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THE EXISTENCE AND BEHAVIOR OF VISCOUS STRUCTURE FOR PLANE DETONATION WAVES*

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Abstract. A necessary condition and a sufficient condition are proved for the existence of steady plane wave solutions to the Navier–Stokes equations for a reacting gas. These solutions represent plane detonation waves, and converge to ZND detonation waves as the viscosity, heat conductivity, and species diffusion rates tend to zero. It is assumed that the Prandtl number is $\frac{3}{4}$, but arbitrary Lewis numbers are permitted. No assumption is made concerning the activation energy.

It is shown that the stagnation enthalpy and the entropy flux are always monotone for such solutions, and that the mass density and pressure are nearly always not monotone, as predicted by the ZND theory.

In certain parameter ranges, typically that of large diffusion, many of these waves have the appearance of a weak detonation followed by an inert shock wave. This confirms a phenomenon observed in numerical calculations and in a model system by Colella, Majda, and Roytburd.

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1. Introduction. *Detonation waves* are compressive, exothermically reacting shock waves. One of the curiosities of combustion theory is that there also exist expansive "shock waves" known as *deflagration waves*, which will not be discussed in this paper. We will give a mathematically rigorous, but simple, discussion of the *viscous structure* of plane detonation waves.

We begin with a brief discussion of the inviscid theory, known as the Chapman–Jouguet (CJ) theory. By means of a Galilean transformation we may reduce the problem to one of studying steady plane waves. If we assume that the thickness of the reaction zone is zero, if we neglect all diffusion effects such as viscosity, heat conduction, and diffusion of species, and any external forces such as gravity, and if we look for steady plane waves, then we obtain the following system of differential equations:

$$(1.1)\qquad \begin{aligned} &\text{(a)} && (\rho u)_x = 0,\\ &\text{(b)} && \left[\rho u^2 + p(\rho,T)\right]_x = 0,\\ &\text{(c)} && \left(\left(\rho(u^2/2 + e(\rho,T,Y)\right) + p(\rho,T))u\right)_x = 0,\\ &\text{(d)} && (\rho u Y)_x = -\rho u(Y_-)\delta(x-x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Here x is a space coordinate in the direction normal to the wave, x_0 is the location of the wave, and ρ, T, u, p, e, and Y are the mass density, temperature, x component of velocity, pressure, specific internal energy, and mass fraction of the reactant, respectively. Y_- is the unburned value of Y. As is standard practice, we have represented the extremely complicated chemical reaction by a simplified, one-step chemistry: reactant $\rightarrow$ product. From (1.1a) we see that the mass flux, ρu, has a constant value; we denote this value by m. The fluxes of momentum (1.1b) and energy (1.1c) are also constant; from this fact we obtain the *Rankine–Hugoniot conditions* for a shock wave, which

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in the inviscid theory is represented by a jump discontinuity in the unknowns. The difference between inert gas dynamics, and the exothermic reactive theory discussed here, lies in the fact that Y varies from a positive value on the unburned side of the wave, which we take to lie on the left side, to a zero value on the burned, or right side. Because the internal energy e depends on Y, the change in Y causes the classical Hugoniot curve (the solution locus of (1.1c)) of gas dynamics to move. As a consequence, we find that, for a given value of m, a given shock state on the left may now be connected by a shock wave to two possible states on the right, except for certain critical values of m for which there is a unique burned state — the *Chapman–Jouguet point* — see Fig. 1. In addition, the curve of possible burned states, parameterized by m, has two components. One component, corresponding to compressive waves, is called the detonation branch, and the other component, corresponding to expansive waves, is called the deflagration branch. By way of contrast, in an inert gas, for a given value of m, a state is usually connected to only one state on the right, and the curve of possible terminal shock states is usually connected.

