Normal Shock Waves

In our quasi-1D flows, shocks can occur from a supersonic-to-subsonic state. These shocks are discontinuous in our inviscid flow model (recall that shocks are very thin and their thickness scales with $\frac{1}{R}$):



Upstream Mach: $M_L > 1$ Downstream Mach: $M_R < 1$

The shock jump relationships come from the conservation equations we have seen before:

$$\rho_L U_L A_L = \rho_R U_R A_R$$
$$(\rho_L u_L^2 + p_L) A_L = (\rho_R u_R^2 + p_R) A_R - \int_{A_L}^{A_R} p dA$$

 $\rho_L u_L h_{o_L} A_L = \rho_R u_R h_{o_R} A_R$

Since the jump is discontinuous (i.e. it has zero thickness) $A_L = A_R = A \implies dA = 0$



Here are some important things to know about shock waves from these relationships:

- * Mathematically, "shocks" exist which jump from subsonic-to-supersonic flow. However, these "shocks" can be shown to violate the 2^{nd} Law ($\Delta s < 0$).
- Only shocks which jump from supersonic-to-subsonic states satisfy the 2nd Law. The Mach number downstream of shocks is given by :

$$M_{R}^{2} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)M_{L}^{2}}{\gamma M_{L}^{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)} \text{ where } M_{L} > 1$$

And it can be shown that $\Delta s > 0$.

* The stagnation enthalpy (and therefore the total temperature) is constant through a shock (shocks are adiabatic).

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \begin{array}{c} h_{\scriptscriptstyle 0_L} = h_{\scriptscriptstyle 0_R} & \text{ or, equivalently,} \\ \end{array} \\ T_{\scriptscriptstyle 0_L} = T_{\scriptscriptstyle 0_R} \end{array}$$

* Total pressure decreases through a shock (this is a direct result of the entropy Increasing while $T_0 = const.$):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_{0_R}}{p_{0_L}} = e^{-(s_R - s_L)/R}$$
