

154. On Some Generalised Solution of a Nonlinear First Order Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equation

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We consider the following Cauchy problem in $t \geq 0$, $-\infty < x < +\infty$.

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(u)}{\partial x} = h(u)$$

$$(2) \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x),$$

where $f(u) \in C^2$, $h(u) \in C^1$ and $u_0(x) \in L^\infty$.

First we assume that $f_{uu}(u) \geq \delta > 0$ for $\forall u$.

Oleinik [1] proved the uniqueness and existence theorem of the generalised solution for Cauchy problem $u_t + f(t, x, u)_x = g(t, x, u)$ with (2) under the condition $f_{uu} \geq \text{const.} > 0$ and $|g_u(t, x, u)| \leq \text{const.}$ Here we consider the case that $|g_u(t, x, u)| \leq \text{const.}$ is not satisfied and see that the uniqueness and existence theorem is valid for some case under the following definition of the generalised solution.

We call $u(t, x)$ the generalised solution of (1)(2), which satisfies the following:

i) $u(t, x)$ is a measurable and locally bounded function.

ii) for arbitrary continuously differentiable function $\varphi(t, x)$ with compact support

$$(3) \quad \int \int_{t \geq 0} \left[u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + f(u) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + h(u) \varphi \right] dt dx + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(0, x) u_0(x) dx = 0.$$

iii)

$$(4) \quad \frac{u(t, x_1) - u(t, x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} < K(t, x_1, x_2),$$

where $K(t, x_1, x_2)$ is continuous in $t > 0$, $-\infty < x_1, x_2 < +\infty$.

§1. Uniqueness Theorem. We have the following uniqueness theorem.

Theorem. *The generalised solution $u(t, x)$ of (1)(2) is unique under the following estimate.*

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} -\beta(t) &\leq u(t, x) \leq \alpha(t, x) && \text{for } t \geq 0, \quad x \geq 0, \\ -\alpha(t, -x) &\leq u(t, x) \leq \beta(t) && \text{for } t \geq 0, \quad x \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta(t)$, $\alpha(t, x)$ are nonnegative and continuous in $\{t \geq 0\}$, $\{t \geq 0, x \geq 0\}$ respectively.

This can be proved by a slight modification of the argument in [1] th. 1. Following it, let us assume that there exist two generalised solutions $u_1(t, x)$, $u_2(t, x)$ satisfying (5). It is sufficient to see that for any $F(t, x) \in C^1$ such that there exist $T > \alpha > 0$, $X > 0$ (may depend