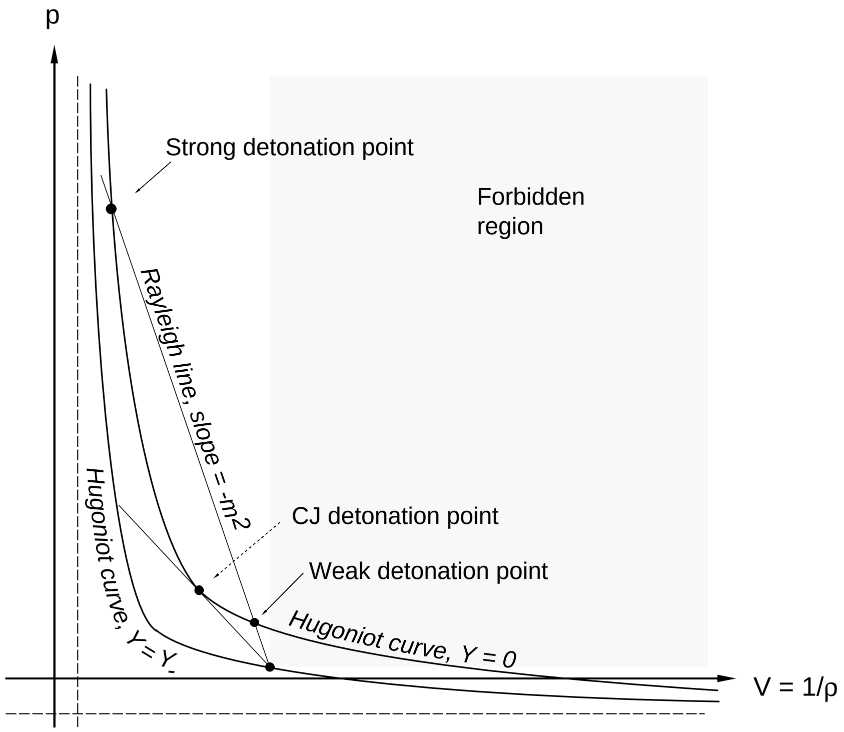

FIG. 1. *The Chapman–Jouguet diagram.*

The combustive shock waves of the CJ theory are classified as follows. A wave connecting the unburned state to the closer detonation point is called a *weak* detonation wave, and a connection to the farther detonation point is called a *strong* detonation. A detonation wave terminating at the Chapman–Jouguet point is called a *Chapman–Jouguet* detonation. Deflagration waves are similarly classified. For the exothermic, irreversible reactions considered here, strong deflagrations violate the second law of thermodynamics and are unphysical, and weak detonations are rare. If we permit an endothermic region then strong deflagrations and weak detonations are possible and perhaps even probable [FD].

The CJ theory for detonation waves is useful for deriving the Rankine–Hugoniot conditions, and for classifying the types of wave. However, this theory is physically flawed, because in reality the reaction zone is much thicker than the shock layer. This is due to the fact that the chemical reaction depends on molecular collisions and requires a distance much longer than the mean free path to achieve significant completion. The shock layer, however, has been experimentally observed to be several mean free paths thick. Consequently the appropriate inviscid model is the one developed independently by Zel'dovich, von Neumann, and Döring [Z], [ZK], [N1], [N2], [D], and which is known as the ZND model. In this model equation (1.1d) is replaced by a similar equation, but with a finite reaction rate:

$$(\rho u Y)_x = -r(\rho, Y, T) \tag{1.1d$'$}$$

For our purposes it is reasonable to assume that the reaction rate function r is continuous, nonnegative, and monotone in each variable. Our mathematical treatment will require that we assume that r vanishes whenever the temperature T is less than a given *ignition temperature* T_i. For a known reaction rate r (1.1a–c, d$'$) can be solved explicitly; the only detonation wave solutions are strong or CJ detonations. These waves, which are known as ZND waves, begin with a jump discontinuity which is an inert shock wave. This shock wave heats the gas above the ignition temperature; the reaction proceeds, with the velocity and temperature following a curve of equilibrium states for (1.1b, c), parameterized by Y. One of the interesting features of these waves is the peak in the pressure and density which is known as the *von Neumann spike*. By way of contrast, in inert shock waves the pressure and density are usually monotone [Gi].

