



CS 247 – Scientific Visualization

Lecture 24: Vector Field / Flow Visualization, Pt.6

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Reading Assignment #14++



Read (required):

- Data Visualization book, Chapter 6.7
- J. van Wijk: *Image-Based Flow Visualization*, ACM SIGGRAPH 2002

<http://www.win.tue.nl/~vanwijk/ibfv/ibfv.pdf>

Read (optional):

- T. Günther, A. Horvath, W. Bresky, J. Daniels, S. A. Buehler:
Lagrangian Coherent Structures and Vortex Formation in High Spatiotemporal-Resolution Satellite Winds of an Atmospheric Karman Vortex Street, 2021

<https://www.essoar.org/doi/10.1002/essoar.10506682.2>

- H. Bhatia, G. Norgard, V. Pascucci, P.-T. Bremer:
The Helmholtz-Hodge Decomposition – A Survey, TVCG 19(8), 2013

<https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2012.316>

- Work through online tutorials of multi-variable partial derivatives, grad, div, curl, Laplacian:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/multivariable-calculus/multivariable-derivatives>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB83DpBJQsE> (3Blue1Brown)

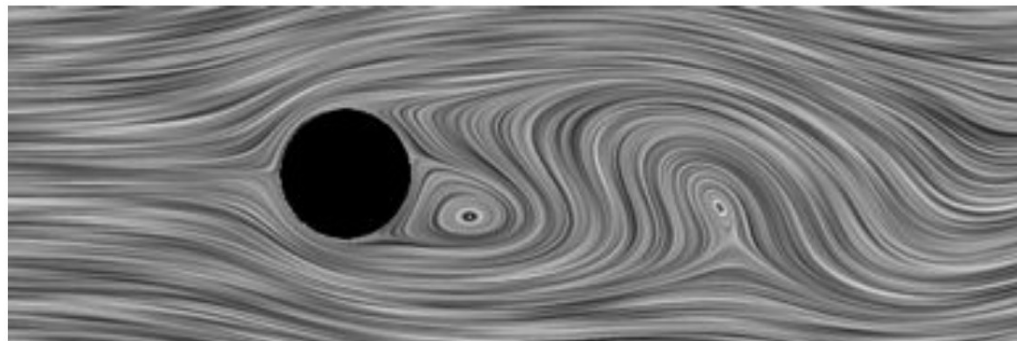
- Matrix exponentials:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O85OWBJ2ayo> (3Blue1Brown)

Line Integral Convolution (LIC)

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 - Visualize dense flow fields by imaging its integral curves
 - Cover domain with a random texture (so called ‘input texture’, usually stationary white noise)
 - Blur (convolve) the input texture along stream lines using a specified filter kernel
- Look of 2D LIC images
 - Intensity distribution along stream lines shows high correlation
 - No correlation between neighboring stream lines



Line Integral Convolution I



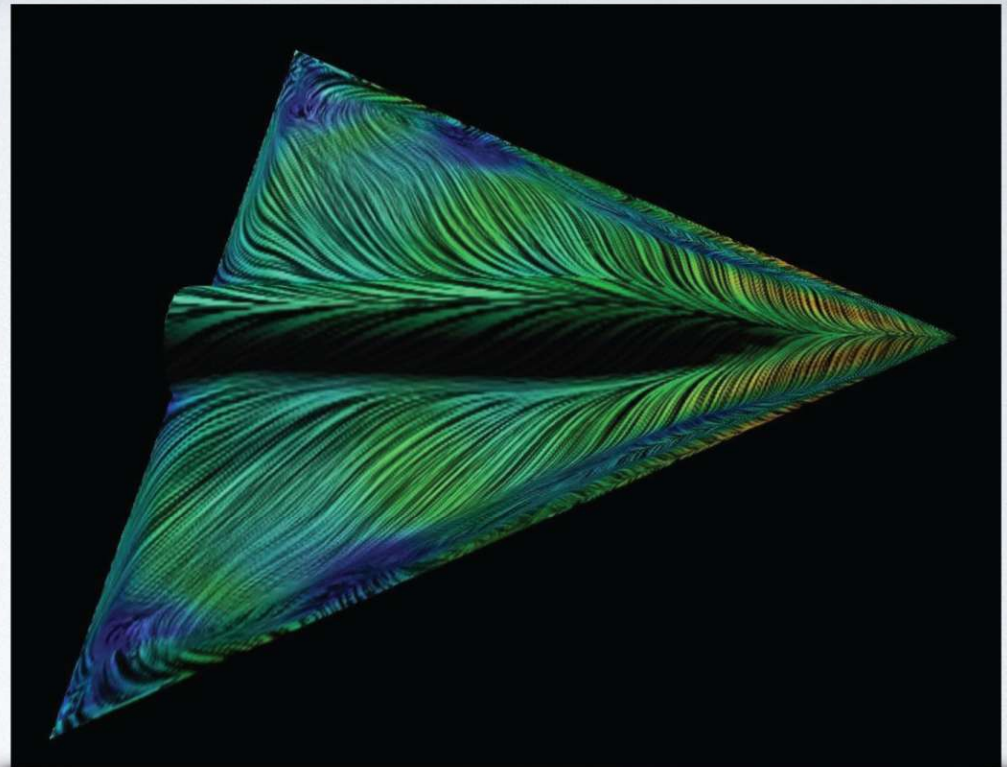
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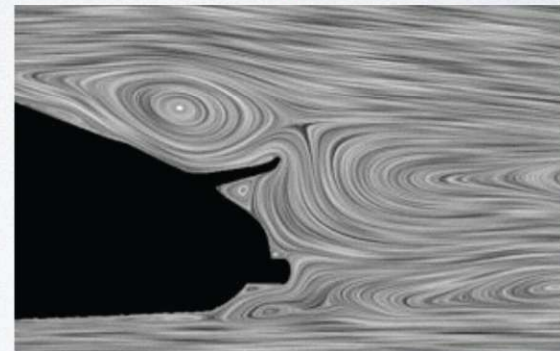
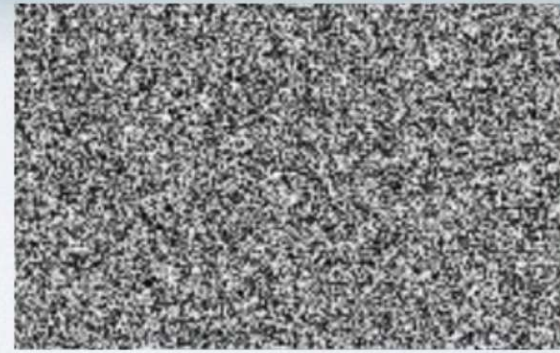
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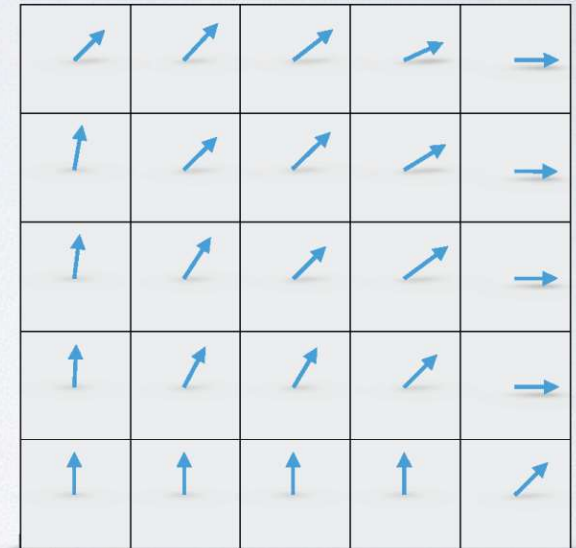
- Idea
 - global visualization technique
 - dense representation
 - start with random texture
 - smear along stream lines
- **Only for stream lines!**
(steady flow, i.e. time-independent fields)



Line Integral Convolution III



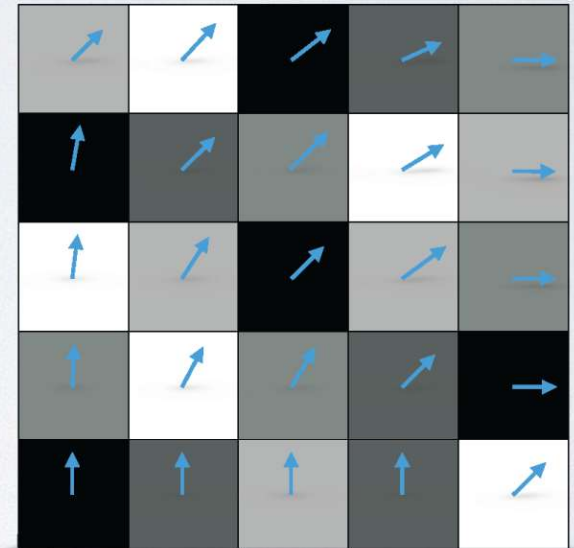
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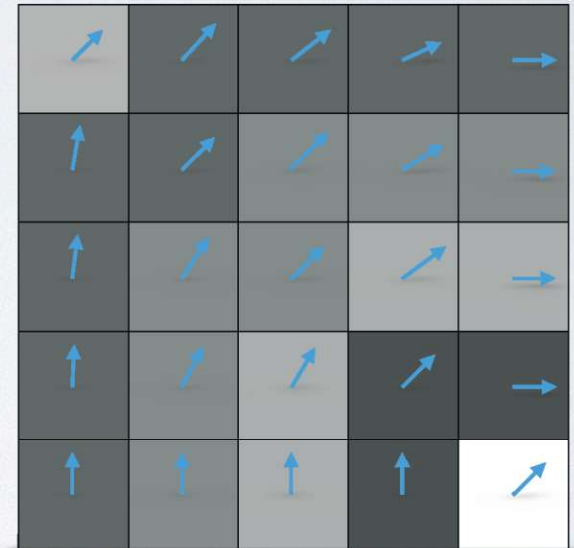
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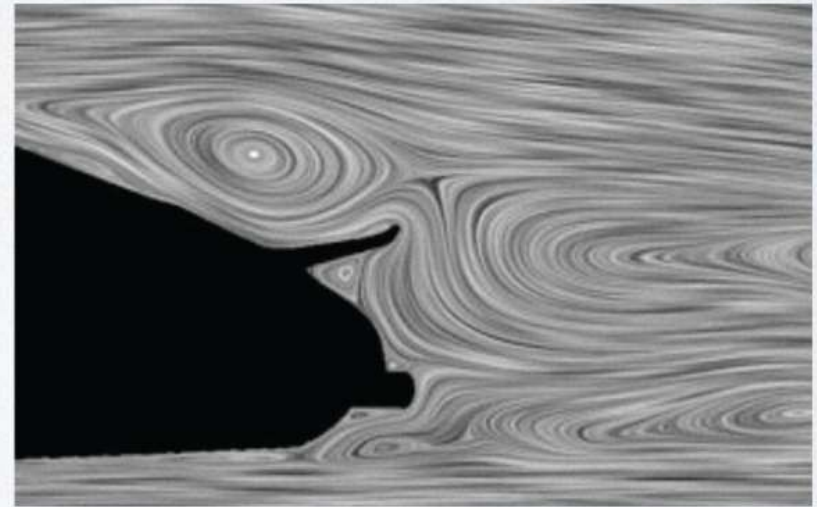
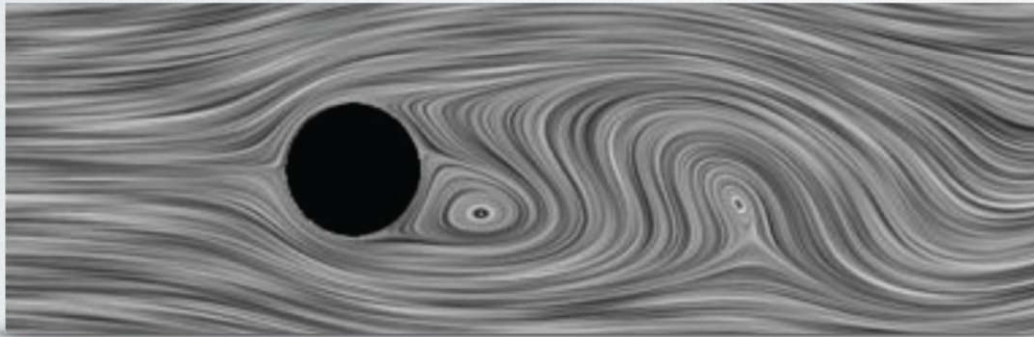
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Line Integral Convolution IV



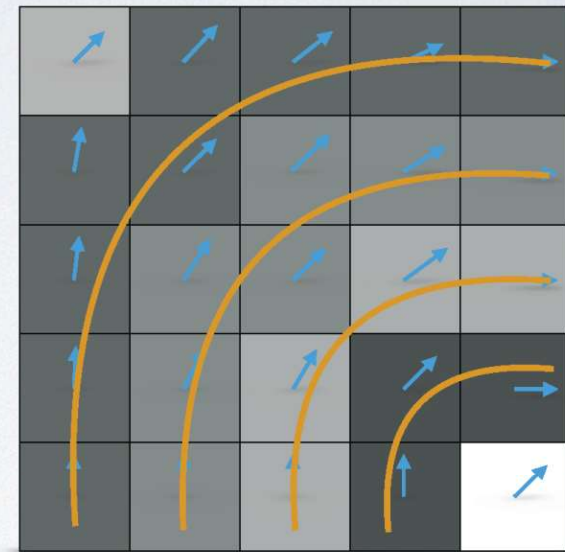
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LIC Approach - Goal



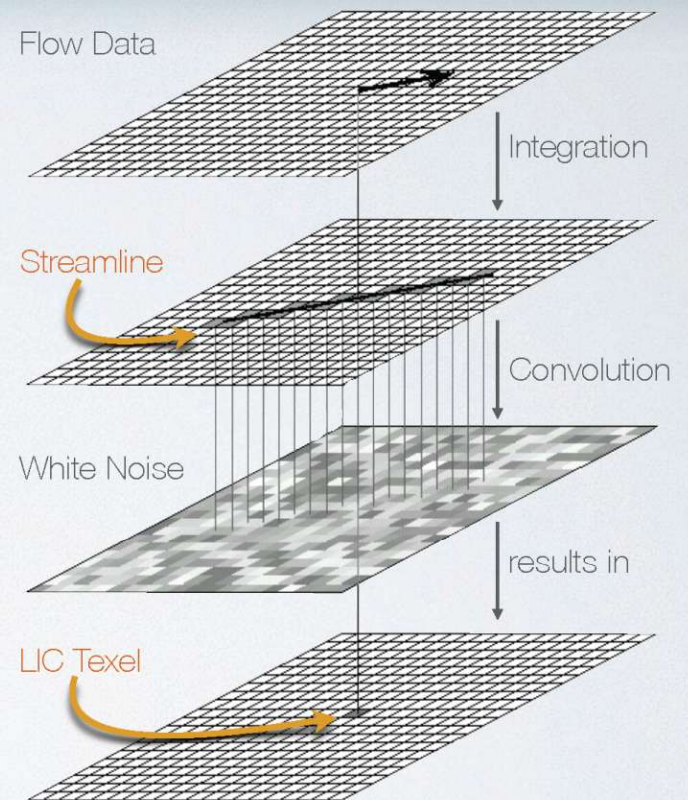
- For every texel: let the texture value
- correlate with neighboring texture values along the flow (in flow direction)
- not correlate with neighboring texture values across the flow (normal to flow direction)
- Result: along streamlines the texture values are correlated \Leftrightarrow visually coherent!



