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# Introduction to PDEs and Numerical Methods

Lecture 1:

## Introduction

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# Basic information on the course

- Course Title:

**Introduction to PDEs and Numerical Methods**

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# Basic information on the course

- Credits and work load:  
5 credits: 6-7 hours/week
- Pre-requisites:  
Differential operators,  
elementary knowledge of PDEs,  
basics of linear algebra,  
basic coding skills
- Requisites:  
Weekly assignments in group of two or three (min 50%)  
Written exam:
- Software used:  
MATLAB, FEniCS (Python interface)

# Recommended literature

- Script:

See webpage: <https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/wire/lehre/ws17/pde1>

- Highly recommended book:

Mark S. Gockenbach: Partial Differential Equations, Analytical and Numerical Methods

- Other usefull literature:

- Michael T. Heath: Scientific Computing, an Introductory Survey
- Alfio Quarteroni, Fausto Saleri: Scientific Computing with MATLAB

- On-line brush-up the basics:

Essence of linear algebra (youtube, 3blue1brown, essence of linear algebra), link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjBOesZCoqc&list=PLZHQObOWTQDPD3MizzM2xVFitgF8hE\\_ab](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjBOesZCoqc&list=PLZHQObOWTQDPD3MizzM2xVFitgF8hE_ab)

Essence of calculus (youtube, 3blue1brown, essence calculus), link:

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Basics about PDEs (youtube, commutant, PDE1)

: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYsIBqjQTdl&list=PLF6061160B55B020>



# Information about the assignments

- Homework assignments in groups (max. group of three)
- Submission of homework
  - Written homework
    - Submit on the beginning of the tutorial  
(include cover sheet with subject name (PDE1), matriculation number of students, assignment number, date)
  - For program codes:
    - e-mail: [wire.pde@gmail.com](mailto:wire.pde@gmail.com)
    - subject: assignment# NAMES  
(#: number of the assignment, NAMES: names of students)  
(e.g.: assignment1 J. Smith, K. Park)
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# Definition: ODEs PDEs

- **Partial Differential Equation:**

Equation specifying a relation between the **partial** derivative(s) of an unknown **multivariable** function and maybe the function itself:

$$F \left( u(x, y, z, t), \frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial y}, \dots, \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial xy}, \dots \right) = f(x, y, z, t)$$