The equations of inert, inviscid, non-heat-conducting gas dynamics are an example of a nonlinear hyperbolic system of conservation laws. In the theory for such systems it is standard practice to set admissibility criteria to distinguish physical from unphysical shock waves. One of the criteria in which much faith is put is to accept a shock wave as physical if it is *structurally stable*. A shock wave is structurally stable if it is the limit of solutions to models which include more physical effects, such as viscosity and heat conduction, as these models tend to the original inviscid model in which these effects are neglected. For steady plane detonation waves the effects of viscosity, heat conduction, and species diffusion may be considered to obtain the (steady) *reacting compressible Navier–Stokes equations*:

$$(1.2)\quad \begin{aligned}
&\text{(a)}\quad (\rho u)_x = 0,\\
&\text{(b)}\quad \left(\rho u^2 + p(\rho, T)\right)_x = (\mu u_x)_x\,,\\
&\text{(c)}\quad \left[\left(\rho\left(u^2/2 + e(\rho, T, Y)\right) + p(\rho, T)\right) u\right]_x = (\lambda T_x)_x + (\mu u u_x)_x + (q\rho D Y_x)_x\,,\\
&\text{(d)}\quad (\rho u Y)_x = (\rho D Y_x)_x - r(\rho, T, Y).
\end{aligned}$$

Here μ is the coefficient of viscosity, λ is the heat conductivity, D is the diffusion rate for the reactant, and q is the difference in the heats of formation of the reactant and the product [Wi].

In this paper we prove a necessary condition and a sufficient condition for the existence of heteroclinic solutions of (1.2) which extend from an unburned state at $x = -\infty$ to the strong detonation point at $x = \infty$. These conditions also apply to the Chapman–Jouguet detonation. See (4.8) and (5.3). For simplicity we restrict our attention to the case where the *Prandtl number* is $\frac{3}{4}$ $(\mu = \lambda/c_p)$. In the limit as λ, μ, and D tend to zero (with other parameters fixed) these solutions tend to the ZND wave. Thus the ZND wave is structurally stable to this particular perturbation of the model.

For all of these solutions the *stagnation enthalpy* $H = c_pT + u^2/2$ is monotone, as is the *entropy flux*: $mS - \lambda T_x/T$. For most of the strong detonation waves the density and the pressure attain their maxima in the interior of the wave; this corresponds to the von Neumann spike which occurs in the ZND wave. However, for a certain parameter range, namely whenever

$$\frac{L}{2}\left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{1 + 4Dk\phi(T^*)}{u^{*2}}}\right) > \frac{1}{\gamma}\left(1 - M^{*-2}\right),$$

where $L = \lambda/\rho Dc_p$ is the *Lewis number*, M^* and T^* are the Mach number and temperature at the strong detonation point, and $k\phi(T^*)$ is the reaction rate as defined in (2.9), there exists a continuum of solutions which look like a weak detonation followed by a gas dynamic shock wave. For these waves the pressure and temperature are monotone. This pathological behavior has been noted before in [Wo2], [FD], [LL], [HoSt], and in numerical computations of solutions of the time-dependent Navier–Stokes equations for a reacting gas [CMR]. In these numerical computations it was observed that the weak detonation-shock wave solutions are dynamically stable as solutions of the time-dependent equations in one space dimension.

Since Zel'dovich, von Neumann, and Döring [Z], [N1], [N2], [D] described the typical plane detonation heuristically as an inert shock wave followed by a deflagration, there have been a number of papers on the structure problem for plane detonations. A common assumption has been that the Prandtl number is $\frac{3}{4}$ and that the Lewis number is 1. Under these assumptions Hirschfelder and Curtiss gave a good analysis of the behavior of structure profiles [HC], and Wood proved the existence of structure for "small" reaction rates [Wo1]. The approach taken here has much in common with Wood's, except that we have been more precise in our analysis, our results are stronger and more general, and we give explicit and fairly sharp statements of just how small the rate parameter must be.

A typical expression for the reaction rate is given by the Arrhenius law:

$$r(\rho, T, Y) = k\rho \cdot Ye^{-\theta/T}, \tag{1.3}$$

where θ is the activation energy E/R. In mathematical combustion theory it is standard practice to simplify models such as (1.2) by taking an appropriate distinguished limit as k and θ tend to infinity. This has the effect of reducing the thickness of the reaction zone to zero. Bush and Fendell [BF] gave a description of CJ detonations using asymptotic expansions in the limit of infinite activation energy. Stewart and Holmes proved the existence of viscous structure for (1.2), assuming a large, finite activation energy [HoSt]. Lu and Ludford gave a simplified analysis of weak, strong, and CJ detonations in the infinite activation energy limit [LL].