LIC Approach - Steps



- Idea: “smear” white noise (no a priori correlations) along flow
- Calculation of a texture value:
 - follow streamline through point
 - filter white noise along streamline



Convolution Example

Gaussian Blur

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_blur

Cut off filter kernel after an extent of, e.g.,
 $3 \times$ standard deviation in each direction

Example:

0.00000067	0.00002292	0.00019117	0.00038771	0.00019117	0.00002292	0.00000067
0.00002292	0.00078634	0.00655965	0.01330373	0.00655965	0.00078633	0.00002292
0.00019117	0.00655965	0.05472157	0.11098164	0.05472157	0.00655965	0.00019117
0.00038771	0.01330373	0.11098164	0.22508352	0.11098164	0.01330373	0.00038771
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Note that 0.22508352 (the central one) is 1177 times larger than 0.00019117 which is just outside 3σ .

Can do multiple iterations to achieve
larger effective filter size



Original



StDev = 3

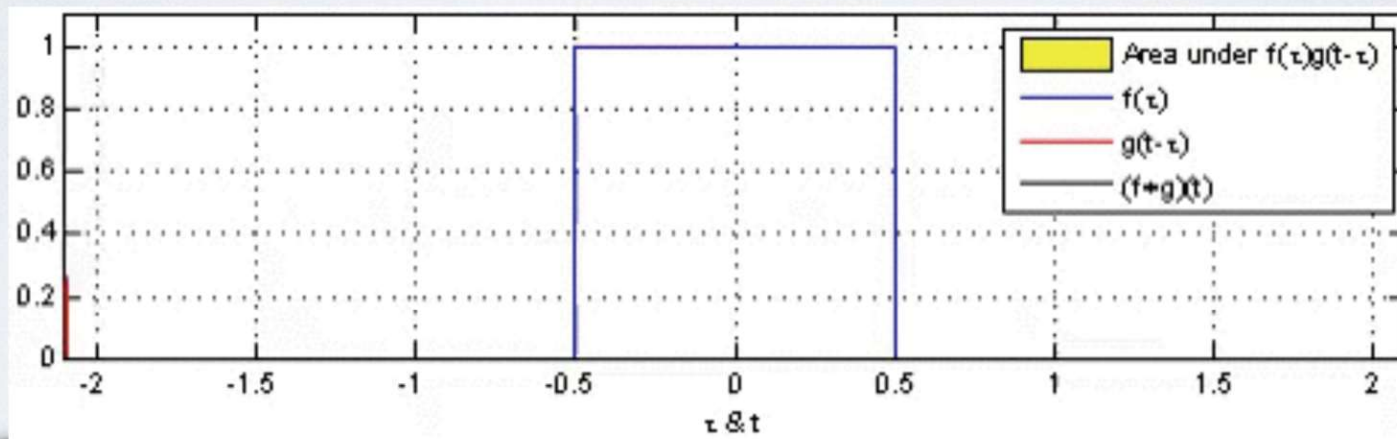


StDev = 10

LIC Approach - 1D Convolution I



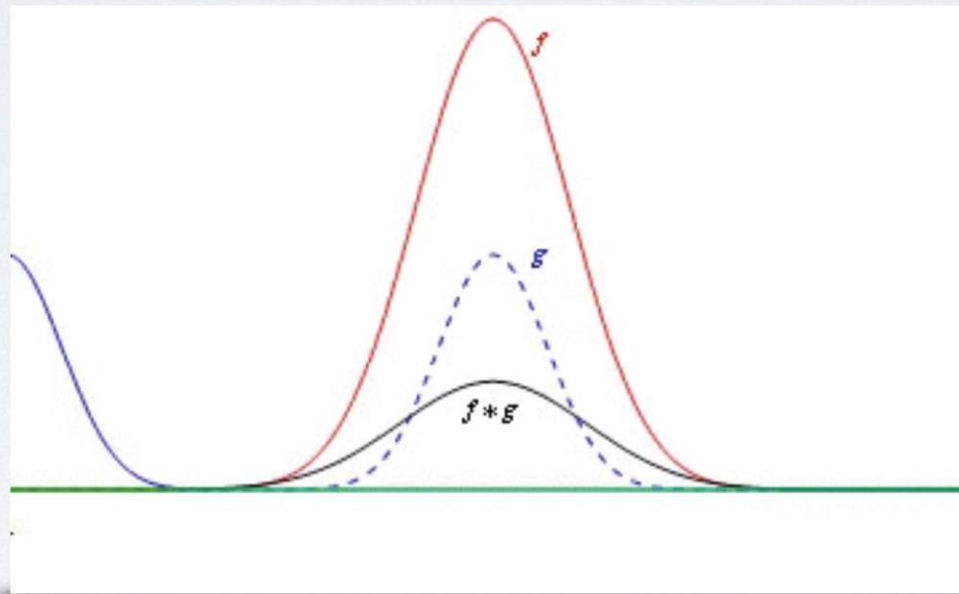
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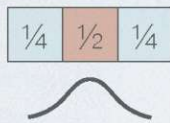
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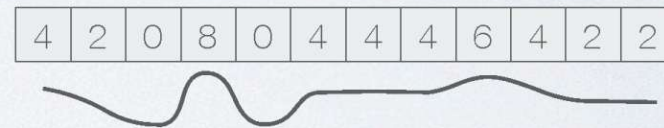
LIC Approach - 1D Convolution III



$k(x)$ convolution kernel



$f(x)$ original signal



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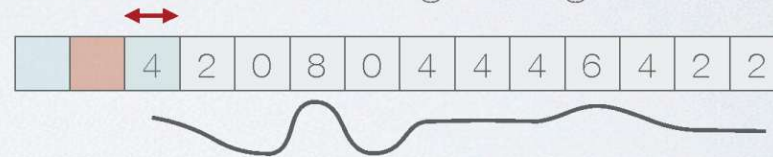
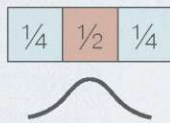
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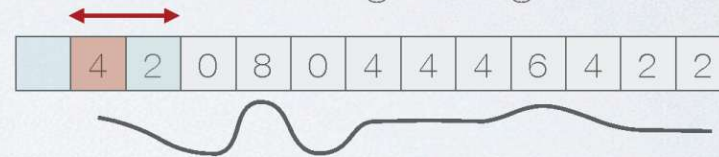
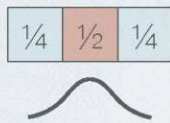
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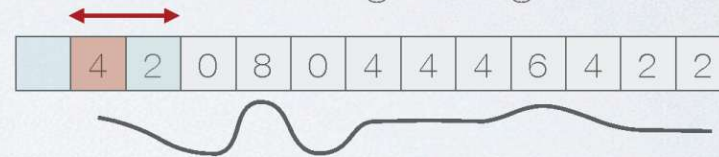
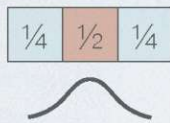


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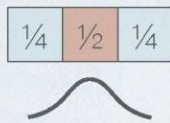


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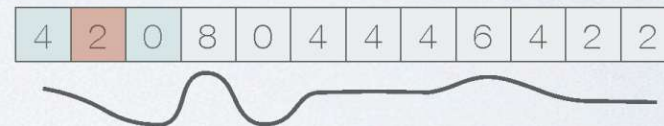
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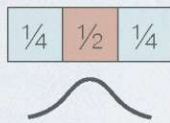


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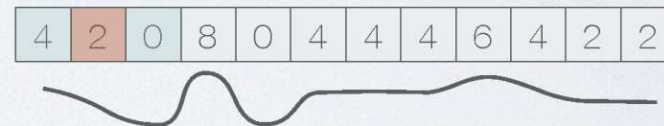
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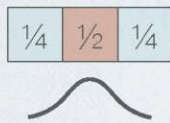


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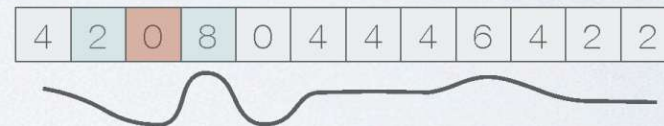
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$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 8$$

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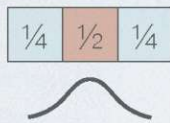


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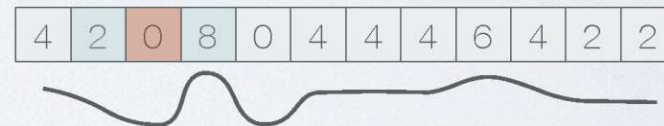
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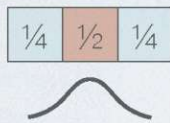


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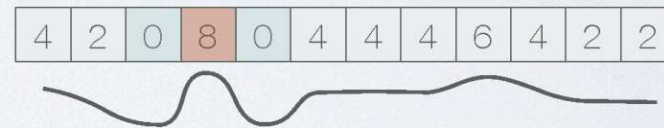
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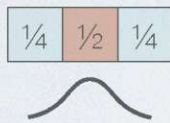


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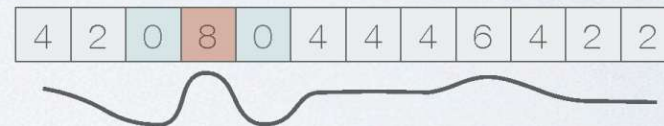
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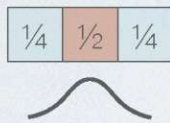


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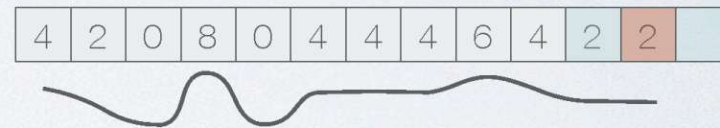
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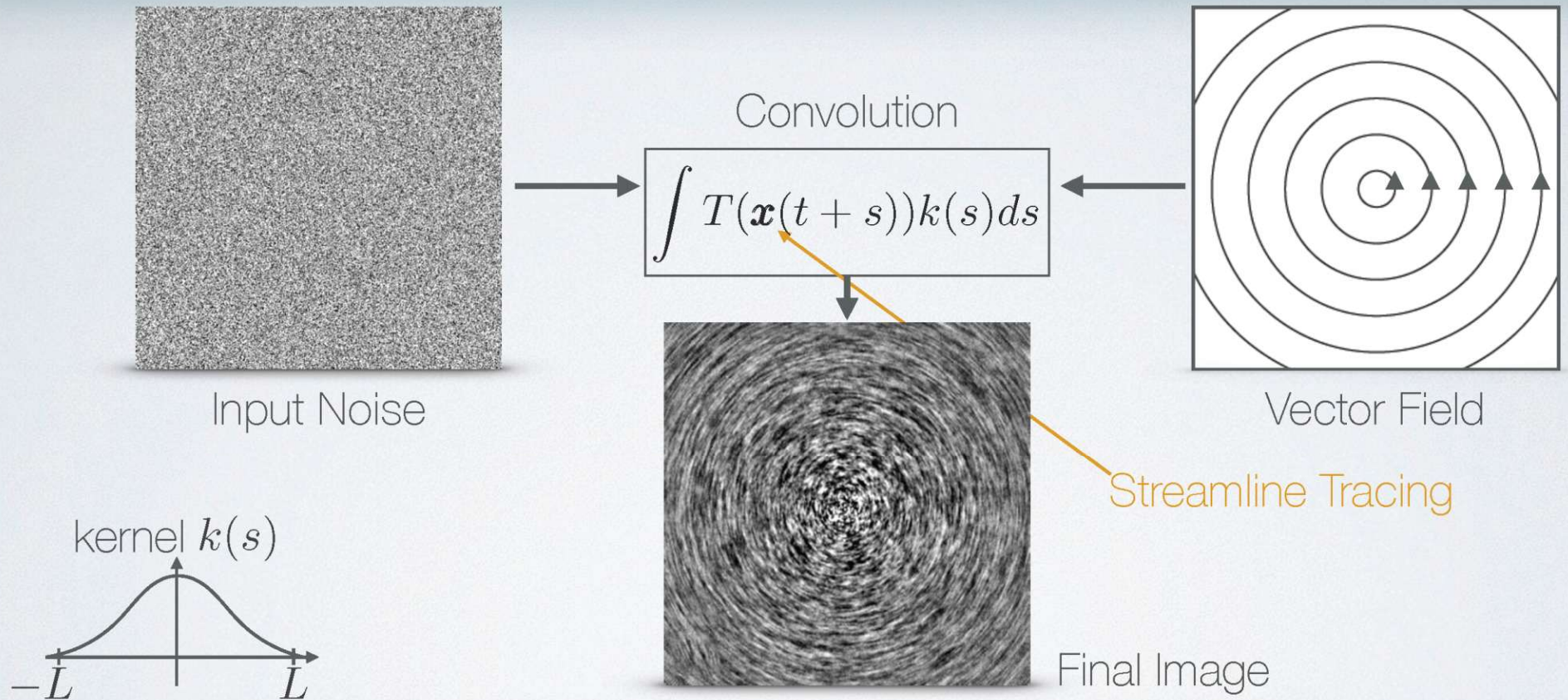


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LIC Approach - 1D Convolution IV



LIC - Algorithm



```
for each pixel //perfect fit for fragment shader
```

```
  t = texture( position, noise_texture );
```

```
  smoothed_value = kernel_value(center) * t;
```

```
  P+ = p- = position;
```

```
  for 1 to L // loop over kernel
```

```
    v+ = texture( p+, vector_texture );
```

