

# Partial Differential Equations (PDE's)



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# COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

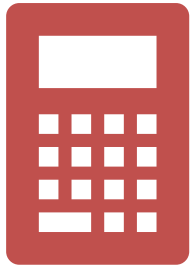
Lecture 14      Vector Calculus and PDEs II

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**01** Tools to solve PDEs

**02** Methods to solve PDEs

# Learning objectives



## Tools to solve PDEs

Basic integral calculus

Fundamental conservation law



## Methods to solve PDEs

Review the ABC in ODEs

Separation of variables

Integral transforms: Fourier and Laplace

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- Toolkit to solve PDEs
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# Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

- The FTC relates a function and its derivative

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} \Leftrightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

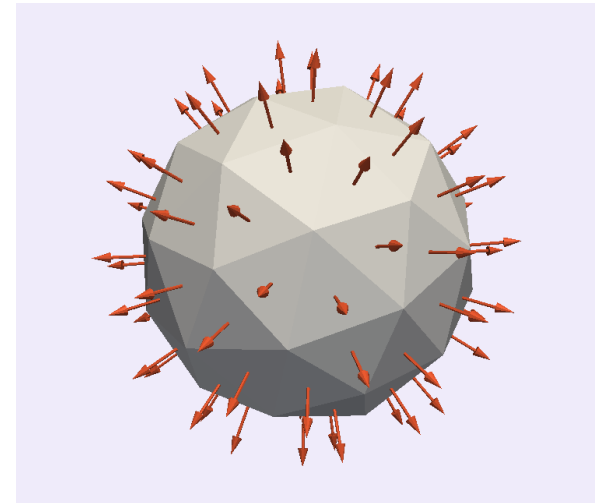
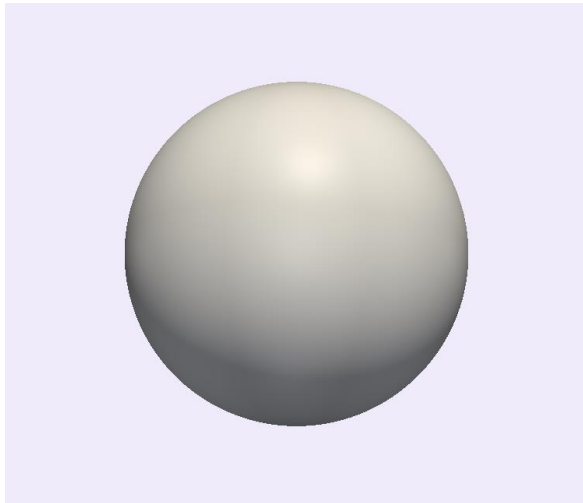
- Still works if functions have more than one variable, i.e. if we use partial derivatives, for example:

$$g(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial G(x, y, z)}{\partial y} \Leftrightarrow \int_{y=\alpha}^{y=\beta} g(x, y, z) dy = G(\textcircled{x}, \beta, \textcircled{z}) - G(\textcircled{x}, \alpha, \textcircled{z})$$

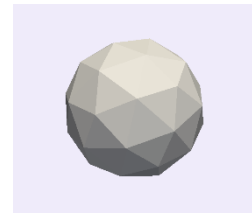
*Note the 'free' variable(s)*

# Surface integrals

- To compute this, we need to model a surface
- Need an 'ideal' surface but this is not practical
- Approximate an ideal surface using small *area elements*
- Each element has unit normal vector



# Surface integral of **scalar field**



- A surface  $S$  : set of surface elements:  $\delta S_1, \delta S_2, \dots, \delta S_N$
- Scalar field  $\varphi(x,y,z)$ , value at each element:  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_N$
- Can approximate the integral of  $\varphi$  over  $S$

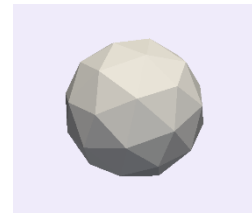
$$\int_S \phi dS \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \text{ area}(\delta S_i)$$
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- Simplify notation: assume  $\delta S_i$  represents the **area** of the element

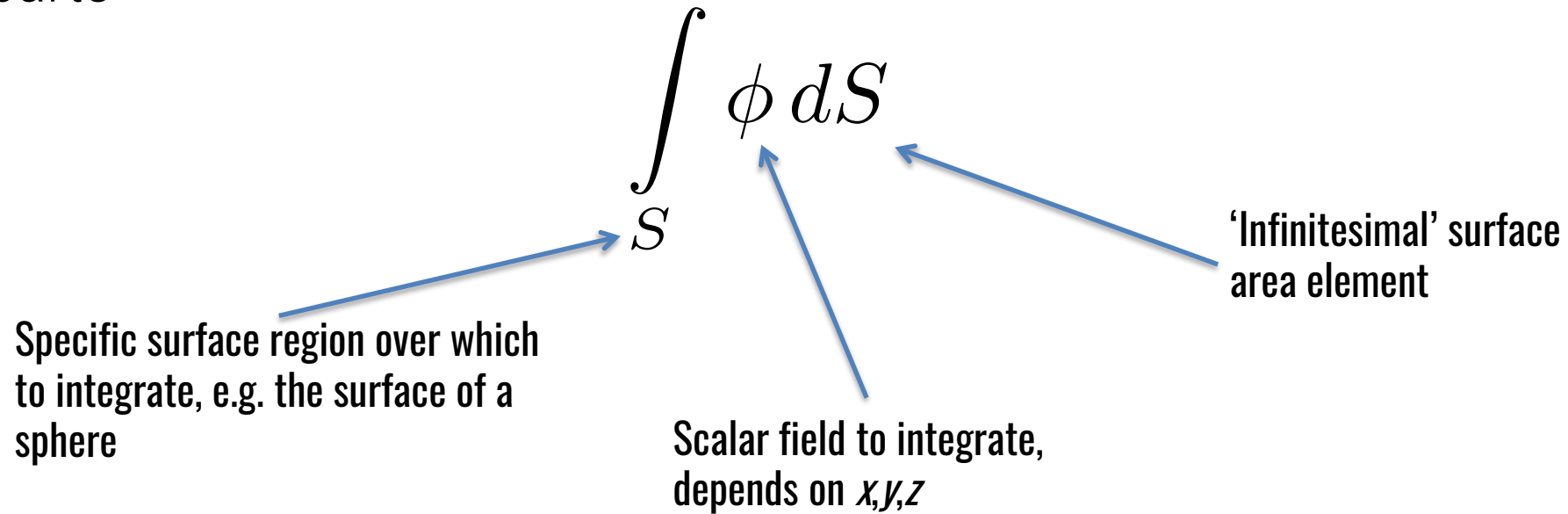
***Gives a scalar result***



# Surface integral of scalar field



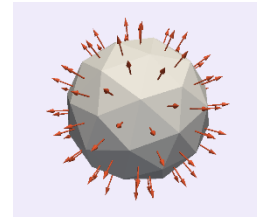
- The parts



- Not actually a single variable integration (even if it looks like one)
- The surface can be parametrised by **two** variables
- or modelled by a discrete number of polygons such as triangles



# Surface integral **with normals**



- Can take surface normals into account, E.g.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \hat{n}_i \delta S_i$$

Vector result

instead of

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \delta S_i$$

Scalar result

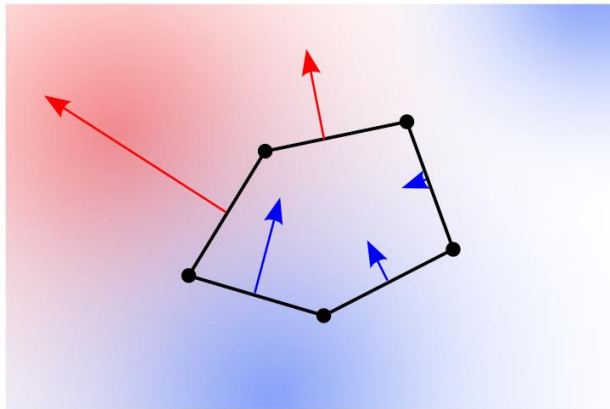
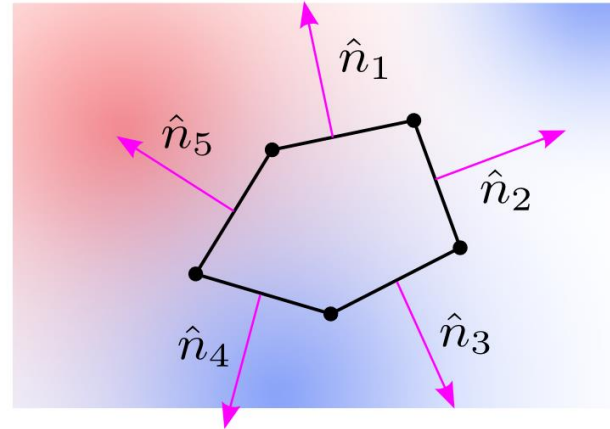
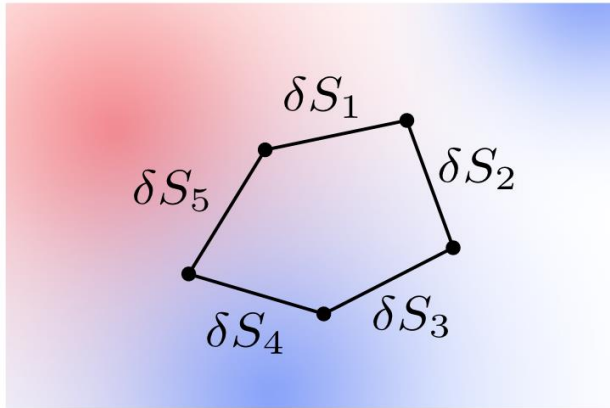
- Textbooks sometimes write  $\hat{n}_i \delta S_i$  as  $\delta \vec{S}_i$

- so can re-write 
$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \hat{n}_i \delta S_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \delta \vec{S}_i$$

- Approximation for 
$$\int_S \phi \hat{n} dS \quad \text{or} \quad \int_S \phi d\vec{S}$$

# Surface integral of scalar field with normals

- 2-D schematic illustration, 'surface' represented by polygon.