It is desirable to understand the existence of structure for plane detonation waves with no assumptions concerning activation energy, independent of any desire for mathematical generality. Because (under the ZND hypothesis) the reaction zone is much thicker than the shock layer, this problem should be studied for activation energies that are small compared to the reciprocals of the heat conductivity, viscosity, and species diffusion rate.

Gardner proved the existence of travelling plane detonation wave solutions to the Lagrangian reacting compressible Navier–Stokes equations [Ga]. He made no assumption on the Lewis and Prandtl numbers. However, he omitted the species diffusion term from the energy balance equation, and this term is not usually neglected. It may be that the effect of this term on the solution is very small. However, we will demonstrate in this paper that inclusion of this term permits a much more natural treatment of the problem and better bounds on the solution.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. In §2 we explain our assumptions in more detail, and we show that under these assumptions, and the assumption that the Lewis number is 1, that (1.2) is reduced to a system of three differential equations. This material has been extracted and specialized from [Wi]. It is included for clarity and completeness of exposition. In §3 we present the simple topological argument that proves the existence of viscous structure for steady plane detonation waves. In §4 we prove the estimate that makes the topological argument work, and we conclude this section with a sufficient condition for the existence of structure. In §5 we prove, using simple energy estimates on the stagnation enthalpy, a necessary condition for the existence of structure; if this condition is not satisfied then viscous structure does not exist. In §6 we give the generalization to arbitrary Lewis numbers. In §7 we discuss the behavior of the solutions for various parameter values. In §8 we present a rigorous discussion of the ZND limit. We conclude, in §9, with a proof that the entropy flux is monotone.

2. Reduction to three equations. We make the basic thermodynamic assumption that both the reactant and product satisfy the same ideal gas law, and differ only in their heats of formation. Thus the pressure is independent of Y:

$$p = R\rho T. \tag{2.1}$$

We further assume that the internal energy depends linearly on Y, so that we have:

$$e = c_v T + qY, \tag{2.2}$$

where c_v is the specific heat at constant volume. These assumptions are probably not essential to the results that follow, and they could probably be replaced with more qualitative conditions similar to Weyl's conditions for the equation of state for an inert gas. However, these assumptions are essential to the simplifications that follow.

Observe that (1.2) can be integrated once to yield $\rho u = m = \textit{constant}$. If for any unknown U we let $U_\pm$ be the limit of U as x tends to $\pm\infty$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{(a)} \quad \mu u_x = m(u - u_\pm) + p - p_\pm \\
&\text{(b)} \quad \lambda T_x + \mu u u_x + q\rho D Y_x \\
&\qquad\qquad = m\left[c_v\,(T - T_\pm) + q\,(Y - Y_\pm) + \frac{1}{2}\left(u^2 - u_\pm^2\right) + R\,(T - T_\pm)\right] \\
&\text{(c)} \quad (\rho D Y_x)_x = mY_x + r(\rho, Y, T)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Let $H = c_p T + u^2/2$ be the stagnation enthalpy. Here $c_p = c_v + R$ and is the specific heat at constant pressure. Then (2.3b) may be rewritten as:

$$(\lambda/c_p)H_x + (\mu - \lambda/c_p)\left(\frac{u^2}{2}\right)_x = m\left(H - H_\pm + q(\epsilon - \epsilon_\pm)\right), \tag{2.4}$$

where $\epsilon = Y - \rho D Y_x/m$ is a *reaction progress variable.* When the Prandtl number is $\frac{3}{4}$, then $\mu = \lambda/c_p$ and we have:

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{mc_p}\right) H_x = H - H_\pm + q\,(\epsilon - \epsilon_\pm)\,. \tag{2.5}$$

