

## Dispersive Systems

- 1) Schrödinger equation
- 2) Cubic Schrödinger
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- 5) Discrete systems

KdV

$$u_t + uu_x + \varepsilon^2 u_{xxx} = 0$$

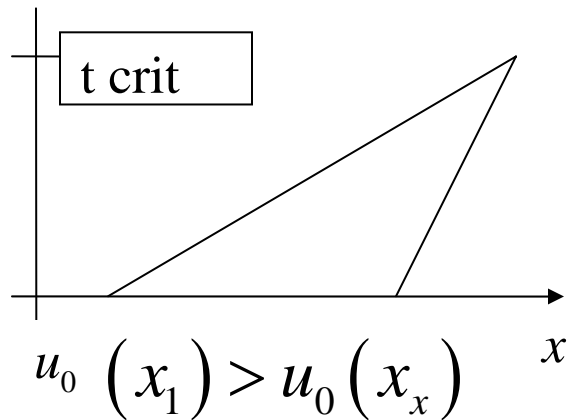
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# DISCONTINUITY

$$u_t + uu_x = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} u = 0, \frac{dx}{dt} = u.$$

$$u_0(x) = u(x, 0) \text{ prescribed}$$



Collision of  
characteristic lines

No continuous solution for  $t > t \text{ crit}$

Solutions of equ.-s of compressible flow develop discontinuities (shocks).

Stokes, Airy, Riemann:

Conservation laws

$$u_t + f_x + g_y + h_z = 0$$

$$f = f(u), g = g(u), \text{etc.}$$

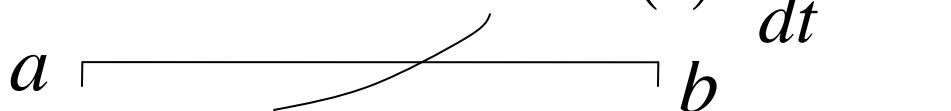
Integrate over  $G$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_G u dV + \int_{\partial G} F \cdot n dS = 0,$$

$F = (f, g, h)$  flux

Weak solutions, distributions

$$u_t + f_x = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b u dx + f_b - f_a = 0.$$


The diagram shows a horizontal line segment representing an interval from  $a$  to  $b$ . A curved line is drawn above the segment, starting from the left and ending at the right. To the right of the interval, the differential equation  $y(t), \frac{dy}{dt} = s$  is written.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_a^y u dx + \int_y^b u dx \right] = \int_a^y u_t dx + \int_y^b u_t dx + s [u_l - u_r] =$$

$$-\int_a^y f_x dx - \int_y^b f_x dx + s [u_l - u_r] =$$

$$-f_l + f_a - f_b + f_r + s [u_l - u_r],$$

So by the conservation law,

$$s = [f] / [u]$$

# Rankine-Hugoniot condition

Example:

$$u_t + uu_x = 0$$

$$u_t + \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2\right)_x = 0$$

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{2}u^2$$

$$s = [f] / [u] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_e^2 - u_r^2}{u_e - u_r} = \frac{u_e + u_r}{2}$$

Entropy condition:  $u_e > u_r$

$$u_t + uu_x = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{u}u_t + u_x = 0$$

$$(\log a)_t + u_x = 0$$

RH condition

$$s = \frac{u_e - u_r}{\log u_e - \log u_r}$$

$$\neq \frac{u_e + u_r}{2}$$

Multiply equation

$$2u|u_t + uu_x = 0$$

$$u_t^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}u^3\right)_x = 0$$

R-H condition

$$s = \frac{2 u_e^3 - u_r^3}{3 u_e^2 - u_r^2} = \frac{2 u_e^3 + u_e u_r + u_r^2}{3 u_e + u_r}$$

Which conservation law??

