

Partial Differential Equations

Chapter II - Introduction to PDE and Modeling

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The PDE is said to be

- **elliptic** if $B^2 - 4AC < 0$
- **parabolic** if $B^2 - 4AC = 0$ and $(A, B, C) \neq (0, 0, 0)$
- **hyperbolic** if $B^2 - 4AC > 0$ or $(A, B, C) = (0, 0, 0)$

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II.1.3. Wellposedness

Wellposedness

PDE: infinite number of solutions

Problem: PDE + conditions

- **boundary conditions:** value on $\partial\Omega$ (e.g. Dirichlet)
- **initial condition (Cauchy problem) for evolution equations:** value at $t = 0$.

Well-Posedness

Definition II.1.4

Let E and F be two spaces. Let $f \in F$ be a data and $\mathcal{A} : E \rightarrow F$. We are looking for solutions $u \in E$ to $\mathcal{A}(u) = f$ (the PDE).

The PDE is **well-posed in the sense of Hadamard** if:

- a solution u exists,
- the solution u is unique,
- u changes “continuously” with respect to f .

A PDE that is not well-posed is said to be **ill-posed**

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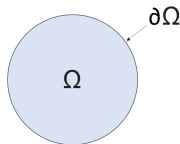
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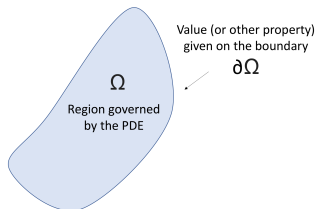
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Consider a PDE $\mathcal{A}u = f$ on Ω where \mathcal{A} is the differential operator, u is the unknown and f is the data.

The **Boundary Condition (B.C.)** is an equation that u must satisfy on $\partial\Omega$ (or part of $\partial\Omega$).



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II.2. Differential Calculus

II.2.1. Outward Normal Vector Field

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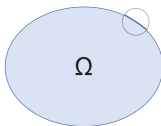
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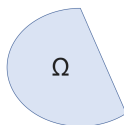
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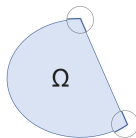
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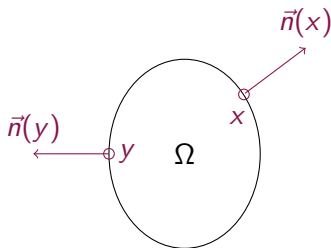
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In other words, the boundary of Ω is locally the graph of a C^1 function.

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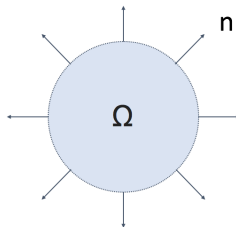
The **outward unit normal vector field** to Ω is defined for each point of $x \in \partial\Omega$ as the unit vector normal to the tangent plane to Ω in x pointing towards the exterior.



It is usually denoted $n(x) = [n_1(x), \dots, n_d(x)]^T$.

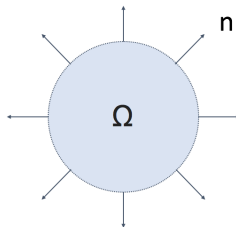
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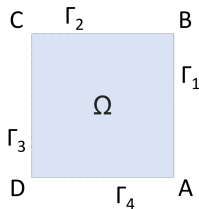
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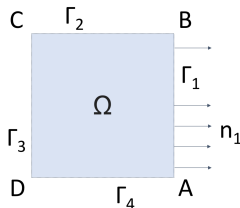


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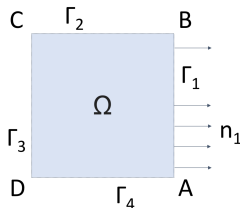


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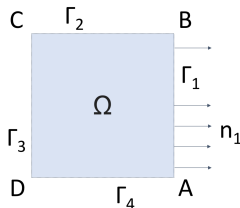
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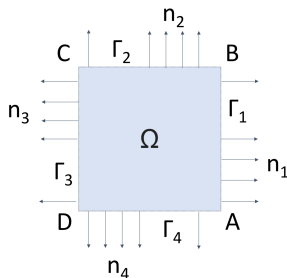
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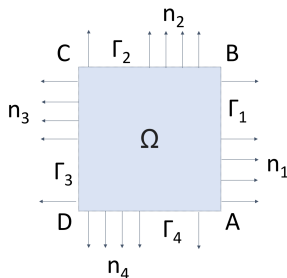