$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \hat{n}_i \delta S_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \delta \vec{S}_i$$

*Gives a vector result*

*Scalar field represented by colour cloud  
(red=positive), 'surface elements' are all same size*

# Surface integral of a **vector field**

- Can integrate vector field (VF) over a surface in different ways
- **One way:** use the dot product of VF with the surface normals

- A surface  $S$  : set of surface elements  $\delta S_1, \delta S_2, \dots, \delta S_N$

- Normals  $\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \dots, \hat{n}_N$

- A vector field

$$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_N$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{v}_i \cdot \hat{n}_i \delta S_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{v}_i \cdot \delta \vec{S}_i$$

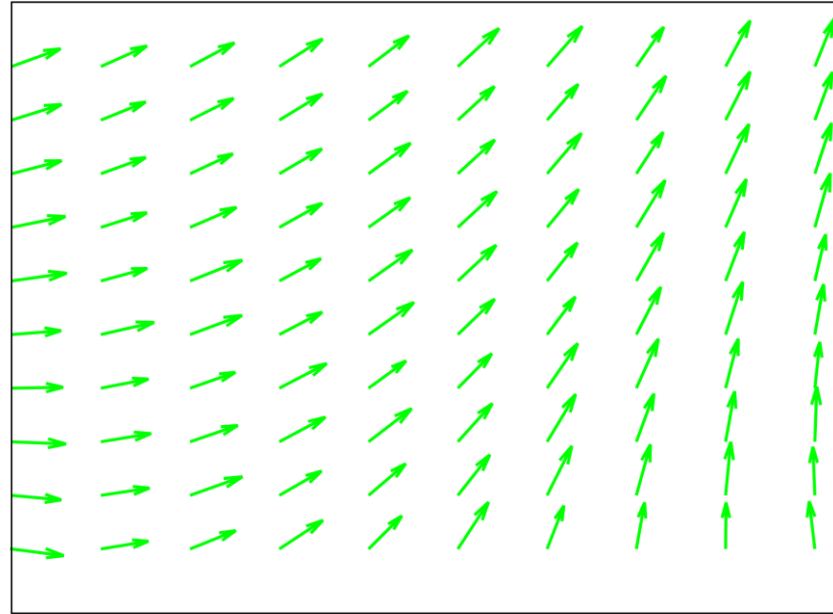
*Gives a SCALAR result*

Approximate the dot product integral of vector field over  $S$

- Either of the following are equivalent

# Surface integral of a vector field

- 2-D schematic illustration



*Equivalent forms for  
the continuous  
integral*

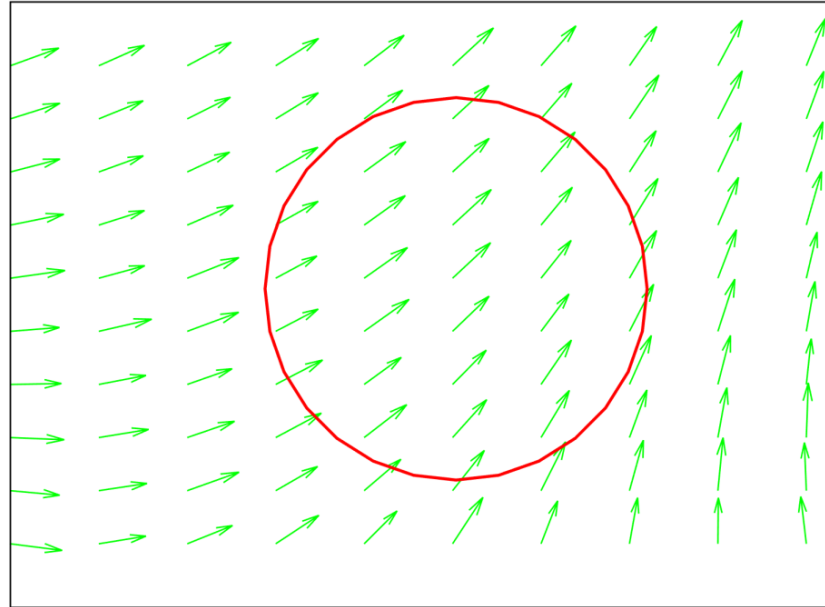
$$\int_S \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

$$\int_S \vec{v} \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{v}_i \cdot \hat{n}_i \delta S_i = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{v}_i \cdot \delta \vec{S}_i$$

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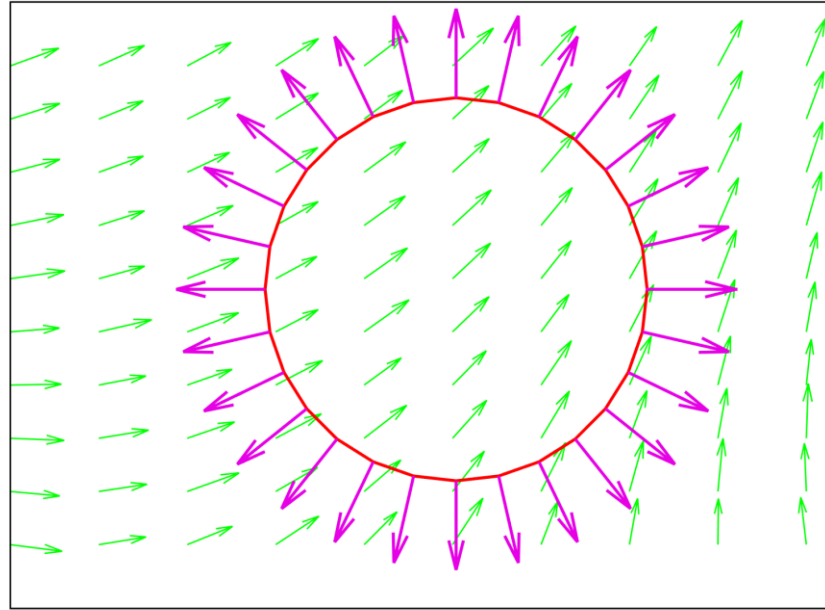
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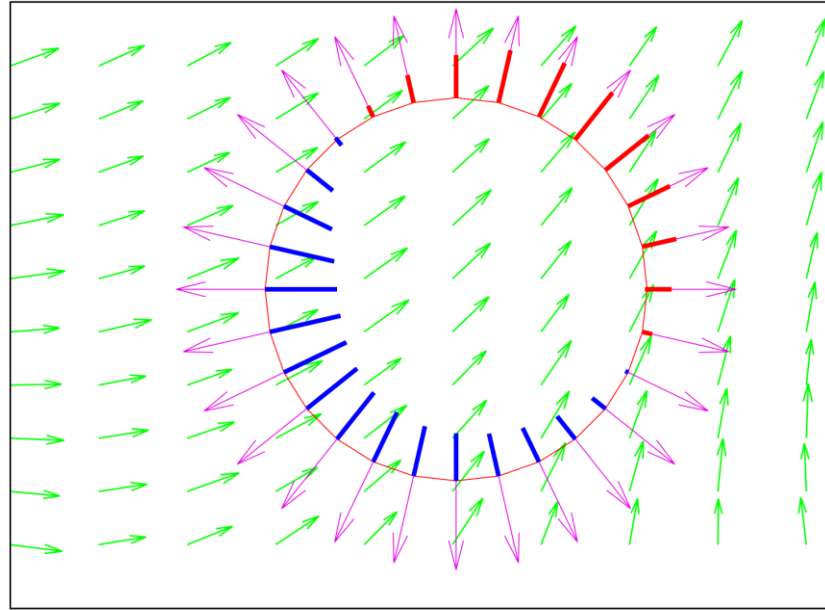
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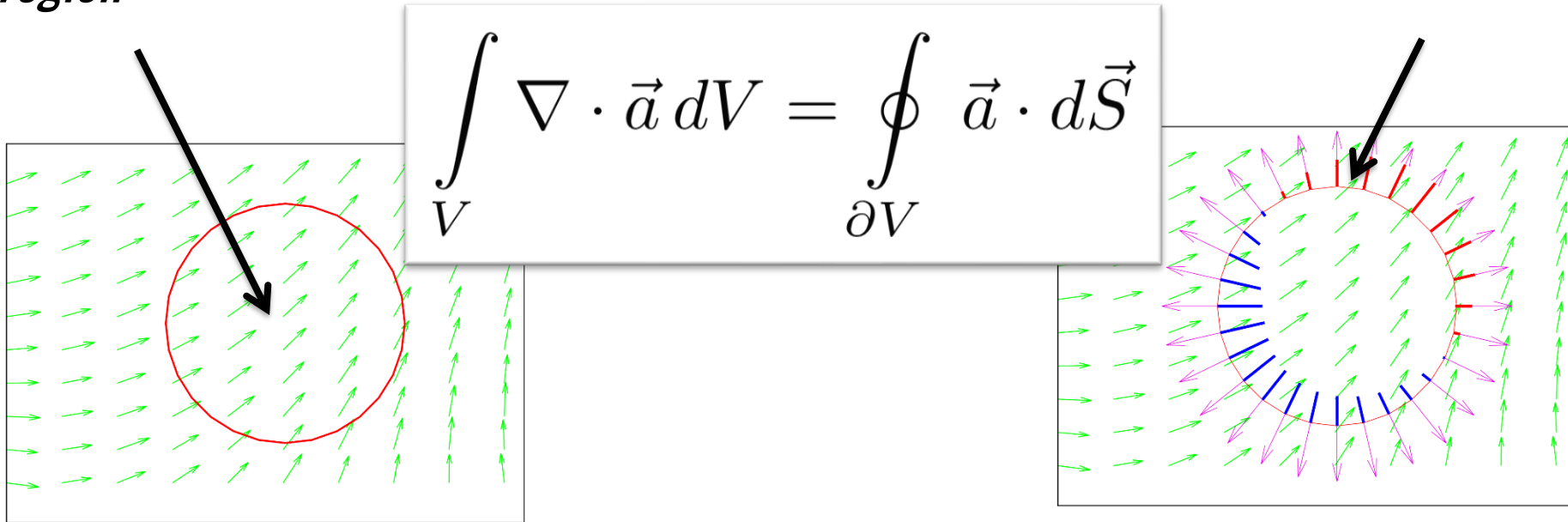
# Divergence theorem

- Total Divergence of a vector field  $\mathbf{v}$  inside a region
- Integral of  $\mathbf{v}$  over boundary (with the dot product)

*Integral of  
divergence inside the  
region*

=

*Integral of the scalar  
components over the  
boundary surface*

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{a} dV = \oint_{\partial V} \vec{a} \cdot d\vec{S}$$


# Divergence theorem

- The parts

Volume integral = Surface Integral

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{a} dV = \oint_{\partial V} \vec{a} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

The diagram shows the equation  $\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{a} dV = \oint_{\partial V} \vec{a} \cdot d\vec{S}$  with several blue arrows pointing to different parts of the equation, each accompanied by a text label. The labels are: 'Region for the volume integral' pointing to the volume element  $dV$ ; 'Divergence of vector field' pointing to the divergence operator  $\nabla \cdot$ ; 'Infinitesimal volume element' pointing to the volume element  $dV$ ; 'Integral over a closed surface' pointing to the surface integral symbol  $\oint$ ; 'Infinitesimal surface element area multiplied by its normal' pointing to the surface element  $d\vec{S}$ ; 'Dot product of vector field with surface element normal' pointing to the dot product  $\vec{a} \cdot$ ; and 'Bounding surface of the volume region' pointing to the boundary symbol  $\partial V$ .