It is convenient to let y satisfy

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{mc_p}{\lambda}, \tag{2.6}$$

so that the left-hand side of (2.5) becomes H_y. The system (2.3) reduces to a system of four first-order equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{(a)} \quad mu_y = m\,(u - u_\pm) + mR\left(\frac{T}{u} - \frac{T_\pm}{u_\pm}\right)\\
&\text{(b)} \quad H_y = H - H_\pm + q\,(\epsilon - \epsilon_\pm)\\
&\text{(c)} \quad \epsilon_y = -\frac{\lambda}{m^2 c_p} r(\rho, Y, T)\\
&\text{(d)} \quad Y_y = \frac{\lambda}{\rho D c_p}(Y - \epsilon).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Note that

$$(H - H_+)_y + \frac{\rho D c_p}{\lambda} q Y_y = H - H_+ + qY. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus if the *Lewis number*, $L = \lambda/\rho D c_p$, is 1, we see that the quantity $H - H_+ + q(Y - Y_+)$ satisfies the differential equation $f' = f$ and can be bounded only if it is identically zero. As we are interested only in bounded solutions, we may, in this case, restrict our attention to the plane $H - H_+ + q(Y - Y_+) = 0$, and (2.7) reduces to a system of three equations: (2.7a–c) with Y replaced by $(H_+ - H)/q$. We will not actually need to assume that the Lewis number is 1, however, this case is easier to understand.

Some of the results concerning this system are easier to interpret if we replace u by the *specific volume* $V = 1/\rho = u/m$. In this case (2.7a) becomes:

$$V_y = V - V_\pm + \frac{R}{m^2}\left(\frac{T}{V} - \frac{T_\pm}{V_\pm}\right). \tag{2.7a$'$}$$

With the exception of our discussion of entropy, we will restrict our attention to the system (2.7a$'$, b–d) = (2.7) for the remainder of this paper.

Following standard practice, we will resolve the *cold boundary difficulty* by means of an *ignition temperature* assumption. The cold boundary difficulty consists of the fact that the Arrhenius reaction rate (1.3) does not vanish, but is merely very small, at the unburned state. Thus no solution of (2.7) can tend to the unburned state as $x \to \infty$. Clearly this problem stems more from our unphysical, infinite domain than from any flaw in the reaction rate. However, as is customary, we will resolve this problem by modifying r so that it is zero for $T < T_i$, where T_i is the *ignition temperature*, and is chosen to be greater than the unburned temperature T_-.

Accordingly we will consider reaction rates of the form:

$$r(\rho, Y, T) = k\rho Y \phi(T), \tag{2.9}$$

where ϕ is a nonnegative Lipschitz monotone function of T, which vanishes for $T < T_i$.

In the next three sections we will usually assume that the Lewis number is 1, for ease of understanding. In §6 we will explain how to generalize to arbitrary Lewis numbers.

3. A picture is worth .... We now describe a region in (V, H, ϵ) space. The topological properties of the flow for (2.7) in this region will imply the existence of the desired structure profiles and will yield other properties as well.

For any bounded solution of (2.7) on which some quantity is strictly monotone, (V, H, ϵ) must tend to a rest state of (2.7) as y tends to $\pm\infty$. From (2.7c) we see that $r(\rho, Y, T)$ must vanish at any rest state. For our modified kinetics this can only happen if $Y = 0$ or $T < T_i$. Rest states satisfying $Y = 0$ are possible *burned states*; those satisfying $T < T_i$ are possible *unburned*, or *fresh gas* states. By (2.7d), ϵ is decreasing, so that the unburned state is at $y = -\infty$ and the burned state is at $y = +\infty$. Thus $Y_+ = 0$ and $\epsilon_+ = (Y - \rho D Y_x/m)_+ = 0$. Note that our choice of the coordinate y, and of V, makes the system (2.7) independent of the sign of $m = \rho u$.

At the unburned state, Y has a given value, Y_-, which, since Y is a mass fraction, is naturally bounded by 1. Since $\epsilon_- = Y_-$, we have, by (2.7b), $H_+ - H_- = qY_-$, which is the total heat per unit mass released by the reaction. Then (2.7a$'$) yields

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_+ - V_- + \frac{R}{m^2}\left(\frac{T_+}{V_+} - \frac{T_-}{V_-}\right) \\
= (V_+ - V_-)\left(1 - \frac{R}{2c_p}\right) + \frac{R}{m^2 c_p}\left(\frac{H_- + qY_-}{V_+} - \frac{H_-}{V_-}\right) = 0.
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.1}
$$