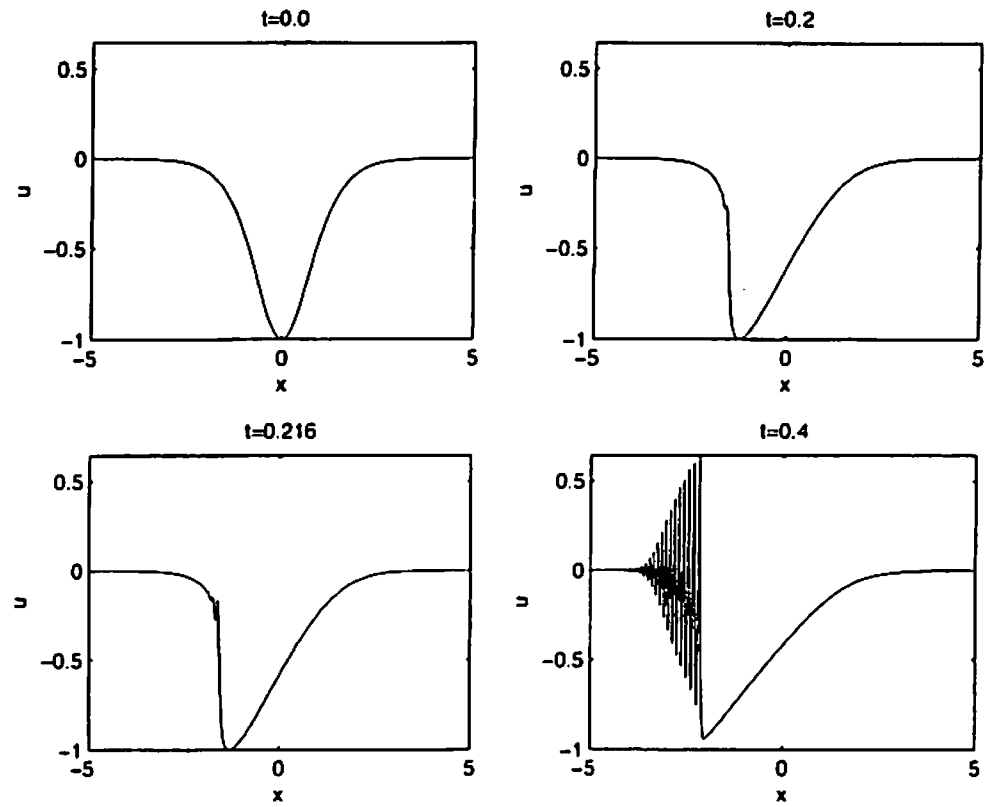


FIGURE 1. The numerical solution of the KdV equation at different times for the initial data  $u_0(x) = -1/\cosh^2 x$  and  $\epsilon = 10^{-1.5}$ .