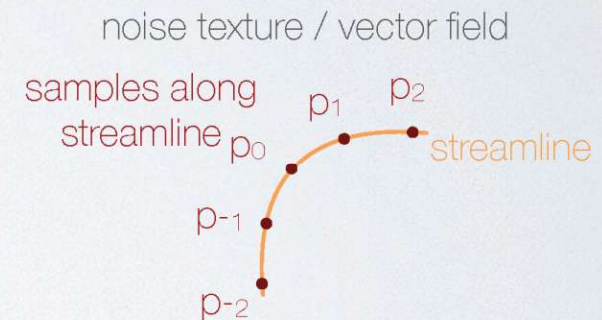
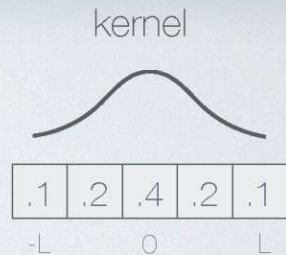
```
    p+ = streamlineIntegration(p+, v+);
```

```
    smoothed_value +=  
      kernel_value * texture( p+, noise_texture );
```

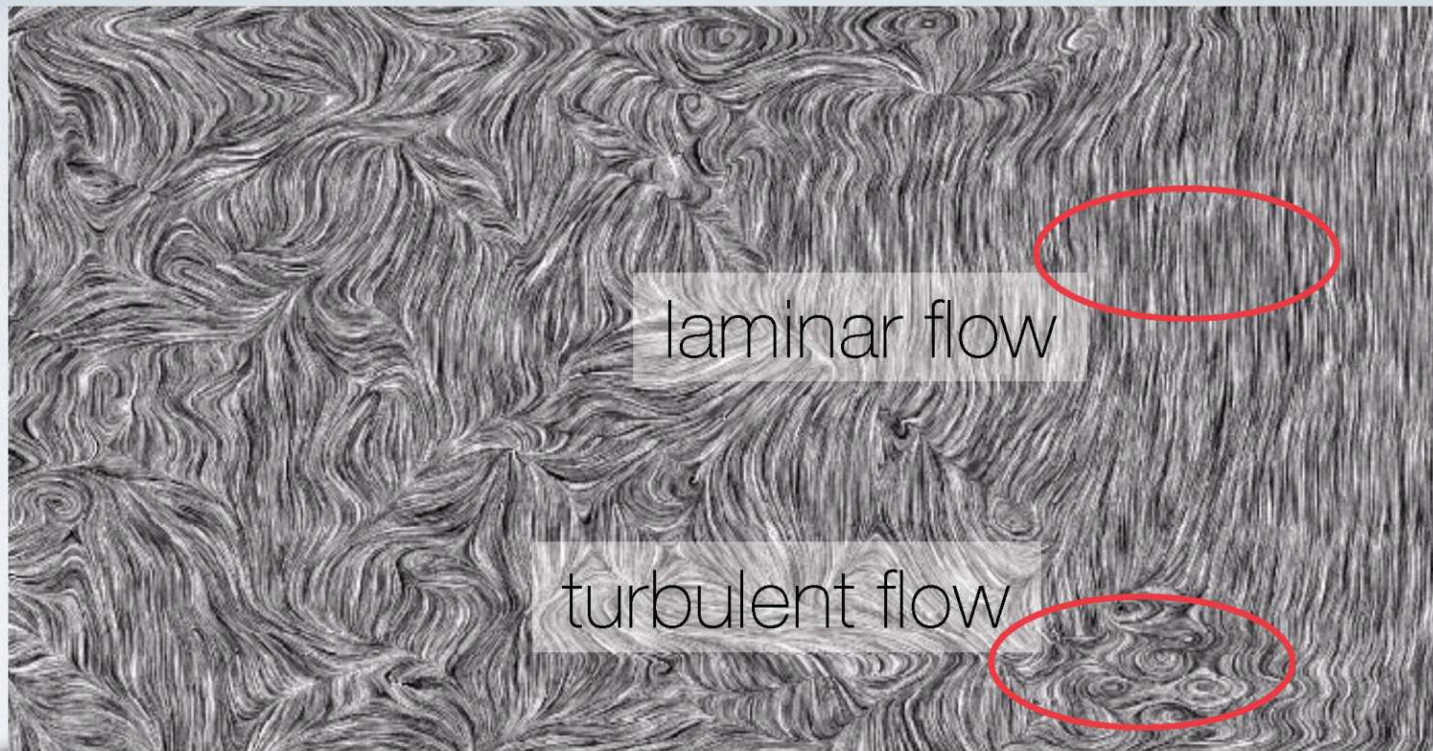
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LIC - 2D Example



Vector Fields, Vector Calculus, and Dynamical Systems

Fluid Simulation: Navier Stokes Equations



Incompressible (divergence-free) Navier Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0,$$

Components:

- Self-advection of velocity (i.e., advection of velocity according to velocity)
- Pressure gradient (force due to pressure differences)
- Diffusion of velocity due to viscosity (for viscous fluids, i.e., not inviscid)
- Application of (arbitrary) external forces, e.g., gravity, user input, etc.

Some Vector Calculus (1)



Gradient (scalar field \rightarrow vector field)

- Direction of steepest ascent; magnitude = rate

$$\nabla p = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right)$$

- *Conservative* vector field: gradient of some scalar (potential) function

Divergence (vector field \rightarrow scalar field)

- Volume density of outward flux:
“exit rate: source? sink?”

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

- *Incompressible/solenoidal/divergence-free vector field*: $\text{div } \mathbf{u} = 0$
can express as curl (next slide) of some vector (potential) function

Laplacian (scalar field \rightarrow scalar field)

- Divergence of gradient

$$\nabla^2 p = \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2}$$

- Measure for difference between point and its neighborhood

Some Vector Calculus (2)



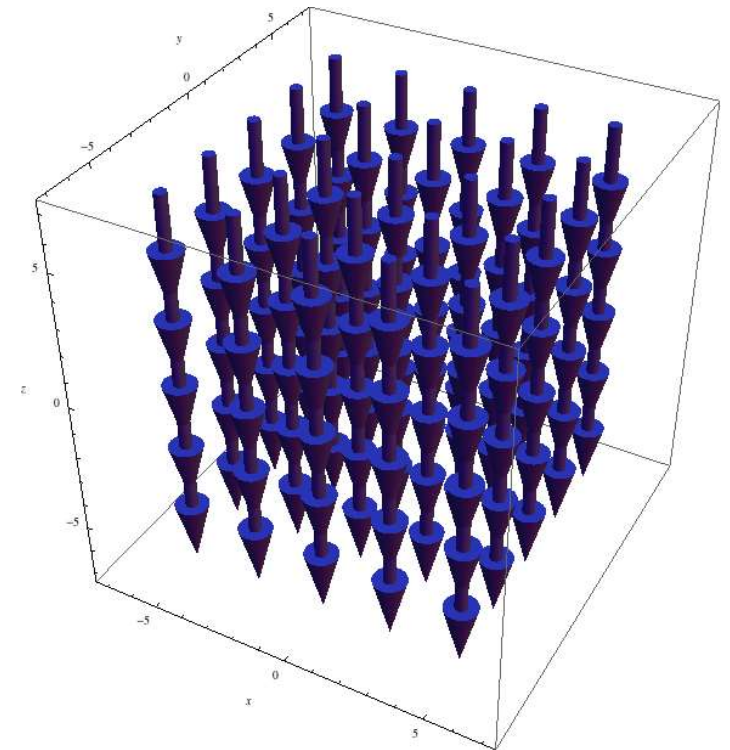
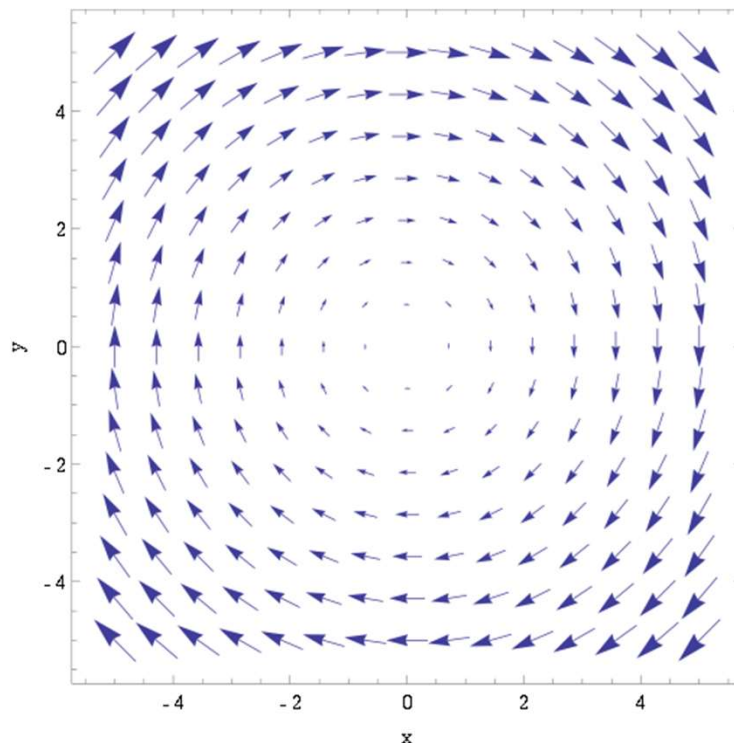
Curl (vector field \rightarrow vector field)

- Circulation density at a point (*vorticity*)
- If curl vanishes everywhere: irrotational/curl-free field
- Every conservative (path-independent) field is irrotational (and vice versa if domain is simply connected)

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} w_y - v_z \\ u_z - w_x \\ v_x - u_y \end{pmatrix}$$

these are partial derivatives!

Example:
curl = const
everywhere



Some Vector Calculus (3)



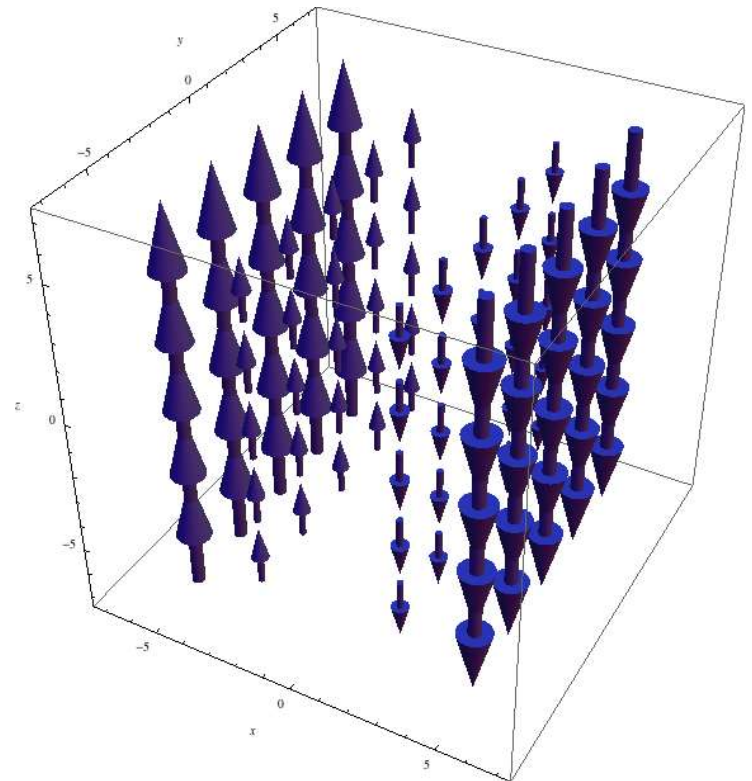
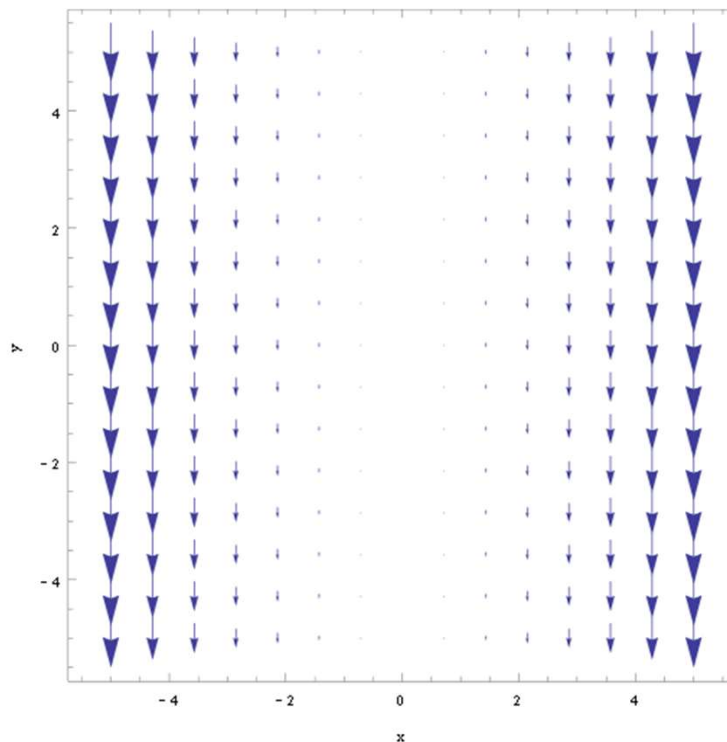
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Example:
curl not
always
“obviously
rotational”



Some Vector Calculus (4)



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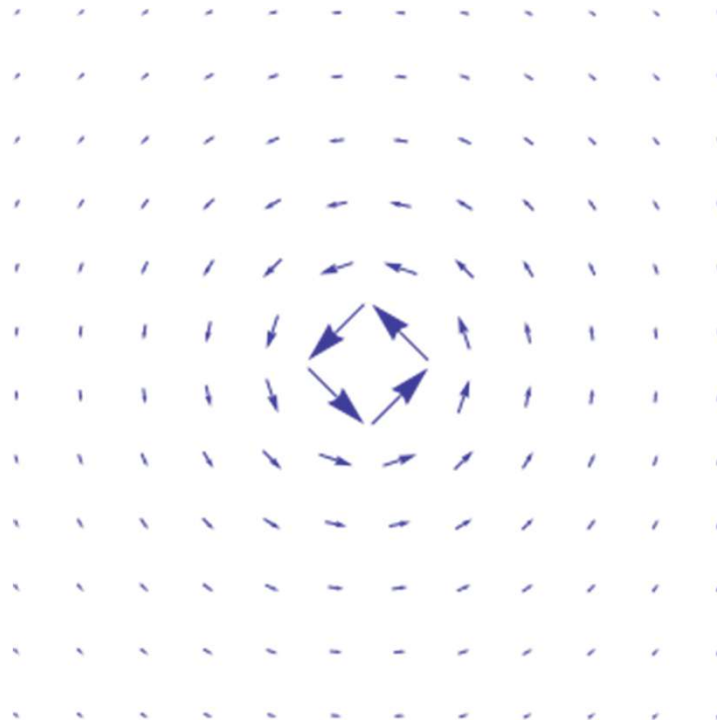
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Example:
non-obvious
curl-free field