Let γ be the ratio of specific heats, $c_p/c_v = c_p/(c_p - R)$. Then (3.1) becomes:

$$
V_+^2 - \left(V_- + \frac{2(\gamma-1)H_-}{m^2(\gamma+1)V_-}\right) V_+ + \frac{2(\gamma-1)}{m^2(\gamma+1)}(H_- + qY_-) = 0. \tag{3.2}
$$

If we solve this for V_+ we obtain

$$
V_+ = \frac{V_-}{\gamma+1}\left(\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{M_-^2}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{1}{M_-^2}\right)^2 - \frac{2(\gamma^2-1)qY_-}{u_-^2}}\right), \tag{3.3}
$$

where

$$
M^2 = \frac{u^2}{c^2} = \frac{u^2}{(\gamma p/\rho)}
$$

is the square of the Mach number, and c is the sound speed. Note that if

$$
\left(1 - \frac{1}{M_-^2}\right)^2 < \frac{2(\gamma^2-1)qY_-}{u_-^2} \tag{3.4}
$$

then (3.1) has no solution. The two values of M^2 where equality holds in (3.4) correspond to exactly one burned state each. These burned states are the Chapman–Jouguet points; see Fig. 1.

For values of M^2 greater than the Chapman-Jouguet detonation value, there are two possible burned states. The flow at the unburned state is supersonic, as is the case for the upstream side of a nonreacting shock wave. At the strong detonation state the flow is subsonic, which corresponds to the downstream side of a nonreacting shock wave. However, at the weak detonation state the flow is supersonic, and this violates the nonreacting shock wave entropy condition.

The effect of the Mach number on the flow pattern for (2.7) at a burned state is as follows. The linearization of (2.7) at a burned state has the following eigenvalues:

$$
(3.5)\qquad
\begin{aligned}
&\text{(a)}\qquad \sigma_1 = 1 - \frac{R}{2c_p} - \frac{RH_+}{m^2V_+^2c_p} = \frac{2(u_+^2 - \gamma p_+/\rho_+)}{2\gamma u_+^2} = \frac{1}{\gamma M_+^2}(M_+^2 - 1)\\
&\text{(b)}\qquad \sigma_2 = 1\\
&\text{(c)}\qquad \sigma_{3,4} = \frac{L}{2}\left[1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4Dk\phi(T_+)u_+^2}\right].
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, the strong detonation state has a two-dimensional stable manifold, and the weak detonation state has a one-dimensional stable manifold. From this simple fact it is already clear that although a weak detonation may be possible, a strong detonation is much more likely. The eigenvectors corresponding to $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4$ are as follows.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sigma_1 :&\quad X_1 = (1,\ 0,\ 0,\ 0),\\
\sigma_2 :&\quad X_2 = ((\gamma - 1),\ m^2\gamma V_+(1 - \sigma_1),\ 0,\ 0),\\
\sigma_3 :&\quad X_3 = \left(\frac{q(\gamma - 1)}{\gamma m^2 V_+(\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)},\ q,\ \sigma_3 - 1,\ \frac{L(\sigma_3 - 1)}{L - \sigma_3}\right),\\
\sigma_4 :&\quad X_4 = \left(\frac{q(\gamma - 1)}{\gamma m^2 V_+(\sigma_4 - \sigma_1)},\ q,\ \sigma_4 - 1,\ \frac{L(\sigma_4 - 1)}{L - \sigma_4}\right).
\end{aligned}
$$

From (2.7b) we note that $H_y > 0$ if $H - H_+ + q\epsilon > 0$. On the surface $H - H_+ + q\epsilon = 0$ we have that

$$
(3.6)\qquad (H - H_+ + q\epsilon)_y = -\frac{q\lambda}{m^2 c_p} r \leq 0.
$$

Therefore the region where $H_y \geq 0$ is *negatively invariant*, that is, the flow for (2.7) can only exit this region; it cannot enter. On the surface $V_y = 0$ (or $u_y = 0$) we have

$$
(3.7)\qquad V_{yy} = \frac{\gamma - 1}{m^2\gamma V_+} H_y.
$$

Thus, inside the region $H_y \geq 0$, the region $V_y \leq 0$ is negatively invariant. Also the region $H \leq H_+$ is negatively invariant within $H_y \geq 0$.

