

## SOLUTIONS TO A FIRST ORDER HYPERBOLIC SYSTEM

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**Abstract** The study of small perturbations in the shock initiation of an inviscid compressible fluid with chemical reaction leads to a first order hyperbolic system of two equations. The order zero approximation of the system involves only constant coefficients. Here, we study a variation of this hyperbolic system and generalize it so that not all coefficients are constants. The boundary conditions in the first quadrant ( $t, x > 0$ ), where  $x$  is the spatial variable and  $t$  is time, include data along  $x = 0$  and a proportionality relation between the dependent variables along  $t = 0$ . Using the characteristics of the system, we obtain explicit solutions.

### 1 Introduction

In the work of David Logan [1], the forced, linear, one dimensional hyperbolic system,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & a^2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_x = \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x > 0, t > 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $0 < a < 1$  is a constant, is studied under the assumption that the boundary condition,

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1.2)$$

and the initial condition,

$$u(x, 0) = \alpha v(x, 0), \quad x > 0, \quad (1.3)$$

are satisfied. Here  $\alpha > 0$  is also a constant. The problem was originally studied by Fickett [2] in relation to the work on a condensed explosive to determine the rate of chemical energy release from detonating the explosive. The linearization of the underlying mathematical model led to a hyperbolic system which very closely

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resembles the system in (1.1). In our work presented here, we use the method of David Logan [1] to solve a variation of the system in (1.1) namely,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -a \\ -a & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_x = \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x > 0, t > 0, \quad (1.4)$$

with the assumption that  $0 < a < 1$  depends on the variable  $t$ . The boundary and initial conditions are kept the same as in (1.2) and (1.3), namely,

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \quad u(x, 0) = \gamma v(x, 0), \quad x > 0, \quad (1.5)$$

where we have replaced constant  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , in (1.3) with the constant  $\gamma$ ,  $-1 < \gamma < 0$ . Our goal is to first use the method of characteristics to find  $v$  along  $x = 0$ . This is then used to find the solution  $u(x, t)$  to (1.4), (1.5) at an arbitrary point  $(x, t)$  in the quadrant  $x > 0, t > 0$ .

## 2 The Characteristics

The eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix in (1.4) are  $a - 1$  and  $-(a + 1)$  with the corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , respectively. Let  $P =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{pmatrix} a-1 & 0 \\ 0 & -(a+1) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and note that } PDP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -a \\ -a & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now rewrite the equation (1.4) in the following manner,

$$PDP^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_x = \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x > 0, t > 0, \quad (2.1)$$

Multiply equation (2.1) by  $P^{-1}$  to obtain,

$$DP^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_t + P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}_x = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x > 0, t > 0, \quad (2.2)$$

The system (2.2) in expanded form will be a pair of equations as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} (u_t - v_t) + \frac{1}{a-1}(u_x - v_x) &= \frac{f-g}{a-1}, \\ (u_t + v_t) - \frac{1}{a+1}(u_x - v_x) &= \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Consider the functions  $u$  and  $v$  along the curves  $C^+$ :  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{a-1}$  and  $C^-$ :  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{-1}{a+1}$  respectively. Then equations in (2.3) along these curves can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dt} - \frac{dv}{dt} &= \frac{f-g}{a-1}, \\ \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{dv}{dt} &= \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

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We assume that the negative characteristics  $C^+$  and  $C^-$  both meet at the same point  $(x_0, 0)$  on the  $x$ -axis and cross the  $t$ -axis at points  $(0, \alpha)$  and  $(0, \beta)$ ,  $\alpha < \beta$ . They therefore must satisfy,

$$\begin{aligned} C^+ : x_1(t) &= \int_t^\alpha \frac{1}{a-1} d\tau, \\ C^- : x_2(t) &= \int_t^\beta \frac{1}{-(1+a)} d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

To ensure that  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  meet at  $t = 0$  we impose the condition,

$$\int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{a-1} d\tau = \int_0^\beta \frac{1}{-(1+a)} d\tau. \quad (2.6)$$