Region for the volume integral

Divergence of vector field

Infinitesimal volume element

Integral over a **closed** surface

Infinitesimal surface element area multiplied by its normal

Dot product of vector field with surface element normal

Bounding surface of the volume region

# Divergence theorem

## Left hand integral as a sum over small volume elements

■ For an internal volume element, net flow out equals flow *in* for neighbours, with **opposite** signs, so cancel in the summation

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{a} dV \approx \sum_i \nabla \cdot \vec{a}_i \delta V_i$$

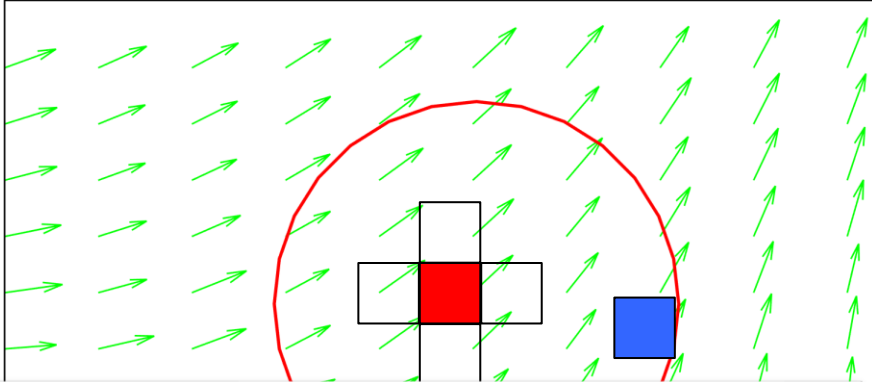
■ Element at the boundary: Flow across the boundary does not get cancelled.  
Represented by

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \hat{n}_i \delta S_i = \vec{a}_i \cdot \delta \vec{S}_i$$

So we get

$$\sum_i \nabla \cdot \vec{a}_i \delta V_i \approx \sum_j \vec{a}_j \cdot \delta \vec{S}_j$$

*i loops over volume elements*  
*j loops over surface elements*


$$\Rightarrow \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{a} dV = \oint_{\partial V} \vec{a} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

## Leibniz's Rule: '*differentiation under the integral sign*'

- When is it possible to 'carry' differentiation from outside an integral to inside it?
- If we have a function of **two** variables and integrated w.r.t. **one** of them, e.g.

$$\int_a^b f(x, t) dt$$

- And we take the derivative w.r.t the **other** variable

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^b f(x, t) dt = \int_a^b \frac{\partial f(x, t)}{\partial x} dt$$

- ... the derivative can be 'carried' in ***if the limits are constant***

## Leibniz's Rule: '*differentiation under the integral sign*'

- This works for either variable, e.g. if the integral is over  $x$

$$\int_c^d f(x, t) dx$$

- if  $c$  and  $d$  are constant, then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_c^d f(x, t) dx = \int_c^d \frac{\partial f(x, t)}{\partial t} dx$$

- Important thing is that the derivative and integral are over different variables

# Leibniz's Rule

- More variables, surface integral example, differentiated w.r.t.  $t$
- Rule allows us to carry in the  $t$ -derivative if surface  $S$  is fixed.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_S g(x, y, z, t) dS = \int_S \frac{\partial g(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} dS$$

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# Conservation law

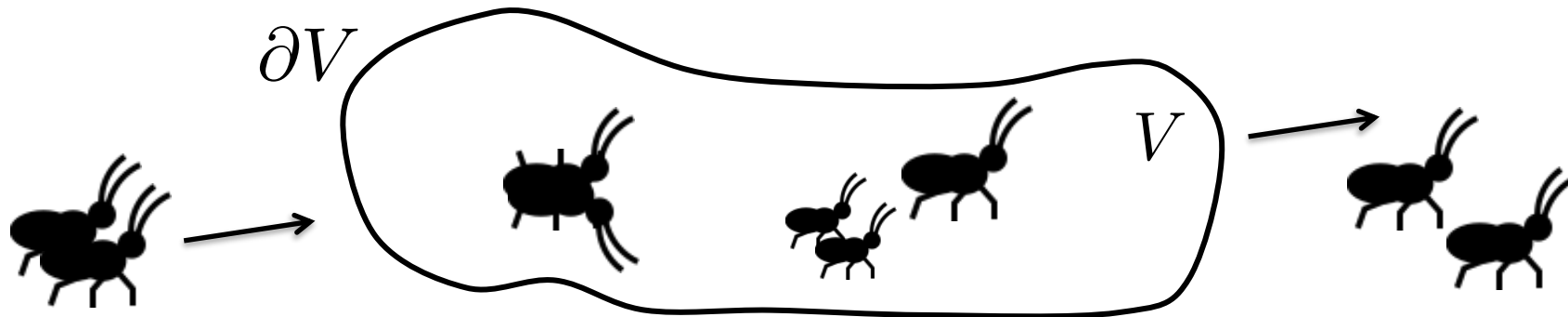
How (energy, chemical density...) is *conserved* defines a PDE

- E.g. rate of change of population in a region  $V$  depends on:
  - Flow rate into the region
  - Flow rate out of the region

} ***Net flow rate***: can be +ve or -ve

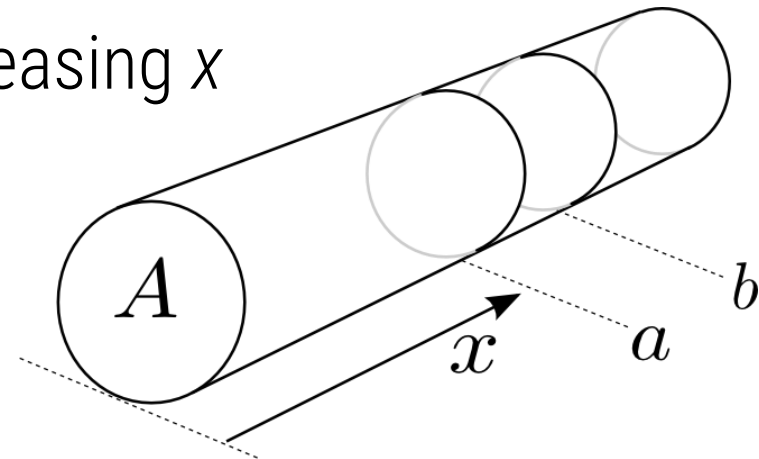
  - Birth rate
  - Death rate

} ***Net creation rate***: can be +ve or -ve
- Provides a PDE that the measured quantity should satisfy.

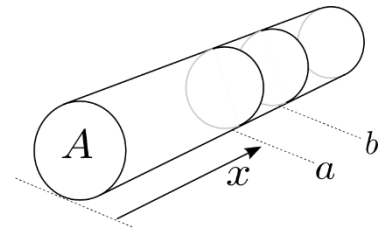


# Conservation Law: A 1-D case

- Measure **'stuff'** in a long thin bar
- $u(x,t)$  indicates **density** at location  $x$  and time  $t$
- $f(x,t)$  indicates **net creation rate** at location  $x$  and time  $t$ 
  - $f$  is known as the *source* term
- Focus on interval between  $x=a$  and  $x=b$
- '*Flux*': **net flow rate** across a specific point (signed)
  - +ve = to the 'right' , in the direction of increasing  $x$
  - Denoted by  $\Phi(x,t)$
- $A$  is the cross-sectional area



# Conservation law: 1-D



Total amount of stuff in the interval  $\int_a^b A u \, dx$

- Focus on rates of change:

Rate of change of **total** amount

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_a^b A u \, dx$$

=

Rate of change due to net **flow**

$$A\Phi(a, t) - A\Phi(b, t)$$

+

Rate of change due to **creation**

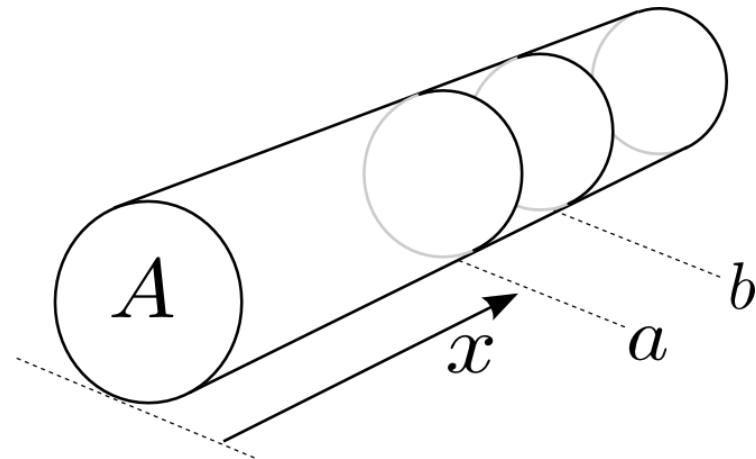
$$\int_a^b A f(x, t) \, dx$$

# Conservation law: 1-D

$u(x,t)$  density    $f(x,t)$  creation rate    $\Phi(x,t)$  flux    $A$  cross-sectional area

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_a^b \cancel{A} u(x,t) dx = \cancel{A} \Phi(a,t) - \cancel{A} \Phi(b,t) + \int_a^b \cancel{A} f(x,t) dx$$

$$\int_a^b u_t(x,t) dx = \Phi(a,t) - \Phi(b,t) + \int_a^b f(x,t) dx$$

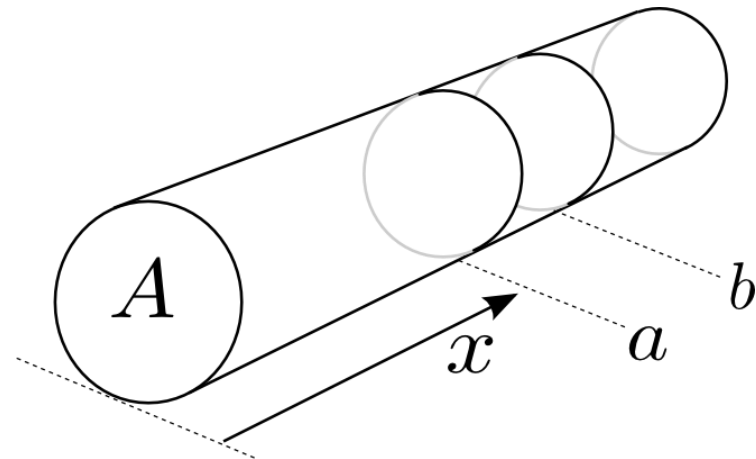


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$$\int_a^b u_t(x, t) dx = - \int_a^b \Phi_x(x, t) dx + \int_a^b f(x, t) dx$$

Get three integrals with same limits



# Conservation law: 1-D

$$\int_a^b u_t(x, t) dx = - \int_a^b \Phi_x(x, t) dx + \int_a^b f(x, t) dx$$

- Because this is true for **any** interval  $[a, b]$ , we get

$$u_t(x, t) = - \Phi_x(x, t) + f(x, t)$$

$$u_t(x, t) + \Phi_x(x, t) = f(x, t)$$

**Fundamental Conservation Law**

- We can decide which  $f$  to use and how  $\Phi$  relates to  $u$ 
  - Depends on the system we want to model.
- Allows us to write  $\Phi$  in terms of  $u \Rightarrow$  Obtain a PDE in  $u$