[this domain is **not**
simply connected! it is
the “punctured plane”,
i.e., the point (0,0) is
not in the domain]



$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \frac{(-y, x, 0)}{x^2 + y^2}$$

not defined at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

$$v_x = u_y \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

velocity gradient $\nabla \mathbf{v}$ is
symmetric (see later)

Some Vector Calculus (5)



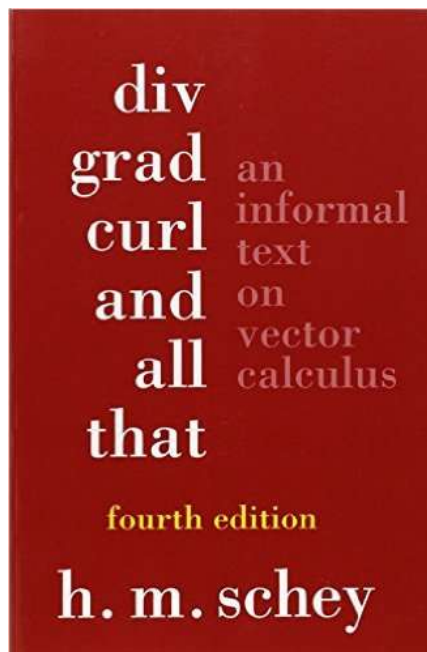
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Book:



Interactive tutorial on curl:

http://mathinsight.org/curl_idea

Fundamental theorem of vector calculus:

Helmholtz decomposition: Any vector field can be expressed as the sum of a solenoidal (*divergence-free*) vector field and an irrotational (*curl-free*) vector field (Helmholtz-Hodge: plus *harmonic* vector field)

Vector Fields and Dynamical Systems (1)



Velocity gradient tensor, (vector field \rightarrow tensor field)

- Gradient of vector field: how does the vector field change?
- In Cartesian coordinates: *spatial partial derivatives (Jacobian matrix)*

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{these are partial derivatives!}$$

- Can be decomposed into *symmetric* part + *anti-symmetric* part

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{S} \quad \text{velocity gradient tensor}$$

$$\text{sym.:} \quad \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T) \quad \text{deform.:} \quad \textit{rate-of-strain tensor}$$

$$\text{skew-sym.:} \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T) \quad \text{rotation:} \quad \textit{vorticity/spin tensor}$$

Vector Fields and Dynamical Systems (2)



Vorticity/spin/angular velocity tensor

- Antisymmetric part of velocity gradient tensor
- Corresponds to vorticity/curl/angular velocity (beware of factor $\frac{1}{2}$)

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T)$$

these are
partial
derivatives!

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} w_y - v_z \\ u_z - w_x \\ v_x - u_y \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathbf{S} acts on vector like cross product with $\boldsymbol{\omega}$: $\mathbf{S} \cdot = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times$

$$\mathbf{v}^{(r)} = \mathbf{S} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T] \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times d\mathbf{r}$$

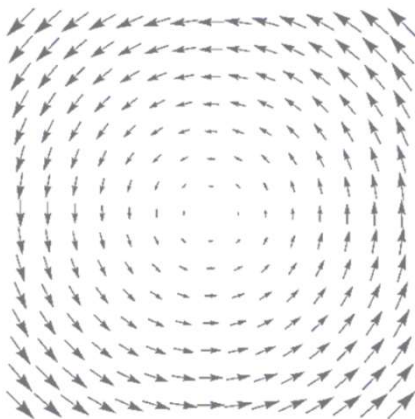
Angular Velocity of Rigid Body Rotation



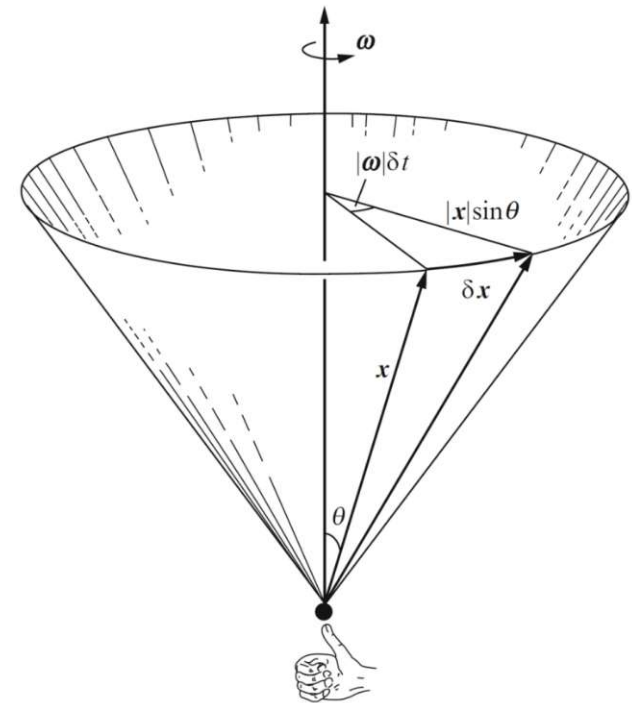
Rate of rotation

- Scalar ω : angular displacement per unit time (rad s^{-1})
 - Angle Θ at time t is $\Theta(t) = \omega t$; $\omega = 2\pi f$ where f is the frequency ($f = 1/T$; s^{-1})
- Vector $\boldsymbol{\omega}$: axis of rotation; magnitude is angular speed (if $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is curl: speed $\times 2$)
 - Beware of different conventions that differ by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$!

Cross product of $\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\omega}$ with vector to center of rotation (\mathbf{r}) gives linear velocity vector \mathbf{v} (tangent)



$$\mathbf{v}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times d\mathbf{r}$$



Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (1)



Velocity gradient tensor

(here: in Cartesian coordinates)

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^z \end{bmatrix}$$

these are the same
partial derivatives
as before!

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T \right)$$

Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (2)



Rate-of-strain (rate-of-deformation) tensor

(symmetric part; here: in Cartesian coordinates)

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x & 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y & 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$tr(\mathbf{D}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (3)



Vorticity tensor (spin tensor)

(skew-symmetric part; here: in Cartesian coordinates)

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^x & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} v^z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^x & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v^z - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} v^y & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

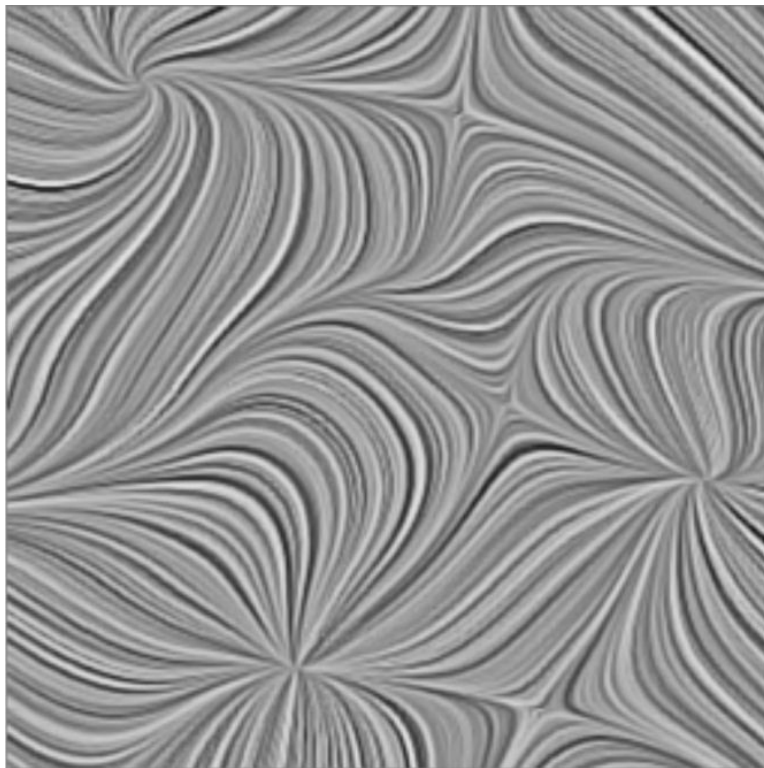
$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} \equiv \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$$

Critical Point Analysis

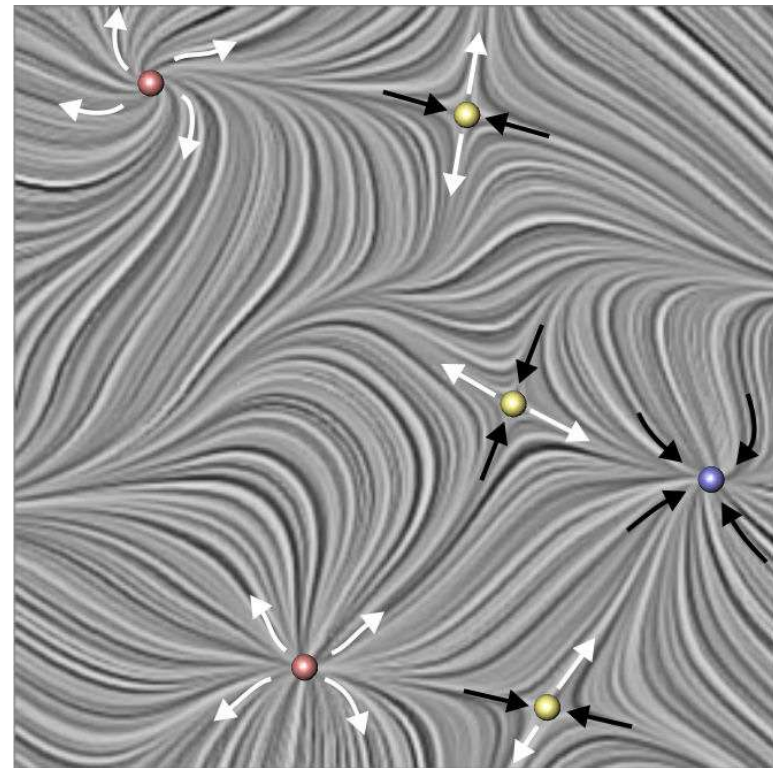
Critical Points (Steady Flow!)



Classify critical points according to the *eigenvalues* of the velocity gradient tensor at the critical point



stream lines (LIC)

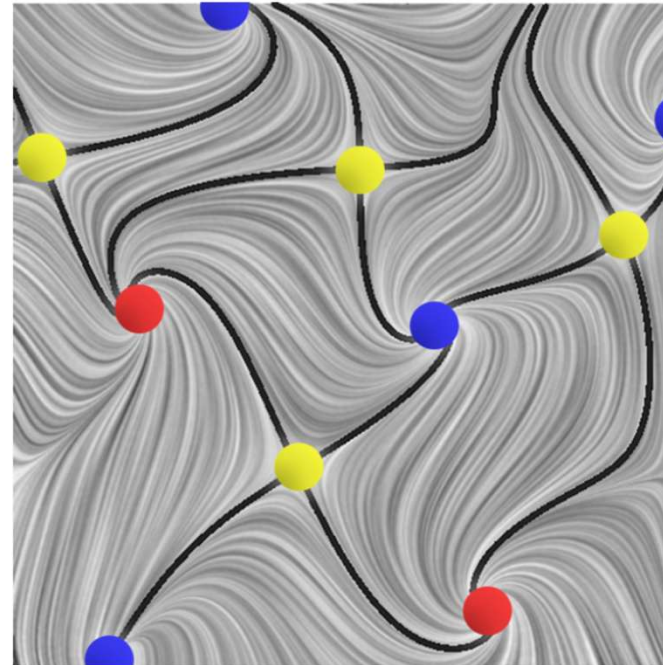
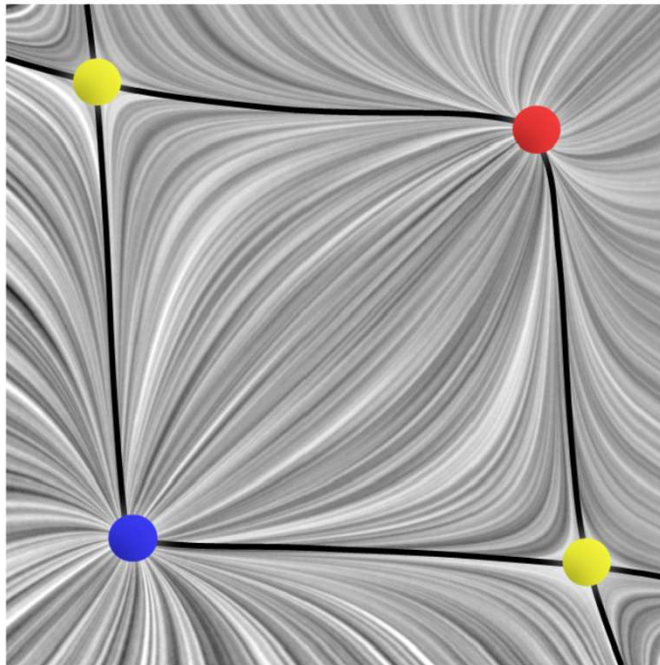


critical points ($\mathbf{v} = 0$)

Vector Field Topology: Topological Skeleton



Connect critical points by *separatrices*



Sources (red), sinks (blue), saddles (yellow)

(Non-Linear) Dynamical Systems



Start with system of linear ODEs (with constant coefficients)

- Non-linear systems can be linearized around critical points
- Use linearization for characterization

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$$

A is an $n \times n$ matrix



$$\mathbf{v} = A\mathbf{x},$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} = A.$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx_1}{dt} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dx_n}{dt} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\text{solution: } \mathbf{x}(t) = e^{At}\mathbf{x}_0$$

characterize behavior
through eigenvalues of A

A Few Facts about Eigenvalues and –vectors



The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = c + si$ $\lambda_2 = c - si$
with eigenvectors $u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$ $u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ +i \end{bmatrix}$ (if s non-zero)

If $c = 0$, this is a skew-symmetric matrix: pure imaginary eigenvalues

Skew-symmetric matrices: “infinitesimal rotations” (infinitesimal generators of rot.)