An example of a function  $a$  that allows the condition (2.6) to be satisfied is,

$$a(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+2}}, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (2.7)$$

A pair of characteristics corresponding to this particular choice of  $a$  are,

$$x_1(t) = 2 \log\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{t+2}-1}\right) - 2\sqrt{t+2} - t + 2\sqrt{2} + 1, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$x_2(t) = 2 \log\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{t+2}+1}\right) + 2\sqrt{t+2} - t - 2\sqrt{2} + 1, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (2.9)$$

In the quadrant  $x \geq 0$  and  $t \geq 0$  the curves meet at  $x_0 = 1$  on the  $x$ -axis, and at  $\alpha \approx 0.318$  and  $\beta \approx 1.60$  on the  $t$ -axis. See figure 1.

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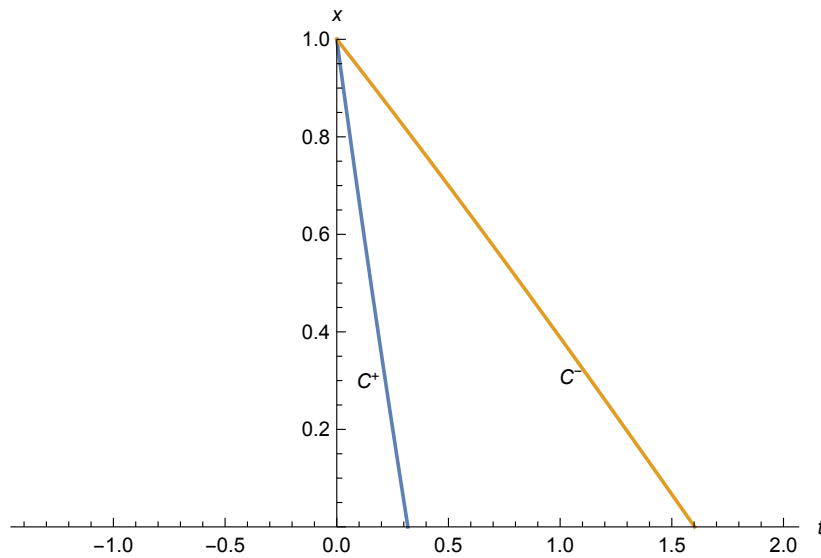


Figure 1: In the quadrant  $x \geq 0$  and  $t \geq 0$  the characteristic curves  $C^+$  and  $C^-$  through  $(x, t)$  and  $(0, \alpha)$ ,  $(0, \beta)$  on the  $t$ -axis.

Now let's integrate equations in (2.3) along the curves  $C^+$  and  $C^-$  respectively. We have,

$$u(x, t) - v(x, t) - \int_0^t \frac{f(\tau) - g(\tau)}{a(\tau) - 1} d\tau = k_1, \quad \text{on } C^+, \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$u(x, t) + v(x, t) - \int_0^t \frac{f(\tau) + g(\tau)}{-(a(\tau) + 1)} d\tau = k_2, \quad \text{on } C^-, \quad (2.11)$$

where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are arbitrary constants. From (2.10), (2.11) and the boundary

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condition in (1.5), at the point  $(x_0, 0)$  on the  $x$ -axis we must have,

$$\begin{aligned}u(x_0, 0) - v(x_0, 0) &= k_1, \\u(x_0, 0) + v(x_0, 0) &= k_2, \\u(x_0, 0) &= \gamma v(x_0, 0).\end{aligned}\tag{2.12}$$

From the equations in (2.12) we find  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  to be,

$$k_1 = (\gamma - 1)v(x_0, 0),\tag{2.13}$$

$$k_2 = (\gamma + 1)v(x_0, 0).\tag{2.14}$$

Also, the expression on the left-hand-side of (2.10) has the same values at the two points  $(x_0, 0)$  and  $(0, \alpha)$ . The same is true about the expression in (2.11) at the points  $(x_0, 0)$  and  $(0, \beta)$ . These mean,

$$u(x_0, 0) - v(x_0, 0) = u(0, \alpha) - v(0, \alpha) - \int_0^\alpha \frac{f - g}{a - 1} d\tau,\tag{2.15}$$

and

$$u(x_0, 0) + v(x_0, 0) = u(0, \beta) + v(0, \beta) - \int_0^\beta \frac{f + g}{-(a + 1)} d\tau.\tag{2.16}$$