# Advection model

$$u_t(x, t) + \Phi_x(x, t) = f(x, t)$$

- Start with the FCL
- **Make Assumption:** Flux is proportional to density

$$\Phi = cu \qquad \Phi_x(x, t) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

- **Make Assumption:** No material generated, source term  $f$  is zero
- Substitute into FCL: Provides the **Advection Equation**

$$u_t + cu_x = 0$$

- Example:  $u$  = density of concentration of chemical at a point in a flowing river



# Diffusion model

$$u_t(x, t) + \Phi_x(x, t) = f(x, t)$$

- Start with the FCL
- **Make Assumption:** Flux is proportional to *gradient* of density (In *opposite* direction)

$$\Phi = -\alpha \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \Phi_x(x, t) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = -\alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

- **Make Assumption:** No material generated, source term  $f$  is zero
- Substitute into FCL: Provides the **diffusion** equation

$$u_t - \alpha u_{xx} = 0$$

- Example:  $u$  = Temperature of a point along a metal bar

# Advection-diffusion model

$$u_t(x, t) + \Phi_x(x, t) = f(x, t)$$

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- **Make Assumption:** Flux depends on *both* density and its gradient

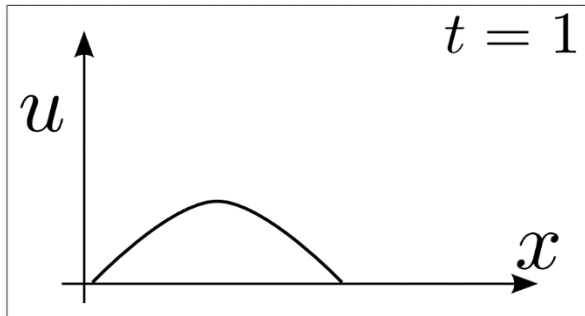
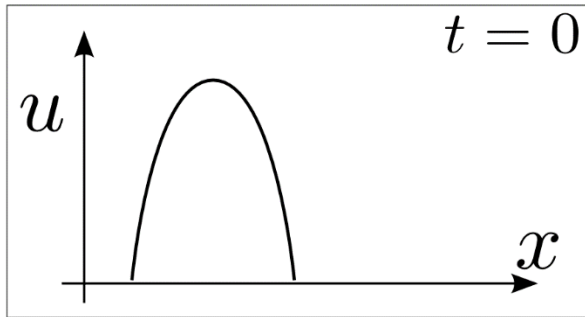
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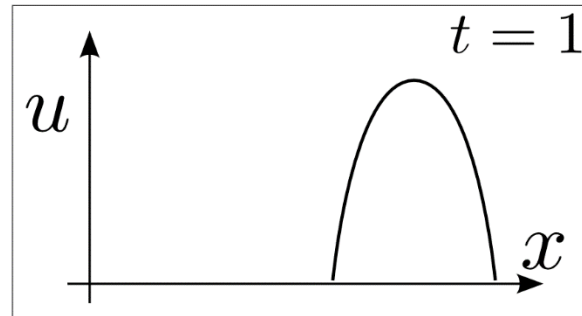
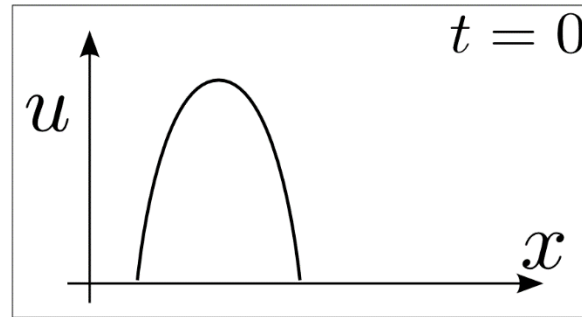
# Diffusion, Advection and Advection-Diffusion

Diffusion



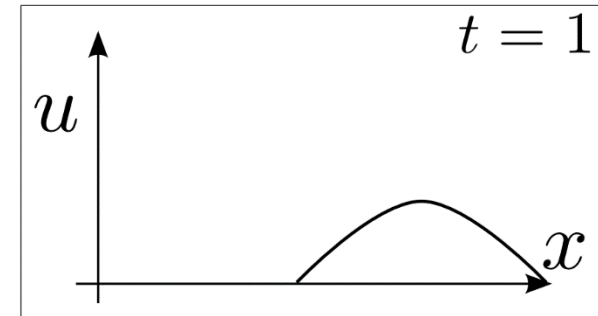
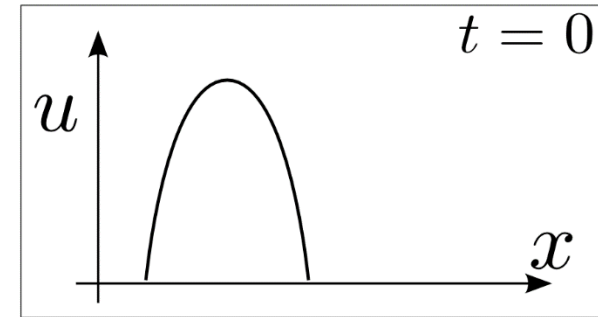
$$u_t - \alpha u_{xx} = 0$$

Advection



$$u_t + c u_x = 0$$

Advection-Diffusion



$$u_t + c u_x - \alpha u_{xx} = 0$$

How the different systems vary with time.

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# Useful results from ODEs

- Following can be useful when solving PDEs
- Especially if we can convert a PDE into one or more ODEs

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \lambda u$$

$$u(x) = e^{\lambda x}$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \lambda^2 u$$

$$u(x) = Ae^{\lambda x} + Be^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -\lambda^2 u$$

$$u(x) = C \sin \lambda x + D \cos \lambda x$$

$$u(x) = Ae^{\lambda i x} + Be^{-\lambda i x}$$

$$\sin a = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{ia} - e^{-ia})$$

$$\cos a = \frac{1}{2} (e^{ia} + e^{-ia})$$

# Analysis of solutions: **Advection**

- Example: Advection Eqn in 1-D

$$u_t + cu_x = 0$$

- Consider the simple function

$$p(x, t) = x - ct$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -c \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 1 \quad p_t + cp_x = -c + c \times 1 = 0$$

- So  $p(x, t) = x - ct$  is a possible solution
- Now consider a **function of**  $p$  (indirectly a function of  $x$  and  $y$ )

$$F(x, y) = F(p) = F(x - ct)$$

# Analysis of solutions: **Advection**

- Example: Advection Eqn in 1-D  $u_t + cu_x = 0$   
 $p(x,t) = x - ct$      $F(x, y) = F(p) = F(x - ct)$
- Partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \frac{dF}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -c F'(p) = -c F'(x - ct)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{dF}{dp} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = F'(p) = F'(x - ct)$$

- We get

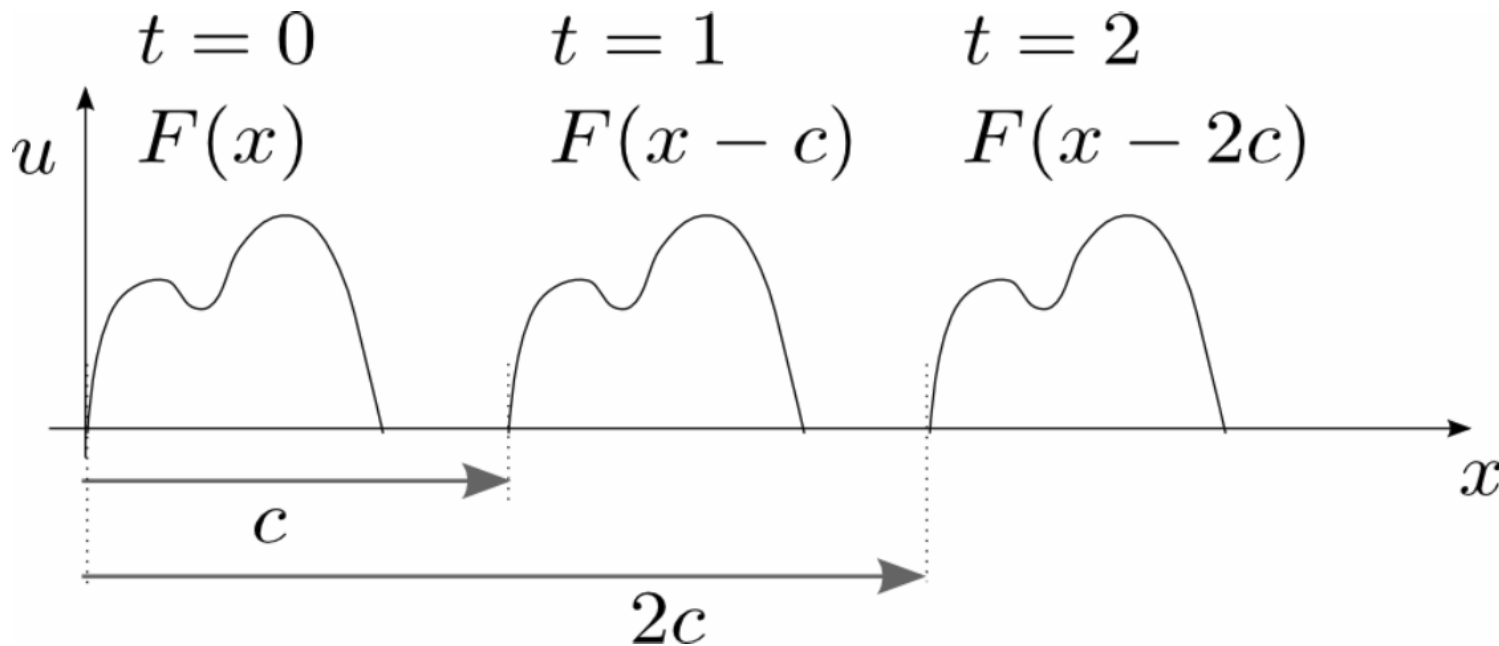
$$F_t + cF_x = -cF'(x-ct) + cF'(x - ct) = 0$$

