Homework Assignment 2 (Due Date: Feb 2, 2016)

1.(10pts) Find the solutions to the following quasilinear problem

$$u_t + (1 - u)u_x = 0, t > 0$$

 $u(x, 0) = 1 - x$

2. Consider u(x,t) which satisfies

$$u_t + u^2 u_x = 0, \ -\infty < x < +\infty, t > 0$$

with

$$u(x,0) = \begin{cases} 0, \ x < 0, \\ 1, \ 0 < x < 1, \\ 0, \ 1 < x \end{cases}$$

(20pts) Find the solution in different regions of the x, t plane up until the time that the expansion fan hits the characteristic curve. (10pts) Find the shock curve afterwards.

3. (30pts) Consider the following traffic flow problem

$$\rho_t + [Q(\rho)]_x = 0, -\infty < x < +\infty, \ t > 0$$

where

$$Q(\rho) = \rho(1 - \frac{\rho}{3})$$

Solve the problem with

$$\rho(x,0) = \frac{3}{8}, -\infty < x < +\infty$$
$$\rho(0-,t) = 3, \rho(0+,t) = \frac{3}{4}$$

4. (30pts) Solve the following fully nonlinear PDE:

$$u_y = \frac{1}{2}u_x^2$$
$$u(x,0) = 2x$$