FAST ESTIMATION OF THE MAXIMUM SPEED OF PROPAGATION IN 
THE RIEMANN PROBLEM FOR THE EULER EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. We construct of a fast algorithm for computing the maximum speed of propagation 
in the Riemann solution for the Euler system of gas dynamics with the co-volume Equation of 
state, [1]. The novelty in the algorithm is that it stops when a prescribed accuracy on the upper 
bound on the maximum wave speed is reached. The convergence rate of the algorithm is cubic 
and the bound on the maximum wave speed is guaranteed for gasses with co-volume equation 
of state and heat capacity ratio $1 < \gamma \leq 5/3$. The method is illustrated numerically on a 
novel explicit continuous finite element technique that is guaranteed to be invariant domain 
 preserving, [2].

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