\langle l_j(u), r_i(u)\big\rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Denote with $R_i(s,u)$, $S_i(s,u)$ the i-th rarefaction and shock curves starting in u, respectively. It is well known that these curves are defined for $s \in [-\delta_1, \delta_1]$, δ_1 small, and that can be parametrized by the i-th coordinates, i.e.

$$s = \big\langle l_i(u_0), R_i(s,u) - u\big\rangle, \qquad s = \big\langle l_i(u_0), S_i(s,u) - u\big\rangle.$$

See for example [5], [6].

In [8] it is shown how to construct the entropic self-similar solution a Riemann problem for (2.1), i.e. with the initial data

$$u(0,\cdot) = \begin{cases} u^- & x \leq 0 \\ u^+ & x > 0 \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

The fundamental step is the definition of the admissible i-curve $T_i(s,u)$ passing through u: each point $T_i(s,u)$ can be connected to u by a finite union of rarefactions and admissible shocks of the i-th family with increasing speed. We say that the a shock joining the states $u^- = u$, $u^+ = S_i(\bar{s},u)$ and travelling with speed $\sigma = \sigma(S_i(\bar{s},u),u)$ is admissible if it satisfies the Rankine-Hugoniot conditions,

$$f\big(S_i(\bar{s},u)\big) - f(u) = \sigma\big(S_i(\bar{s},u),u\big)\big(S_i(\bar{s},u) - u\big), \tag{2.3}$$

and the Liu's admissibility conditions [8]: for all $0 \leq s \leq \bar{s}$ we have that

$$\sigma\big(S_i(\bar{s},u),u\big) \leq \sigma\big(S_i(s,u),u\big). \tag{2.4}$$

In [8] it is shown that the above condition is equivalent to

$$\sigma\big(\bar{s},u\big) \geq \sigma\big(S_i(s-\bar{s}, S_i(\bar{s},u)), S_i(\bar{s},u)\big), \tag{2.5}$$

and that $T_i(s,u)$ exists and it is unique in a neighborhood of u, under the assumption that the flux function f has a finite number of inflection points. The last condition means that for all $i = 1, \dots, N$, the directional derivative of λ_i along $r_i(u)$, $D\lambda_i r_i(u)$, vanishes only on a finite number of hypersurfaces $\mathcal{F}_m$, $m = 1, \dots, M_i$, and each $\mathcal{F}_i$ is transversal to the vector field $r_i(u)$.

As it is shown in [8], for fixed s, u^-, the point $T_i(s,u^-)$ can be constructed patching together a finite number of curves R_i and S_i. Moreover as it will be shown in Section 3, the mixed curve T_i is Lipschitz continuous. The following example shows that this is the best regularity we can expect in general.

Example 2.1. Consider the following triangular system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_t + f(u)_x & = & 0 \\ v_t + \lambda v_x - \big(u^2/2\big)_x & = & 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{2.6}$$

with $\alpha \in (0,1]$ and where f is the function

$$f(u) = u(u-\alpha)^2(3\alpha - u).$$

Since we will consider solution with $u \in [0, 4\alpha]$, in this region the above system is certainly strictly hyperbolic for all $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ if $\lambda > 4$.

It is easy to see that the shock 1-curve for this system passing in (u,v) is given by

$$u(s) = s, \qquad v(s) = v + \frac{s^2 - u^2}{2(\lambda - \sigma(s))}, \qquad \sigma(s) = \frac{f(s) - f(u)}{s - u}. \tag{2.7}$$

For this system, we can explicitly construct the mixed curve T_i starting in $(0,0)$: in fact, for $s \in [0,\alpha]$, $T_i(s;(0,0))$ coincides with the shock curve $S_i(s,(0,0))$:

$$u(s) = s, \qquad v(s) = \frac{s^2}{2(\lambda - \sigma(s))}, \qquad \sigma(s) = (s-\alpha)^2(3\alpha - s). \tag{2.8}$$

For $s \in [\alpha, 3\alpha)$, let $x(s)$ be the point in $[\alpha, s)$ determined by

$$f'(x(s))(s - x(s)) = f(s) - f(x(s)). \tag{2.9}$$

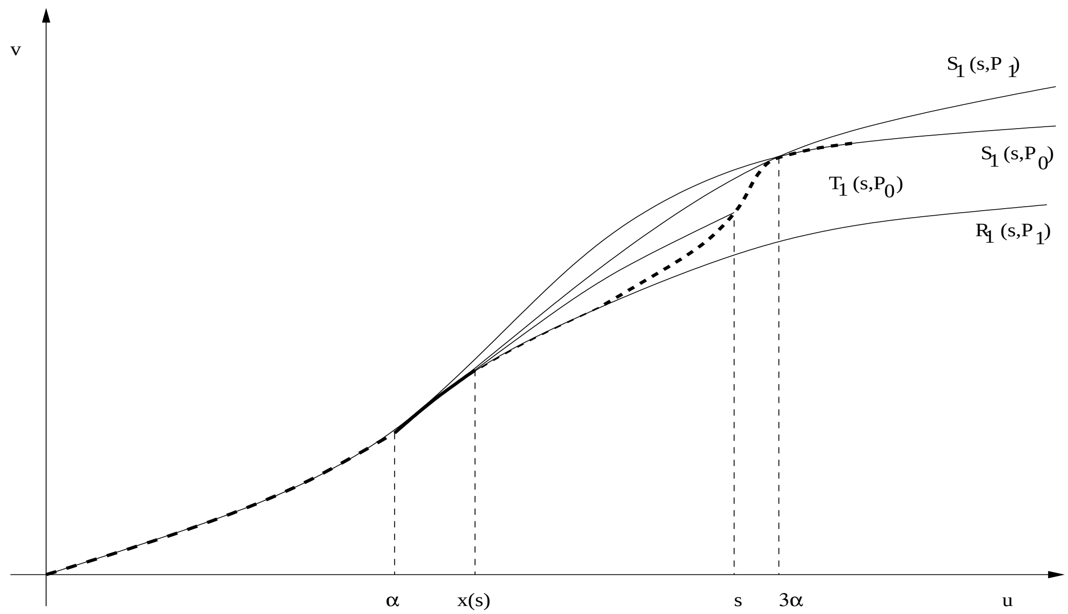

FIGURE 1. The curves $T_1(s,(0,0))$, $R_1(s,P_1)$ and $T_1(s,P_1)$ for the hyperbolic system (2.6).

Then the curve $T_i(s;0)$ is given by

$$u(s)=s,\quad v(s)=\frac{\alpha^2}{2\lambda}+\int_\alpha^{x(s)}\frac{s}{\lambda-\lambda_1(s)}ds+\frac{s^2-x^2(s)}{2(\lambda-\sigma'(s))},\quad \sigma'(s)=\frac{f(s)-f(x(s))}{s-x(s)}, \tag{2.10}$$

where $\lambda_1(s)=f'(s)$. In fact, the point $(s,v(s))$ is connected to $(0,0)$ by a shock, a rarefaction and a shock: the first shock start at $P_0\doteq(0,0)$ and ends in $P_1\doteq S_1(\alpha;(0,0))=(\alpha,\alpha/2\lambda)$, and has speed 0. The rarefaction starts in P_1 and ends in $P_2\doteq R_1(x(s)-\alpha,P_1)$, with speed increasing from 0 to $f'(x(s))$. The last shock is $S_1(s-x(s);P_2)$, and has speed equal to $f'(x(s))$.

Finally for $s\geq 3\alpha$, the curve $T_1(s;(0,0))$ coincides with the shock curve $S_1(s;(0,0))$, given by (2.8).

Similarly the mixed curve T_1 starting in P_1 is given by (2.10) for $\alpha<s<3\alpha$ and by the shock curve $S_1(s;P_1)$ for $s\geq 3\alpha$, which is the given by

$$v(s)=\frac{\alpha^2}{2\lambda}+\frac{s^2-\alpha^2}{2(\lambda-\sigma''(s))},\qquad \sigma''(s)=s(s-\alpha)(3\alpha-s). \tag{2.11}$$

For $s=3\alpha$ we have that

$$T_1(3\alpha,P_0)=S_1(3\alpha;P_0)=T_1(3\alpha;P_1)=S_2(3\alpha;P_1)=\left(3\alpha,\frac{9\alpha^2}{2\lambda}\right).$$

We now compute the derivatives of these curves for $s=3\alpha$. We have with elementary computations that the first and second derivatives of (2.10) are given by:

$$\left.\frac{dv}{ds}\right|_{s=3\alpha}=\frac{3\alpha}{\lambda}-\frac{24\alpha^4}{\lambda^2},\quad \left.\frac{d^2v}{ds^2}\right|_{s=3\alpha}=\frac{1}{\lambda}-\frac{67\alpha^3}{\lambda^2}+\frac{288\alpha^6}{\lambda^3}. \tag{2.12}$$

On the other hand we have that for the Rankine-Hugoniot curve (2.8), starting in $(0,0)$,

$$\left.\frac{dv}{ds}\right|_{s=3\alpha}=\frac{3\alpha}{\lambda}-\frac{18\alpha^4}{\lambda^2}. \tag{2.13}$$

Instead, the Rankine-Hugoniot curve (2.11) starting at P_1 has derivatives

$$\left.\frac{dv}{ds}\right|_{s=3\alpha}=\frac{3\alpha}{\lambda}-\frac{24\alpha^4}{\lambda^2},\qquad \left.\frac{d^2v}{ds^2}\right|_{s=3\alpha}=\frac{1}{\lambda}-\frac{58\alpha^3}{\lambda^2}+\frac{288\alpha^6}{\lambda^3}. \tag{2.14}$$

Thus we obtain that the curve $T_1(s,P_1)$ is only $C^{1,1}$ in $s=3\alpha$, and the curve $T_1(s,(0,0))$ is only Lipschitz continuous in $s=3\alpha$.