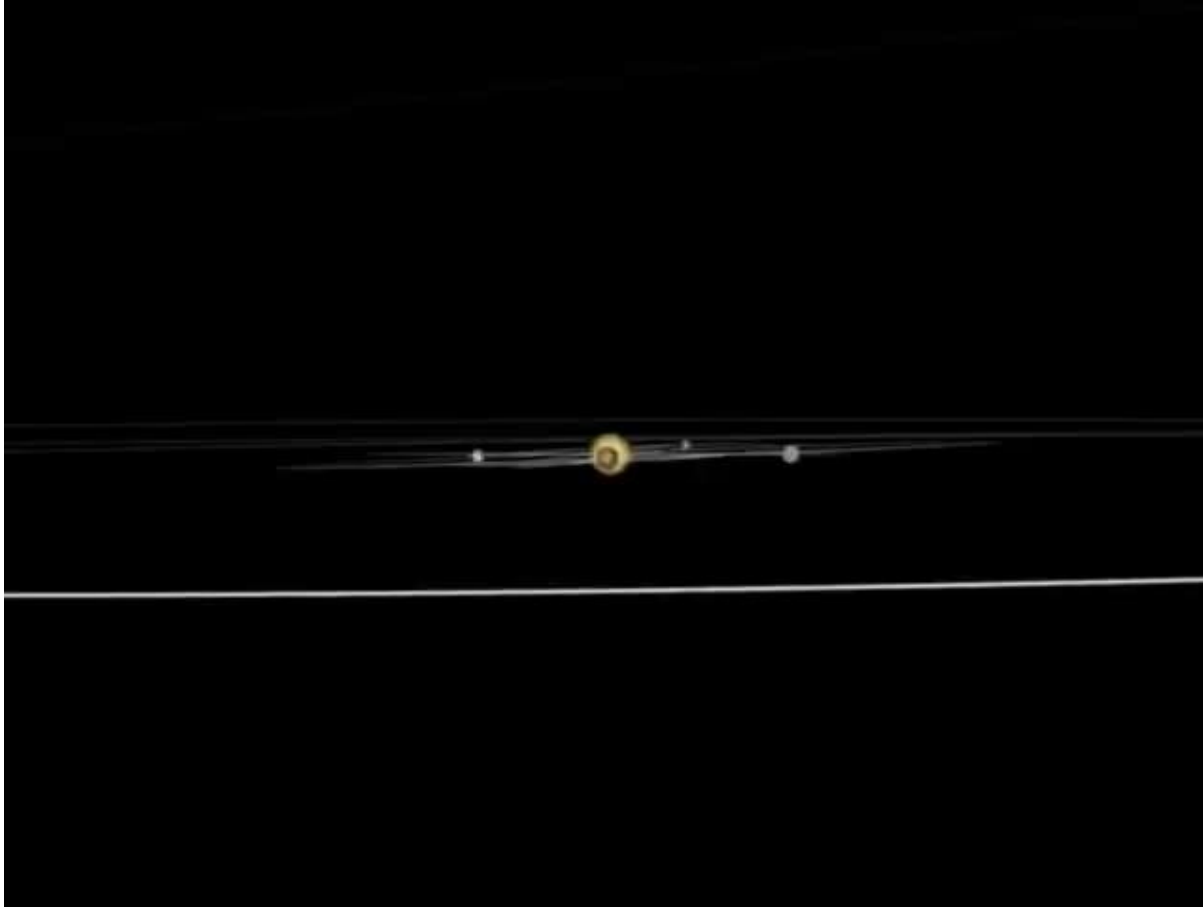
- **Ordinary Differential Equation:**

Equation specifying a relation between the derivative(s) of an unknown **univariable function** and maybe the function itself:

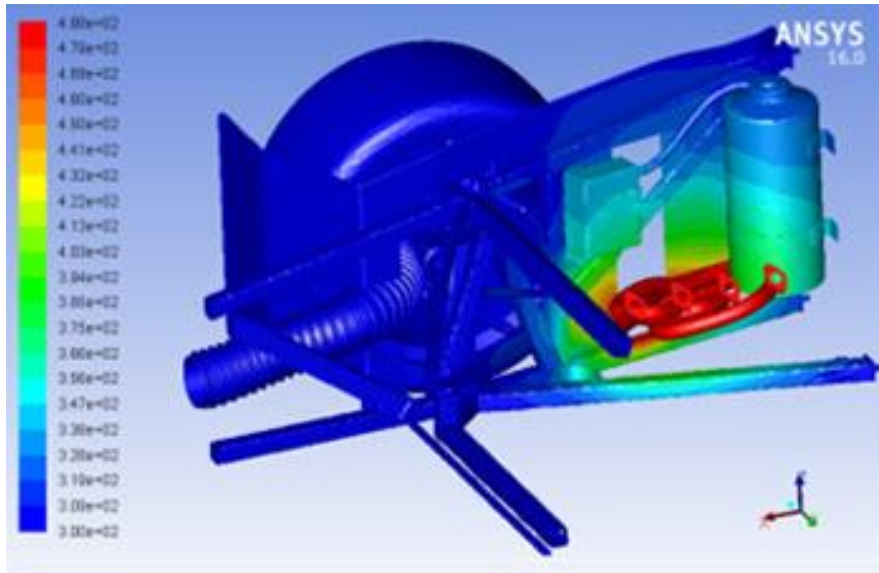
$$F \left( u(t), \frac{du(t)}{dt}, \frac{d^2u(t)}{dt^2}, \dots \right) = f(t)$$

*Boundary Value Problem (BVP), Initial Boundary Value Problem (IBVP):  
PDE with initial/boundary conditions*

# Motivation – simulation of planets



# Motivation – heat convection



computed surface temperatures due to convective and radiative heat transfer from the exhaust manifold to surrounding objects