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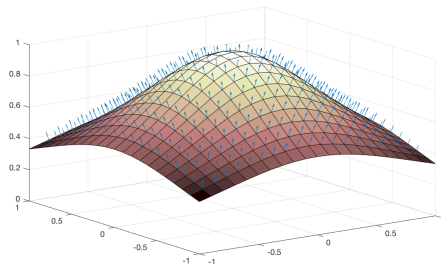
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Note: Ω is not a regular open set and we cannot compute the unit outward normal vector field on the entire boundary (vertices)

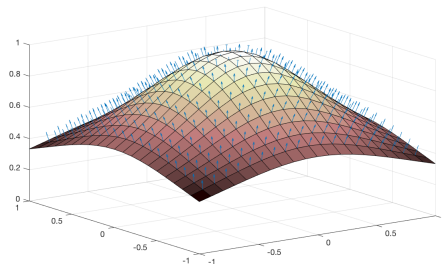
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Can we characterize the normal field at (x, y) ?

II.2.2. Partial Derivatives

Differentiability

Let $d, N \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a non-empty open set.

Definition

The function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ is **differentiable** at $x_0 \in U$ if there exists

- a linear application $L : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ and
- a neighborhood $V \in \mathcal{V}(x_0)$

such that

$$\forall x \in V, \quad f(x) - f(x_0) = L(x - x_0) + o(\|x - x_0\|).$$

Partial Derivatives and Differential

Definition (Partial Derivatives)

Let $\mathbf{B} = (e_1, \dots, e_d)$ be a basis of \mathbb{R}^d . For $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, we note

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x_0) = \lim_{s \in \mathbb{R}, s \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + se_i) - f(x_0)}{s}.$$

It is the **partial derivative** of f with respect to x_i in x_0 .

It is also denoted $\partial_{x_i} f(x_0)$.

Definition (Differential)

$$\text{Differential of } f = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_N \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } x_0: Df(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{x_1} f_1(x_0) & \dots & \partial_{x_d} f_1(x_0) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \partial_{x_1} f_N(x_0) & \dots & \partial_{x_d} f_N(x_0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Case $N = 1$

If $N = 1$ then

- f is a scalar valued function
- L is a linear form

Definition

The **gradient** of f at x_0 , denoted $\text{grad } f(x_0)$ or $\nabla f(x_0)$, is the vector such that $\forall h \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $Lh = \langle \nabla f(x_0), h \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d}$

$$\nabla f(x_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{x_1} f(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ \partial_{x_d} f(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{in the basis } \mathbf{B}$$

The components of the gradient are the coefficients appearing in the equation of the tangent space to the graph, which, in turn gives the components of the normal vector field.

Case $N = d$

If $N = d$, then L is an endomorphism of \mathbb{R}^d .

Definition

We call **divergence** of f at x_0 , denoted $\operatorname{div} f(x_0)$ or $\nabla \cdot f(x_0)$ the trace of the matrix $Df(x_0)$.

$$\nabla \cdot f(x_0) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i}(x_0) \quad \text{in the basis } \mathbf{B}$$

The divergence of a vector field is a scalar function that measures the tendency of a vector field's to close in toward a point or to repel from a point.

Laplace Operator

Definition

The **Laplace operator** or **Laplacian** is a differential operator defined by the divergence of the gradient. It is denoted Δ .

Let $f : U \subset \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The Laplacian of f at x_0 is

$$\Delta f(x_0) = \operatorname{div}(\nabla f)(x_0) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d^2}(x_0).$$

The notation ∇^2 can also be found to represent the Laplacian.

The multi-index notation

Definition

A d -dimensional **multi-index** is an element of \mathbb{N}^d .

It is an d -tuple $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d)$ of non-negative integers.

Example

$(1, 0, 4)$ is a 3-dimensional multi-index.

The multi-index notation

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Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_d)$ be a d -dimensional **multi-index**.

The sum of components is denoted $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_d$.

Definition (Higher-order partial derivative)

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$$D^\alpha = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \partial x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots \partial x_d^{\alpha_d}}$$

Example

Let $\alpha = (1, 0, 4)$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^5 -function.

$$D^\alpha f = \frac{\partial^5 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3^4}$$

II.2.3. Integration by Parts in Higher dimension

Support

Definition II.2.2

Let f be a function defined from an open interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ to \mathbb{R} . The **support** of f , denoted $\text{supp}(f)$, is the closure of the set of points where f does not vanish:

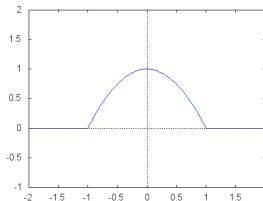
$$\text{supp}(f) = \overline{\{x \in I \mid f(x) \neq 0\}}$$

Example

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 - x^2 & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{supp}(f) = [-1, 1]$$



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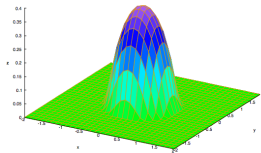
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Example



The support is the closed disk centered in $(0,0)$ with radius 1.