Note that $T_1(s, P_1)$ is only $C^{1,1}$ because in the interval $[\alpha, 3\alpha]$ there is an inflection point, and the jump in the second derivative is due to the fact that $x' = -3/2$ for $s \to 3\alpha^-$, but $x \equiv 1$ for $s \geq 3\alpha$: thus the function $x(s)$ is only Lipschitz continuous. On the other hand, there are two inflection points in $[0, 3\alpha]$, and the Lipschitz continuity of $T_1(s, (0,0))$ is due to the fact that we switch from the shock curve $S_1(s-\alpha, P_1)$ to the shock curve $S_1(s, (0,0))$ as the parameter s crosses 3α.

The above example proves that if there are at least 2 inflection points, then the curve T_i is in general only Lipschitz continuous. On the other hand, it is well known that if the field is genuinely nonlinear, then the curve T_i is $C^{2,1}$, i.e. twice differentiable with Lipschitz continuous second derivative [7], so that one expect an intermediate situation when there is only one inflection point: as example 2.1 suggests, T_i should be $C^{1,1}$. This is what is proved in the following proposition:

Proposition 2.2. *Assume that f has only one inflection point in the i-th family, i.e. the i-th eigenvalue satisfies*

$$D\lambda_i(u) r_i(u) = 0$$

in a hypersurface $\mathcal{F}$ transversal to the vector field $r_i(u)$. Then the admissible i-th curve $T_i(s,u)$ is $C^{1,1}$.

Proof. Consider a point u^-, and and let $T_i(s,u^-)$ be the mixed curve of the i-th family starting in u^- and parametrized by

$$\big\langle l_i(u^-), T_i(s,u^-) - u^- \big\rangle = s.$$

Assume for definiteness that $D\lambda_i(u^-) r_i(u^-) > 0$ and $D\lambda_i(u^- + s r_i(u^-)) r_i(u^- + s r_i(u^-)) < 0$ for some $s > 0$: this means that the rarefaction curve R_i will cross the hypersurface $\mathcal{F}$ for some $s_1 > 0$

In [8] it is shown that the curve T_i for $s > 0$ is formed by a rarefaction until $s = s_1$, i.e. $T_i(s_1, u^-) \in F$. Then, for $s_1 < s < s_2$, it is composed by a rarefaction $R_i(\tau, u^-)$, $\tau \in [0, x(s)]$, starting in u^- and ending in the point $P_1 = R_i(x(s), u^-)$, followed by a shock $S_i(\tau', P_1)$, $\tau' \in [0, s - x(s)]$, where $x(s)$ is determined by the equation

$$f\big(S_i(s,P_1)\big) - f(P_1) = \lambda_i(P_1)\big(S_i(s,P_1) - P_1\big). \tag{2.15}$$

The value s_2 is determined by the relation

$$f\big(S_i(s,u^-)\big) - f(u^-) = \lambda_i(u^-)\big(S_i(s,u^-) - u^-\big). \tag{2.16}$$

Finally, for $s \geq s_2$, $T_i(s,u^-)$ coincides with the shock curve $S_i(s,u^-)$. Note that by letting $s \to \bar{s}$ the admissibility assumption (2.5) implies that $\lambda_i(T_i(\bar{s},u^-)) \leq \sigma(S_i(\bar{s},u^-),u^-)$, and by the genuinely nonlinearity for $s \geq s_1$ we obtain that

$$\lambda_i\big(T_i(s_2,u^-)\big) < \sigma\big(T_i(s_2,u^-)\big) = \lambda_i(u^-), \tag{2.17}$$

i.e. $\lambda_i(u^-)$ is not an eigenvalue of $A(T_i(s_2,u^-))$.

In [8] it is shown that the mixed curve $T_i(s,u^-)$ is C^2 for $s \neq s_2$, i.e. outside the point $P_2 \doteq T_i(s_2,u^-) = S_i(s_2,u^-)$. The proof is based on the fact that the point $x(s)$ depends smoothly on s.

We now prove that in that point the curve is C^1. In fact, differentiating (2.15) for $s = s_2^-$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\big(A(P_2) - \lambda_i(u^-)I\big)\left(\frac{\partial S_i}{\partial s} + D_u S_i r_i(u^-)\frac{dx}{ds}\right) &= \big(A(u^-) - \lambda_i(u^-)I\big) r_i(u^-)\frac{dx}{ds} + D\lambda_i r_i(u^-)\frac{dx}{ds}\big(P_2 - u^-\big) \\ &= D\lambda_i r_i(u^-)\frac{dx}{ds}\big(P_2 - u^-\big).\end{aligned}$$

By definition

$$\left.\frac{\partial T_i}{\partial s}\right|_{s_2^-} = \frac{\partial S_i}{\partial s} + D_u S_i r_i(u^-) \left.\frac{dx}{ds}\right|_{s_2^-},$$

so that, using the fact that $\langle l_i(u^-), \partial T_i/\partial s\rangle = 1$ and (2.17), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\left.\frac{\partial T_i}{\partial s}\right|_{s_2^-} &= D\lambda_i r_i(u^-) \left.\frac{dx}{ds}\right|_{s_2^-} \big(A(P_2) - \lambda_i(u^-)I\big)^{-1}\big(P_2 - u^-\big) \\ &= \frac{\big(A(P_2) - \lambda_i(u^-)I\big)^{-1}\big(P_2 - u^-\big)}{\big\langle l_i(u^-), \big(A(P_2) - \lambda_i(u^-)I\big)^{-1}\big(P_2 - u^-\big)\big\rangle}.\end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

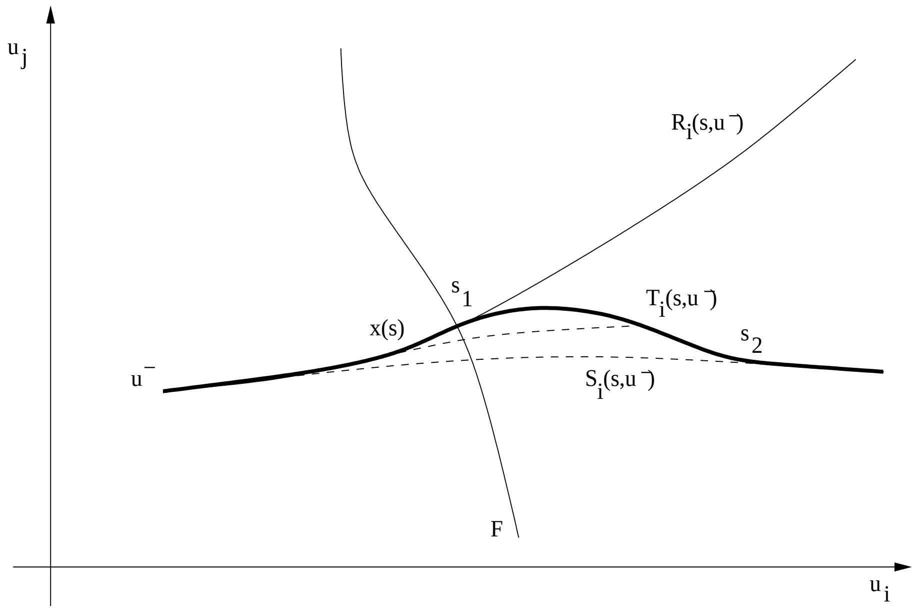

FIGURE 2. Single inflection point in the i-th family.