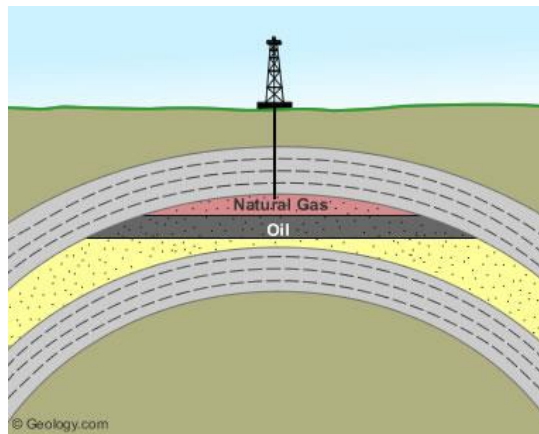
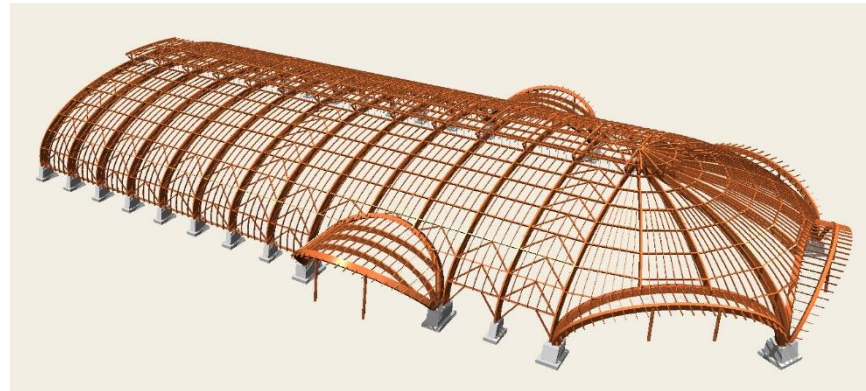
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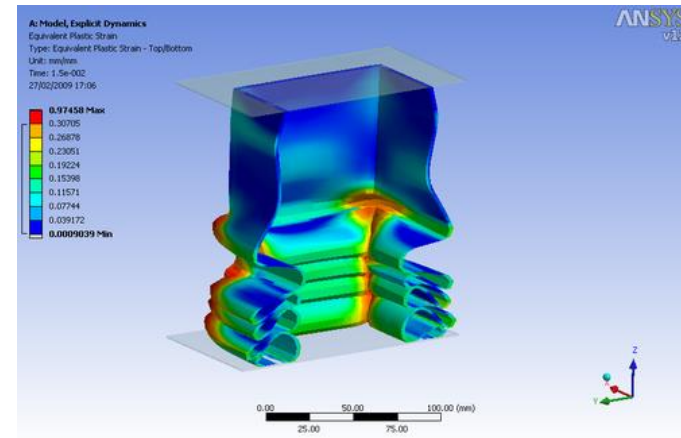
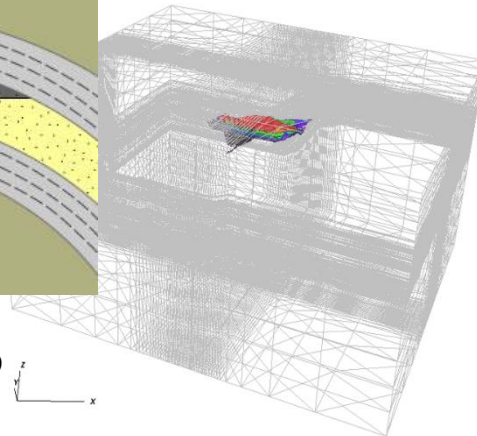
# Motivation – structural analysis



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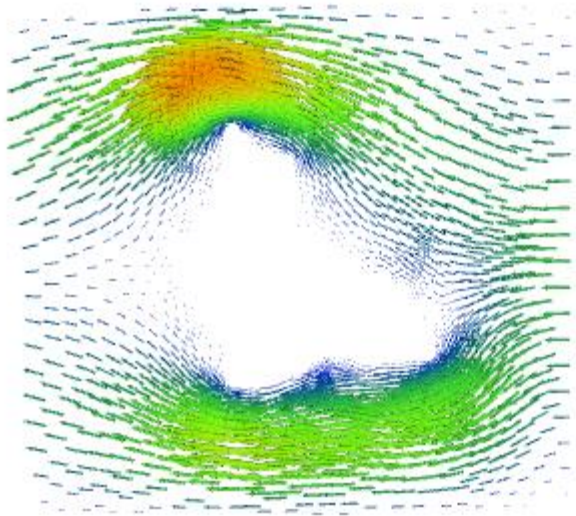
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# Motivation – flow problems