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Theorem II.2.4 (Green's Formula)

Let $u \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$ with compact support in $\overline{\Omega}$. Then

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Integration by parts

Corollary II.2.5 (IP 1)

Let $u, v \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$ with compact support in $\overline{\Omega}$. Then
 $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$,

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) v(x) d\lambda^{(d)} = - \int_{\Omega} u(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}(x) d\lambda^{(d)} + \int_{\partial\Omega} uv n_i d\sigma.$$

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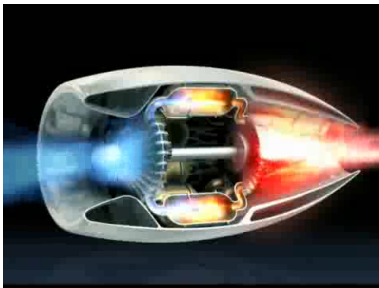
where $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \nabla u \cdot n$ is called the **normal derivative**.

II.3. The importance of PDEs in modeling

II.3.1. Temperature in a Reactor

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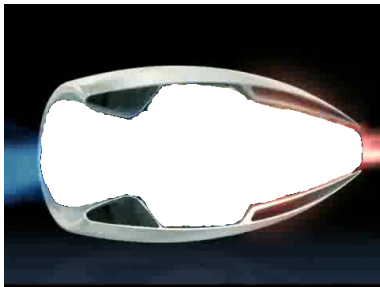
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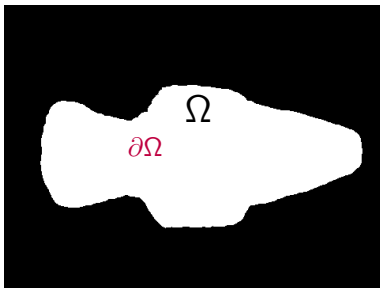
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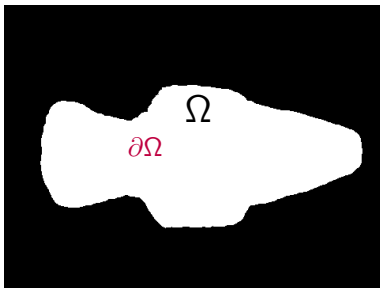
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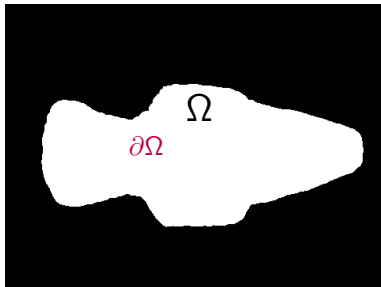
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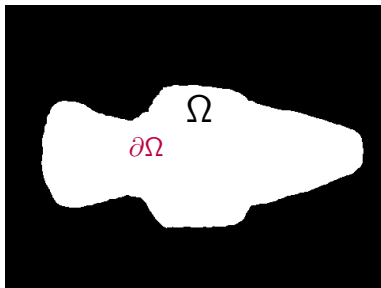
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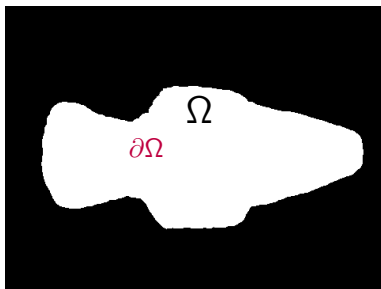
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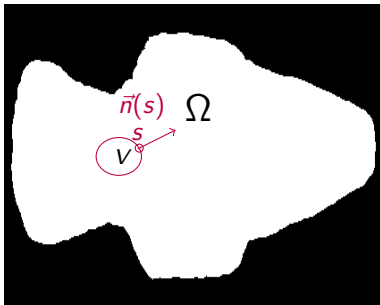
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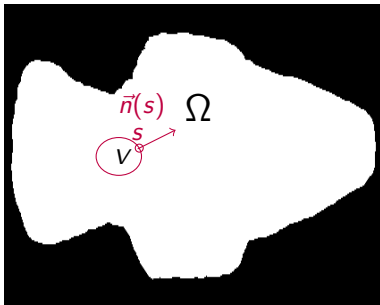
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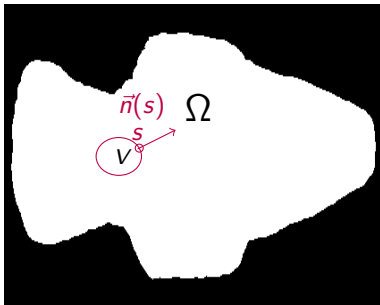