For $c = \cos \theta$ and $s = \sin \theta$: 2x2 rotation matrix with $\lambda_1 = e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\lambda_2 = e^{-i\theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

Eigenvalues

- Symmetric matrix: all eigenvalues are *real*
- Skew-symmetric matrix: all eigenvalues are *pure imaginary*

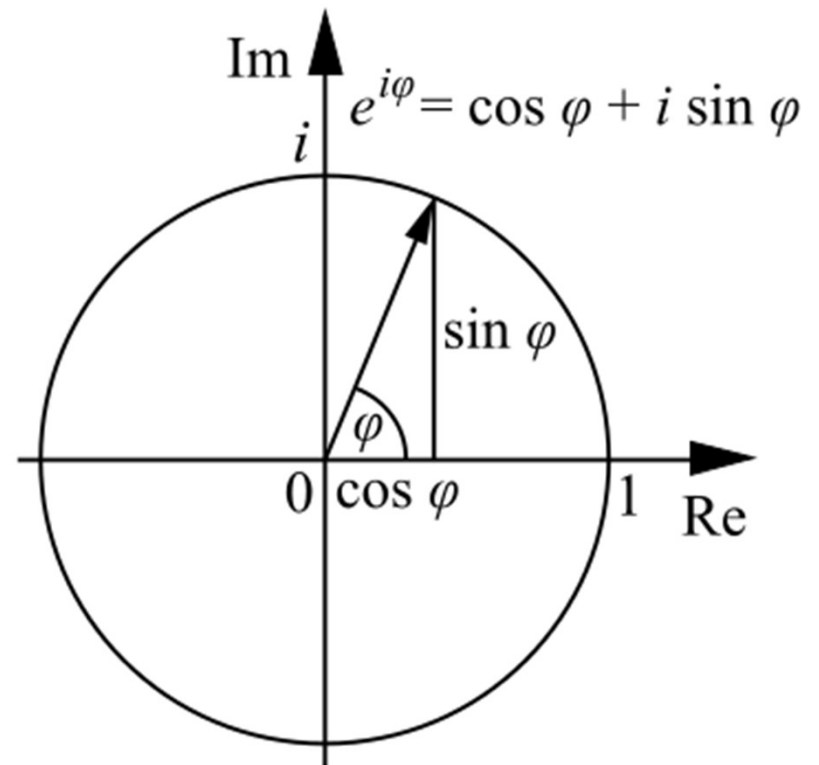
Euler's Formula



Can be derived from the infinite power series for $\exp()$, $\cos()$, $\sin()$

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$



Matrix Exponentials



Defined via same power series as usual exponential

$$\exp(X) = e^X := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{X^k}{k!} = I + X + \frac{X^2}{2!} + \frac{X^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Easy if X is diagonalizable

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \exp(tX) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Exponentials of anti-symmetric matrices are rotation matrices

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Complex eigenvalues lead to rotation

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a & -\omega \\ \omega & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \exp(tX) = e^{at} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega t & -\sin \omega t \\ \sin \omega t & \cos \omega t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = a \pm \mathbf{i}\omega$$

Classification of Critical Points (1)



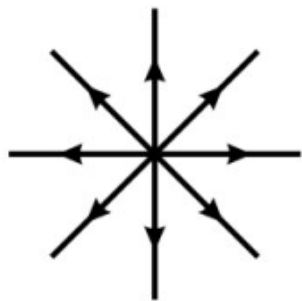
(Isolated) critical point (equilibrium point)

- Velocity vanishes (all components zero)

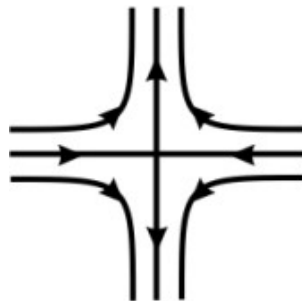
$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_c) = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_c \pm \epsilon) \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \det(\nabla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_c)) \neq 0$$

Characterize using velocity gradient $\nabla \mathbf{v}$ at critical point \mathbf{x}_c

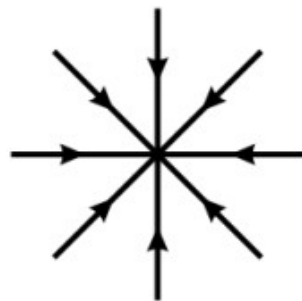
- Look at eigenvalues (and eigenvectors) of $\nabla \mathbf{v}$



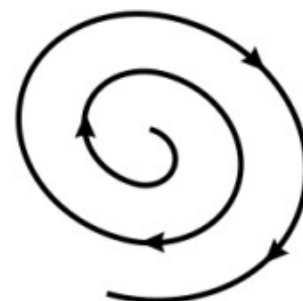
Repelling node
 $R_1, R_2 > 0$
 $I_1 = I_2 = 0$



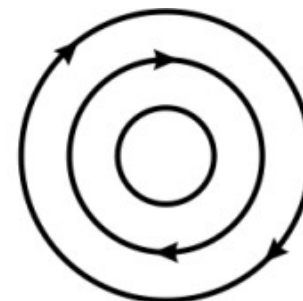
Saddle point
 $R_1 < 0, R_2 > 0$
 $I_1 = I_2 = 0$



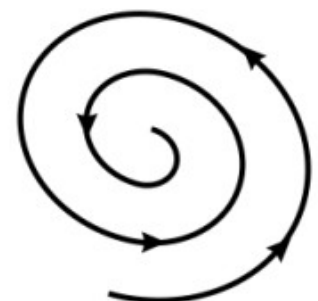
Attracting node
 $R_1, R_2 < 0$
 $I_1 = I_2 = 0$



Repelling focus
 $R_1 = R_2 > 0$
 $I_1 = -I_2 \neq 0$



Center
 $R_1 = R_2 = 0$
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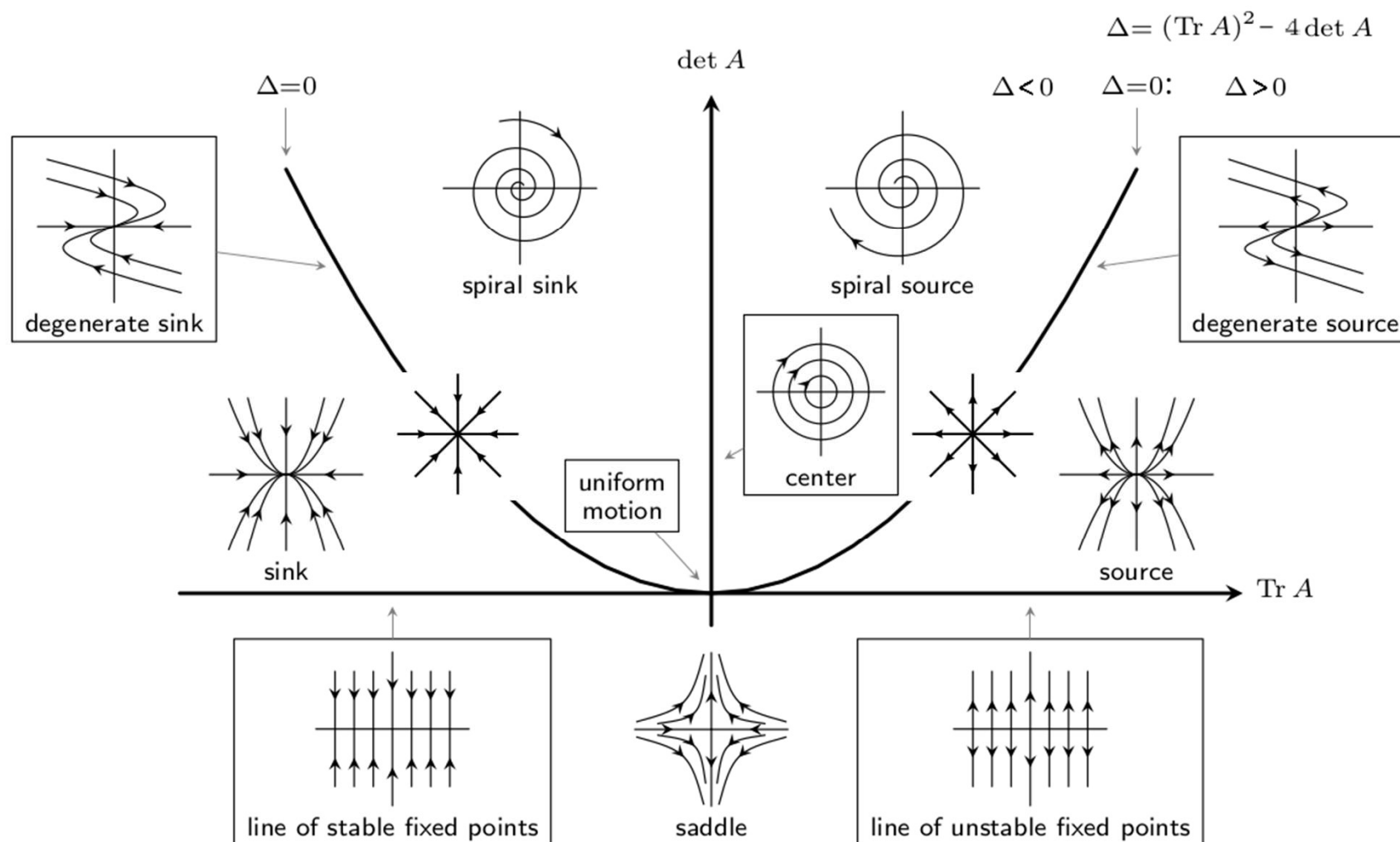
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the first three phase portraits are special cases, see later slides!

Classification of Critical Points (2)



Poincaré Diagram: Classification of Phase Portraits in the $(\det A, \text{Tr } A)$ -plane

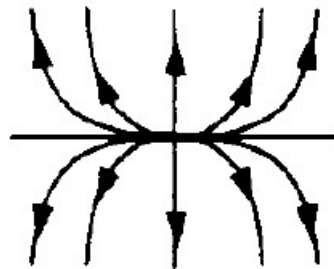


A Few Details (1)



Repelling/attracting nodes

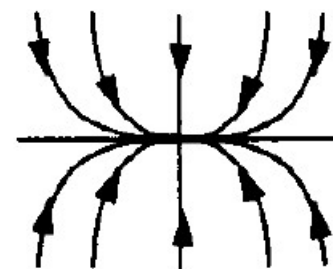
- Do not necessarily imply that streamlines are straight lines (do not confuse with the linear system of ODEs!)
- They are only straight lines when both eigenvalues are real and have the same sign, *and are also equal* (as in the phase portraits before)
- If they are not equal:



Repelling Node

$$R1, R2 > 0$$

$$I1, I2 = 0$$



Attracting Node

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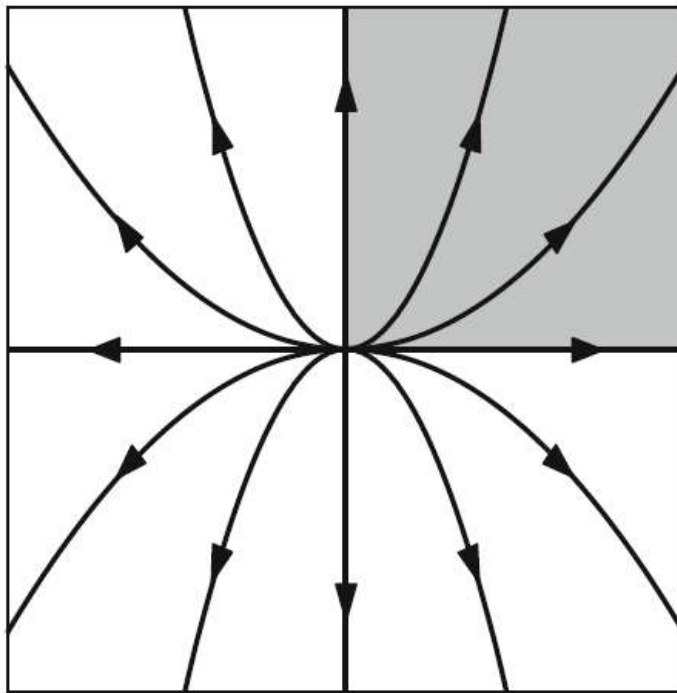
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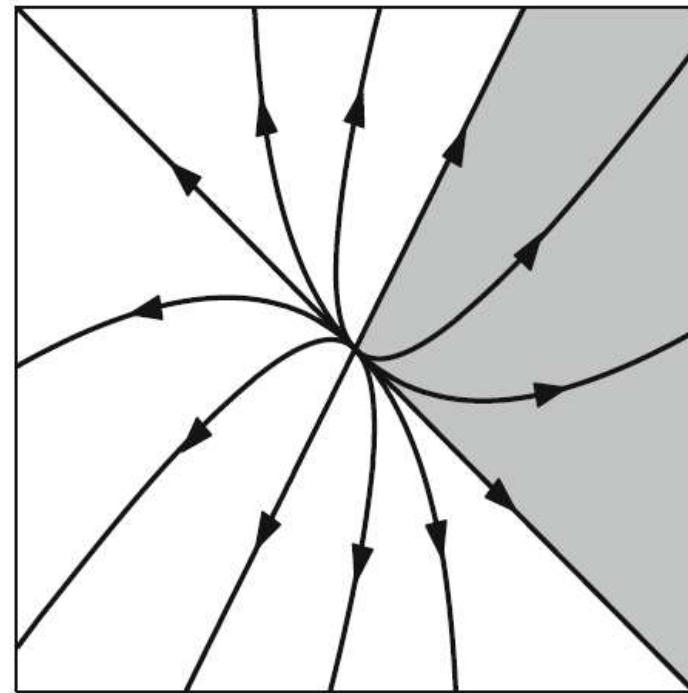


What about skew axes?

- Both of the systems below have eigenvalues 3 and 6
- Jordan normal form (Jordan canonical form) gives details



$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Jordan Normal Form (2x2 Matrix)



For every real 2x2 matrix A there is an invertible P such that

$P^{-1}AP$ is one of the following Jordan matrices (all entries are real):

$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{defective matrix})$$

$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \quad J_4 = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

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same eigenvalues,
trace, determinant!

