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Bloomington, IN 47401. *Evans Function Computation for Large Systems.*

We describe our new approach to Evans function computation for large systems, which avoids the spatial and temporal blow up of exterior-product methods. We introduce a polar-coordinate shooting method, for which the angular equation is a variation of continuous orthogonalization and the radial equation is easily computable and restores analyticity. We then use this new method to explore the shock wave stability problem for large one-dimensional viscous and viscous-dispersive conservation laws. (Received August 03, 2006)