Lecture F15 Mud: Shock Wave Relations

1. What is a shock wave physically? (1 student)

A discontinuity in nearly all the flow variables. There are many non-fluid analogs to a shock, such as the traffic example in the notes.

2. When is the stagnation enthalpy not constant? (1 student)

If there is combustion. A detonation wave in a fuel-vapor/air mixture is a shock wave where combustion occurs at the shock. This is a non-adiabatic shock wave. Aerodynamic shock waves are normally adiabatic.

3. Would plotting M_2^2 vs M_1^2 reveal anything? (1 student) I never tried it, but I don't think it would.

4. No mud (5 students)