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Another Example



$P^{-1}AP$ has form J_1

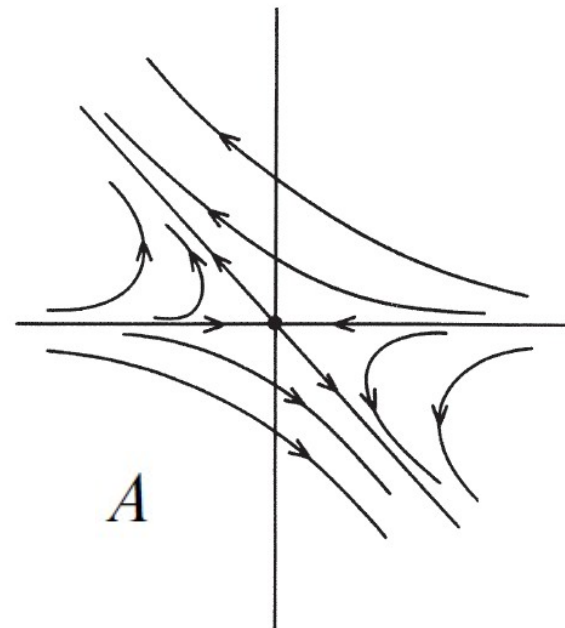
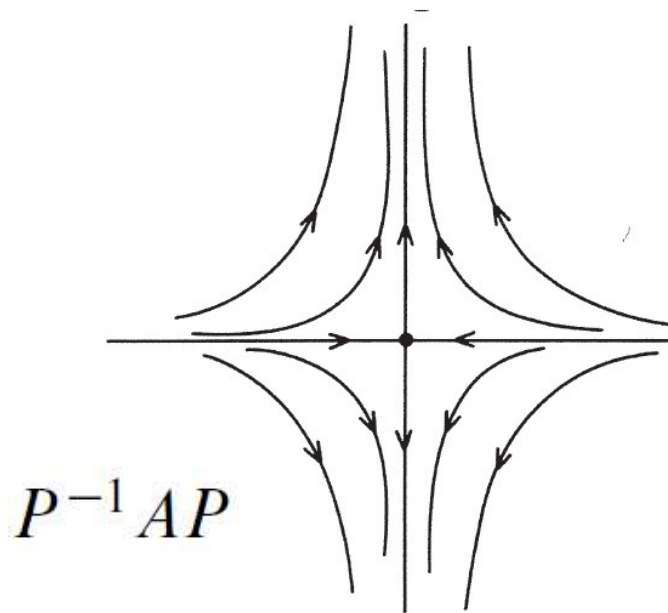
Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1 = -1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

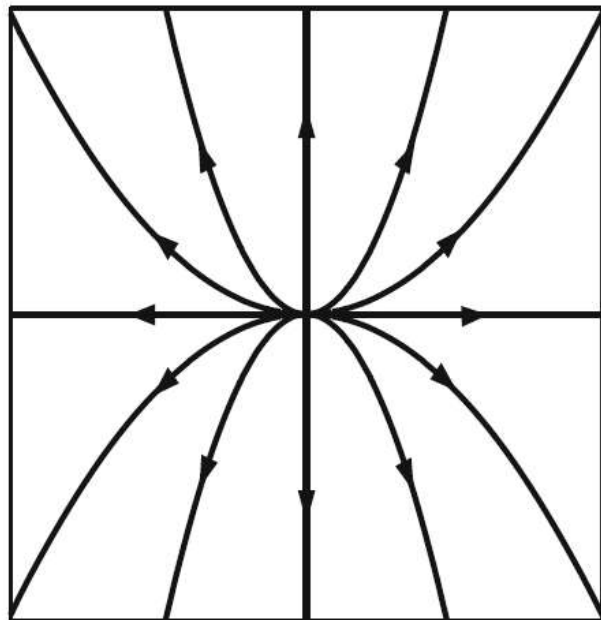


Jordan Form Characterization (1)

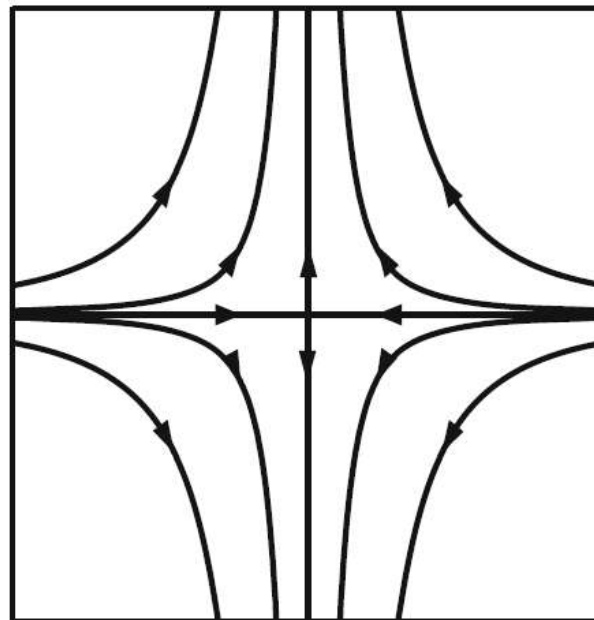


Phase portraits corresponding to Jordan matrix

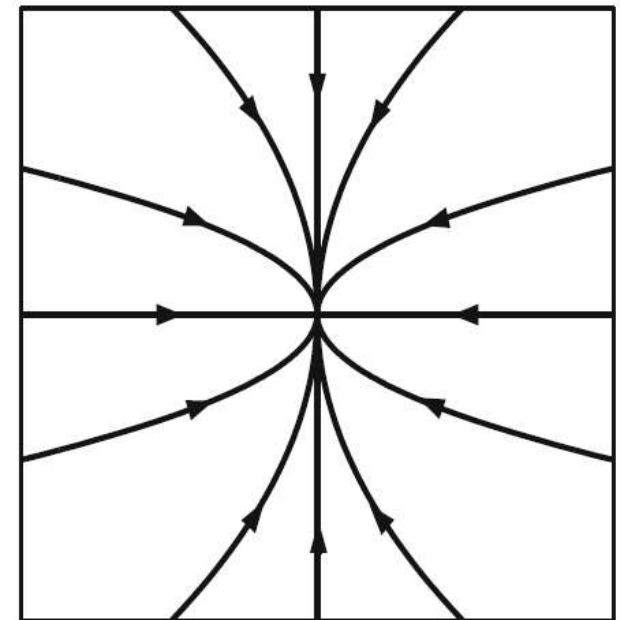
$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$
unstable node



$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$
saddle



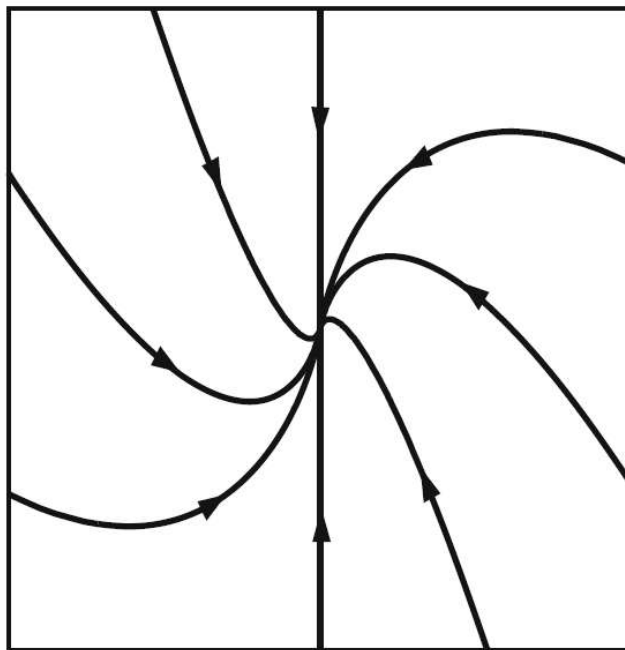
$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$
stable node

Jordan Form Characterization (2)



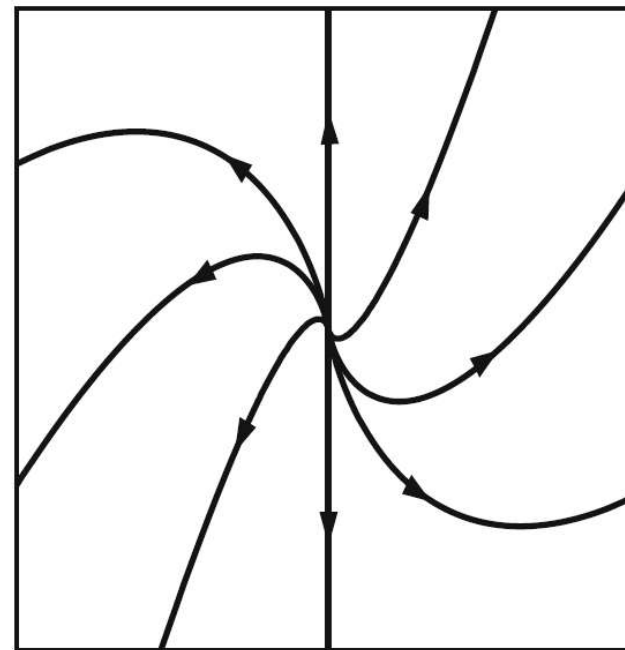
Phase portraits corresponding to Jordan matrix
(matrix is defective: eigenspaces collapse,
geometric multiplicity less than algebraic multiplicity)

$$J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\lambda < 0$$

stable improper node



$$\lambda > 0$$

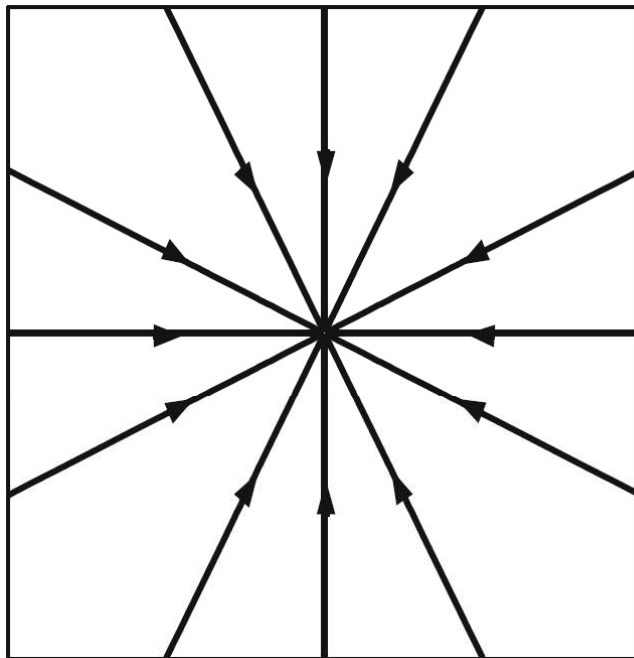
unstable improper node

Jordan Form Characterization (3)

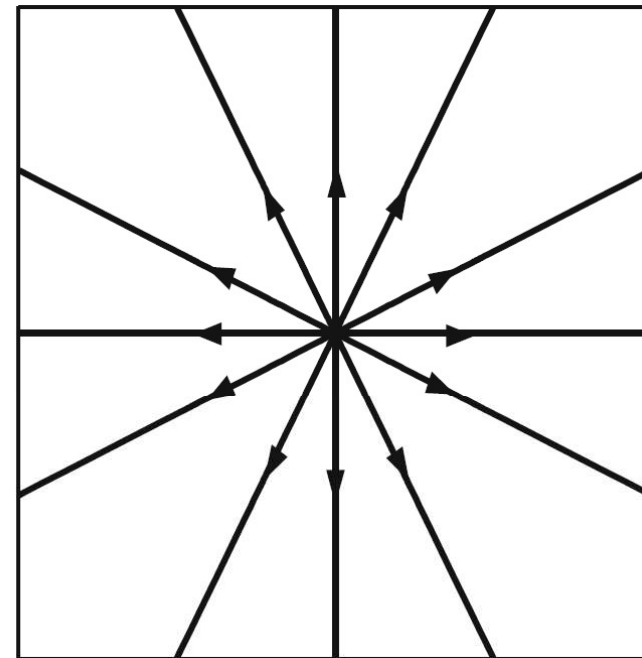


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$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$



$\lambda < 0$
stable star node



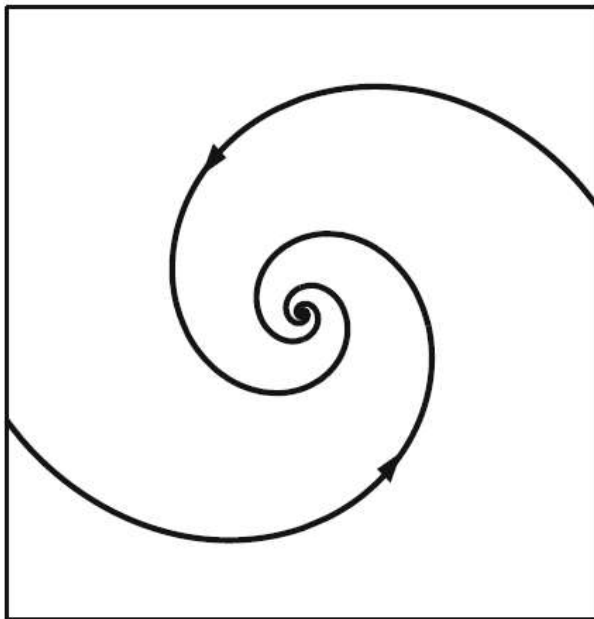
$\lambda > 0$
unstable star node

Jordan Form Characterization (4)