All of the solutions that we find will lie in the region $H_y \geq 0$, $H \leq H_+$. However, detonation waves that are close to ZND waves will exit the region $V_y \leq 0$, attain a minimum value of V (or u) and maximum values of p and ρ, and then tend to the strong detonation state. To prove the existence of these waves, we need another boundary of the form $V = \textit{constant}$. A natural choice is

$$
(3.8)\qquad V = V_0 = \frac{(\gamma - 1)H_-}{(\gamma + 1)m^2 V_-}.
$$

V_0 is the value of V at the end state of a nonreacting shock wave with initial state (V_-, H_-); this is the minimum value of V for a ZND detonation. The part of this

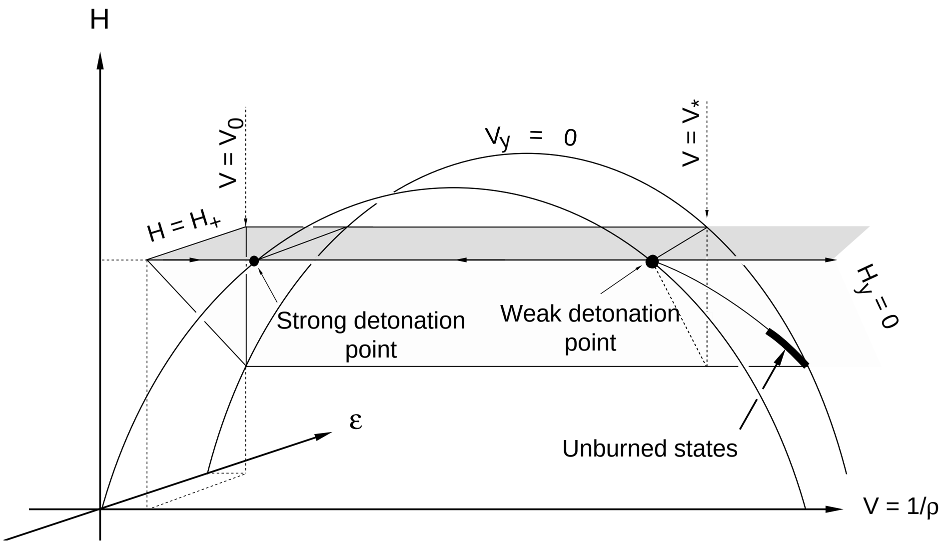

FIG. 2

surface lying within $H_y \geq 0$, $\epsilon < \epsilon_-$, also lies within $V_y \geq 0$. Therefore the region $V \geq V_0$ is positively invariant within the region $H_y \geq 0$, $\epsilon < \epsilon_-$.

Let (V_*, T_*) be the value of (V, T) at the weak detonation state, and let (V^*, T^*) be the value at the strong detonation state. Consider the region W defined by $H_y \geq 0$, $\epsilon \leq \epsilon_-$, $H \leq H_+$, $V_0 \leq V \leq V_*$ (see Fig. 2). The flow for (2.7) enters W through a connected part of the boundary, namely, the union of the surfaces $V = V_*$, $\epsilon = \epsilon_-$, $V = V_0$. The flow leaves W through two components, $H_y = 0$, and $H = H_+$, which are separated by the positively invariant set P defined by $H_y = 0 = H - H_+$, $V_0 \leq V \leq V_*$. The following theorem of Wazewski [Wz1], [Wz2], which we quote from [C], implies that the set of all points in W which eventually flow out of W must also have two components.

DEFINITION 1. Let Γ be a topological space and let $\mathbb{R}$ denote the real numbers. Let a continuous function from $\Gamma \times R \to \Gamma$ be denoted by $(\gamma, t) \to \gamma \cdot t$. This function is called a *flow on* Γ if the following conditions are satisfied for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\text{(a)} \quad \gamma \cdot 0 = \gamma$$
$$\text{(b)} \quad \gamma \cdot (s + t) = (\gamma \cdot s) \cdot t.$$

If $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$ and $U \subset \mathbb{R}$, let $\Gamma' \cdot U$ be the set of points $\gamma \cdot t$ such that $\gamma \in \Gamma'$ and $t \in U$.

