On the Dependence of Euler Equations on Physical Parameters

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The topic of this talk is the dependence of entropy weak solutions on physical parameters with applications in gas dynamics. We will outline an effective approach for establishing L^1 estimates between solutions to hyperbolic conservation laws with flux functions depending on a parameter vector and discuss how it applies to several systems of Euler equations.

The results in [1] show that we can pass from a polytropic gas to the isothermal case as the adiabatic constant tends to 1 and from the relativistic to the classical Euler equations as the speed of light tends to infinity. The approach has been re-formulated in [2] for the compressible Euler equations, and we can see how to recover the isothermal Euler equations as well as the zero Mach limit of entropy BV solutions in the large.

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