



This is Fig. 3b from Ryu & Jones (1995, ApJ, 442, 228), showing the solution of the MHD shock tube problem with the left state $(\rho, v_1, v_2, v_3, B_2, B_3, p_1) = [1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1]$ and the right state [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1]with $B_1 = 0$ and $\gamma = 5/3$ at time t = 0.1. At t = 0, the discontinuity is at $x_1 = 0.5$. Plots show from left to right two oppositely-moving magneto-acoustical $(B_1 = 0)$ rarefactions.

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

The "glitch" in ρ , p_1 , and B_2 at $x_1 = 0.5$, which appears somewhat different in the dzeus36 and dzeus35 solutions, is numerical in origin, appears in fully upwinded schemes as well, and persists because the location of the original discontinuity is stationary, preventing grid diffusion from dissipating the transients resulting from the initially hyper-resolved (one zone) discontinuity. The principle difference between this and the dzeus35 solution is there is no longer need for a higher-than-usual linear viscosity (qlin=0.4) to prevent the formation of "rarefaction shocks", as the new transport algorithm, FIT (*Finely Interleaved Transport*), has more or less eliminated the problem. See problem 21 in the 1-D Gallery for further discussion.