Repeating the above computation for $\partial T_i/\partial s\big|_{s_2^+}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial T_i}{\partial s}\bigg|_{s_2^+} &= \frac{d\sigma_i}{ds}\bigg|_{s_2^+}\big(A(P_2)-\lambda_i(u^-)I\big)^{-1}\big(P_2-u^-\big)\\ &= \frac{\big(A(P_2)-\lambda_i(u^-)I\big)^{-1}\big(P_2-u^-\big)}{\big\langle l_i(u^-),\big(A(P_2)-\lambda_i(u^-)I\big)^{-1}\big(P_2-u^-\big)\big\rangle} = \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial s}\bigg|_{s_2^-},\end{aligned}$$

and as a consequence

$$\frac{d\sigma_i}{ds}\bigg|_{s_2^+} = \frac{d\sigma_i}{ds}\bigg|_{s_2^-} = D\lambda_i r_i(u^-)\,\frac{dx}{ds}\bigg|_{s_2^-}.$$

This concludes the proof. □

Remark 2.3. Using similar techniques, one can check that in particular, if $u^- \in F$, then T_i is C^3.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIXED CURVES

Consider the hyperbolic system (2.1) with viscosity,

$$u_t + f(u)_x - u_{xx} = 0 \tag{3.1}$$

It is well known that to identify a small travelling profile of the i-th family one needs $n+2$ parameters: the value u, the derivative of u in the i-th direction r_i and the speed σ_i of the profile [3]. In the case of (3.1), it is known that there is a local center manifold, which contains all small i-th travelling profiles, invariant under the flow generated by the ODE

$$-\sigma u_x + f(u)_x - u_{xx} = 0. \tag{3.2}$$

On this manifold, the above ODE takes the form

$$\left\{\begin{array}{rcl} u_x &=& v_i\tilde r_i(u,v_i,\sigma_i)\\ v_{i,x} &=& v_i\phi_i(u,v_i,\sigma_i)\\ \sigma_{i,x} &=& 0\end{array}\right. \tag{3.3}$$

The function $\tilde r_i$ gives the component of the derivative u_x when we know the i-th component $u_{i,x} = v_i$, while the function ϕ_i,

$$\phi_i(u,v_i,\sigma_i) \doteq \big\langle \tilde r_i(u,v_i,\sigma_i), A(u)\tilde r_i(u,v_i,\sigma_i)\big\rangle - \sigma,$$

describes the internal dynamics of the travelling profile.

Aim of this section is to prove that it is possible to associate three curves to the system (3.3) under the assumptions that the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i are smooth and that

$$\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \sigma_i} < 0. \tag{3.4}$$

These curves, which we will denote as $\mathcal{R}_i$, $\mathcal{S}_i$, $\mathcal{T}_i$, correspond to the rarefaction curves R_i, shock curves S_i and mixed curves T_i for the hyperbolic system (2.1). Given the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i, the curves $\mathcal{R}_i$, $\mathcal{S}_i$, $\mathcal{T}_i$ are then uniquely determined, in terms of $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i. However, we will prove that if the "rarefaction curves" $\mathcal{R}_i$ and the "shock curves" $\mathcal{S}_i$ of (3.3) coincide with their hyperbolic counterparts R_i, S_i, then also the "mixed curves" $\mathcal{T}_i$ coincide with the curves T_i. As a consequence the uniqueness of the admissible curves T_i follows.

In particular, using the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i obtained by the center manifold theorem applied to (3.1), we can construct the curves T_i without any assumption on the number of inflection points of f, see [3].

Consider a fixed basis of vectors $\bar{r}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$, and its dual base $\bar{l}_i$, normalized by

$$\big|\bar{r}_i\big| = 1, \qquad \big\langle \bar{l}_j, \bar{r}_i \big\rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & j = i \\ 0 & j \neq i \end{cases}$$

We will use the following norm in $\mathbb{R}^n$:

$$\big|u\big| = \max\Big\{ \big|\big\langle \bar{l}_i, u \big\rangle\big|; i = 1, \dots, n \Big\}.$$

Let $\tilde{r}_i$ be a smooth vector valued function defined in a neighborhood of a the point $(\bar{u}, 0, \bar{\lambda}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+2}$,

$$\tilde{r}_i = \tilde{r}_i\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big), \qquad \text{with} \qquad \tilde{r}_i\big(\bar{u}, 0, \bar{\lambda}_i\big) = \bar{r}_i, \tag{3.5}$$

normalized such that

$$\big\langle \bar{l}_i, \tilde{r}_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \big\rangle = 1. \tag{3.6}$$

The last condition is not a restriction because for any smooth function $\tilde{r}_i$ satisfying (3.5) we have

$$\Big|\tilde{r}_i\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) - \tilde{r}_i\big(u', v_i', \sigma_i'\big)\Big| \leq C_0 \Big\{ \big|u - u'\big| + \big|v_i - v_i'\big| + \big|\sigma_i - \sigma_i'\big| \Big\}, \tag{3.7}$$

where C_0 is a sufficiently big constant and thus

$$\big\langle \bar{l}_i, \tilde{r}_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \big\rangle \geq \frac{1}{2},$$

if (u, v_i, σ_i) is sufficiently close to $(\bar{u}, 0, \bar{\lambda}_i)$. We will call $\tilde{r}_i$ the *i-th generalized eigenvector.*

Similarly, let ϕ_i be a smooth function satisfying

$$\phi_i = \phi_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i), \qquad \phi_i(\bar{u}, 0, \bar{\lambda}_i) = 0, \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_i} \phi(\bar{u}, 0, \bar{\lambda}_i) \doteq -c < 0. \tag{3.8}$$

Since we have

$$\Big|\phi_i\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) - \phi_i\big(u', v_i', \sigma_i'\big)\Big| \leq C_0 \Big\{ \big|u - u'\big| + \big|v_i - v_i'\big| + \big|\sigma_i - \sigma_i'\big| \Big\}, \tag{3.9}$$

the last conditions in (3.8) imply that

$$\Big|\phi_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i)\Big|, \bigg|\frac{1}{c}\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \sigma} + 1\bigg| \leq C_0 \big\{ |u - \bar{u}| + |v_i| + |\sigma_i - \bar{\lambda}_i| \big\}, \tag{3.10}$$

for some constant C_0. For reasons which will be clear later, we define

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq \frac{1}{c} \phi_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) + \sigma_i \tag{3.11}$$

as the *i-th generalized eigenvalue.* By choosing $C_0 \geq 1$ sufficiently big, we can also assume that

$$\frac{1}{c} \Big\{ \big|D_u \phi_i\big| + \big|\phi_{i,v}\big| \Big\} \leq C_0. \tag{3.12}$$

Note that from (3.8) there is a unique smooth function $\tilde{\sigma}_i = \tilde{\sigma}_i(u, v_i)$ such that

$$\phi_i\big(u, v_i, \tilde{\sigma}_i(u, v_i)\big) = 0. \tag{3.13}$$

Fix a point $u^- \in \mathbb{R}^n$ sufficiently close to $\bar{u}$ and let δ_1 be a small constant. For any $s \le \delta_1$ consider the family of Lipschitz continuous curves with values in $\mathbb{R}^{n+2}$

$$\Gamma_i(s,u^-) = \Big\{ \gamma : [0,s] \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{n+2}, \gamma(\tau) = \big(u(\tau), v_i(\tau), \sigma_i(\tau)\big) \Big\} \tag{3.14}$$

such that

$$u(0) = u^-,\ u_i(\tau) = u_i^- + \tau,\ \big|u(\tau) - u^-\big| = \tau, \qquad \big|v_i(0)\big| = 0,\ \big|v_i(\tau)\big| \le \delta_1, \quad \big|\sigma_i(\tau) - \bar{\lambda}_i\big| \le 2C_0\delta_1 \le 1,$$

for some small $\delta_1 \le 1/2C_0$. We define in Γ_i the norm

$$\big\|\gamma - \gamma'\big\| = \big\|u - u'\big\|_{L^\infty} + \big\|v_i - v_i'\big\|_{L^\infty} + \delta_1 \big\|\sigma_i - \sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}. \tag{3.15}$$

For any $\gamma \in \Gamma_i(s,u^-)$, define the function $f_i(\tau;\gamma)$, $\tau \le s$ as

$$f_i(\tau;\gamma) \doteq \int_0^\tau \tilde{\lambda}_i\big(\gamma_i(\varsigma)\big) d\varsigma = \int_0^\tau \left\{ \frac{1}{c}\phi_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i(\varsigma), \sigma_i(\varsigma)\big) + \sigma_i(\varsigma) \right\} d\varsigma. \tag{3.16}$$