- So that  $F$  is also a solution of the advection equation



# Analysis of solutions: **Advection**

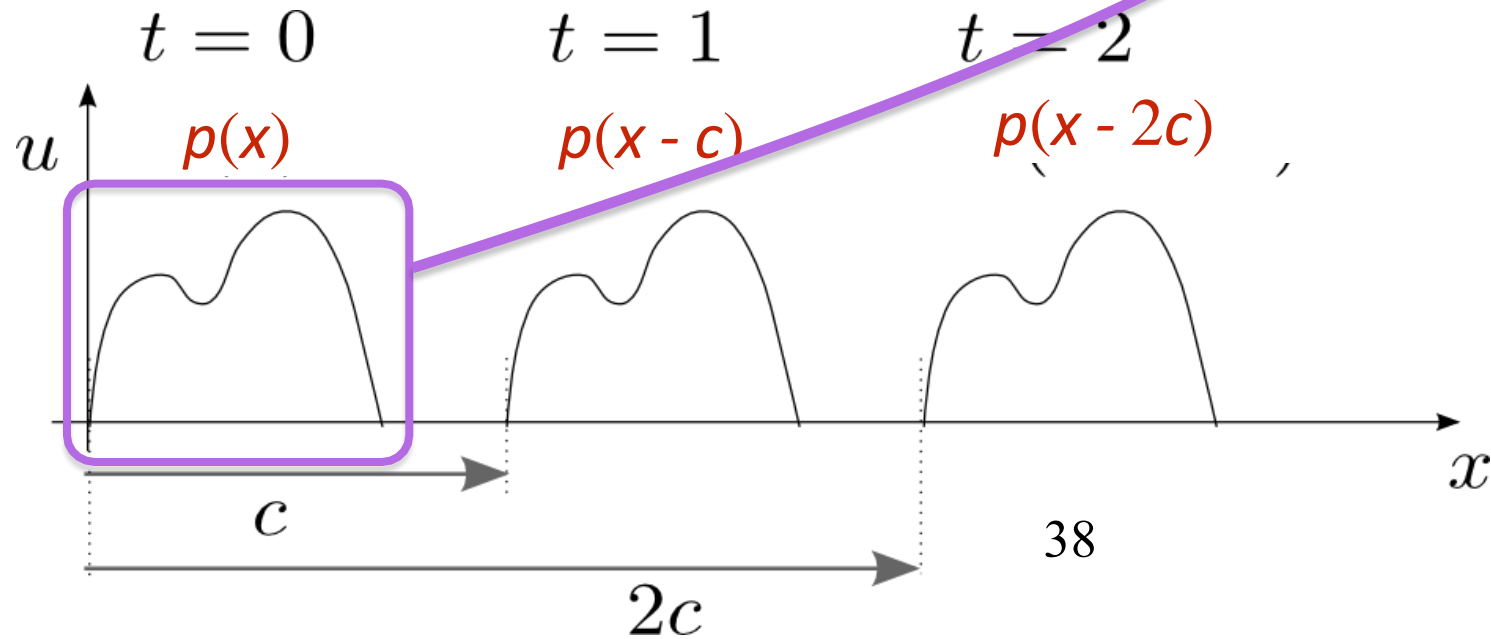
- Example: Advection Eqn in 1-D  $u_t + cu_x = 0$
- $F$  can be **any** arbitrary function of  $p = x - ct$
- $F(x - K)$ : a copy of  $F(x)$  shifted by  $K$
- $F(x - ct)$ : shifted by a time-varying amount, i.e. **travelling wave**



# Analysis of solutions: **Advection**

- Example: Advection Eqn in 1-D  $u_t + cu_x = 0$
- Shape of  $F(x-ct)$  depends on auxiliary conditions

Find  $u(x, t)$  where  $u_t + cu_x = 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = p(x)$



# Method: separation of variables

- Analytical method for solving a PDE
- Assume solution to a PDE is *separable*, e.g.

$$f(x, y, z, t) = X(x) Y(y) Z(z) T(t)$$

- Examples

$$e^x y (z + 1)^2$$

$$xy(z + t)$$

$$x + y + z$$

$$x^2(z + 3) \sin x$$

$$yz \cos(xy)$$

$$t(x + t)$$

*Separable*

*Part separable*

*Not separable*

# Separation of variables: Wave equat.

- Example: Wave equation in 1-D

$$\frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad PDE$$

- Assume the solution is separable  $u(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$

- Derivatives

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial X(x)}{\partial x} T(t) = X'(x) T(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = X(x) \frac{\partial T(t)}{\partial t} = X(x) T'(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} T(t) = X''(x) T(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = X(x) \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2} = X(x) T''(t)$$

# Separation of variables: Wave equat.

- Example: Wave equation in 1-D

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt} = u_{xx}} \quad \text{PDE}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= X''(x) T(t) \\ u_{tt} &= X(x) T''(t) \end{aligned} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{c^2} X(x) T''(t) = X''(x) T(t)$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = K$$

- Setting  $K = -1$  leads to

$$T''(t) = -c^2 T(t)$$

$$X''(x) = -X(x)$$

*Pair of ODEs*

# Separation of variables: Wave equat.

- Example: Wave equation in 1-D

$$\frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad PDE$$

- Now we have *ODEs*

$$\begin{array}{l} X''(x) = -X(x) \\ T''(t) = -c^2 T(t) \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} X(x) = \alpha \sin x + \beta \cos x \\ T(t) = \gamma \sin ct + \delta \cos ct \end{array}$$

$$u(x, t) = (\alpha \sin x + \beta \cos x)(\gamma \sin ct + \delta \cos ct)$$

$$u(x, t) = A \sin(x - ct) + B \sin(x + ct)$$

- Sum of **two** travelling waves, rightward and leftward
- Compare with Advection Equation's solution

# Partial Differential Equations (PDE's)

## Navier-Stokes Equations

Continuity Equation

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

Momentum Equations

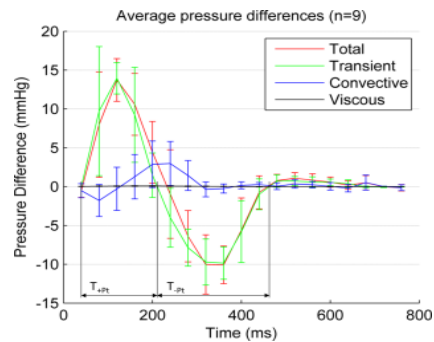
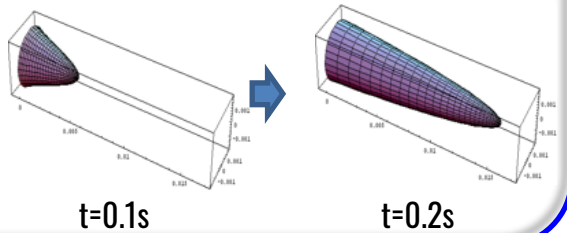
$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g} + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{V}$$



$$\nabla p = \rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) - \mu \Delta \mathbf{u}$$

### *Transient*

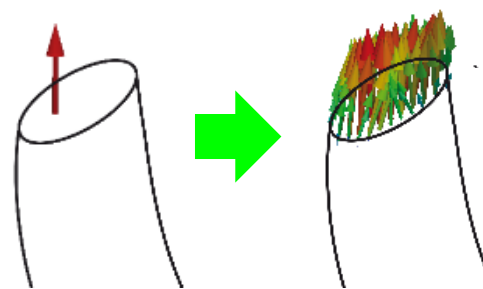
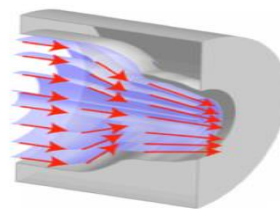
Acceleration in time  
Heart pump & compliance



*[Lamata MRM 2014]*

### *Convective*

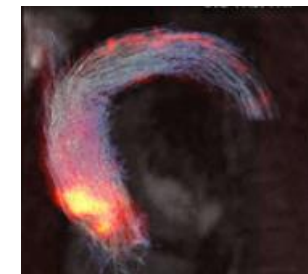
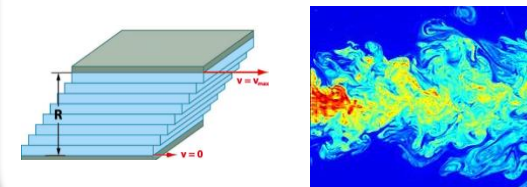
Acceleration in space  
Vessel geometry