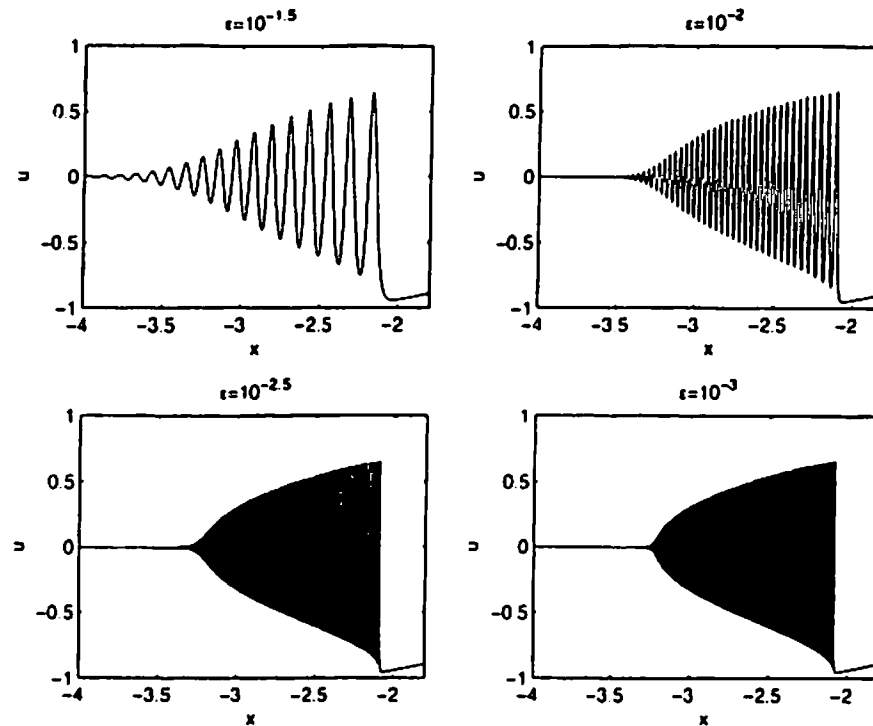


FIGURE 4. The numerical solution of the KdV equation for the initial data  $u_0(x) = -1/\cosh^2 x$ , for different values of  $\epsilon$  and for fixed time  $t = 0.4$ .

Goodman-Lax; in

$u_t + uu_x = 0$  discretise space:

$$u(k\Delta, t) \approx u_k(t)$$

Replace  $u_x$  by symmetric difference quotient:

$$\dot{u}_k + u_k \frac{u_{k+1} - u_{k-1}}{2\Delta} = 0$$

$$\bullet = \frac{d}{dt}$$

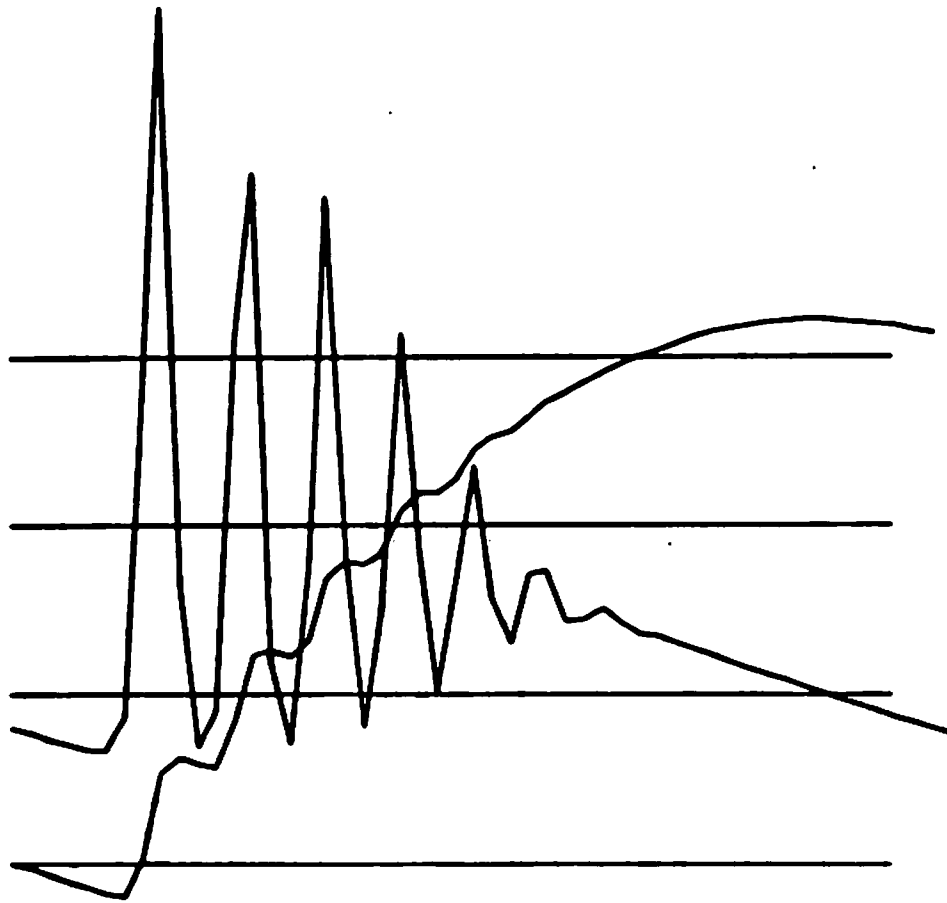
Dispersive Conservation form

$$\dot{u}_k + \frac{f_{k+1/2} - f_{k-1/2}}{\Delta} = 0,$$

$$f_{k+1/2} = u_k u_{k+1/2}$$

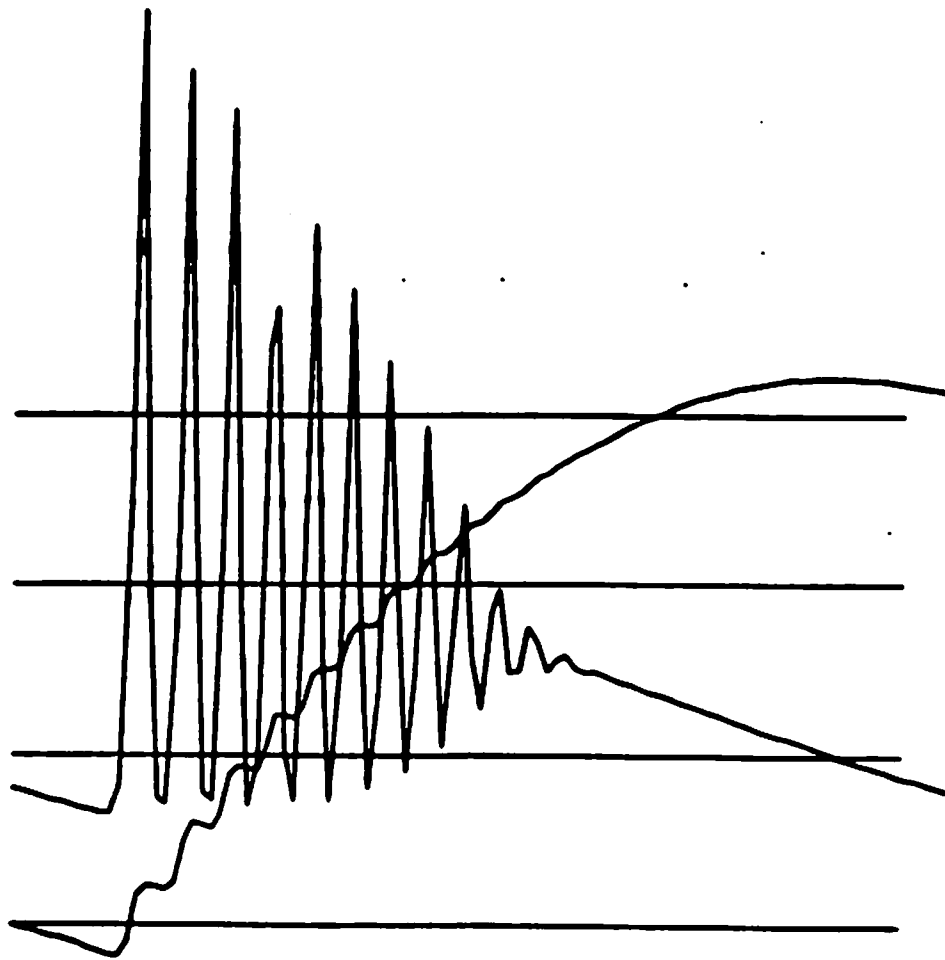
$$u(x, 0) = \frac{3}{2} + \cos x$$

Numerical experiments reveal oscillations and weak convergence for  $t > t_{\text{crit}}$