It is easy to verify that we have the estimates

$$\Big| f_i\big(\tau;\gamma\big) - f_i\big(\tau;\gamma'\big) \Big| \le C_0\tau \Big\{ \big\|u - u'\big\|_{L^\infty} + \big\|v_i - v_i'\big\|_{L^\infty} + 4C_0^2\delta_1 \big\|\sigma_i - \sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty} \Big\} = 4C_0^2 \tau \big\|\gamma - \gamma'\big\|, \tag{3.17}$$

where we used (3.10). For any function f defined on $[0,s]$, denote with $\mathrm{conv} f$ its lower convex envelope, i.e. the set

$$\mathrm{conv} f(x) = \inf \Big\{ \theta f(y) + (1-\theta) f(z),\ x = \theta y + (1-\theta) z;\ x,y,z \in [0,s],\ \theta \in [0,1] \Big\}.$$

We now define the *i-th rarefaction curve* $\mathcal{R}_i(s,u^-)$ as the solution of the ODE

$$\frac{du}{ds} = \tilde{r}_i\big(u, 0, \tilde{\sigma}_i(u,0)\big). \tag{3.18}$$

The *i-th shock curve* $\mathcal{S}_i(s,u^-)$ is the value u at $\tau = s$ of the solution of the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u(\tau) & = & u^- + \displaystyle\int_0^\tau \tilde{r}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i(\varsigma), \sigma_i(\varsigma)\big) d\varsigma \\ v_i(\tau) & = & c\Big(f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) - \tau\sigma_i \Big) \\ \sigma_i & = & f_i\big(s; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big)/s \end{array} \right. \tag{3.19}$$

for $\tau \in [0,s]$. Similarly, the *i-th admissible curve* $\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-) = u(s)$, where, for any fixed $s > 0$, $u(s)$ is the terminal value of the solution of the system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u(\tau) & = & u^- + \displaystyle\int_0^\tau \tilde{r}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i(\varsigma), \sigma_i(\varsigma)\big) d\varsigma \\ v_i(\tau) & = & c\Big(f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) - \mathrm{conv} f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) \Big) \\ \sigma_i(\tau) & = & \dfrac{d}{d\tau} \mathrm{conv} f_i\big(\tau; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) \end{array} \right. \tag{3.20}$$

defined $\tau \in [0,s]$. For $s < 0$, we perform an entirely similar construction, taking the upper concave envelope of f_i in the second and third equation of (3.20).

Remark 3.1. Consider the triangular system of example 2.1 with unit viscosity matrix

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_t + \big(u(u-\alpha)^2(3\alpha - u)\big)_x & = & u_{xx} \\ v_t + \lambda v_x - u^2/2 & = & v_{xx} \end{array} \right. \tag{3.21}$$

In [4] using the center manifold theorem, it is shown that there is a function $\tilde{r}_1$ satisfying (3.5),(3.6). Moreover it is shown that the equations on the center manifold are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_\tau & = & \tilde{r}_i\big(u(\tau), v_1(\tau), \sigma_1(\tau)\big) \\ v_{1,\tau} & = & \lambda_1\big(u(\tau)\big) - \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_{1,\tau} & = & 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{3.22}$$

so that the function $\phi_i = \lambda_1(u) - \sigma$ satisfies (3.8). It is easy to check that in this special case $f_1(s) \equiv s(s-\alpha)^2(3\alpha - s)$, and then, using the conservation form of (3.21), we have the identities $\mathcal{R}_1 \equiv R_1$, $\mathcal{S}_1 \equiv S_1$, $\mathcal{T}_1 \equiv T_1$.

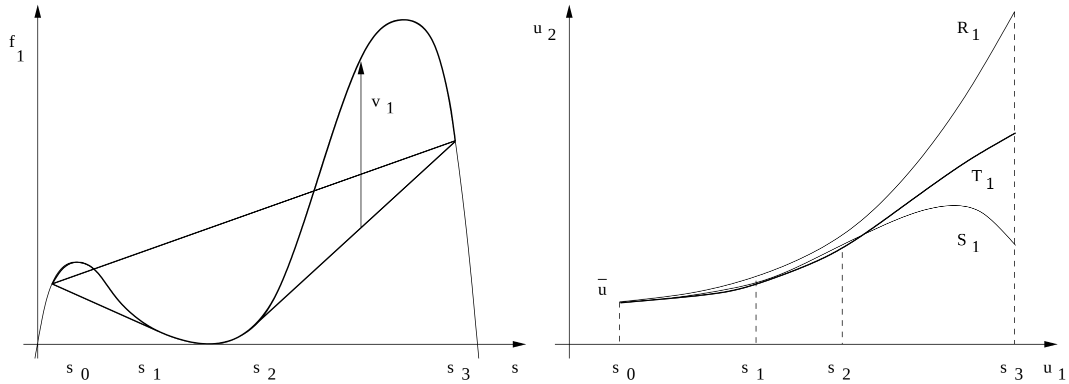

FIGURE 3. The lines $\mathcal{R}_1$, $\mathcal{S}_1$ and $\mathcal{T}_1$ in the triangular case.

We consider only the construction of $\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$ for $s>0$, since (3.18) is a standard ODE and the construction of $\mathcal{S}_i$ and of $\mathcal{T}_i$ for $s<0$ are similar. We basically repeat the computations of [3].

On the set $\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$ consider the transformation $\Theta_{i,s}:\gamma=(u,v_i,\sigma_i)\mapsto\hat\gamma=(\hat u,\hat v_i,\hat\sigma_i)$ defined by (3.20), i.e.

$$\left\{\begin{array}{rcl}\hat u(\tau) &=& u^- + \displaystyle\int_0^\tau \tilde r_i\big(u(\varsigma),v_i(\varsigma),\sigma_i(\varsigma)\big)d\varsigma \\ \hat v_i(\tau) &=& c\Big(f_i\big(\tau;u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)-\mathrm{conv} f_i\big(\tau;u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)\Big) \\ \hat\sigma_i(\tau) &=& \dfrac{d}{d\tau}\mathrm{conv} f_i\big(\tau;u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)\end{array}\right. \tag{3.23}$$

First of all we show that the new curve $\hat\gamma=(\hat u,\hat v_i,\hat\sigma_i)$ belongs to Γ_i. In fact, using (3.7) we have that

$$\big|u(\tau)-u^-\big| = \max_j\left|\left\langle \bar l_j,\int_0^\tau \tilde r_i(\varsigma)d\varsigma\right\rangle\right| \leq \max_j\Big\{\tau, 4C_0^2\tau\delta_1 + C_0\big|u^- - \bar u\big|\Big\} = \tau \leq \delta_1,$$

$$\big|v_i(\tau)\big| \leq c\int_0^\tau \big|f'(\varsigma;\gamma)-f'(0;\gamma)\big|d\varsigma = c\Big\|\tilde\lambda_i(\gamma)-\tilde\lambda_i(u^-,0,\sigma_i(0))\Big\|_{L^1} \leq 8c\tau C_0^2\delta_1 \leq \delta_1,$$

$$\big|\sigma_i(\tau)-\bar\lambda_i\big| \leq \frac{1}{c}\big\|\phi_i + c\sigma_i\big\|_{L^\infty} + C_0\big|u^- - \bar u\big| \leq C_0\delta_1 + 4C_0^3\delta_1^2 + C_0\big|u^- - \bar u\big| \leq 2C_0\delta_1.$$

for s, δ_1 sufficiently small. Moreover f_i is a $C^{1,1}$ function, which implies that $\hat\sigma_i$ is at least Lipschitz continuous, while $u(\tau)$ and $v_i(\tau)$ are $C^{1,1}$. In particular we have a uniform estimate on the Lipschitz norm of $u(\tau)$, $v_i(\tau)$, $\sigma_i(\tau)$: in fact for u, v_i it follows easily that

$$\big|u'(\tau)\big| = \big|\tilde r_i(\tau)\big| = 1, \qquad \big|v_i'(\tau)\big| \leq c\big\|\tilde\lambda_i - \tilde\lambda_i\big(u^-,0,\sigma(0)\big)\big\|_{L^\infty} \leq 16cC_0^2\delta_1,$$

while for σ one has

$$\big|\sigma_i'(\tau)\big| \leq C_0\Big\{1+16cC_0^2\delta_1 + \delta_1\big\|\sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}\Big\} \leq 20cC_0^3\delta_1,$$

if $\|\sigma_i'\|_{L^\infty}\leq 10cC_0^3\delta_1$ and δ_1 sufficiently small. This implies that if we obtain a limit in C^0 of γ, this limit is Lipschitz continuous (actually one can prove that it is $C^{1,1}$ in τ).