*[Donati Circ.Im. 2017]*

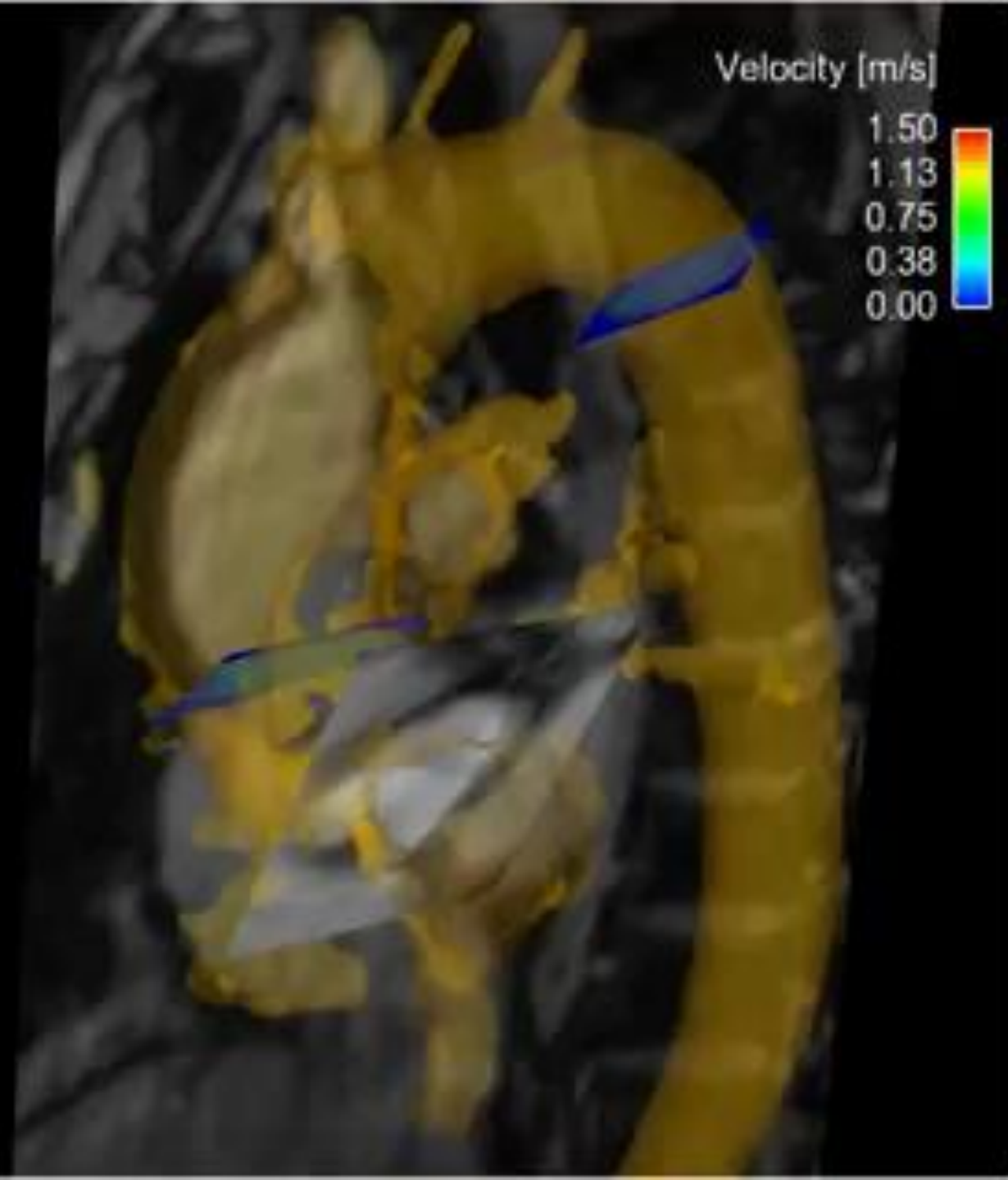
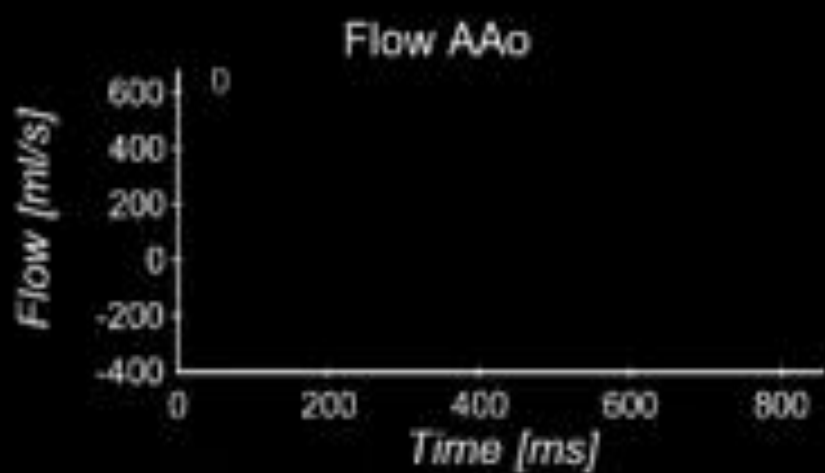
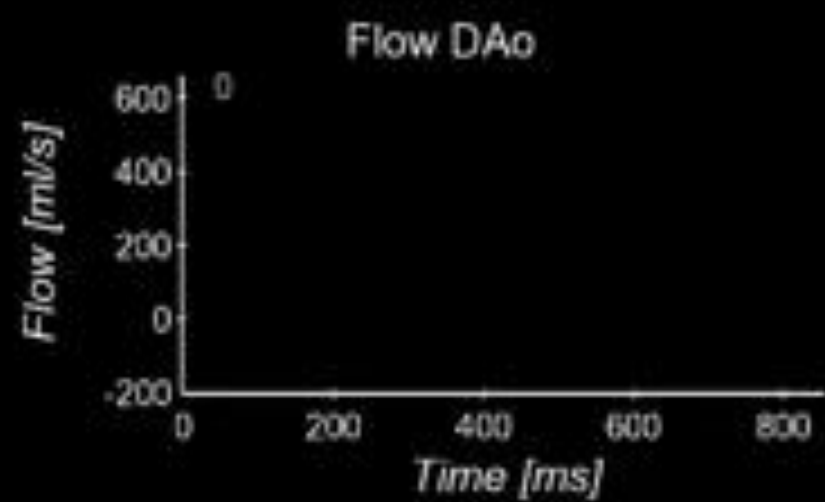
### *Viscous*

Dissipation, losses  
Friction by velocity differences



*[Lamata MRM 2014]*



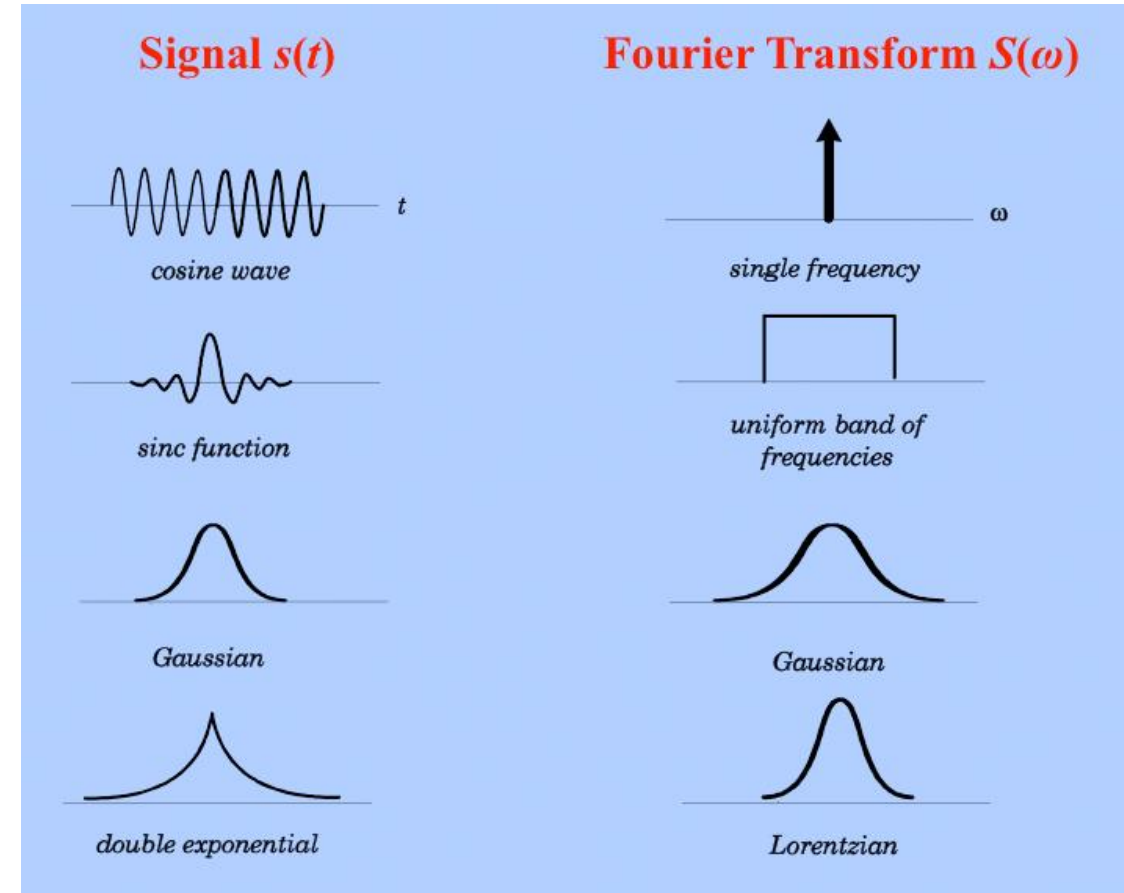


# Learning objectives

- Toolkit to solve PDEs
  - Identify the **basic integral calculus** necessary for PDEs; e.g. surface integrals or the divergence theorem
  - Become familiar with a **fundamental conservation law** and use it to derive PDEs in specific physical contexts (e.g. diffusion)
- Methods to solve PDEs
  - Review the ABC in ODEs
  - Separation of variables
  - Integral transforms: Fourier and Laplace

# Transforms for PDEs

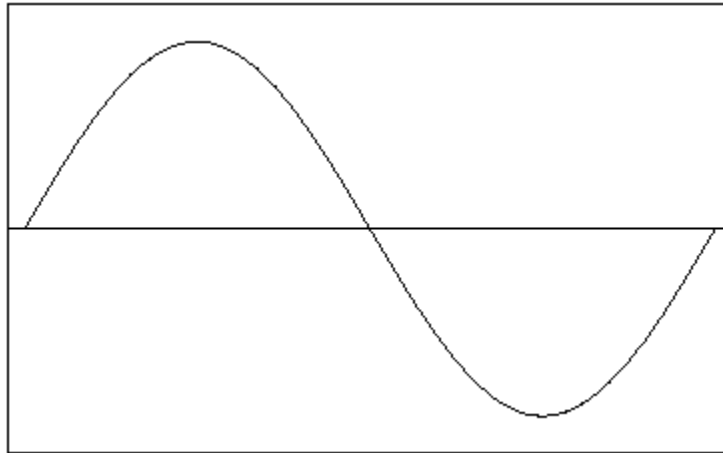
- Possible to use different transforms, e.g.
  - **Fourier** Transform
  - **Laplace** Transform
- Basic idea:
  - Convert a PDE to a new domain
  - Easier to find solution in new domain
  - Transform back to obtain solution