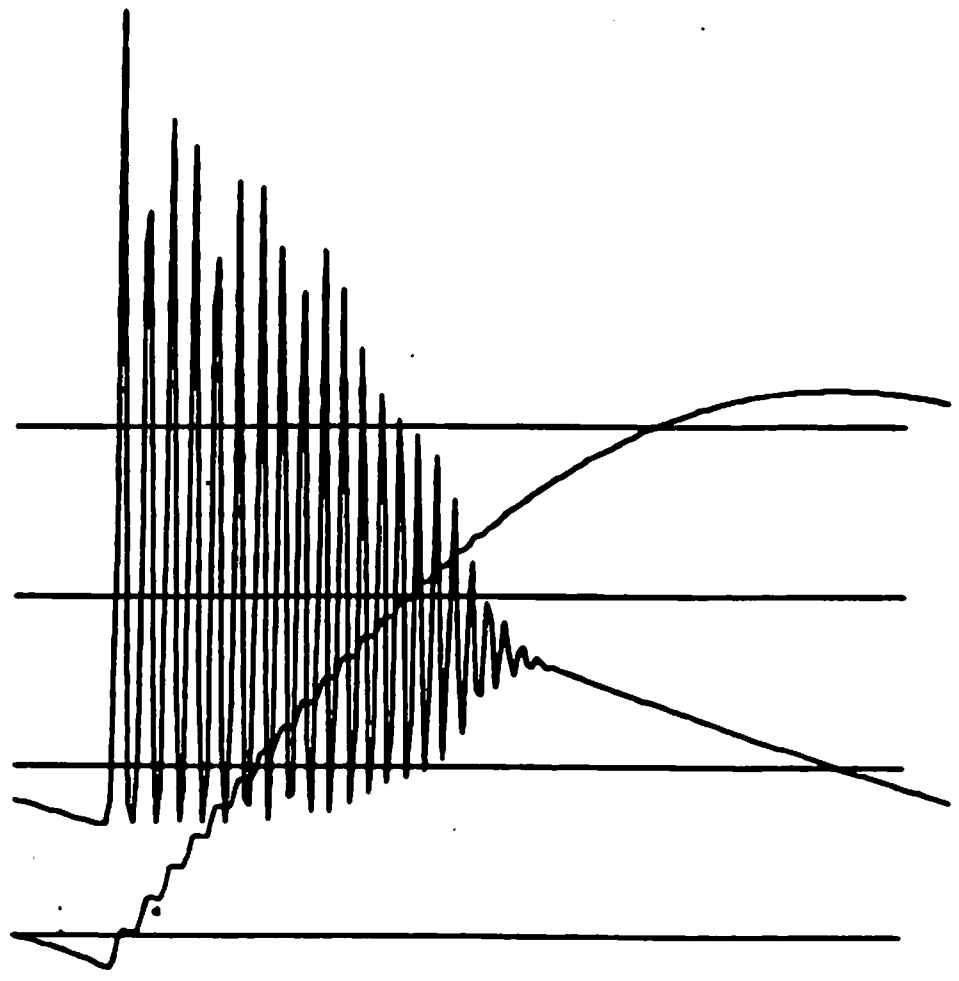


$t = 2$   
 $n = 50$

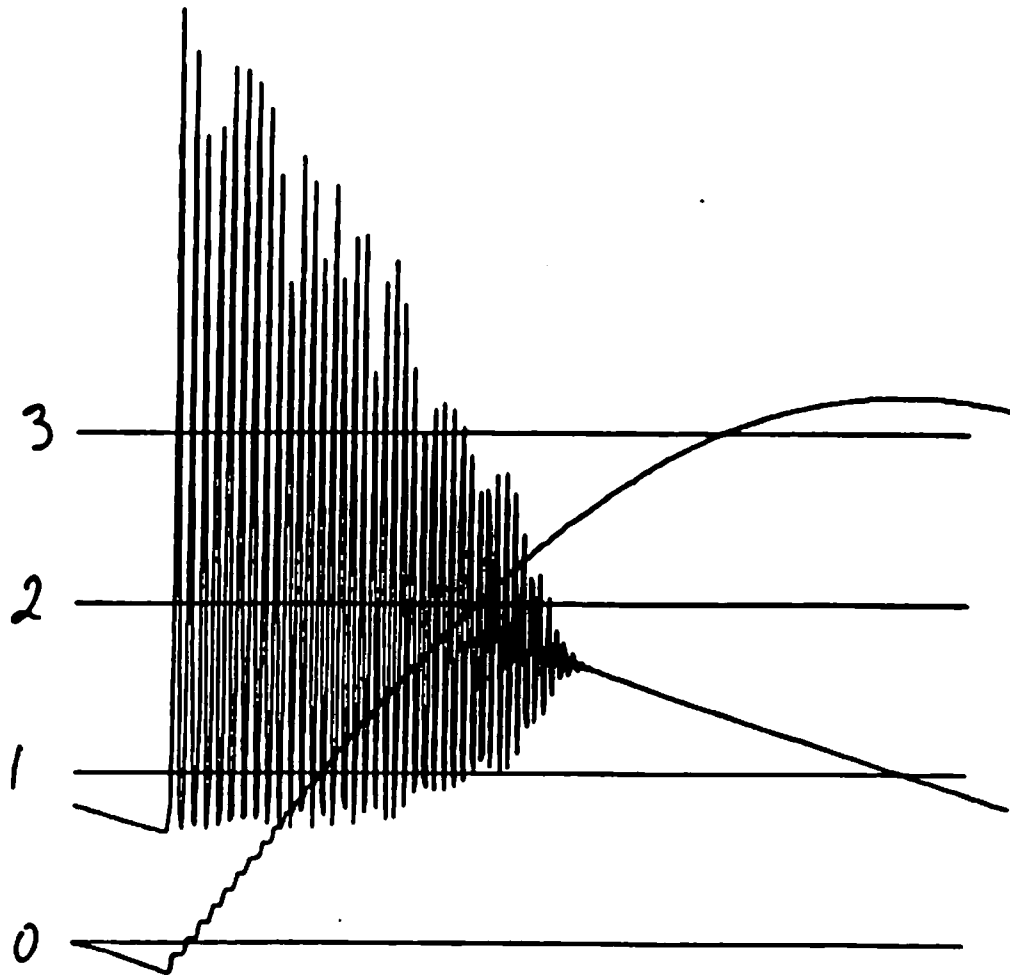
$$\Delta = 2\pi/100$$



$$\Delta = 2\pi/200$$



$$\Delta = 2\pi/400$$



1. Explain oscillatory behavior
2. Prove weak convergence
3. Determine weak limit
4. What equation does the weak limit satisfy?

$$\dot{u}_k + u_k \frac{u_{k+1} - u_k}{2\Delta} = 0$$

$$\dot{u}_k + \frac{f_{k+1/2} - f_{k-1/2}}{\Delta} = 0$$

$$f_{k+1/2} = \frac{1}{2} u_k u_{k+1}$$

Divide by  $u_k$  :

$$\log u_k + \frac{u_{k+1} - u_{k-1}}{2\Delta} = 0$$

$$\log u_k + \frac{g_{k+1/2} - g_{k-1/2}}{\Delta} = 0$$

$$g_{k+1/2} = \frac{u_k + u_{k+1}}{2}$$

If  $u(\Delta)$  would tend strongly to  $u$ , both

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

and

$$(\log u)_t + g(u)_x = 0$$

would be satisfied.

But they are incompatible for discontinuous solutions.

The solution of the difference equation desperately tries to satisfy two incompatible conservation laws. Hence the oscillations.

## Limits of Semigroups.

Denote by  $U(t, \varepsilon)$  the solution operator for the KdV equation

$$u_t + uu_x + \varepsilon u_{xxx} = 0, \quad (1)$$

that is, the operator

$$U(t, \varepsilon) : u(x, 0; \varepsilon) \rightarrow u(x, t; \varepsilon)$$

that relates initial values of solutions of (1) to their values at  $t$ . Clearly, the operators

$U(t, \varepsilon)$  form a semigroup (even a group) in the parameter  $t$ :

$$U(s, \varepsilon)U(t, \varepsilon) = U(s + t, \varepsilon) \quad (2)$$

Lax & Levermore have shown that the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  of  $U(t, \varepsilon)$  exists in the weak but for  $t > t_{\text{crit}}$  not in the strong topology:

$$U(t, \varepsilon)u_0 \rightarrow U(t)u_0. \quad (3)$$

Note that since equation (1), written in conservation form

$$u_t + \frac{1}{2} \left( u^2 \right)_x + \varepsilon u_{xxx} = 0,$$

is nonlinear, a weak limit of its solutions that is not a strong limit is not a solution of the limiting equation

$$u_t + \frac{1}{2} \left( u^2 \right)_x = 0. \quad (4)$$

So  $U(t)u_0$  in (2) is not the solution of (4) with initial value  $u_0$ .