Next we show that the map $\Omega_{i,s}$ is a contraction in $\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$ if s is sufficiently small: in fact we have

$$\begin{aligned}\big|u(\tau)-u'(\tau)\big| &= \left|\int_0^\tau\Big(\tilde r_i\big(u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)-\tilde r_i\big(u',(v_i)',\sigma_i'\big)\Big)d\tau\right| \\ &\leq C_0\tau\Big\{\big\|u-u'\big\|_{L^\infty} + \big\|v_i-v_i'\big\|_{L^\infty} + \big\|\sigma_i-\sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}\Big\},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\big|v_i(\tau)-v_i'(\tau)\big| &\leq \left|\int_0^s\Big\{\phi_i\big(u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)-\phi_i\big(u',v_i',\sigma_i'\big)+c\big(\sigma_i-\sigma_i'\big)\Big\}d\varsigma\right| \\ &\leq C_0 s\Big\{\big\|u-u'\big\|_{L^\infty} + \big\|v_i-v_i'\big\|_{L^\infty} + 4cC_0\delta_1\big\|\sigma_i-\sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}\Big\},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Big|\sigma_i(\tau)-\sigma_i'(\tau)\Big| &\le \frac{1}{c}\Big\|\phi_i\big(u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)+c\sigma_i-\phi_i\big(u',v_i',\sigma_i'\big)+c\sigma_i'\Big\|_{L^\infty}\\ &\le C_0\bigg\{\Big\|u-u'\Big\|_{L^\infty}+\Big\|v_i-v_i'\Big\|_{L^\infty}+4C_0\delta_1\Big\|\sigma_i-\sigma_i'\Big\|_{L^\infty}\bigg\}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus we conclude that

(3.24)

$$\begin{aligned}\Big\|\hat\gamma-\hat\gamma'\Big\| &\le C_0(2s+\delta_1)\big\|u-u'\big\|_{L^\infty}+C_0(2s+\delta_1)\big\|v_i-v_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}+C_0\big(s+4cC_0\delta_1 s+4C_0\delta_1^2\big)\big\|\sigma_i-\sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}\\ &\le 10C_0(1+c)\delta_1\Big(\big\|u-u'\big\|_{L^\infty}+\big\|v_i-v_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}+\delta_1\big\|\sigma_i-\sigma_i'\big\|_{L^\infty}\Big)\le\frac12\Big\|\gamma-\gamma'\Big\|,\end{aligned}$$

if $s=\mathcal{O}(1)\delta_1^2$ and δ_1 is sufficiently small. Hence $\Theta_{i,s}$ is a contraction and has a unique fixed point.

Now we define $\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$ by

$$\mathcal{T}_i\big(s,u^-\big)\doteq u(s), \tag{3.25}$$

corresponding to the end point of the solution $\gamma\in\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$ to system (3.20).

Remark 3.2. Note that to find the point $\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$ we have to solve the system (3.20) for $\tau\in[0,s]$. This is similar to the hyperbolic case, where to construct a line $T_i(s,u^-)$ we have to find the point $u(s)=T_i(s,u^-)$ which can be connected to u^- using only admissible shocks and rarefactions of the i-th family.

We prove that the curve $s\mapsto\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$ is Lipschitz continuous, and its derivative is close to $\bar r_i$. In fact, if $\gamma\in\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$, $\gamma'\in\Gamma_i(s+h,u^-)$ are the fixed points of the transformations $\Theta_{i,s}$ and $\Theta_{i,s+h}$ respectively, by the contraction property (3.24) we have

$$\Big\|\gamma-\gamma'\big|_{[0,s]}\Big\|\le 2\Big\|\Theta_{i,s}\Big(\gamma'\big|_{[0,s]}\Big)-\gamma'\big|_{[0,s]}\Big\|\le\mathcal{O}(1)sh.$$

Thus from the first equation in (3.20) one obtains that

$$\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)-\mathcal{T}_i(s+h,u^-)=\mathcal{O}(1)sh. \tag{3.26}$$

In particular $\mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$ is differentiable in 0 and has derivative

$$\frac{\partial\mathcal{T}_i}{\partial s}\bigg|_{s=0}=\tilde r_i\big(u^-,0,\tilde\sigma_i(u^-,0)\big).$$

We now prove a stability result for the curves $\mathcal{T}_i$, analogous to the stability for shocks of 1-dimensional scalar conservation laws.

Lemma 3.3. *Fix u^-, and let $0<s<s'$. Denote with*

$$\gamma_i(\tau)=\big(u(\tau),v_i(\tau),\sigma_i(\tau)\big),\qquad \gamma_i'(\tau)=\big(u'(\tau),v_i'(\tau),\sigma_i'(\tau)\big),$$

the solutions to (3.23) *in $\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$, $\Gamma_i(s',u^-)$. Then*

$$\sigma_i(\tau)\ge\sigma_i'(\tau)\qquad \tau\in[0,s]. \tag{3.27}$$

Proof. Consider $f_i'(\tau;\gamma')$ and denote with $\mathrm{conv}_s f_i'$ is its convex envelope in $[0,s]$. Define the quantities

$$w_i(\tau)\doteq f_i'(\tau;\gamma')-\mathrm{conv}_s f_i'(\tau;\gamma'),\qquad \xi_i(\tau)\doteq\frac{d}{d\tau}\mathrm{conv}_s f_i'(\tau;\gamma'). \tag{3.28}$$

Note that by construction $w_i(\tau)\le v_i'(\tau)$, and that $v_i'-w_i$, $\xi_i-\sigma_i'$ are increasing and positive.

We will now use the following norm on $\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$:

$$\big\|\gamma\big\|_X=\delta_1\big\|u\big\|_{L^\infty}+\delta_1\big\|v_i\big\|_{L^\infty}+\big\|\sigma\big\|_{L^1}. \tag{3.29}$$

It is easy to prove that the map (3.23) is contraction w.r.t. the norm $\|\cdot\|_X$, i.e.

$$\big\|\Omega_{i,s}(\gamma)-\Omega_{i,s}(\gamma')\big\|_X\le\frac12\big\|\gamma-\gamma'\big\|_X.$$

We can estimate $\Theta_{i,s}(u'|_{[0,s]}, w_i, \xi_i)$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\Big\|\Theta_{i,s}\big(u'|_{[0,s]}, w_i, \xi_i\big) - \big(u'|_{[0,s]}, w_i, \xi_i\big)\Big\|_X \leq& \int_0^s \Big|\tilde{r}_i\big(u(\varsigma), w_i(\varsigma), \xi_i(\varsigma)\big) - \tilde{r}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i'(\varsigma), \sigma_i'(\varsigma)\big)\Big| d\varsigma \\ &+ c\int_0^s \Big|\tilde{\lambda}_i\big(u(\varsigma), w_i(\varsigma), \xi_i(\varsigma)\big) - \tilde{\lambda}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i'(\varsigma), \sigma_i'(\varsigma)\big)\Big| d\varsigma \\ &+ \int_0^s \Big|\tilde{\lambda}_i\big(u(\varsigma), w_i(\varsigma), \xi_i(\varsigma)\big) - \tilde{\lambda}_i\big(u(\varsigma), v_i'(\varsigma), \sigma_i'(\varsigma)\big)\Big| d\varsigma \\ \leq& \, 5C_0(1+c)\int_0^s \Big\{\big(v_i'(\varsigma) - w_i(\varsigma)\big) + \big(\xi(\varsigma) - \sigma_i'(\varsigma)\big)\Big\} d\varsigma \leq 10C_0(1+c)v_i(s).\end{aligned}$$

Thus by the strict contraction property

(3.30)

$$\Big\|f_i - f_i'|_{[0,s]}\Big\| \leq C_0\delta_1 \big\|\gamma - \gamma'\big\|_X \leq 2C_0\delta_1 \Big\|\Theta_{i,s}\big(u, w_i, \xi_i\big) - \big(u, w_i, \xi_i\big)\Big\|_X \leq 10C_0^2\delta_1 v_i'(s) \leq \frac{1}{2}\big|v_i'(s)\big|.$$

This implies immediately that $f_i(s) \geq f_i'(s) + |v_i'(s)|/2$.

Assume now that $\sigma_i(\tau) < \sigma_i'(\tau)$ for some $\tau \in [0,s]$. Since $f_i(s) \geq f_i'(s)$, there is a point $\bar{s} \in [0,s]$ such that $f_i(\bar{s}) < f_i'(\bar{s})$ and

$$\operatorname{conv} f_i(\bar{s}) = f_i(\bar{s}).$$

The last equality implies $v_i(\bar{s}) = 0$. It is easy to check that the curve γ restricted to $[0,\bar{s}]$ is the solution to (3.20) in $\Gamma_i(\bar{s}, u^-)$. But this is in contradiction with (3.30). □

For any u^- we define the jump $[u^-, \mathcal{S}_i(s', u^-)]$ *admissible* if for all $s \in [0,s']$ one has

$$\sigma_i(\tau) \geq \sigma_i' \qquad \tau \in [0,s], \tag{3.31}$$

where σ_i' is the speed of the shock and σ_i is obtained as the solution to (3.20) in $\Gamma_i(s,u^-)$. Using the same arguments as in the proof of Lemma 3.3, it is easy to prove that this is equivalent to the condition of admissibility introduced by T.P. Liu in [8],

$$\sigma_i \geq \sigma_i', \tag{3.32}$$

where σ_i is the speed of the jump $[u^-, \mathcal{S}_i(s,u^-)]$. Note moreover that the same proof given above shows that any Liu's admissible shock is a solution with σ costant of systems (3.20).

