Marshall Slemrod* (slemrod@math.wisc.edu), Mathematics Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706. Transonic steady irrotational flow of a compressible gas. This talk will outline the history of the problem of proving existence of solutions to the equations describing steady transonic flow of a compressible gas over an airfoil. Furthermore I will show how recent work of G-Q Chen, M Slemrod, D Wang provides some (but not all) of the keys for completing C Morawetz's program of applying the Murat-Tartar theory of compensated compactness to resolve the existence problem. (Received May 08, 2007)