

SHOCK WAVE IS COMPRESSIBLE IN NATURE

From the Prandtl's relation

$$u_1 u_2 = a_*^2 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

From Equation $\textcircled{1}$ we have the cases

$\textcircled{1}$ If $u_1 > a_*$ then $u_2 < a_*$

$\textcircled{2}$ If $u_1 < a_*$ then $u_2 > a_*$

It is necessary to decide which one of these alternative is valid.

It is necessary to use the fact that there must be entropy gain across the shock wave.

If s be the specific entropy then

$$\frac{s - s_0}{c_v} = \log \frac{p}{p_0 r}$$

let s_1, s_2 be the specific entropies per unit mass on each side of the shock
so in region $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$ we have

$$\frac{s_1 - s_0}{c_v} = \log \frac{p_1}{p_0 r_1}$$

$$\frac{s_2 - s_0}{c_v} = \log \frac{p_2}{p_0 r_2}$$

$$\frac{S_2 - S_0}{c_v} - \frac{S_1 - S_0}{c_v} = \log \frac{p_2}{p_1} - \log \frac{p_2^r}{p_1^r}$$

$$\frac{S_2 - S_1}{c_v} = \log \left[\frac{p_2}{p_2^r} \times \frac{p_1^r}{p_1} \right]$$

$$= \log \left[\frac{p_2}{p_1} \left(\frac{p_1}{p_2} \right)^r \right]$$

using eqⁿ (14) & (15)

$$= \log \left[\frac{2\gamma M_1^2 - (\gamma - 1)}{\gamma + 1} \times \left\{ \frac{(\gamma + 1) M_1^2 + 2}{(\gamma + 1) M_1^2} \right\}^r \right]$$

let $M_1^2 = 1 + m$ where m is small

$$\frac{S_2 - S_1}{c_v} = \log \left[\frac{2\gamma(1+m) - (\gamma - 1)}{\gamma + 1} \times \left\{ \frac{2 + (\gamma - 1)(1+m)}{(\gamma + 1)(1+m)} \right\}^r \right]$$

$$= \log \left[\frac{2\gamma + 2\gamma m - \gamma + 1}{\gamma + 1} \times \left\{ \frac{2 + (\gamma - 1)(1+m)}{(\gamma + 1)(1+m)} \right\}^r \right]$$

$$= \log \left[\frac{(\gamma + 1) + 2\gamma m}{\gamma + 1} \times \left\{ \frac{2 + (\gamma - 1) + m(\gamma - 1)}{(\gamma + 1)(1+m)} \right\}^r \right]$$

$$= \log \left[\left(1 + \frac{2\gamma m}{\gamma + 1} \right) \times \left\{ \frac{(\gamma + 1) + m(\gamma - 1)}{\gamma + 1} \right\}^r \frac{1}{(1+m)^r} \right]$$

$$= \log \left[\left(1 + \frac{2\gamma m}{\gamma + 1} \right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{m(\gamma - 1)}{\gamma + 1} \right\}^r \frac{1}{(1+m)^r} \right]$$

$$= \log \left(1 + \frac{2\gamma m}{\gamma + 1} \right) + r \log \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma + 1} m \right) - r \log(1+m)$$

$$\frac{s_2 - s_1}{c_v} = \frac{2}{3} \gamma (\gamma - 1) (\gamma + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} m^3$$

Since for the shock wave $\frac{s_2 - s_1}{c_v} > 0$
and $\gamma > 1$

this implies $m > 0$ and hence $M_1^2 = 1 + m > 1$

$$\Rightarrow M_1^2 > 1$$

So

$$\left(\frac{u_1}{a_*}\right)^2 = \frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma - 1 + \frac{2}{M_1^2}} > \frac{\gamma + 1}{(\gamma + 1) + 2} = 1$$

or $u_1 > a_*$ and so $u_2 < a_*$

This implies $\left(\frac{u_1}{a_*}\right)^2 > 1 \Rightarrow u_1 > a_*$ and $u_2 < a_*$

Thus Case (i) holds & Case (ii) is false

Similarly it can be shown that $M_2 < 1$

In other words we have shown that

for normal stationary shock wave, the up-stream flow is supersonic but passage through the shock reduces it to subsonic

for $M_1 > 1$ we have show that $\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{2\gamma M_1^2 - \gamma - 1}{\gamma + 1}$

$$\Rightarrow p_2 > p_1$$