We conclude then with the following theorem:

Theorem 3.4. *For all u^- close to $\bar{u}$, and for any s sufficiently small, the admissible curves $s \mapsto \mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$, defined in terms of* (3.20)*, are Lipschitz continuous and admit derivative for $s = 0$. Moreover these curves are the unique curves such that each point $u(s) = \mathcal{T}_i(s,u^-)$ can be connected to u^- by patching a countable number of rarefactions $\mathcal{R}_i$ and admissible shocks $\mathcal{S}_i$, in such a way that the corresponding speed σ_i is increasing.*

Proof. By construction the line $\gamma \in \Gamma_i(s,u^-)$ solution to (3.20) is the union of generalized rarefaction or shocks. In fact, if $f_i(\tau) = \operatorname{conv} f_i(\tau)$ in some close interval $[s_m, s_{m+1}] \subseteq [0,s]$ with non empty interior, then $\gamma(\tau)$ clearly coincides with the rarefaction $\mathcal{R}_i(\tau - s_m, \gamma_i(s_i))$ for $\tau \in [s_m, s_{m+1}]$. On the other hand, if $f_i(\tau) \geq \operatorname{conv} f_i(\tau)$ in some interval $[s_n, s_{n+1}] \subseteq [0,s]$, $f_i(s_n) = \operatorname{conv} f_i(s_n)$, $f_i(s_{n+1}) = \operatorname{conv} f_i(s_{n+1})$ and $\sigma_i(\tau)$ is constant in $[s_n, s_{n+1}]$, then it is clear that $\gamma(s_{n+1}) = \mathcal{S}_i(s_{n+1} - s_n, \gamma(s_n))$. By Lemma 3.3 these shocks are admissible.

Suppose now that $\tilde{\gamma}$ is another curve obtained by patching rarefactions and admissible shocks such that σ_i is increasing. Then it is clearly a solution to (3.20). By the uniqueness of the solution the result follows. □

As a corollary we have that

Corollary 3.5. *Assume that the rarefactions $\mathcal{R}_i$ and shock lines $\mathcal{S}_i$ coincide with the rarefaction R_i and shocks S_i of the hyperbolic system* (2.1)*. Then for every u^- there is a unique admissible curve $T_i(s,u^-)$ for s sufficiently small.*

Proof. In [3] it is proved the existence of the admissible curves $T_i(s,u^-)$ obtained by patching admissible shocks and rarefactions by means of the center manifold for (3.1). The above theorem gives the uniqueness of the line $T_i \equiv \mathcal{T}_i$. □

Remark 3.6. Assume that we have the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i for $i = 1,\dots,n$ and that

$$\operatorname{span}\Big\{\bar{r}_1,\dots,\bar{r}_n\Big\} = \mathbb{R}^n, \qquad \bar{\lambda}_1 < \cdots < \bar{\lambda}_n. \tag{3.33}$$

We can construct the curves $\mathcal{T}_i(s_i,u)$, $i = 1,\dots,n$ for $|s_i| \le \delta_1$, $|u-\bar{u}| \le \delta_1$, with δ_1 sufficiently small, and moreover we have that the composed map

$$(s_1,\dots,s_n) \mapsto \mathcal{T}_n\Big(s_n, \mathcal{T}_{n-1}\Big(s_{n-1}, \mathcal{T}_{n-2}\big(s_{n-2},\dots \mathcal{T}_1(s_1,u)\big)\Big)\Big) \tag{3.34}$$

has an invertible derivative in $\{s_i = 0\}$ because of (3.33). Thus, by the implicit function theorem, given u^-, u^+, we can connect u^- to u^+ by a sequence of rarefactions $\mathcal{R}_i$ and admissible shocks $\mathcal{S}_i$ with increasing speed.

The inverse of (3.34) defines a Riemann solver, which in the conservative case is unique by Corollary 3.5.

Remark 3.7. If instead of the last inequality in (3.8) we assume that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_i}\phi\big(\bar{u},0,\bar{\lambda}_i\big) \doteq c > 0,$$

then we can repeat the computations of this section by considering the system

$$\begin{cases} \hat{u}(\tau) &=& u^- + \displaystyle\int_0^\tau \tilde{r}_i\big(u(\varsigma),v_i(\varsigma),\sigma_i(\varsigma)\big)d\varsigma \\ \hat{v}_i(\tau) &=& c\Big(f_i\big(\tau;u,v_i,\sigma_i\big) - \operatorname{conc}f_i\big(\tau;u,v_i,\sigma_i\big)\Big) \\ \hat{\sigma}_i(\tau) &=& \dfrac{d}{d\tau}\operatorname{conc}f_i\big(\tau;u,v_i,\sigma_i\big) \end{cases}$$

where $\operatorname{conc}f_i$ is the concave envelope of f. In the hyperbolic setting, it means that we are going from $u+$ to u^-, or equivalently that t is reversed.

4. Examples of Riemann Solvers

We now consider some examples of the construction of the curves $\mathcal{T}_i$. Our aim is to prove that we can obtain the functions $\tilde{r}_i$, ϕ_i, and thus the curves $\mathcal{R}_i$, $\mathcal{S}_i$, $\mathcal{T}_i$ using the center manifold theorem in connection with many approximations of the hyperbolic system (2.1): vanishing viscosity, relaxation schemes and semidiscrete schemes. By Remark 3.6, we can then specify a Riemann solver "compatible" with the approximation.

In particular we can identify all the small travelling profiles of these approximations. If the system is in conservation form, i.e. the shock curve satisfy the Rankine-Hugoniot condition, Corollary 3.5 implies that all the small admissible jumps $[u^-,u^+]$ of the system (2.1) have a smooth travelling profile $\varphi(\xi)$ such that $\varphi(-\infty) = u^-$, $\varphi(+\infty) = u^+$ (see [1], [9], [11]).

4.1. **Vanishing viscosity.** Consider the parabolic system

$$u_t + A(u,u_x)u_x - B(u)u_{xx} = 0. \tag{4.1}$$

Note that particular case of the above system is the system in conservation form

$$u_t + f(u)_x - \big(B(u)u_x\big)_x = 0.$$

The matrix $A(u,u_x)$ is assumed to be strictly hyperbolic, smooth, defined for $u-\bar{u}$, u_x close to 0, and $B(u)$ is a semidefinite positive matrix. Denote with $\lambda_i(u,u_x)$ the i-th eigenvalue of $A(u,u_x)$ and let $r_i(u,u_x)$, $l_i(u,u_x)$ be the corresponding right and left eigenvectors.

We assume that, by means of a change of coordinates $y = J(u)x$, $B(u)$ can be written as

$$B(u) = J(u)\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C(u) \end{bmatrix} J^{-1}(u), \tag{4.2}$$

where $C(u)$ is a $k \times k$ uniformly positive matrix. We assume moreover Kawashima's dissipative condition, i.e. for a fixed index $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\big\langle l_i(u,u_x), B(u) r_i(u,u_x)\big\rangle > 0. \tag{4.3}$$

The change of coordinates $y = J(u)x$ transforms the matrix $A(u,u_x)$ in

$$J^{-1}(u)A(u,u_x)J(u) = \left[\begin{array}{cc} A_{11}(u,u_x) & A_{12}(u,u_x) \\ A_{21}(u,u_x) & A_{22}(u,u_x) \end{array}\right], \tag{4.4}$$

where A_{11} is a $n-k$-dimensional square matrix, and A_{22} is k-dimensional. Note that by (4.3), we have that

$$\mathrm{rank}\Big\{\Big[\begin{array}{cc} \big(A_{11}(u,u_x) - \lambda_i(u,u_x)I\big) & A_{12}(u,u_x) \end{array}\Big]\Big\} = n-k. \tag{4.5}$$

The equation for travelling profiles is the ODE

$$\big(A(u,u_x) - \sigma I\big)u_x = B(u)u_{xx},$$

which can be rewritten as the first order system by setting $u_x = J(u)p$,

$$\left\{\begin{array}{ccc} u_x & = & J(u)p \\ B(u)J(u)p_x & = & \Big(A\big(u,J(u)p\big) - \sigma_i I - B(u)\big(DJ(u)J(u)\big)p\Big)J(u)p \\ \sigma_{i,x} & = & 0 \end{array}\right. \tag{4.6}$$

Due to the assumptions (4.2), and its consequence (4.5), the equation for $p = (p_1,p_2)$, with $p_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$, $p_2 \in \mathbb{R}^k$, can be divided into two parts: $n-k$ algebraic relations and a system of k ODE for p_2.