Apply the condition in (1.5), where we assume that  $u = 0$  along the  $t$ -axis, to (2.15)-(2.16) and then add the resulting equations to find,

$$2u(x_0, 0) = -v(0, \alpha) + v(0, \beta) - \int_0^\alpha \frac{f - g}{a - 1} d\tau - \int_0^\beta \frac{f + g}{-(a + 1)} d\tau.\tag{2.17}$$

Do the same as above but this time subtract the equation (2.15) from (2.16) to find

$$2v(x_0, 0) = v(0, \alpha) + v(0, \beta) + \int_0^\alpha \frac{f - g}{a - 1} d\tau - \int_0^\beta \frac{f + g}{-(a + 1)} d\tau.\tag{2.18}$$

Add (2.17) to (2.18) to get,

$$u(x_0, 0) + v(x_0, 0) = v(0, \beta) - \int_0^\beta \frac{f + g}{-(a + 1)} d\tau.\tag{2.19}$$

Use the initial condition in (1.5),  $u(x_0, 0) = \gamma v(x_0, 0)$ , in (2.19) to find,

$$(\gamma + 1)v(x_0, 0) = v(0, \beta) - \int_0^\beta \frac{f + g}{-(a + 1)} d\tau.\tag{2.20}$$

Subtract (2.17) from (2.18) and use the initial condition in (1.5) to get,

$$(1 - \gamma)v(x_0, 0) = v(0, \alpha) + \int_0^\alpha \frac{f - g}{a - 1} d\tau.\tag{2.21}$$

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Equating  $v(x_0, 0)$  in (2.20) and (2.21) we have,

$$v(0, \alpha) = \frac{1-\gamma}{1+\gamma}v(0, \beta) - \int_0^\beta \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau - \int_0^\alpha \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau. \quad (2.22)$$

Rewriting (2.22),

$$v(0, \beta) = \frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}v(0, \alpha) + \frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma} \int_0^\alpha \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \int_0^\beta \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau. \quad (2.23)$$

Let  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = r$ , then  $0 < r < 1$ . Also let  $\frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma} = \delta$ , then for  $-1 < \gamma < 0$  we will have  $0 < \delta < 1$  and (2.23) can be written in the form,

$$v(0, \beta) = \delta v(0, r\beta) + \delta \int_0^{r\beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \int_0^\beta \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau. \quad (2.24)$$

Substitute  $r\beta$  for  $\beta$  in (2.24),

$$v(0, r\beta) = \delta v(0, r^2\beta) + \delta \int_0^{r^2\beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \int_0^{r\beta} \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau. \quad (2.25)$$

Replace  $v(0, r\beta)$  in (2.24) with the right hand side of (2.25),

$$v(0, \beta) = \delta(\delta v(0, r^2\beta) + \delta \int_0^{r^2\beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \int_0^{r\beta} \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau) + \delta \int_0^{r\beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \int_0^\beta \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau. \quad (2.26)$$

Repeated replacements of  $\beta$  with  $r\beta$  as above leads to a general statement for  $v(0, \beta)$  as follows,

$$v(0, \beta) = \delta^n v(0, r^n\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \delta^i \int_0^{r^i\beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \delta^i \int_0^{r^i\beta} \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau \quad (2.27)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain,

$$v(0, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta^i \int_0^{r^i\beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1}d\tau + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \delta^i \int_0^{r^i\beta} \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}d\tau. \quad (2.28)$$

