Shock formation and vorticity creation for compressible Euler

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Abstract

In this talk, I will discuss a long term project, joint with Tristan Buckmaster and Steve Shkoller, concerning the formation of singularities (shocks) for the compressible Euler equations with the ideal gas law. We provide a constructive proof of stable shock formation from smooth initial datum, of finite energy, and with no vacuum regions. Via modulated self-similar variables, the blow-up time and location can be explicitly computed, and at the blow-up time, the solutions can be shown to have precisely Holder 1/3 regularity. Additionally, for the nonisentropic problem sounds waves interact with entropy waves to produce vorticity at the shock.

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