# Fourier Transform

- Operates on functions

$$\tilde{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$



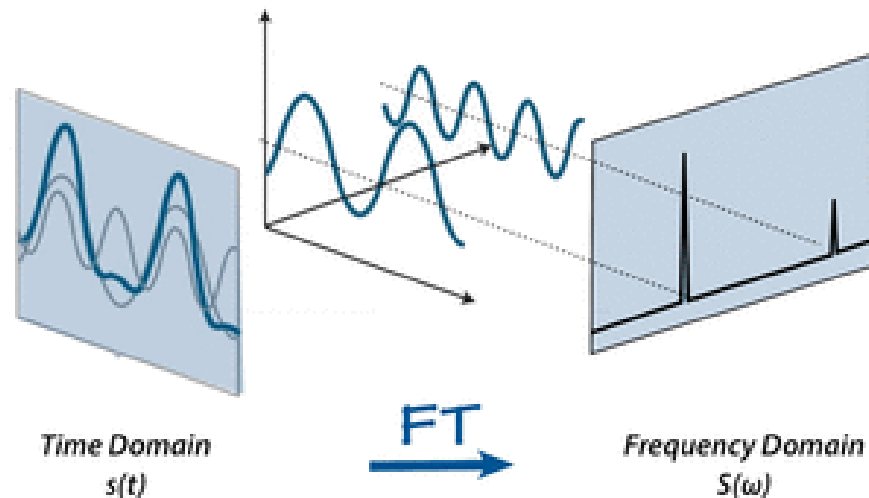
# Fourier Transform

- Operates on functions

$$\tilde{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

- Can go 'back' from Fourier to or

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$



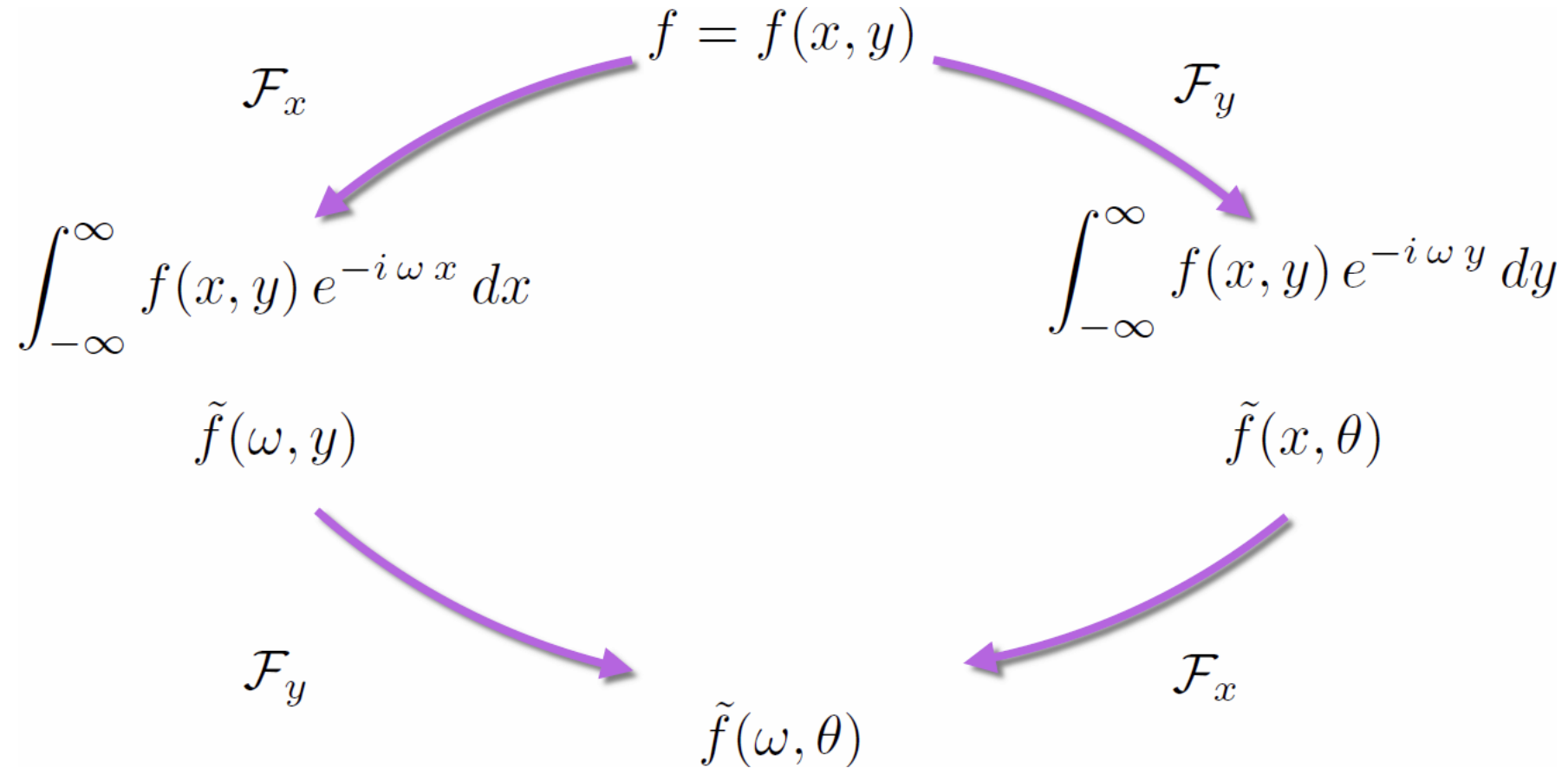
# Fourier Transform

- Standard properties relating to differentiation

Function	$\xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}}$	Fourier Transform
$f(t)$		$\tilde{f}(\omega)$
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$		$i\omega \tilde{f}(\omega)$
$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$		$i\omega(i\omega \tilde{f}(\omega)) = -\omega^2 \tilde{f}(\omega)$
$\vdots$		$\vdots$

# Fourier Transform – **multivariate** function

- E.g two variables, give a choice of integrations



# Fourier Transform – **Applied to PDE**

- General idea recap
  - Start with a PDE
  - Apply the Fourier transform
  - Get an easier equation to solve in the frequency domain
  - Solve it 'over there'
  - Apply the inverse Fourier transform to 'get back'
  - We have a solution to our original problem




# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

- Example
  - Wave equation in one spatial and one time dimension

$$u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2 u_{xx}(x, t)$$

$\mathcal{F}_x$



$\mathcal{F}_x$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{tt}(x, t) e^{-i \omega x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c^2 u_{xx}(x, t) e^{-i \omega x} dx$$

# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

- Example

- Wave equation in one spatial and one time dimension

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{tt}(x, t) e^{-i \omega x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c^2 u_{xx}(x, t) e^{-i \omega x} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{-i \omega x} dx}_{\tilde{u}(\omega, t)} = c^2 \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} e^{-i \omega x} dx}_{-\omega^2 \tilde{u}(\omega, t)}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}(\omega, t)}{\partial t^2} = -c^2 \omega^2 \tilde{u}(\omega, t)$$

# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

- Example

– Wave equation in one spatial and one time dimension

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}(\omega, t)}{\partial t^2} = -c^2 \omega^2 \tilde{u}(\omega, t)$$

- Treat  $\omega$  as a constant parameter and write  $U(t) = \tilde{u}(\omega, t)$

- Obtain an ODE  $\frac{\partial^2 U(t)}{\partial t^2} = -c^2 \omega^2 U(t)$

- Solve ODE  $U(t) = \tilde{u}(\omega, t) = F e^{-i\omega ct} + G e^{i\omega ct}$

**Formula**  $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -\lambda^2 u \quad u(x) = A e^{\lambda i x} + B e^{-\lambda i x}$

# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

- Example
  - Wave equation in one spatial and one time dimension


- Solution in the Fourier Domain

$$U(t) = \tilde{u}(\omega, t) = F e^{-i\omega ct} + G e^{i\omega ct}$$

- F, G constants w.r.t variable t but they **can depend on  $\omega$ !** And make explicit that *all* functions live in the Fourier domain (use tilde notation)

$$\tilde{u}(\omega, t) = \tilde{F}(\omega) e^{-i\omega ct} + \tilde{G}(\omega) e^{i\omega ct}$$

$\mathcal{F}_\omega^{-1}$



$$u(x, t) = ?$$

# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

- Example
  - Wave equation in one spatial and one time dimension
- Inverse transform

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \tilde{F}(\omega) e^{-i\omega ct} + \tilde{G}(\omega) e^{i\omega ct} \right) e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\omega) e^{-i\omega ct} e^{i\omega x} d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(\omega) e^{i\omega ct} e^{i\omega x} d\omega$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\omega) e^{i\omega (x-ct)} d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(\omega) e^{i\omega (x+ct)} d\omega$$

# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

- Example
  - Wave equation in one spatial and one time dimension
- Inverse transform

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\omega) e^{i\omega \alpha} d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(\omega) e^{i\omega \beta} d\omega$$

$$\alpha = x - ct$$

$$\beta = x + ct$$

Now we have a pair of ‘standard’ Inverse FTs, so

$$u(x, t) = F(\alpha) + G(\beta)$$

$$u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$$

*General  
Solution to  
the wave  
equation*

# Fourier Transform – Applied to PDE

## Re-cap

$$u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2 u_{xx}(x, t)$$

Wave equation

$$\mathcal{F}_x$$

FT both sides

$$\frac{\partial^2 U(t)}{\partial t^2} = -c^2 \omega^2 U(t) \quad U(t) = \tilde{u}(\omega, t) \quad \text{ODE in Fourier domain}$$

$$\tilde{u}(\omega, t) = \tilde{F}(\omega) e^{-i\omega ct} + \tilde{G}(\omega) e^{i\omega ct}$$

Solution in Fourier domain

$$u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$$

Inverse FT to obtain  
General Solution

# Wave Equation General Solution

$$u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$$

- Without auxiliary conditions,  $F$  and  $G$  can be *any* functions of  $x - ct$  and  $x + ct$ , E.g., with  $c = 2$

$$F(x, t) = \sin(x - 2t)$$

$$G(x, t) = 7(x + 2t)^3$$

- Solution is sum of leftward and rightward travelling waves





# Wave Equation

Well-posed  
PDE

- If auxiliary conditions are *initial* conditions on  $u$  and  $u_t$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Find } u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2 u_{xx}(x, t) & \text{where } u(x, 0) = p(x) \\ & \text{and } u_t(x, 0) = 0 \end{array}$$

- Then we can use

$$F(x - ct) = \frac{1}{2}p(x - ct) \qquad G(x + ct) = \frac{1}{2}p(x + ct)$$

- Which gives the particular solution

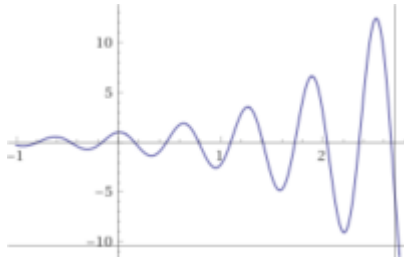
$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}p(x - ct) + \frac{1}{2}p(x + ct)$$

- **Exercise:** Prove that, for any  $p$ , that this solution satisfies
  - the PDE
  - the initial conditions

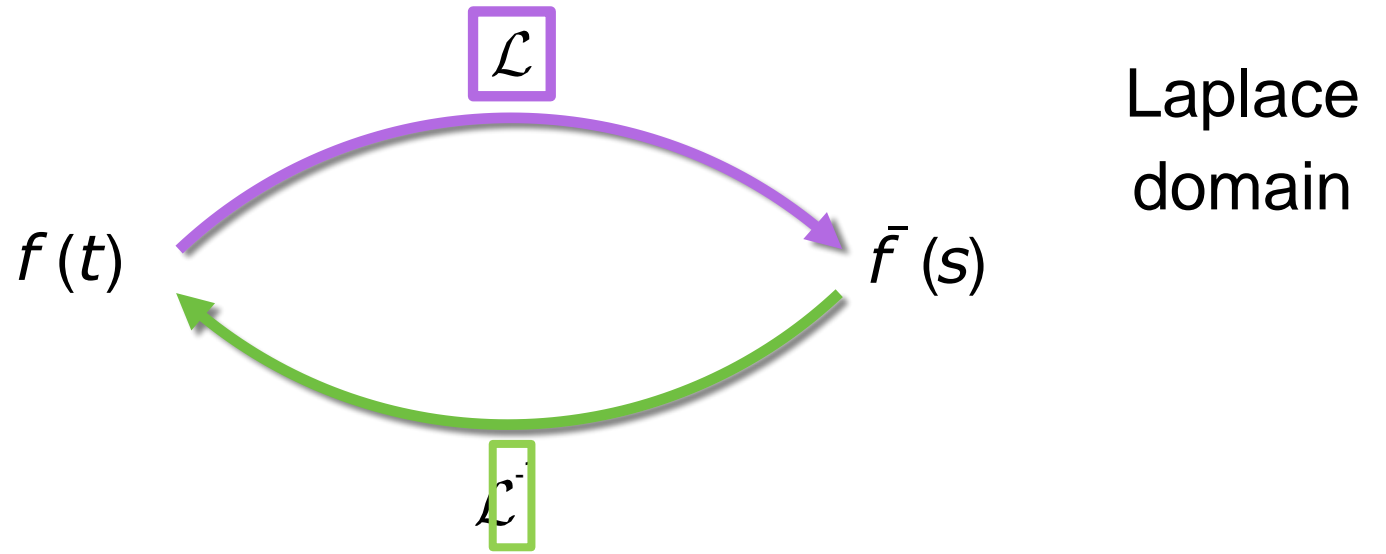
# Laplace transform

- Fourier for steady state signal
- Laplace for transient signal
  - Response to pulses, step functions, delta functions,
- Basis: a set of exponentials

$$\bar{f}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-s t} dt$$



Original  
domain



# Laplace transform

- Can be looked up for common functions, e.g.