For simplicity we assume here the condition

$$\det\big(A_{11}(\bar u,0) - \lambda_i(\bar u)I\big) \neq 0, \tag{4.7}$$

so that we can write

$$p = Q(u,u_x)p_2,$$

where $A(u,u_x)$ is the $(n-k)\times n$-matrix

$$Q(\bar u) = \left[\begin{array}{c} -\Big(A_{11}(u,u_x) - \lambda_i(u,u_x)I\Big)^{-1} A_{12}(u,u_x) \\ I \end{array}\right], \tag{4.8}$$

Note that the above condition is not implied by (4.3).

Let $v = (v_1,v_2)$, where v_2 is k-dimensional. The assumption (4.7) implies that we can obtain v_1 as a function of v_2 by

$$v_1 = -\Big(A_{11} - \lambda_i I - \big(JB(DJJ)v\big)_{11}\Big)^{-1}\Big(A_{12} + \big(JB(DJJ)v\big)_{12}\Big)v_2, \tag{4.9}$$

if v is sufficiently small, so that the system (4.6) becomes

$$\left\{\begin{array}{ccc} u_x & = & J(u)v \\ C(u)v_{2,x} & = & \Big(A_{22} - A_{21}\big(A_{11} - \lambda_i I\big)^{-1}A_{12} - \sigma_i I - d(u,v)v\Big)v_2 \\ \sigma_{i,x} & = & 0 \end{array}\right. \tag{4.10}$$

for some smooth function $d(u,v)$.

The linearization of the system (4.10) around the equilibrium $(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u))$ gives the linear system

$$\left\{\begin{array}{ccc} u_x & = & J(\bar u)v \\ C(\bar u,0)v_{2,x} & = & \Big(A_{22}(\bar u,0) - A_{21}\big(A_{11} - \lambda_i I\big)^{-1}A_{12}(\bar u,0) - \lambda_i(\bar u)I\Big)v_2 \\ \sigma_{i,x} & = & 0 \end{array}\right. \tag{4.11}$$

where $v = (v_1,v_2)$ can be obtained by

$$v_1 = -\big(A_{11}(\bar u,0) - \lambda_i(\bar u,0)I\big)^{-1}A_{12}(\bar u,0)v_2.$$

We can write this system as

$$\dot X = PX,$$

where the matrix P is the $n+k+1$ matrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} - A_{21}\Big(A_{11} - \lambda_i I\Big)^{-1} A_{12} - \lambda_i I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4.12}$$

It is clear that P has a null space of dimension $n+2$ because $\lambda_i(\bar u)$ is an eigenvalue of $A(\bar u, 0)$, so that there is a center manifold $\mathcal{C}_i$ of dimension $n+2$ for the original system (4.6).

In the space $(u, v, \sigma_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$, the invariant manifold is tangent to the eigenspace

$$M_i = \Big\{(u, v, \sigma_i) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}; v = v_i r_i(\bar u, 0)\Big\}, \tag{4.13}$$

so that we can write

$$v_j = \mathcal{C}_{ji}\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big), \quad \forall j \neq i. \tag{4.14}$$

Since for $(u, v_i = 0, \sigma)$ we have that the solution to (4.6) which lies on the center manifold is the constant $u(x) \equiv u$, this implies that $\mathcal{C}_{ji}(u, 0, \sigma_i) = 0$, i.e.

$$v = v_i \tilde r_i\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big), \tag{4.15}$$

for some smooth vector function $\tilde r_i$, normalized by $\langle l_i(\bar u), \tilde r_i \rangle = 1$. Moreover $\mathcal{C}_i$ is tangent to the eigenspace M_i, so that

$$\tilde r_i\big(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u)\big) = r_i(\bar u).$$

The equations on this invariant manifold are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} u_x & = & v_i \tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \\ c_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) v_{i,x} & = & \big(a_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) - \sigma_i I\big) v_i \\ \sigma_{i,x} & = & 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{4.16}$$

where we defined the functions

$$c_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq \Big\langle l_i(\bar u), B(u)\big(\tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) + v_i \tilde r_{i,v}(u, v_i, \sigma_i)\big)\Big\rangle, \tag{4.17}$$

$$a_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq \Big\langle l_i(\bar u), A(u, v_i \tilde r_i)\tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i)\Big\rangle - v_i \Big\langle l_i(\bar u), B(u) D_u \tilde r_i \tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i)\Big\rangle. \tag{4.18}$$

Note that by the assumption (4.3) we obtain that in a neighborhood of $(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u))$, c_i is strictly bigger than 0. Defining

$$\phi_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq \frac{a_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) - \sigma_i}{c_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i)}, \tag{4.19}$$

we can apply the results of Section 3: in fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_i} \phi_i\big(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u)\big) &= \frac{1}{c_i}\Big(\big\langle l_i(\bar u), A(\bar u, 0)\tilde r_{i,\sigma}\big\rangle - 1\Big) - \frac{1}{c_i^2}\Big(\big\langle l_i(\bar u), A(\bar u, 0) r_i(\bar u)\big\rangle - \lambda_i(\bar u)\Big) c_{i,\sigma} \\ &= -\frac{1}{c_i\big(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u)\big)}, \end{aligned}$$

because $\langle l_i(\bar u), \tilde r_{i,\sigma}\rangle = 0$.

4.2. **Relaxation schemes.**

Consider the relaxation problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_t + A_{11}(u, v) u_x + A_{12}(u, v) v_x & = & 0 \\ v_t + A_{21}(u, v) u_x + A_{22}(u, v) v_x & = & Q(u, v). \end{array} \right. \tag{4.20}$$

where u, v are n-dimensional and k-dimensional vectors, respectively.

The equation for travelling profiles is the ordinary differential equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \big(A_{11}(u, v) - \sigma I\big) u_x + A_{12}(u, v) v_x & = & 0 \\ A_{21}(u, v) u_x + \big(A_{22}(u, v) - \sigma I\big) v_x & = & Q(u, v). \end{array} \right. \tag{4.21}$$

We assume that the condition $Q(u, v) = 0$ uniquely determines v as a function of u, i.e. a manifold of equilibria $v = h(u)$.

The linearization in the equilibrium $(\bar u, \bar v \doteq h(\bar u))$ gives the linear system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \big(A_{11}(\bar u,\bar v) - \sigma I\big) u_x + A_{12}(\bar u,\bar v) v_x &=& 0 \\ A_{21}(\bar u,\bar v) u_x + \big(A_{22}(\bar u,\bar v) - \sigma I\big) v_x &=& Q_u(\bar u,\bar v) u + Q_v(\bar u,\bar v) v. \end{array} \right. \tag{4.22}$$

As in [11], we assume that there is an invertible $(n+k)\times(n+k)$ invertible matrix $P(u,v)$ such that

$$P(u,v) \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ Q_u(u,v) & Q_v(u,v) \end{array} \right] P^{-1}(u,v) = \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S(u,v) \end{array} \right], \tag{4.23}$$

where S is strictly negative definite. With a linear change of coordinates $v \mapsto Lu + v$ for some $n \times n$ matrix L, we can set $P(\bar u,\bar v) = I$. We can thus rewrite (4.22) as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \big(A_{11}(\bar u,\bar v) - \sigma I\big) u_x + A_{12}(\bar u,\bar v) v_x &=& 0 \\ A_{21}(\bar u,\bar v) u_x + \big(A_{22}(\bar u,\bar v) - \sigma I\big) v_x &=& S(\bar u,\bar v) v. \end{array} \right. \tag{4.24}$$

We assume that $\tilde A_{11}(\bar u,\bar v)$ is strictly hyperbolic and denote with $\lambda_i(u,v)$ its i-th eigenvalue, and let $r_i(u,v)$, $l_i(u,v)$ be its left and right eigenvectors, respectively in a neighborhood of $(\bar u, h(\bar u))$.