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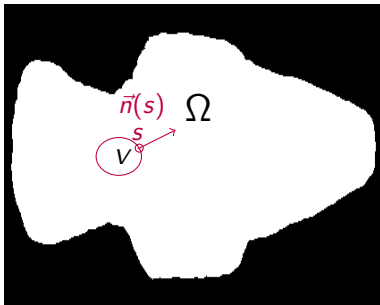
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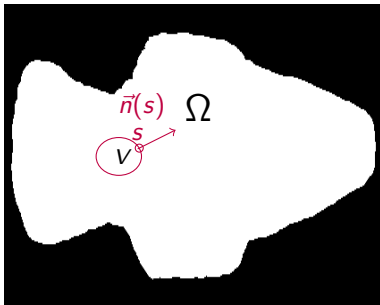
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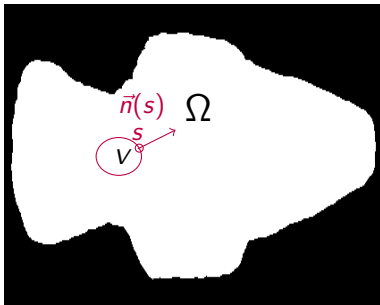
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Green's formula (Theorem II.2.4) for $w \in (C^1(\overline{\Omega}))^3$:

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This is true for all V thus

$$\forall t > 0, \forall x \in \Omega, (\rho c_v)(x) \partial_t \theta(t, x) + \operatorname{div}_x(q)(t, x) = f(t, x)$$

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We derive:

$$\rho c_v \partial_t \theta - \operatorname{div}_x(\kappa \nabla_x(\theta)) = f \quad \text{in} \quad \mathbb{R}^{+*} \times \Omega$$

Initial conditions / Boundary conditions

- Initial Condition – When $t = 0$: θ^0 is given. (Cauchy)
- Boundary Condition – On $\partial\Omega$:
 - A set value: $\theta|_{\partial\Omega} = g$ given. **Dirichlet**
 - A set flow: $\nabla_x(\theta)|_{\partial\Omega} \cdot n = h$ given. **Neumann**
 - Both: $\partial\Omega = \partial\Omega_D \sqcup \partial\Omega_N$: $\theta|_{\partial\Omega_D} = g$ and $\nabla_x(\theta)|_{\partial\Omega_N} \cdot n = h$

From Physics to Mathematics

In mathematics, the quantities are dimensionless.
We need to go through a nondimensionalization.

Name	Variable	Unit	Nondimensionalization
Time (s)	t	T	$t = Tt^*$
Length (m)	x	L	$x = Lx^*$
Temperature (K)	θ	Θ	$\theta = \Theta\theta^*$
Velocity ($m.s^{-1}$)	u	U	$u = Uu^*$
Th. Cond. ($W.m^{-1}.K^{-1}$)	κ	\mathcal{K}	$\kappa = \mathcal{K}\kappa^*$
Source ($kg.m^2.s^{-3}$)	f	F	$f = Ff^*$

Nondimensionalized equation

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$$\frac{\rho c_v \Theta}{T} \partial_{t^*} \theta^* + \frac{\rho c_v \Theta U}{L} \operatorname{div}_{x^*} (\theta^* u^*) - \frac{\Theta \mathcal{K}}{L^2} \Delta_{x^*} \theta^* = F f^*$$

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Finally:

$$1 \partial_{t^*} \theta^* + \frac{T}{T_C} \operatorname{div}_{x^*} (\theta^* u^*) - \frac{T}{T_D} \Delta_{x^*} \theta^* = \frac{T}{T_S} f^*$$

With characteristic times

$$T_C = \frac{L}{U}, \quad T_D = \frac{\rho c_v L^2}{\mathcal{K}} \quad \text{et} \quad T_S = \frac{\rho c_v \Theta}{F}.$$

Several Behaviors

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II.3.2. Air Pollution / Traffic Flow

The Transport equation can be used to model air pollution

Consider the transport equation.

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + c \cdot \nabla_x u = f & \text{in }]0, +\infty[\times \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

where $c > 0$ is a constant and f is a given function.

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Consider the transport equation in one (space) dimension (note: $d = 2$).

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Characteristics

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where

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