DEFINITION 2. If $W \subset \Gamma$, let W° be the set of points $\gamma \in W$ such that, for some positive t, $\gamma \cdot t \notin W$. Let W^- be the set of points $\gamma \in W$ such that for any positive t, $(\gamma \cdot (0, t)) \not\subset W$. The set W^- is contained in W and is called the exit set of W. The set W is called a *Wazewski set* if the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If $\gamma \in W$ and $(\gamma \cdot [0, t]) \subset cl(W)$ then $(\gamma \cdot [0, t]) \subset W$,

(b) W^- is closed relative to W°.

THEOREM. *(Wazewski). If W is a Wazewski set then W^- is a strong deformation retract of W° and W° is open relative to W^-.*

The set W that we have described above is a Wazewski set, as is the union of W with the set Q described in the next section. Since W° is homotopic to W, which has two components, W° must also have two components.

What separates these two components is S, the stable manifold for the strong detonation state, because any point which is not in one of these components must stay in W as y tends to infinity. Because H is always increasing within W, this solution must tend to a rest state, namely the strong detonation state. One boundary of this stable manifold is P; another is F, the stable manifold for the weak detonation state.

If there is a connected set in W consisting of points that tend to an unburned state U, as y tends to $-\infty$, and this set intersects both components of the exit set of W, then at least one of these points must be in S. The orbit of such a point is a viscous structure profile for a strong detonation wave.

In the next section we give sufficient conditions for the existence of such a set of points.

4. Some simple estimates. Orbits leaving an unburned state U which lies in $T < T_i$ will stay in the plane $\epsilon = \epsilon_-$ until the surface $T = T_i$ is reached. Consider the curve G given by $H_y \geq 0$, $T = T_i$, $\epsilon = \epsilon_-$, and $V_y \leq 0$. All of the points of G flow towards U as y tends to $-\infty$. The endpoints of G flow out of $H_y \geq 0$, $V_y \leq 0$, immediately. Our strategy is to add a tunnel from W to G so that the exit set of the extended set is still disconnected. The existence of such a tunnel will imply the existence of a viscous structure profile from U to the strong detonation state. The tunnel is:

$$Q = \{(V, H, \epsilon) : V \geq V_*,\ H_y \geq 0,\ V_y \leq 0,\ \epsilon_- \geq \epsilon \geq g(T),\ \text{and } T \geq T_i\}$$

The function g will be chosen so that the flow enters Q through the boundary $\epsilon = g(T)$, and so that $g(T) \geq \epsilon_i$ for $T_i \leq T \leq T_*$, where

$$\epsilon_i = \min \left\{ \epsilon \;\middle|\; \begin{array}{l} \text{There exist } H \text{ and } V \text{ such that} \\ H_y(H, V, \epsilon) = V_y(H, V, \epsilon) = \phi(T) = \phi\left(\dfrac{(H - m^2 V^2/2)}{c_p}\right) = 0 \end{array} \right\}.$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} q(\epsilon_- - \epsilon_i) &= \left(c_p - \frac{R}{2}\right)(T_i - T_-) \\ &\quad + \frac{u_-^2}{4\gamma^2 M_-^4}\left(1 - \gamma^2 M_-^4 + (\gamma M_-^2 + 1)\sqrt{(\gamma M_-^2 + 1)^2 - 4\gamma M_-^2 \frac{T_i}{T_-}}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

See Fig. 3. Note that $\epsilon_- - \epsilon_i > 0$ whenever $T_i > T_-$. Also note that the flow enters Q through $\epsilon = \epsilon_-$ and $T = T_i$, while it exits through $H_y = 0$ and $V_y = 0$. The two components of the exit set are separated by the point $H_y = V_y = 0$, $T = T_i$. In order to choose the function g, we note that within Q, we have that

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{dT} = \frac{\epsilon_y}{T_y} = \frac{-\lambda\rho K\left(c_p(T_* - T) + m^2\dfrac{(V_*^2 - V^2)}{2}\right)\phi(T)}{qm^2\left(c_p(T - T_*) - m^2\dfrac{(V - V_*^2)}{2} + q\epsilon - R\left(T - T_*\dfrac{V}{V_*}\right)\right)}. \tag{4.2}$$