

DISSIPATIVE SOLUTIONS OF COMPRESSIBLE FLUID FLOWS: WHAT DO WE APPROXIMATE BY STRUCTURE PRESERVING NUMERICAL SCHEMES?

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In this talk we present an overview of our recent results on generalized dissipative solutions of compressible fluid flows. We will concentrate on the inviscid flows, the Euler equations, and mention also the relevant results obtained for viscous compressible flows, governed by the compressible Navier-Stokes equations.

The existence of dissipative solutions has been shown by the convergence analysis of suitable, invariant-domain preserving finite volume schemes [1,2,3]. In the case that the strong solution to the above equations exists, the dissipative solutions coincide with the strong solution on its lifespan. In this case we can also apply the relative entropy to derive rigorous error estimates between numerical solutions and the exact strong solution [4].

Otherwise, we apply a newly developed concept of K -convergence and prove the strong convergence of the empirical means of numerical solutions to a dissipative solution [5]. The latter is the expected value of the dissipative measure-valued solutions and satisfies a weak formulation of the Euler equations modulo the Reynolds stress tensor. In the class of dissipative solutions there exists a solution that is obtained as a vanishing viscosity limit of the Navier-Stokes system [6]. We will draw a connection to the Kolmogorov hypothesis and illustrated theoretical results by a series of numerical simulations.

If time permits, we present also our recent results on the error analysis of the Monte Carlo finite volume method for the approximation of statistical solutions of the compressible Navier-Stokes equations.

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