Question. Do the limit operators  $U(t)$  defined in (3) form a semigroup:

$$U(t)U(s) \doteq U(t+s). \quad (5)$$

L & L have derived an explicit formula for  $U(t)$ , which shows that  $U(t)$  is not continuous in the weak topology. That makes it very dubious that the limit as  $\varepsilon$  tends zero of (2) is (5). The question can be easily decided by a single calculation.

There is an analogue of this question in the theory of turbulence. Here operators to be considered are the solutions operators  $U(t, R)$  for the Navier-Stokes equation. I surmise that as the Reynolds number  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , the operators  $U(t, R)$  tend weakly but not strongly to a limit  $U(t)$ .

Since the limiting Euler equations are nonlinear conservation laws,  $U(t)$  is not the solution operator for the incompressible Euler equation but a description of turbulent flow. In analogy with the zero dispersion limit of the KdV equation I would surmise that the operators  $U(t)$ , the limits of  $U(t, R)$ , do not form a semigroup, as conjectured by Heinz Kreiss.

## Compactness

$$u_t + uu_x = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

can be written as conservation law

$$u_t + \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right)_x = 0.$$

Initial value  $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ , bounded and zero outside a finite interval.

## Viscosity method

$$u_t + uu_x = \varepsilon u_{xx}, \quad \varepsilon > 0, u = u(x, t; \varepsilon),$$

$u(x, 0; \varepsilon) = u_0(x)$ .  $\lim u(x, t; \varepsilon) = u(x, t)$ ,  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$   
boundedly, in  $L^1$  norm.

How does  $u$  depend on initial  $u_0$ ?

$$\text{Define } U_0(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x u_0(y) dy,$$

and set

$$|u_0|_{-1} = \sup |U_0|.$$

For any two solutions  $u, v$  with initial values  
 $u_0, v_0$ ,

$$\left| u(\cdot, t) - v(\cdot, t) \right|_{-1} \leq \left| u_0 - v_0 \right|_{-1}$$

Proof. Integrate viscous equation:

$$U_t + \frac{1}{2} U_x^2 = \varepsilon U_{xx},$$

and

$$V_t + \frac{1}{2} V_x^2 = \varepsilon V_{xx}.$$

Subtract these equations, and denote  $U - V$  as  $D$ :

$$D_t + \frac{1}{2} (U_x + V_x) D = \varepsilon D$$

By maximum principle,

$$|D(x, t)| \leq \sup |D_0|,$$

as claimed.

Let  $u_0^{(n)}$  be any sequence of initial data that tend weakly, that is in the sense of the  $L^1$  norm, to  $u_0$ ; we saw that then  $u^{(n)}(x, t)$  tends weakly to  $u(x, t)$  for every  $t > 0$ .

$u^{(n)}$  and  $u$  satisfy the basic differential equation

$$u_t^{(n)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( u^{(n)^2} \right)_x = 0,$$

$$u_t + \frac{1}{2} \left( u^2 \right)_x = 0.$$

$u_t^{(n)}$  tends to  $u_t$  in the sense of distribution.

Therefore  $\left( u^n \right)_x^2$  tends to  $u_x^2$  in the sense of distribution. So  $\left( u^n \right)^2$  tends to  $u^2 + \text{const}$  in the sense of distribution. Since both  $u^n$  and  $u$  tend to zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , the

constant is zero. But then  $u^n$  must tend to  $u$  strongly, that is in the  $L^1$  norm.

Summary If the initial values of  $u^{(n)}$  tend to the initial values of  $u$  weakly,  $u^n(x, t)$  tends to  $u(x, t)$  strongly, for every  $t > 0$ .

The mapping from initial values  $u(x, 0)$  to their values  $u(x, t)$ ,  $t > 0$ , is a compact mapping.