If we assume that the functions  $\frac{f-g}{a-1}$  and  $\frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}$  are bounded then the series in (2.28) converge and the value of  $v$  along  $x = 0$  is computed. To sum up, we state the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\beta > \alpha > 0$  be the points of intersections of the characteristics  $C^-$  and  $C^+$  respectively, as defined in (2.5), with the  $t$ -axis and  $\delta = \frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}$ . Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are piecewise continuous on  $0 \leq t < \infty$  and the condition (2.6) is satisfied. Then under the conditions of boundedness of the functions  $\frac{f-g}{a-1}$  and  $\frac{f+g}{-(a+1)}$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \geq 0$  the value of  $v$  at the point  $(0, \beta)$  can be computed and is given by the identity (2.28).*

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### 3 The Solution of the System

Suppose  $(x, t)$  is a point in the quadrant  $x \geq 0, t \geq 0$  and the characteristics  $C^+, C^-$  pass through it and the points  $(0, \alpha)$  and  $(0, \beta)$  respectively, as shown in figure 2. Integrating the equations in (2.4) from  $\alpha$  to  $t$  on  $C^+$  and  $\beta$  to  $t$  on  $C^-$  we have,

$$u(x, t) - v(x, t) - \int_{\alpha}^t \frac{f(\tau) - g(\tau)}{a(\tau) - 1} d\tau = c_1, \quad \text{on } C^+, \quad (3.1)$$

$$u(x, t) + v(x, t) - \int_{\beta}^t \frac{f(\tau) + g(\tau)}{-(a(\tau) + 1)} d\tau = c_2, \quad \text{on } C^-. \quad (3.2)$$

Since the expressions on the left of (3.1), (3.2) are constants on the characteristics, their values at the points  $(0, \alpha)$  and  $(0, \beta)$  are the same. This means,

$$u(x, t) - v(x, t) - \int_{\alpha}^t \frac{f(\tau) - g(\tau)}{a(\tau) - 1} d\tau = u(0, \alpha) - v(0, \alpha), \quad \text{on } C^+, \quad (3.3)$$

$$u(x, t) + v(x, t) - \int_{\beta}^t \frac{f(\tau) + g(\tau)}{-(a(\tau) + 1)} d\tau = u(0, \beta) + v(0, \beta), \quad \text{on } C^-. \quad (3.4)$$

Using the boundary condition in (1.5) we have  $u(0, \alpha) = 0 = u(0, \beta)$  in the identities (3.3), (3.4). Adding these equations and solving for  $u(x, t)$  we have,

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_{\alpha}^t \frac{f(\tau) - g(\tau)}{a(\tau) - 1} d\tau + \int_{\beta}^t \frac{f(\tau) + g(\tau)}{-(a(\tau) + 1)} d\tau + v(0, \beta) - v(0, \alpha) \right]. \quad (3.5)$$

In order to write  $u(x, t)$  in terms of the integrals of the forcing data  $f, g$  only we use the identity (2.22), where we let  $\frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma} = \delta$  in (2.22), to express  $v(0, \alpha)$  in the following form,

$$v(0, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\delta} \left( v(0, \beta) - \int_0^{\beta} \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)} d\tau \right) - \int_0^{\alpha} \frac{f-g}{a-1} d\tau. \quad (3.6)$$

Also from (2.28) we have the value of  $v(0, \beta)$  in terms of the forcing data. If we substitute this in the above equation we have  $v(0, \alpha)$  completely determined. After a little simplification we have,

$$v(0, \alpha) = - \int_0^{\alpha} \frac{f-g}{a-1} d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta^{i-1} \left( \int_0^{r^i \beta} \frac{f-g}{a-1} d\tau + \int_0^{r^i \beta} \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)} d\tau \right). \quad (3.7)$$

Now we can compute  $u(x, t)$  by substituting  $v(0, \alpha)$  and  $v(0, \beta)$  from (3.7) and (2.28), respectively, into (3.5). The formula, after some simplification is,

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^t \left( \frac{f(\tau) - g(\tau)}{a(\tau) - 1} + \frac{f(\tau) + g(\tau)}{-(a(\tau) + 1)} \right) d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \int_0^{r^i \beta} \left( \frac{f-g}{a-1} + \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)} \right) d\tau \right], \quad x, t > 0. \quad (3.8)$$

