



This is Fig. 1b from Ryu & Jones (1995, ApJ, 442, 228), showing the solution of the MHD shock tube problem with the left state $(\rho, v_1, v_2, v_3, B_2, B_3, p_1) = [1, 0, 0, 0, 5/(4\pi)^{1/2}, 0, 1]$ and the right state $[0.1, 0, 0, 0, 2/(4\pi)^{1/2}, 0, 10]$ with $B_1 = 3/(4\pi)^{1/2}$ and $\gamma = 5/3$ at time t = 0.03. At t = 0, the discontinuity is at $x_1 = 0.5$. Plots show from left to right: (1) fast shock, (2) slow shock (at $x_1 \sim 0.43$), (3) contact discontinuity (at $x_1 \sim 0.45$), (4) slow rarefaction (at $x_1 \sim 0.53$), and (5) a fast rarefaction.

Open circles are the dzeus36 solution using 512 zones, CMoC, the total energy equation, and third-order interpolation with the contact steepener disengaged. dzeus36 parameters controlling the time step and artificial viscosity are: courno=0.75, qcon=1.0, and qlin=0.2. Lines are the results from the non-linear Riemann solver described in Ryu & Jones.

There are no significant differences between the dzeus36 and dzeus35 solutions. The lower negative values of v_2 are also found in fully upwinded schemes (e.g., Ryu & Jones' TVD), as are the small oscillations in v_1 at the base of the fast rarefaction. No publicly available version of ZEUS-3D prior to Version 3.5 can do this problem without severe oscillations in p_1 , e_T , and v_2 between the slow waves, which result from the use of "consistent advection" (Norman & Wilson, 1978, ApJ, 224, 497) in the energy equations.