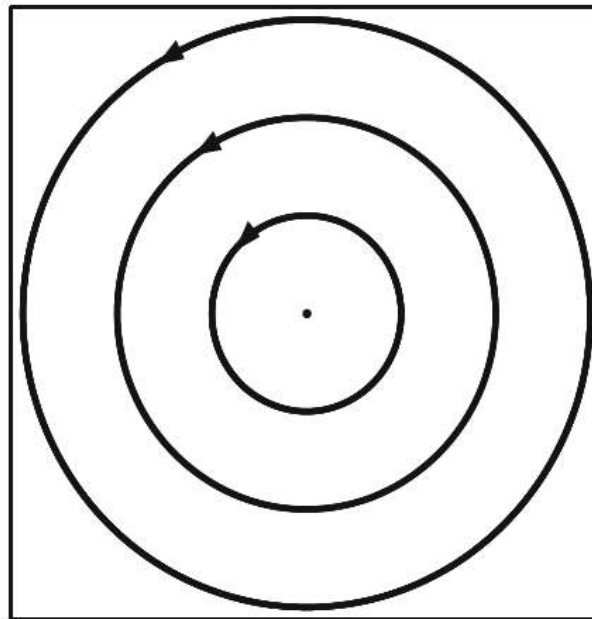


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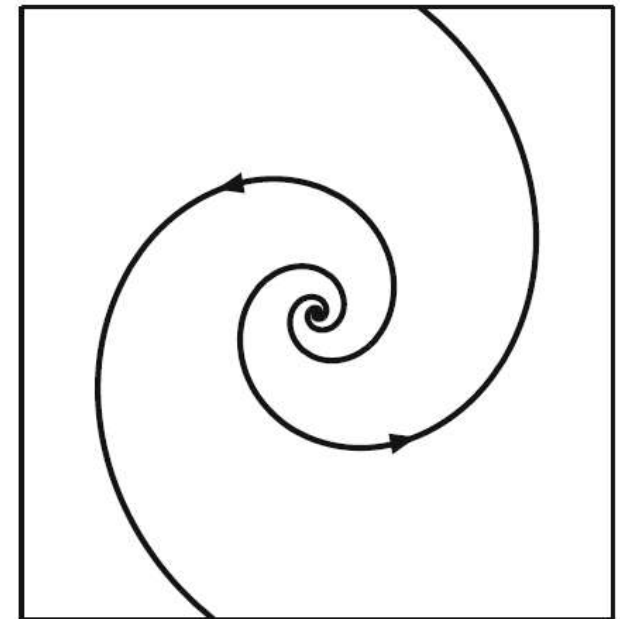
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$a < 0$
stable spiral node



$a = 0$
center

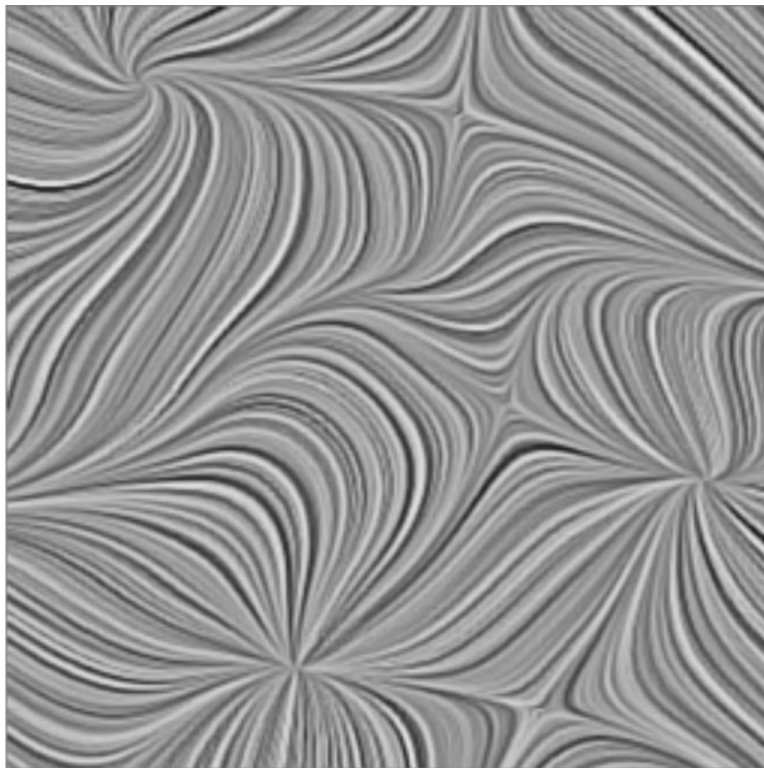


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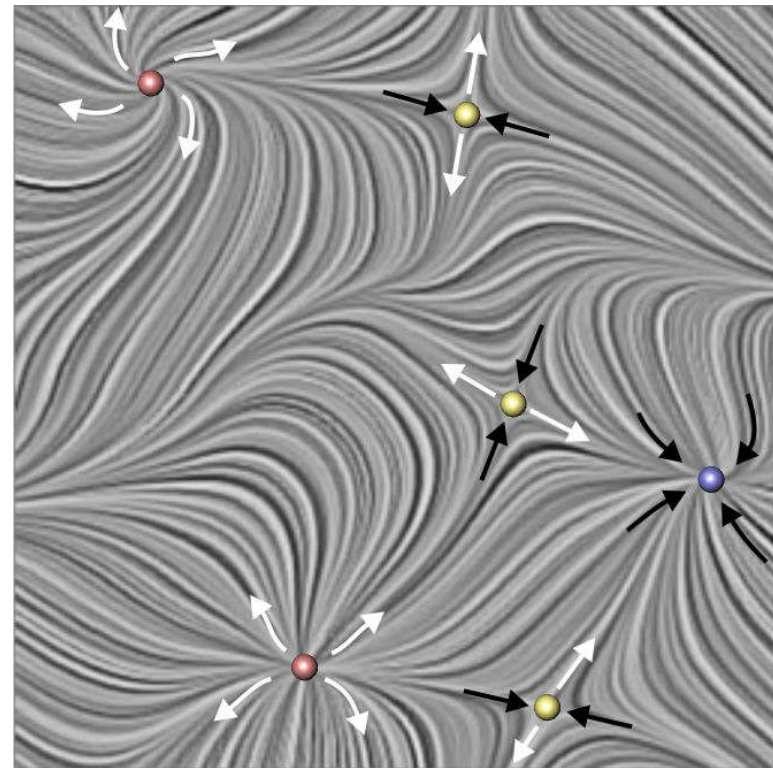
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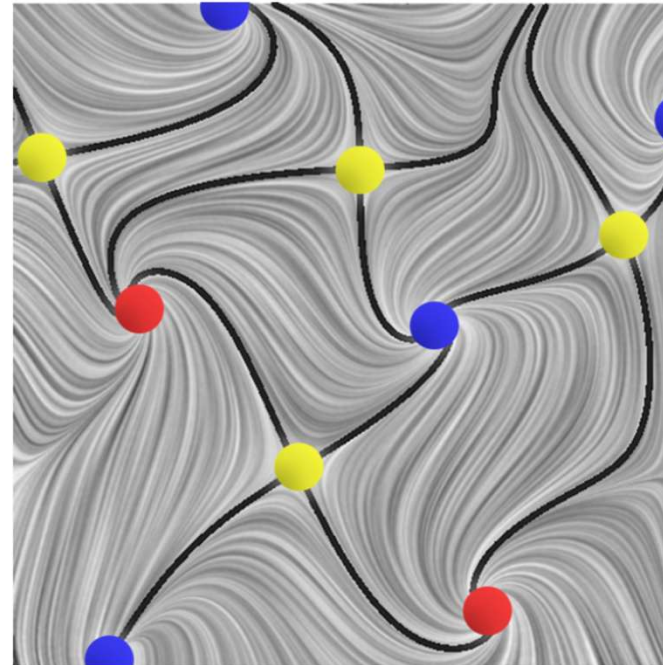
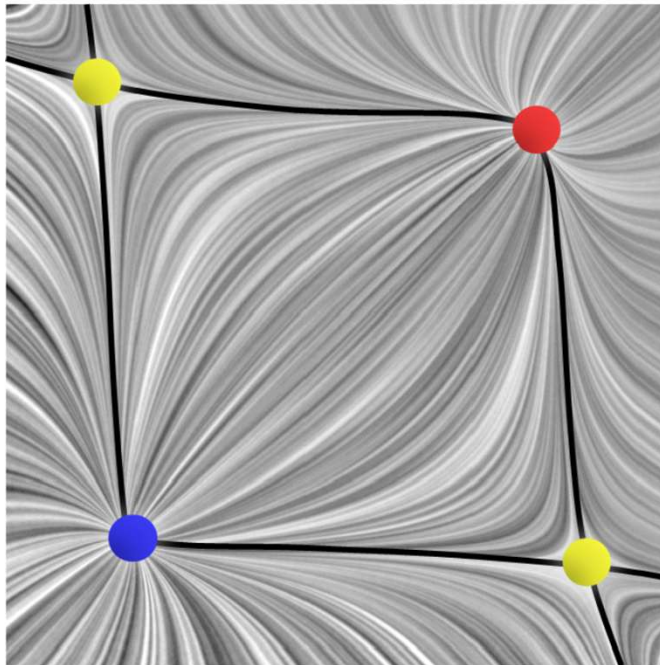


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Vector Field Topology: Topological Skeleton



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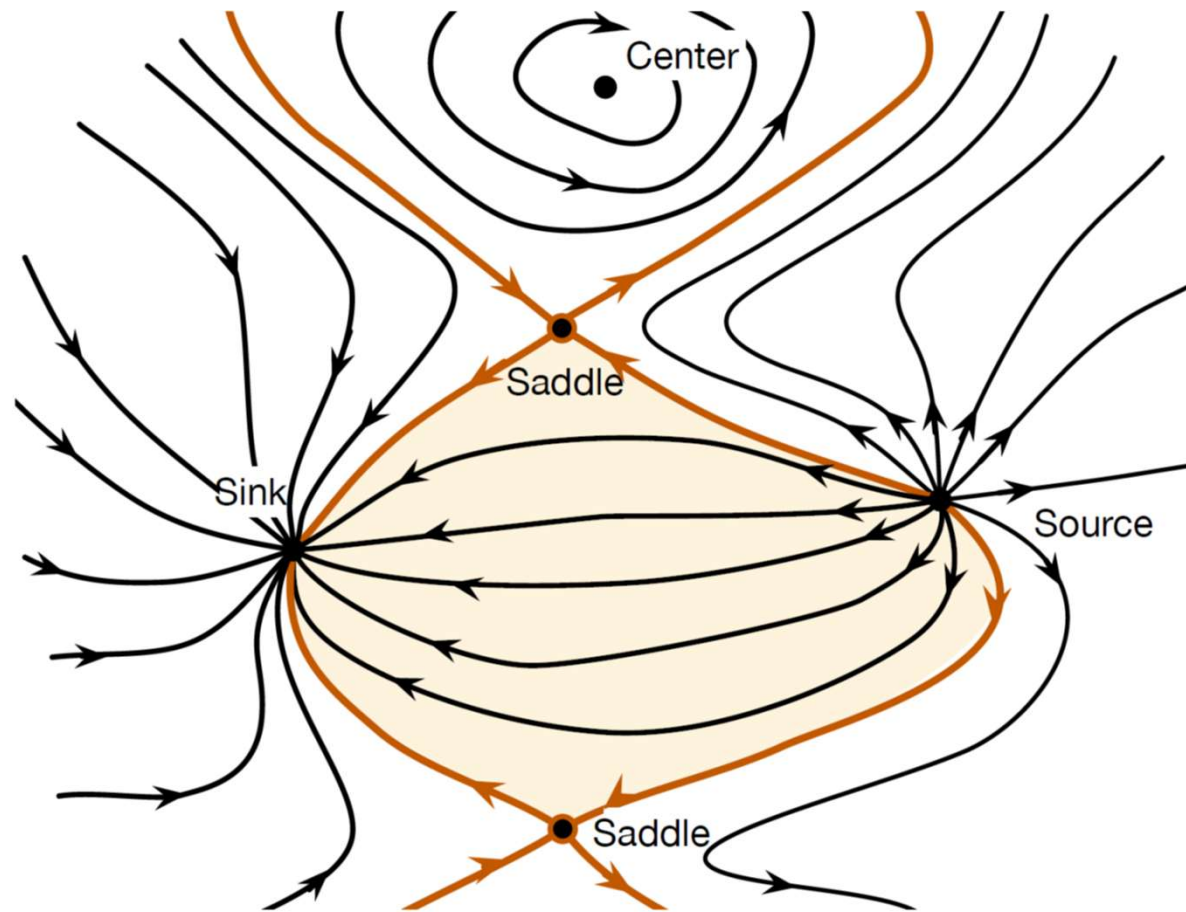


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Index of Critical Points / Vector Fields



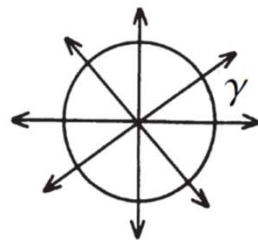
Poincaré index (in scalar field topology we have the *Morse index*)

- Can compute index (winding number) for each critical point
- Index of a region is the sum of the critical point indexes inside
- Sum of all indexes over a manifold is its Euler characteristic

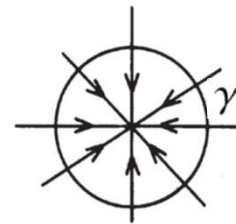
Do a loop (Jordan curve) around each critical point: the index is its (Brouwer) degree: integer how often the vector field along the loop turns around (determined by angle 1-form integrated over oriented 1-manifold)

$$\text{index}_\gamma = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_\gamma d\alpha$$

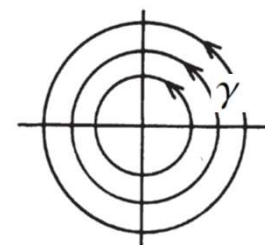
$$\alpha = \arctan \frac{v}{u}$$



index = +1



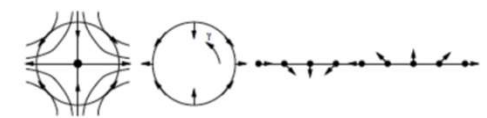
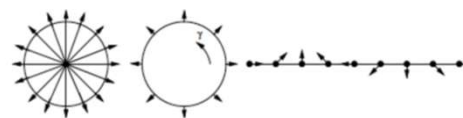
index = +1



index = +1



index = -1



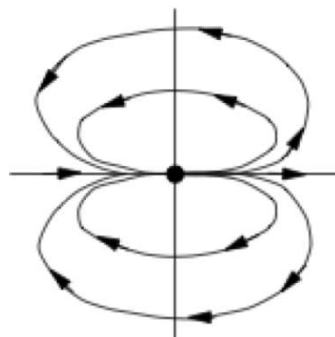
Higher-Order Critical Points



Higher than first-order

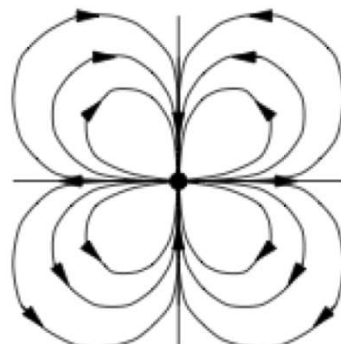
- Sectors can be elliptic, parabolic, hyperbolic
- For index sum over number of elliptic and hyperbolic sectors

$$\text{index}_{cp} = 1 + \frac{n_e - n_h}{2}$$

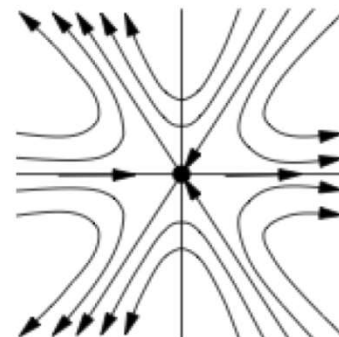


index +2

(dipole)

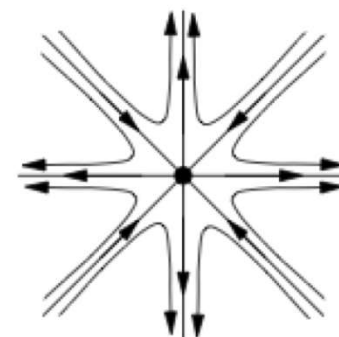


index +3



index -2

(see monkey saddle)



index -3

Example: Differential Topology



Topological information from vector fields on manifold

- Independent of actual vector field! Poincaré-Hopf theorem (sum of indexes == Euler char.)
- Useful constraints: vector field editing, simplification, sphere always has critical point, ...