	$f(t)$	$\bar{f}(s)$	
	1	$\frac{1}{s}$	
Original	t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	Laplace
(time/space)	$\sin t$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + 1}$	(frequency)
domain	$e^{at}$	$\frac{a}{s - a}$	domain
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	

# Laplace transform

- Important properties relating to differential equations
- Laplace transform of first derivative

$$\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f'(t) e^{-s t} dt$$

- Can use integration by parts to show that

$$\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = -f(0) + s\mathcal{L}[f(t)]$$

- And higher order: replace  $f$  for  $f'$

$$\mathcal{L}[f''(t)] = -f'(0) + \underbrace{s\mathcal{L}[f'(t)]}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[f''(t)] = -f'(0) - s f(0) + s^2 \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$$

# Laplace transform

## General idea

- Start with a PDE
- Apply Laplace transform
- Get an easier equation in the Laplace domain
- Solve it ‘over there’
- Apply the inverse Laplace transform to ‘get back’
- We have a solution to our original problem

*Issues:*

*Very similar to use of Fourier Transform but ...*

*Harder to analytically invert than for the FT*

*In the discrete case, the counterpart is the z-transform  
(Signal and Image processing module?)*

# Laplace transform: example

- ODE: First order linear, constant coefficients

$$A \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + Bf + C = 0$$

- Apply LT:

$$A \mathcal{L} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right] + B \mathcal{L}[f] + C \mathcal{L}[1] = 0$$

- Rules for LT:

$$A (-f(0) + s\bar{f}(s)) + B\bar{f}(s) + C \frac{1}{s} = 0$$

- Obtain a simple equation in  $\bar{f}(s)$

# Laplace transform: example

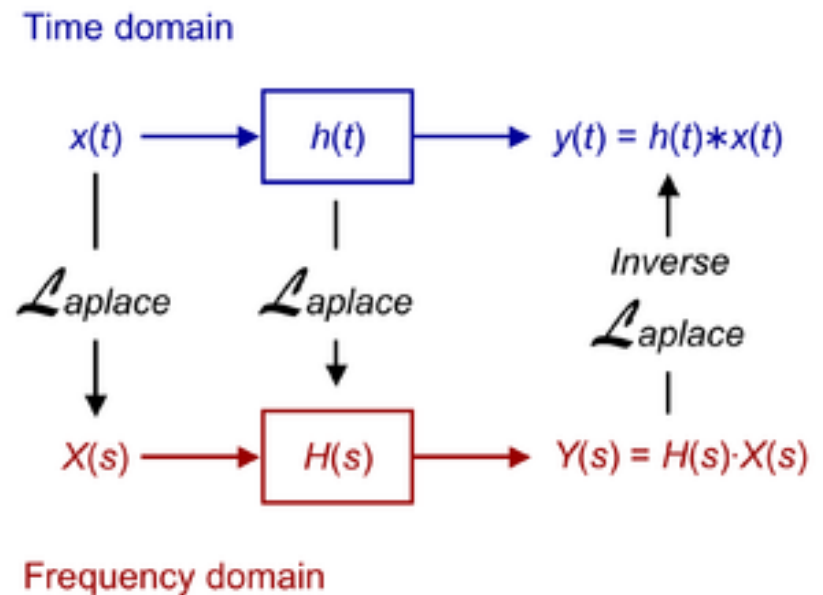
- ODE: First order linear, constant coefficients

$$A \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + B f + C = 0$$

- Rearrange  $A (-f(0) + s\bar{f}(s)) + B\bar{f}(s) + C \frac{1}{s} = 0$

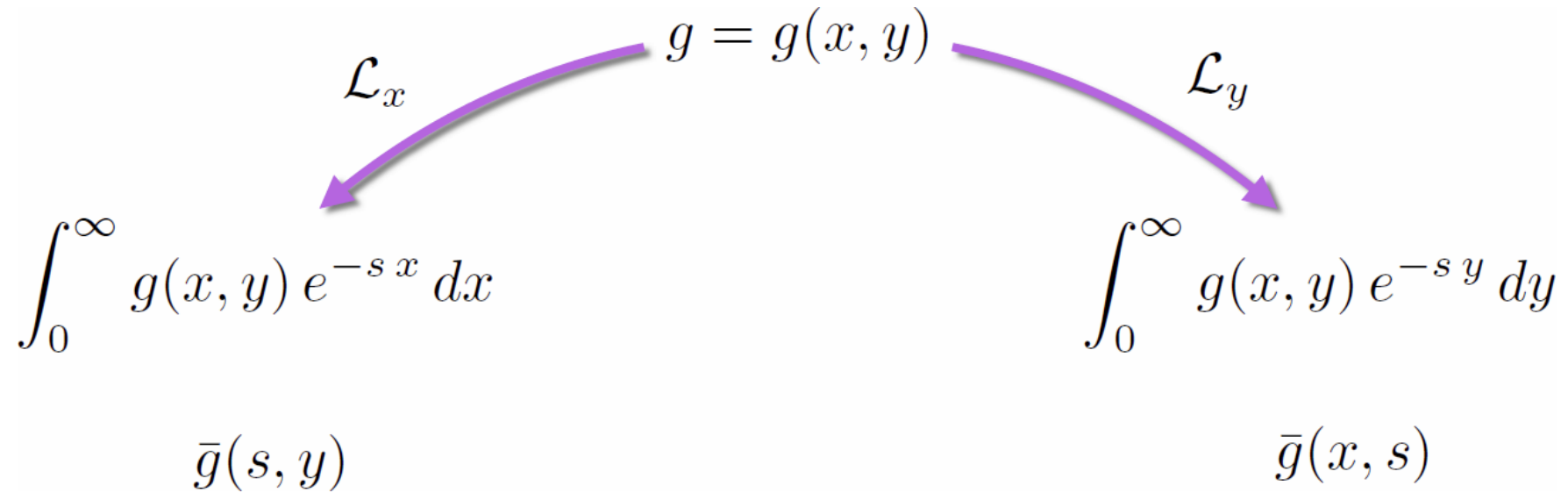
$$\bar{f}(s) = \frac{As f(0) - C}{s(As + B)}$$

- Now get the inverse.
- Popular in linear time invariant systems



# Laplace transform: **multivariate**

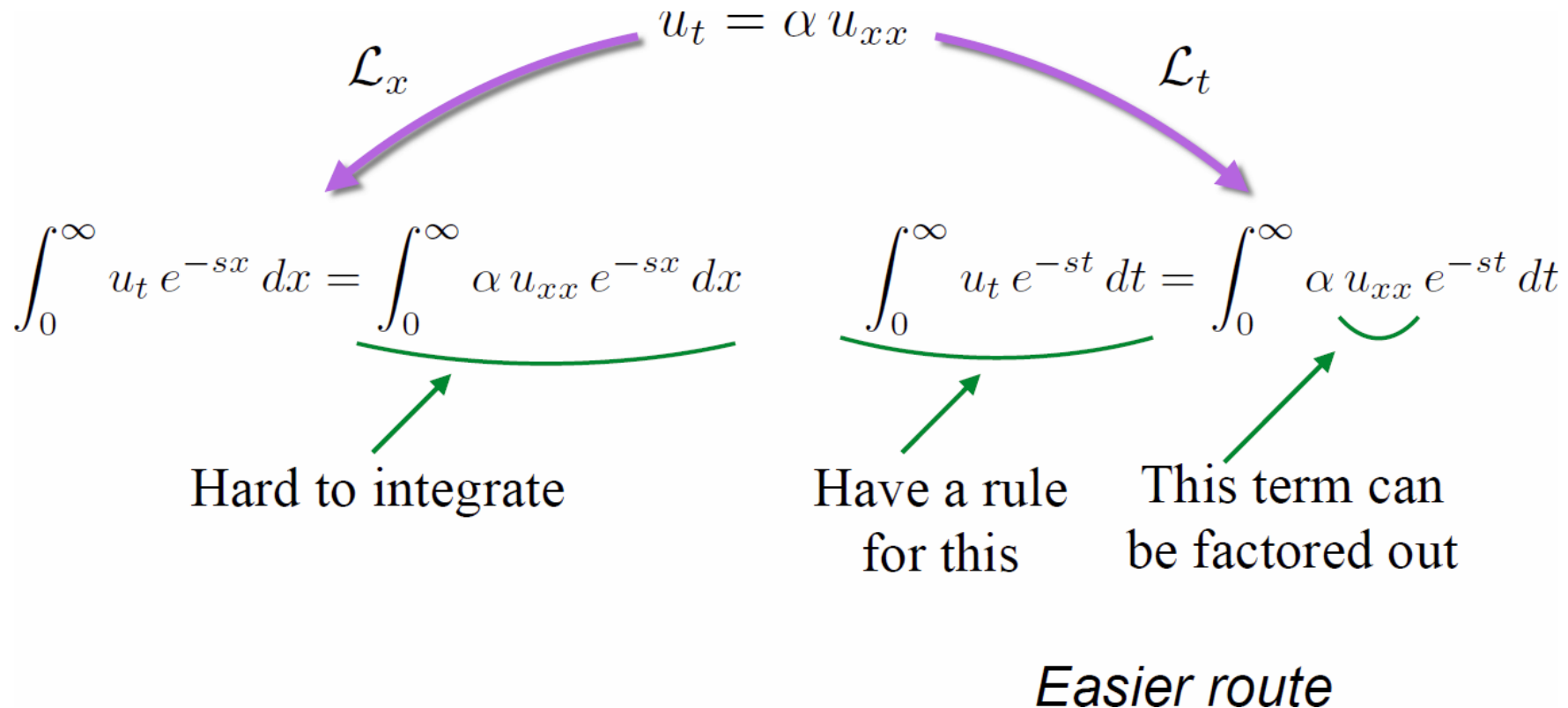
- E.g two variables, give a choice of integrations





# Laplace transform: **multivariate**

- When applying to a PDE, choose the one that gives the simplest resulting equation in the Laplace domain.
  - Example: diffusion equation



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# Partial Differential Equations (PDE's)



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# COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

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**01** Math tools and definitions

**02** Finite differences