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To find  $v(x, t)$ , we eliminate  $u(x, t)$  from the equations (3.3), (3.4) and repeat a process similar to the one above for the computation of  $u(x, t)$  to find,

$$v(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ - \int_0^t \left( \frac{f(\tau) - g(\tau)}{a(\tau) - 1} + \frac{f(\tau) + g(\tau)}{a(\tau) + 1} \right) d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ((\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \int_0^{r^i \beta} \left( \frac{f-g}{a-1} + \frac{f+g}{-(a+1)} \right) d\tau) \right], \quad x, t > 0. \tag{3.9}$$

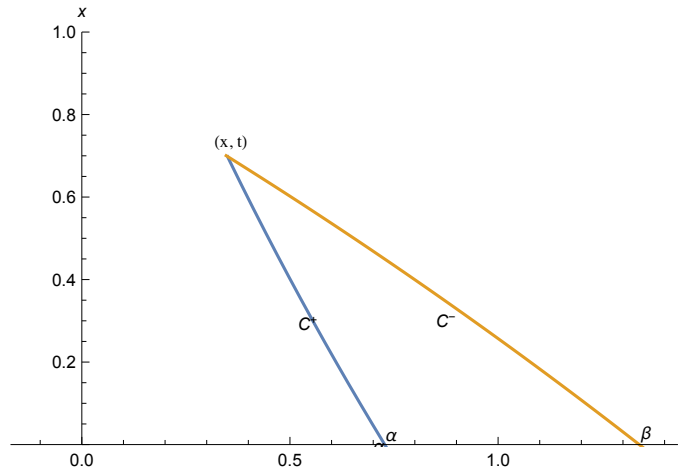


Figure 2: In the quadrant  $x \geq 0$  and  $t \geq 0$  the characteristic curves  $C^+$  and  $C^-$  through  $(x, t)$  and  $(0, \alpha)$ ,  $(0, \beta)$  on the  $t$ -axis.

We express these results in the following theorem,

**Theorem 2.** *Under the assumptions of Lemma 1 the system (1.4) along with the initial and boundary conditions in (1.5) has the solution given by (3.8), (3.9). The parameter  $0 < r < 1$ , is  $r = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ .*

### 4 Asymptotic Response

As in [1], we consider the physical response of the system to the case where the forcing functions  $f, g$  become zero after certain times. We should expect that under appropriate conditions the response of the system will be finite as well. For this purpose we make the following assumptions,  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t > T_1$  and  $g(t) = 0$  for  $t > T_2$ . Let,

$$M_1 = \sup_{[0, T_1]} |f(t)|, \quad M_2 = \sup_{[0, T_2]} |g(t)|. \tag{4.1}$$

Also for  $0 < a(t) < 1$  we assume,

$$M = \sup_{[0, \infty)} a(t), \quad m = \inf_{[0, \infty)} a(t). \tag{4.2}$$

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Then  $0 < M, m < 1$ . Let,

$$T = \max\{T_1, T_2\}. \quad (4.3)$$

Then,

$$\left| \int_0^T \frac{f-g}{a-1} \right| \leq \frac{T}{1-M} (M_1 + M_2), \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\left| \int_0^T \frac{f+g}{-(a-1)} \right| \leq \frac{T}{1+m} (M_1 + M_2). \quad (4.5)$$

Upon using the inequalities (4.4), (4.5) in the solutions for  $u$  and  $v$  in (3.8), (3.9) we will have,

$$|u(x, t)| \leq T(M_1 + M_2) \left( \frac{1}{1-\delta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1-M} + \frac{1}{1+m} \right), \quad (4.6)$$

$$|v(x, t)| \leq T(M_1 + M_2) \left( \frac{1}{1-\delta} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1-M} + \frac{1}{1+m} \right). \quad (4.7)$$

We state the above result as a theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Assume that  $f, g$  and  $a$  in equation (1.4) satisfy the conditions (4.1), (4.2). Then the solutions of the system (1.4) under the conditions in (1.5) are bounded with bounds give by (4.6), (4.7).