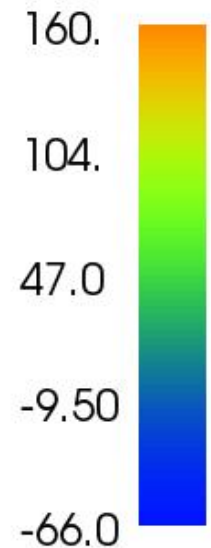
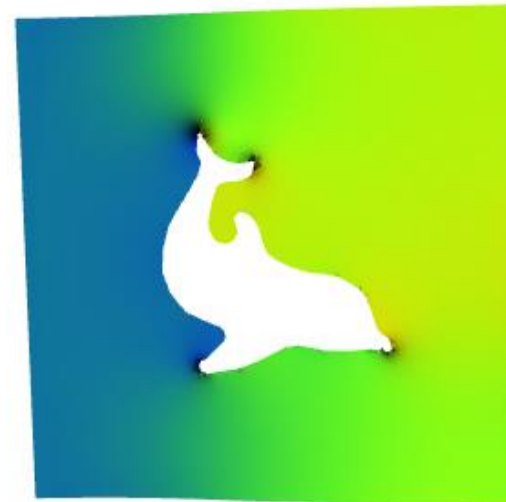
- The Stokes equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\nabla u + p I) &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0 && \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

$u(x)$



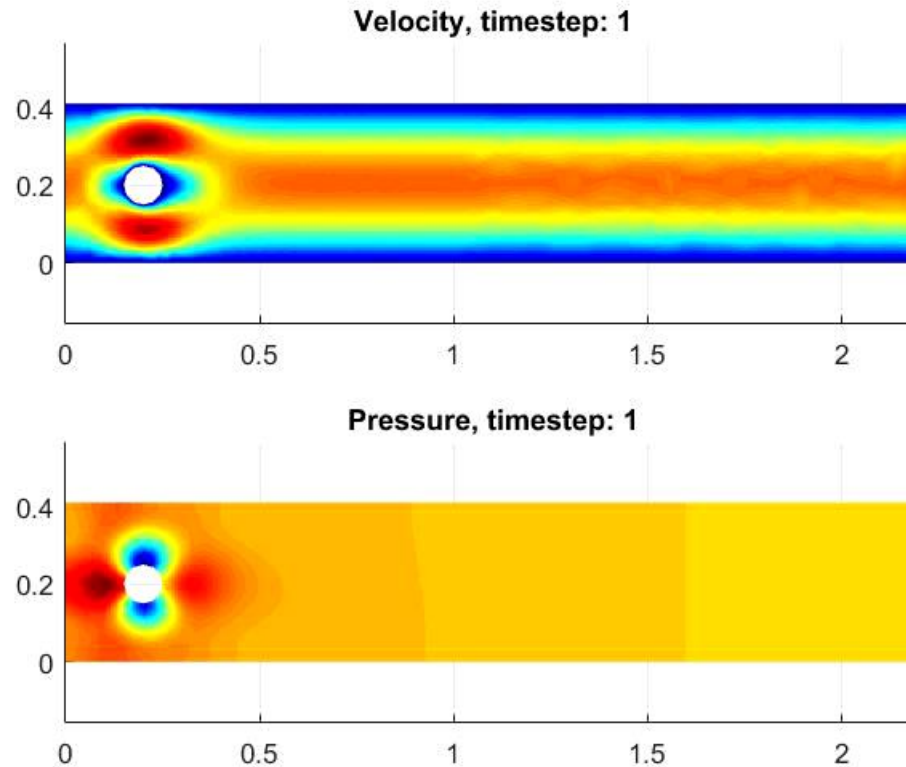
$p(x)$



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FENICS documentation:  
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# Motivation – flow problems