The non characteristic condition says that $A(u,v) - \lambda_i(\bar u, h(\bar u)) I$ is invertible, where

$$A(u,v) \doteq \left[\begin{array}{cc} A_{11}(u,v) & A_{12}(u,v) \\ A_{21}(u,v) & A_{22}(u,v) \end{array} \right],$$

so that, for σ_i close to $\lambda_i(\bar u, h(\bar u))$, the system (4.21) can be written as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \left(\begin{array}{c} u_x \\ v_x \end{array} \right) &=& \big(A(u,v) - \sigma_i I\big)^{-1} \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ Q(u,v) \end{array} \right) \\ \sigma_{i,x} &=& 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{4.25}$$

whose linearization around $(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u))$ is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \left(\begin{array}{c} \tilde u_x \\ \tilde v_x \end{array} \right) &=& \big(A(\bar u,\bar v) - \sigma_i I\big)^{-1} \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ S(\bar u,\bar v) v \end{array} \right) \\ \sigma_{i,x} &=& 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{4.26}$$

In [11] it is shown that, if

$$\big(A(\bar u,\bar v) - \lambda_i(\bar u, h(\bar u)) I\big)^{-1} \left[\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S(\bar u,\bar v) \end{array} \right]$$

has no nonzero purely imaginary eigenvalues, and if the following stability condition holds

$$\big\langle \bar l_i, A_{12}(\bar u,\bar v) S^{-1}(\bar u,\bar v) \tilde A_{21} \bar r_i \big\rangle < 0, \tag{4.27}$$

then there exists an invariant $n+2$-dimensional space M_i for the linearized system (4.26),

$$M_i = \mathrm{span}\Big\{ \bar r_i, S^{-1}(\bar u,\bar v) A_{21}(\bar u,\bar v) \bar r_i \Big\}, \tag{4.28}$$

and by the center manifold theorem there is an invariant manifold $\mathcal C_i$ tangent to M_i at $(\bar u, \bar v = h(\bar u))$, which can be parametrized by u, a scalar component α_i and the speed σ_i. Since all the equilibria $v = h(u)$ belong to $\mathcal C_i$, we can write

$$v = h(u) + \alpha_i g_i(u, \alpha_i, \sigma_i), \tag{4.29}$$

with $g_i(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u)) = S^{-1}(\bar u,\bar v) A_{21}(\bar u,\bar v) \bar r_i$ and $h(\bar u) = \bar v$, $Dh(\bar u) = 0$. The last conditions follow from the assumption $P(\bar u,\bar v) = I$, i.e. $Q_u(\bar u,\bar v) = 0$.

Thanks to the non characteristic condition, the equations on $\mathcal C_i$ can be written as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u_x &=& \alpha_i \tilde r_i(u, \alpha_i, \sigma_i) \\ \alpha_{i,x} &=& \alpha_i \phi_i(u, \alpha_i, \sigma_i) \\ \sigma_{i,x} &=& 0 \end{array} \right. \tag{4.30}$$

for some functions $\tilde r_i$ and ϕ_i, with $\langle \bar l_i, \tilde r_i \rangle = 1$. In fact, for $\alpha_i = 0$ we are on the equilibrium manifold $v = h(u)$, and then $u_x = \alpha_{i,x} = 0$. Because $\mathcal C_i$ is tangent to M_i, we obtain the relations

$$\tilde r_i(\bar u, 0, \bar \lambda_i) = \bar r_i, \qquad \phi_i(\bar u, 0, \bar \lambda_i) = 0. \tag{4.31}$$

Moreover a simple computation shows that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_i}\phi_i(\bar u, 0, \bar\lambda_i) = \frac{1}{\left\langle \bar l_i, A_{12}(\bar u,\bar v)S^{-1}(\bar u,\bar v)A_{21}(\bar u,\bar v)\bar r_i\right\rangle} < 0, \tag{4.32}$$

by (4.27). It follows that we can construct the curves $\mathcal{R}_i$, $\mathcal{S}_i$ and $\mathcal{T}_i$ in a neighborhood of $\bar u$. Moreover, if the system (4.20) is in conservation form, we have proved same results of [11], i.e. the existence of travelling profiles for all admissible shocks of the limiting hyperbolic system.

4.3. **Semidiscrete schemes.** Consider the semidiscrete scheme

$$u^m_t + f(u^m) - f(u^{m-1}) = 0, \tag{4.33}$$

where for linear stability we assume that $\lambda_i(u) > 0$.

The equation for travelling profiles is the Retarded Functional Differential Equation (RFDE)

$$-\sigma u'(\xi) + f\big(u(\xi)\big) - f\big(u(\xi-1)\big) = 0. \tag{4.34}$$

In [1] it is shown the existence of a center manifold $\mathcal{C}_i$ of dimension $n+2$ in $C^1([-1,0];\mathbb{R}^n)$, which can be parametrized by u, $v_i = u_{i,x} = \langle l_i(\bar u), u_x\rangle$, σ_i (see [2]):

$$(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \mapsto \phi\big(\cdot; u, v_i, \sigma_i\big) \in C^1\big([-1,0],\mathbb{R}^n\big), \quad \phi(0) = u,\ \phi_i'(0) = v_i.$$

In particular, since for $(u_0, v_i = 0, \sigma_i)$ we obtain the equilibrium $u \equiv u_0$, from the map $(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \mapsto \phi(\cdot, u, v_i, \sigma_i)$ one can deduce the two functions

$$u_x = \frac{d}{dx}\phi(0; u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq v_i \tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i), \qquad v_i(-1) = \left\langle l_i(\bar u), \frac{d}{dx}\phi(-1; u, v_i, \sigma_i)\right\rangle \doteq v_i \tilde p_i\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big). \tag{4.35}$$

The function $\tilde r_i$ gives direction of the derivative u_x once we know the i-th component $v_i = u_{i,x}$, while $v_i \tilde p_i$ gives the value of the i-th component of the derivative at $\xi = -1$, i.e. $u_{i,x}(-1)$.

The equation for v_i can be obtained from (4.34): in fact, differentiating w.r.t. x and taking the scalar product with $l_i(\bar u)$, it follows

$$-\sigma_i v_{i,x} + \tilde\lambda_i\big(u, v_i, \sigma_i\big)v_i - \tilde\lambda_i\big(u(-1), v_i p_i, \sigma_i\big)v_i p_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) = 0,$$

where $u(-1)$ can be computed from

$$-\sigma_i v_i + f(u) - f(u(-1)) = 0,$$

and where $\tilde\lambda_i$ is given by

$$\tilde\lambda_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) = \big\langle l_i(\bar u), A(u)\tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i)\big\rangle. \tag{4.36}$$

Thus we obtain that on the manifold $\mathcal{C}_i$ the RFDE (4.34) takes the form of the system of ODE

$$\left\{\begin{array}{rcc} u_x &=& v_i \tilde r_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \\ v_{i,x} &=& v_i\Big(\tilde\lambda_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) - \tilde\lambda_i\big(u(-1), v_i p_i, \sigma_i\big)p_i\Big)/\sigma_i \\ \sigma_{i,x} &=& 0 \end{array}\right. \tag{4.37}$$

Since $\mathcal{C}_i$ is tangent in $u(x) \equiv \bar u$ to the manifold (see [2])

$$M_i = \left\{u + v_i e^{\beta_i} r_i(\bar u)\xi, \frac{\sigma_i}{\lambda_i(\bar u)} = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta_i}}{\beta_i}; \xi \in (-1, 0]\right\} \in C^1\big((-1,0],\mathbb{R}^2\big),$$

we deduce that

$$\tilde r_i\big(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u)\big) = r_i(\bar u), \qquad \tilde\lambda_i\big(\bar u, 0, \lambda_i(\bar u)\big) = \lambda_i(\bar u). \tag{4.38}$$

Using the fact that in all points $u(x) \equiv u$ sufficiently close to $\bar u$ the center manifold $\mathcal{C}_i$ is also tangent to the set

$$M_i = \left\{u + v_i e^{\beta_i} r_i(u)\xi, \frac{\sigma_i}{\lambda_i(u)} = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta_i}}{\beta_i}; \xi \in (-1, 0]\right\} \in C^1\big((-1,0],\mathbb{R}^2\big),$$

in [2] it is shown that

$$p_i\big(u, 0, \sigma_i\big) = e^{-\beta_i}, \tag{4.39}$$

where β_i is given by the dispersion relation

$$\frac{\sigma_i}{\lambda_i(u)} = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta_i}}{\beta_i}.$$

Let ϕ_i be the function

$$\phi_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) \doteq \frac{1}{\sigma_i}\Big(\tilde{\lambda}_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i) - \tilde{\lambda}_i\big(u(-1), v_i p_i, \sigma_i\big) p_i(u, v_i, \sigma_i)\Big). \tag{4.40}$$

Using (4.38) and $\langle l_i(\bar{u}), \tilde{r}_{i,\sigma}\rangle = 0$, we obtain that

$$\phi_i\big(\bar{u}, 0, \lambda_i(\bar{u})\big) = 0, \tag{4.41}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_i}\phi_i\big(\bar{u}, 0, \lambda_i(\bar{u})\big) = -\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial \sigma_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i(\bar{u})} \, \frac{\beta_i^2 e^{-\beta_i}}{(1+\beta_i)e^{-\beta_i} - 1}\bigg|_{\beta_i = 0} = -\frac{2}{\lambda_i(\bar{u})}. \tag{4.42}$$

We can thus apply the results of section 3. In particular, we have proved the existence of travelling profiles for all small admissible shocks of the limiting hyperbolic equation

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0,$$

generalizing the result of [1] to general flux functions f.

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