As can be seen from the inequalities (4.6) and (4.7), when  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are small, i.e., the forcing functions are small short lived pulses, the bounds on the solutions  $u, v$  are small. To see the asymptotic behavior of the solutions for large  $t$ , we consider a square impulse wave for  $f$ , and allow  $g$  to be zero for all time,

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0 & t > 1 \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

$$g(t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (4.9)$$

Also define,

$$n_1 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ | r^{n+1}\beta < 1 < r^n\beta\} \quad (4.10)$$

Writing the solutions (3.8), (3.9), for  $u$  and  $v$  with data given by (4.8), (4.9), and considering (4.10) we have,

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^t \left( \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)} \right) d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} [(\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)} \right) dt] + \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty} [(\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \int_0^{r^i\beta} \left( \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)} \right) dt] \right], & x \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)} \right) d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} [(\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)} \right) dt] + \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty} [(\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \int_0^{r^i\beta} \left( \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)} \right) dt] \right], & x \geq 0, \quad t > 1. \end{cases} \quad (4.11)$$

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Similarly,

$$v(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}[\int_0^t (-\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)})d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1}[(\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \\ \int_0^1 (\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)})dt] \\ + \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty}[(\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \\ \int_0^{r^i\beta} (\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)})dt]], & x \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ \frac{1}{2}[\int_0^1 (-\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)})d\tau + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1}[(\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \\ \int_0^1 (\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)})dt] \\ + \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty}[(\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \\ \int_0^{r^i\beta} (\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{-(a+1)})dt]], & x \geq 0, \quad t > 1. \end{cases} \tag{4.12}$$

The components of the solutions (4.11), (4.12) above, show that for large  $t > 1$  both  $u$  and  $v$  are of order  $O(\delta^{n_1})$ . To illustrate this further we consider the specific function  $a(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+2}}$ . Then the solutions  $u, v$  are computed to be,

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} -\ln(t+1) - t - (\ln 2 + 1)(\delta^{n_1} - 1) \\ - \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty}[(\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \\ (\ln(r^i\beta + 1) + r^i\beta)], & x \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ -\delta^{n_1}(\ln 2 + 1) - \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty}[(\delta^i - \delta^{i-1}) \\ (\ln(r^i\beta + 1) + r^i\beta)], & x \geq 0, \quad t > 1. \end{cases} \tag{4.13}$$

and,

$$v(x, t) = \begin{cases} \ln(\frac{\sqrt{t+2}-1}{\sqrt{t+2}+1}) + 2\sqrt{t+2} + \ln(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}-1}) - \sqrt{2} \\ - \frac{(1+\delta)(1-\delta^{n_1})}{1-\delta}(\ln 2 + 1) \\ - \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty}[(\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \\ (\ln(r^i\beta + 1) + r^i\beta)], & x \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ -\ln((\sqrt{3} + 2)(3 - 2\sqrt{2})) + 2\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{2} \\ - \frac{(1+\delta)(1-\delta^{n_1})}{1-\delta}(\ln 2 + 1) - \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{\infty}[(\delta^i + \delta^{i-1}) \\ (\ln(r^i\beta + 1) + r^i\beta)], & x \geq 0, \quad t > 1. \end{cases} \tag{4.14}$$

From the formulas in (4.13), (4.14) we have the following estimates on  $u, v$  for large  $t > 1$ ,

$$-(\ln(2) + 1)\delta^{n_1} < u(x, t) < (\ln(\frac{r^{n_1+1}}{2}) + r^{n_1+1}\beta - 1)\delta^{n_1} \tag{4.15}$$

and,

$$-(\ln(r^{n_1+1}\beta + 1) + 1)(\frac{1+\delta}{1-\delta})\delta^{n_1} < v(x, t) - v_{\infty} < 0, \tag{4.16}$$

where  $v_{\infty}$  is

$$v_{\infty} = -\ln((\sqrt{3} + 2)(3 - 2\sqrt{2})) + 2\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{2} - (\frac{(1+\delta)(1-\delta^{n_1})}{1-\delta})(\ln 2 + 1). \tag{4.17}$$

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