Sharp critical thresholds in a hyperbolic system with relaxation

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It is a generic phenomena that homogeneous systems of quasilinear hyperbolic systems break down, i.e., the derivative of solutions become unbounded in finite time. The presence of source terms can lead to a delicate balance and persistence of global-in-time solutions for a large set of initial data. The existence of a threshold manifold on the initial phase space so that initial data on one side of the curve results in global-in-time solutions while the other side leads to solutions having shocks/concentration in finite time, is precisely the critical threshold phenomena; see, e.g.,[1].

In [2] we propose and study a one-dimensional 2×2 hyperbolic Eulerian system with local relaxation

$$\rho_t + (\rho u)_x = 0,$$

$$u_t + uu_x = \rho(f(\rho, u) - u),$$

from critical threshold phenomena perspective. The system features dynamic transition between strictly and weakly hyperbolic. For different classes of relaxation we identify intrinsic critical thresholds for initial data that distinguish global regularity and finite time blowup. For relaxation independent of density, we estimate bounds on density in terms of velocity where the system is strictly hyperbolic.

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