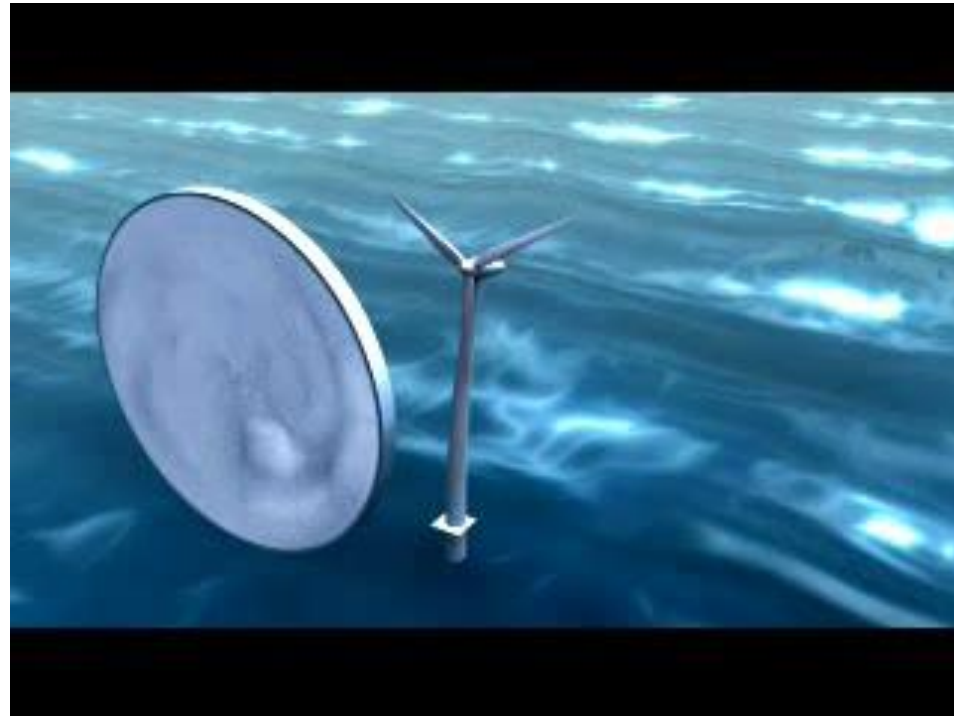
- The Navier-Stokes equation



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# Motivation – flow-structure interaction

- The Navier Stokes equation



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# Overview of the course

- Introduction (definition of PDEs, classification, basic math, introductory examples of PDEs)
- Analytical solution of elementary PDEs (Fourier series/transform, separation of variables, Green's function)
- Numerical solutions of PDEs:
  - Finite difference method
  - Finite Element Method (FEM)
  - Basics of numerical analysis
    - Convergence/consistency/stability
    - Solving linear system of equations

# Overview of this lecture

- Basic definitions, motivation
- Differential operators: basic notations, divergence, Laplace, curl, grad