Topological invariant: Euler characteristic $\chi(M)$ of manifold M

(for 2-manifold mesh: $\chi(M) = V - E + F$)

$$\chi = 2 - 2g \quad (\text{orientable})$$



genus $g = 0$
Euler characteristic $\chi = 2$



genus $g = 1$
Euler characteristic $\chi = 0$

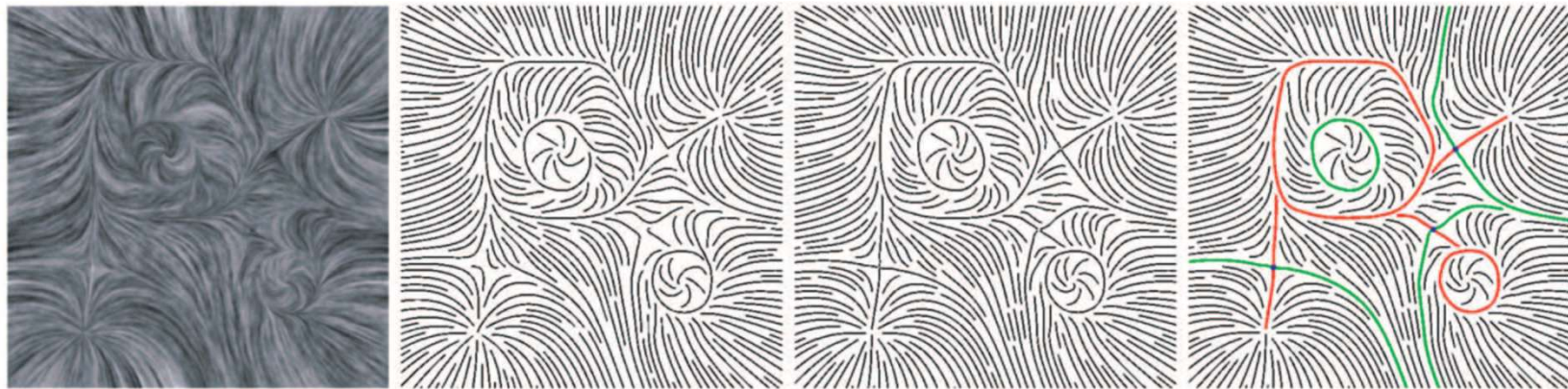
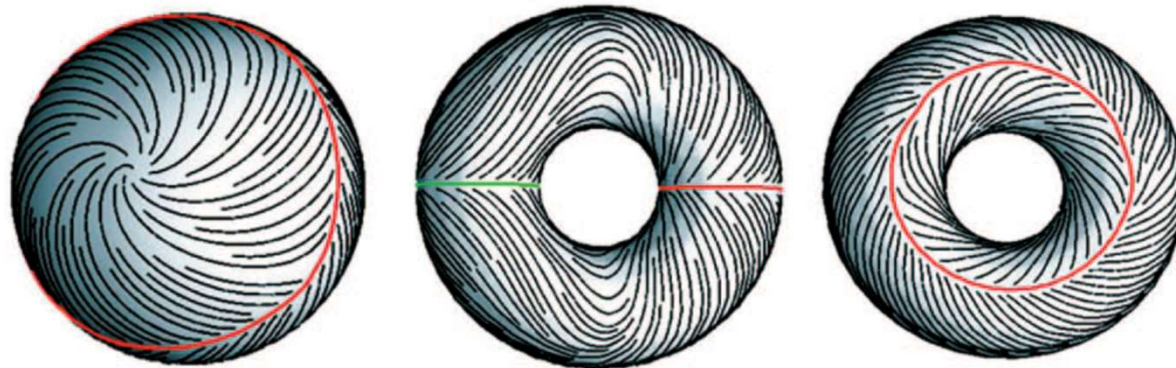


genus $g = 2$
Euler characteristic $\chi = -2$

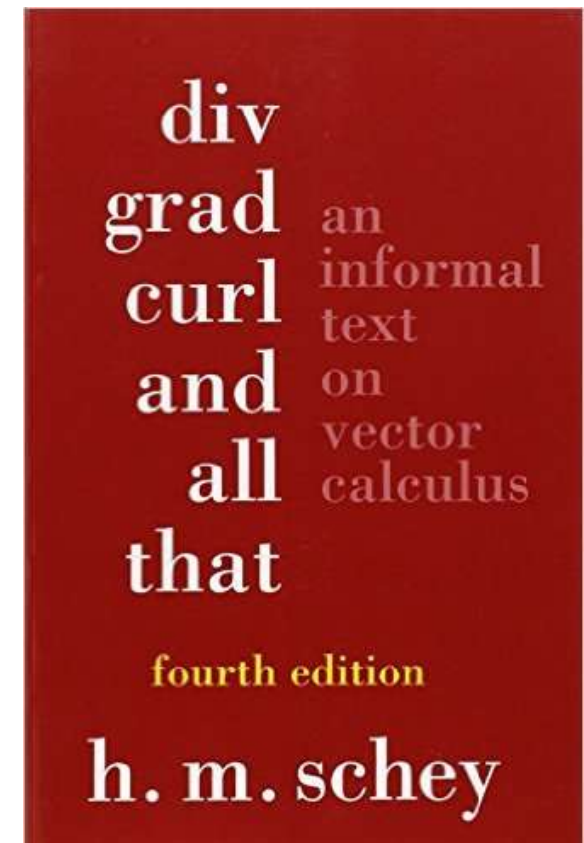
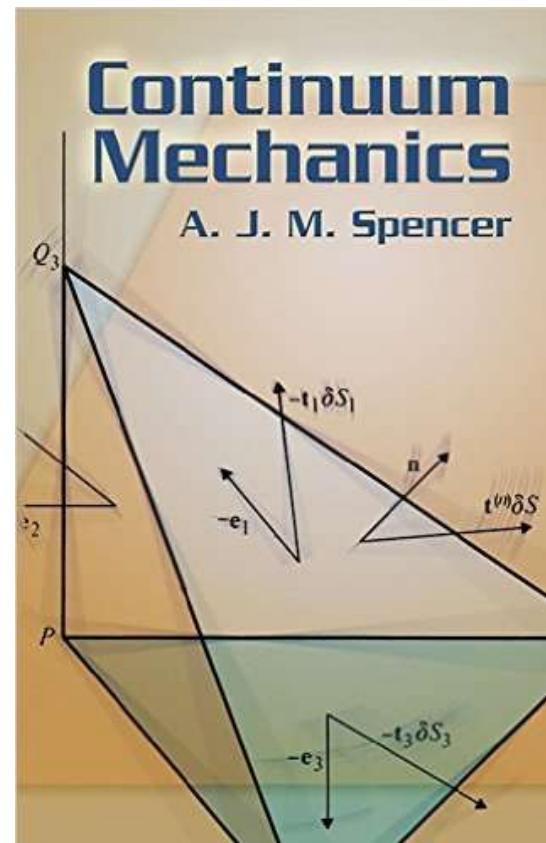
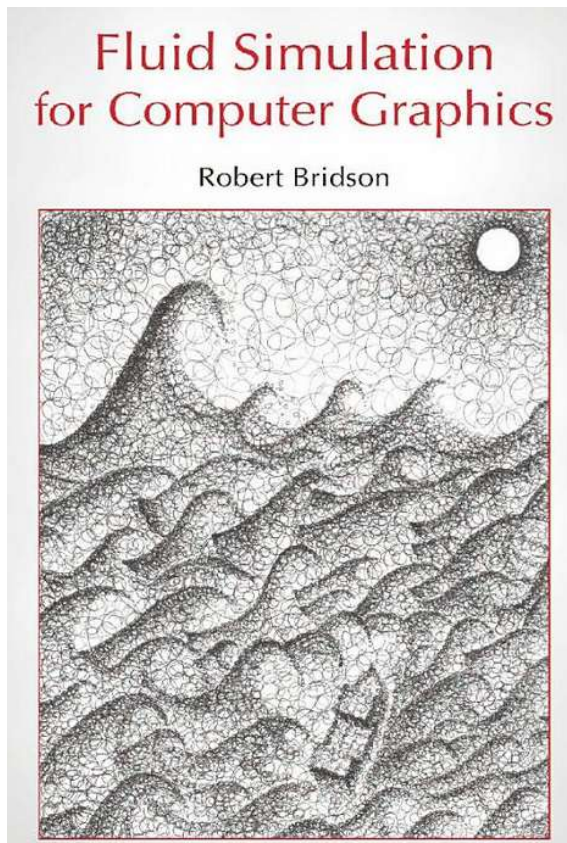
Example: Vector Field Editing



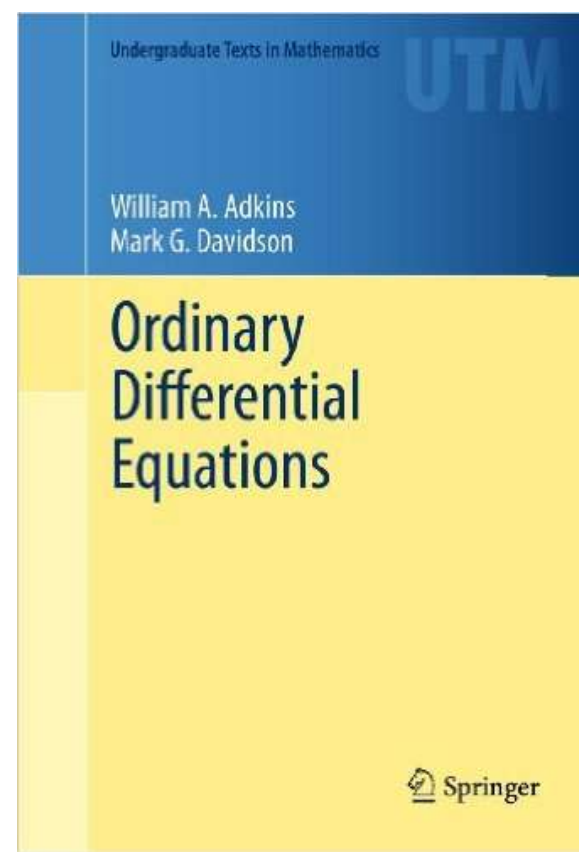
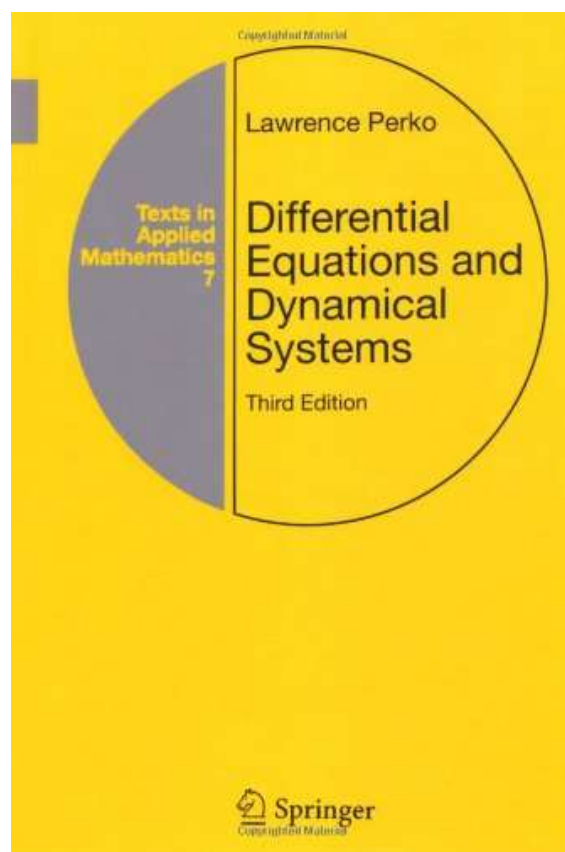
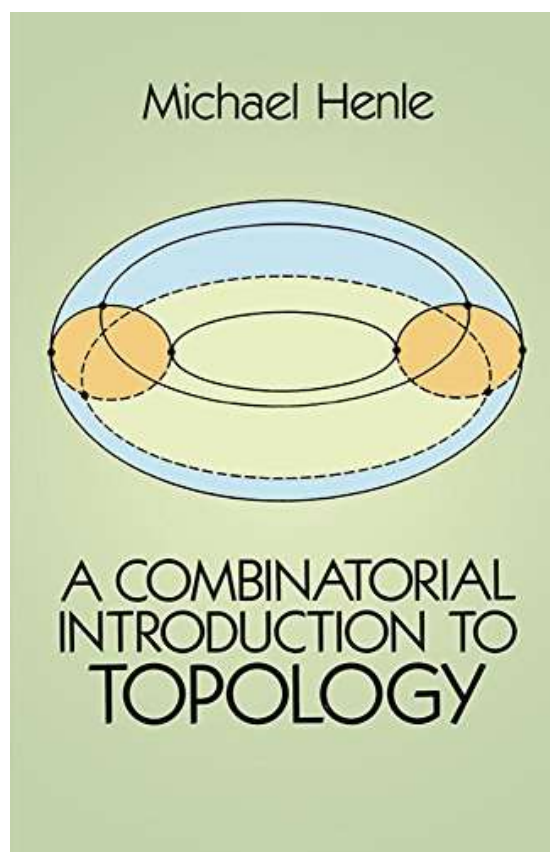
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Recommended Books (1)



Recommended Books (2)



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