# Differential operators – partial derivative

$$\varphi(x, y, z, t)$$

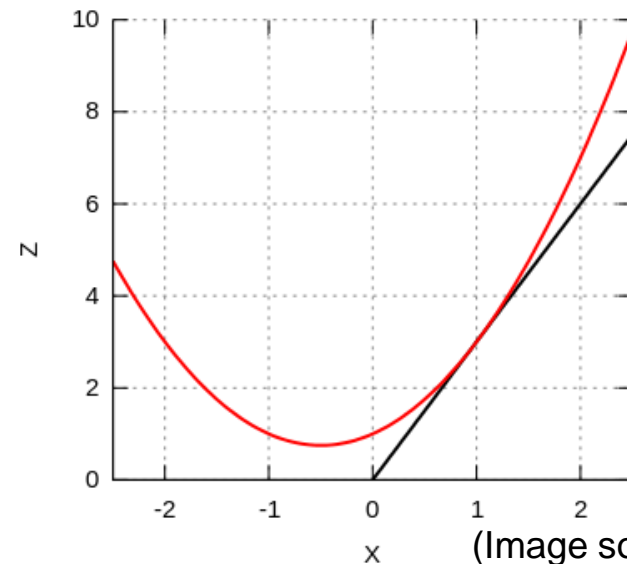
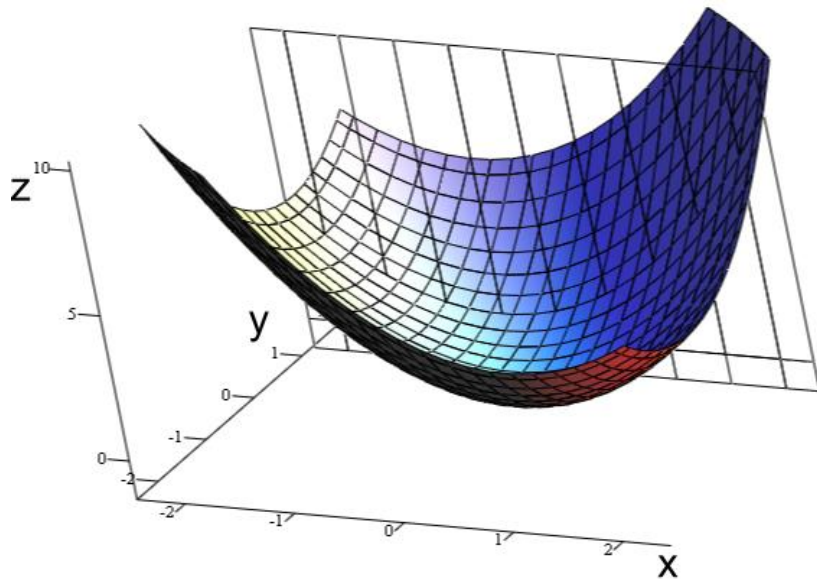
- Partial derivative:  $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}, \partial_x \varphi, \varphi_x, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \varphi, \varphi_{,x}, (\varphi')$   $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \dot{\varphi}$

*Example:*

$$z = \varphi(x, y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = 2x + y$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right|_{x=1, y=1} = 3$$



(Image source: Wikipedia)

# Differential operators – mixed derivative

$$\varphi(x, y)$$

- Mixed derivative:  $\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y \partial x}$

*Example:*

$$f(x, y, z) = xy^2 \cos(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y^2 \cos(z) \qquad \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x \partial y} = 2y \cos(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2xy \cos(z) \qquad \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y \partial x} = 2y \cos(z)$$



# Differential operators – total derivative

$$\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(x, y, z, t)$$

- Total derivative: 
$$\frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial t} \frac{dt}{dt} + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$
- Total differential (differential change of f): 
$$d\varphi = \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial z} dz$$

Example:

$$\varphi(x, y) = x^2 + 2y$$

$$y(x) = x$$



$$\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} = 2x$$

partial derivative

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx} = \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 2$$

total derivative

Substantial derivative of flowfield quantities (e. g.  $p_s$ : pressure observed by drifting

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sensor}) \frac{dp_s}{dt} &= \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial t} \frac{dt}{dt} + \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial x} \mathbf{u} + \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial y} \mathbf{v} + \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial z} \mathbf{w} \\ &= \frac{\partial p_s}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla p_s \end{aligned}$$

# Differential operators – gradient

$\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(x, y, z): \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (vector-scalar function)

- Nabla operator: 
$$\nabla = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$
  - **direction:** greatest rate of increase of the function
  - **magnitude:** the slope of the function in that direction
- Gradient: 
$$\text{grad } \varphi = \nabla \varphi = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \vec{e}_x + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \vec{e}_y + \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

*Example:*

$$f_1(x, y, z) = xy^2 \cos(z) \quad \nabla f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} f_1(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} y^2 \cos(z) \\ 2xy \cos(z) \\ -xy^2 \sin(z) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Differential operators – directional derivative

$\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(x, y, z): \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (vector-scalar function)

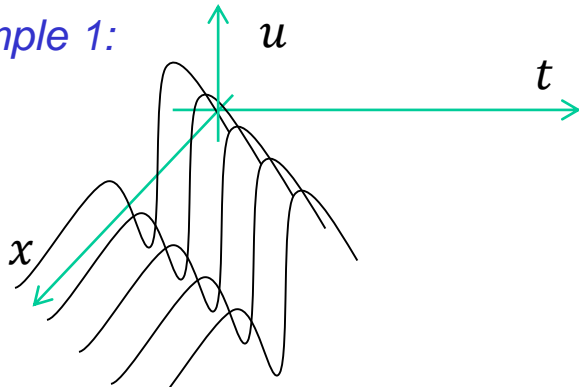
- Directional derivative:

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi(\mathbf{r} + h\mathbf{v}) - \varphi(\mathbf{r})}{h} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{v}^T \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{r}) = [v_x \quad v_y \quad v_z] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi(x, y, z)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi(x, y, z)}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi(x, y, z)}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

(normalised):

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi(\mathbf{r} + h\mathbf{v}) - \varphi(\mathbf{r})}{h|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} \cdot \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{r})$$

Example 1:

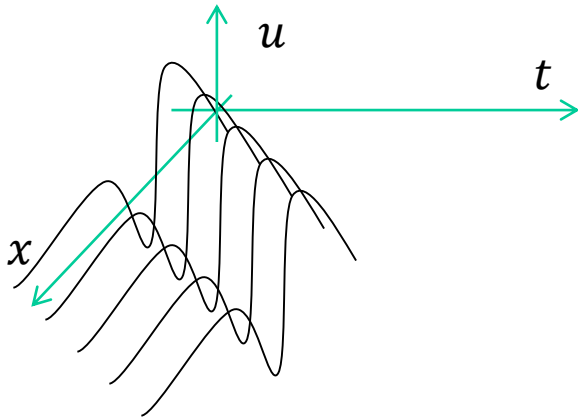


What is the differential equation to define a wave traveling with speed  $c$ ?

In the direction  $x - ct$   $u$  is constant  $\rightarrow$  directional derivative is zero:

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}u(x, t) = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} \cdot \nabla u(x, t) = 0 \quad (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u(x, t) = 0)$$

# Differential operators – directional derivative



$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u(x, t) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u(x, t) = \mathbf{v}^T \nabla u(x, t) = [c \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Transport equation: } u_t + cu_x = 0$$

## Example 2:

Let's suppose  $u = \sin(x - ct)$  is a solution of the transport equation.

What is its directional derivative in the direction:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u(x, t) = \mathbf{v}^T \nabla u(x, t) = [c \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} \cos(x - ct) \\ -c \cos(x - ct) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Differential operators - divergence

- Divergence:

of  $\mathbf{g}(x, y, z): \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   
(of a vector field):

$$\mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} g_x(x, y, z) \\ g_y(x, y, z) \\ g_z(x, y, z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_x \\ g_y \\ g_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_x \\ g_y \\ g_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial g_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial g_z}{\partial z}$$

*Example:*

$$\mathbf{f}_2(x, y, z) = (xy^2, y^2z^3, xyz)^T$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}_2 = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{f}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} xy^2 \\ y^2z^3 \\ xyz \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial(xy^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(y^2z^3)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(xyz)}{\partial z} = y^2 + 2yz^3 + xy$$

# Differential operators - Laplace

- Laplace operator:

$$\Delta = \vec{\nabla}^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2}.$$

$$\Delta f(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y, z)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y, z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y, z)}{\partial z^2}$$

*Example:*

$$f_3(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^2 z$$

$$\Delta f_3 = \nabla \cdot \nabla f_3(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} f_3(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f_3 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f_3 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} f_3 = 6x + 2z$$

# Differential operators – rotation (curl)

- Rotation (curl):

of  $\mathbf{g}(x, y, z): \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   
(of a vector field):

$$\mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} g_x(x, y, z) \\ g_y(x, y, z) \\ g_z(x, y, z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g_x \\ g_y \\ g_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = \nabla \times \mathbf{g}(x, y, z) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ g_x & g_y & g_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial g_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial g_z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g_x}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

- direction:** axis of rotation
- magnitude:** magnitude of rotation

*Example:*

$$\mathbf{f}_2(x, y, z) = (xy^2, y^2z^3, xyz)^T$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{f}_2 = \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{f}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial(xyz)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(y^2z^3)}{\partial z} \\ -\frac{\partial(xyz)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(xy^2)}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial(y^2z^3)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(xy^2)}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} xz - 3y^2z^2 \\ -yz \\ -2xy \end{bmatrix}$$