



The Initial Value Problem

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IVP: Given an equation system, determine whether there exists data such that:

- ◆ Determines a unique solution (existence and uniqueness).
- ◆ Those solutions depend continuously on the data (depends on the assumed topology [Sobolev spaces vs. Gevrey spaces]).

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- ◆ The Initial Value Problem:
 - ◆ Old stuff < 1950. Cauchy-Kowalevski Theorem.
 - ◆ The question of well posedness and predictability.
 - ◆ Symmetric and Strongly hyperbolic systems.
 - ◆ Examples: Wave equation, and Electromagnetism.
 - ◆ Open problems.

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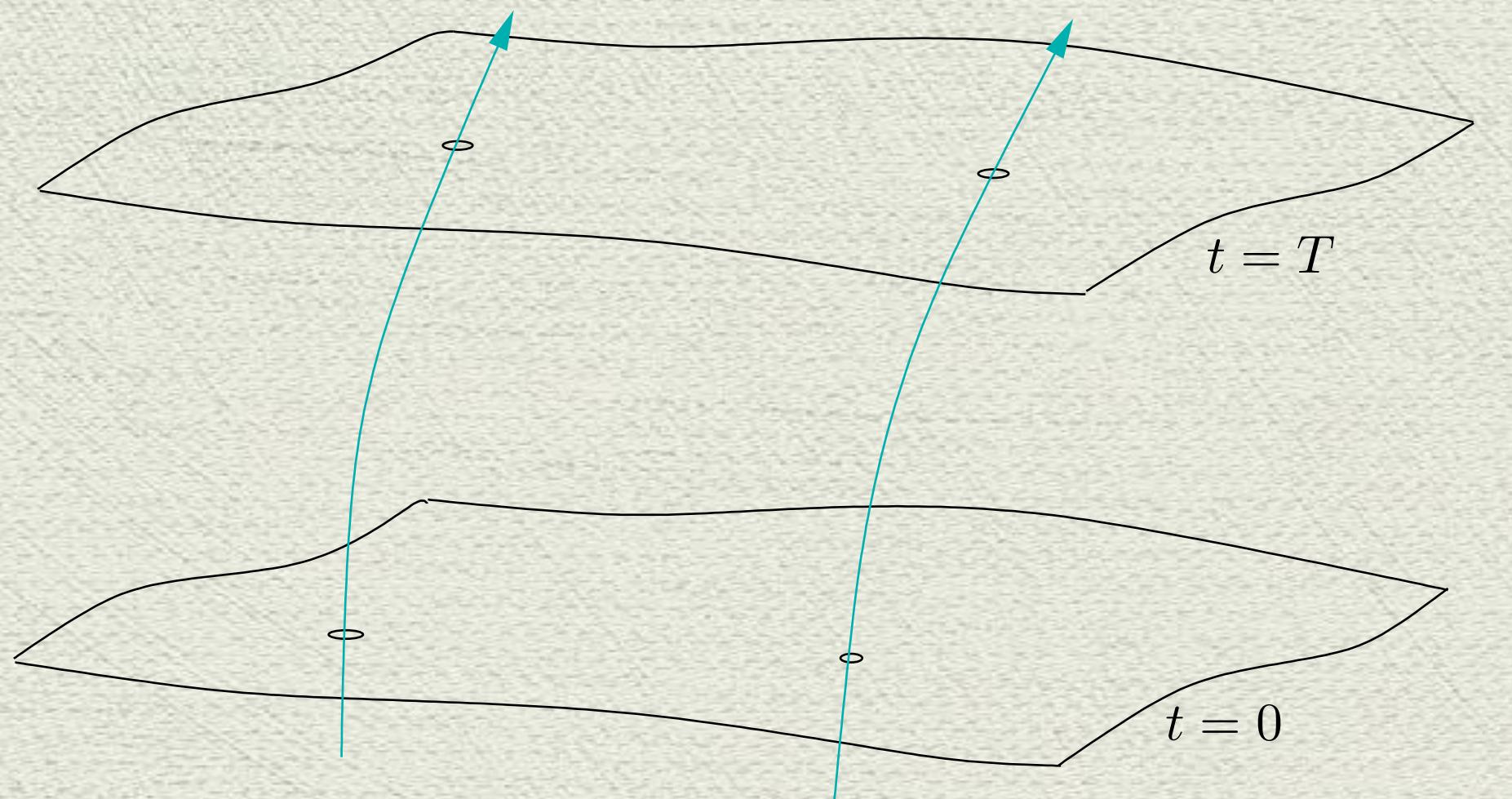
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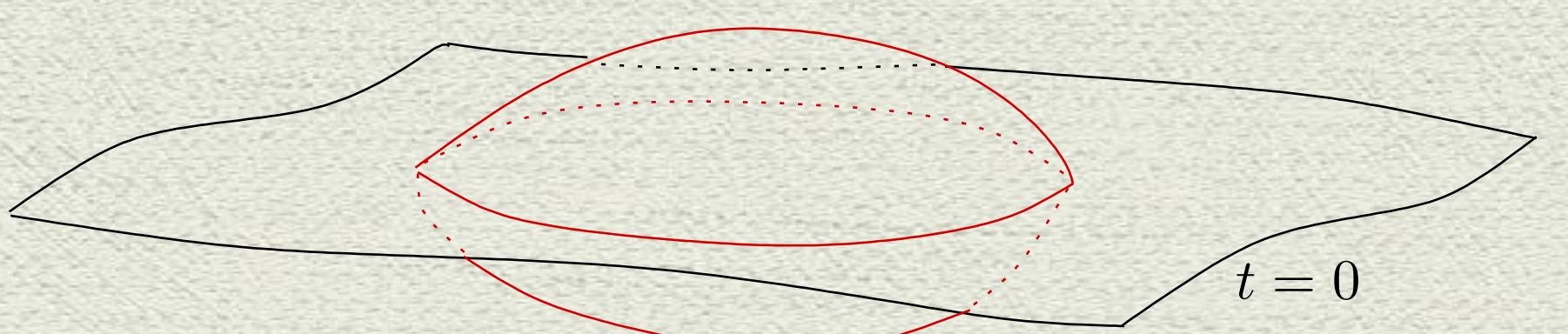
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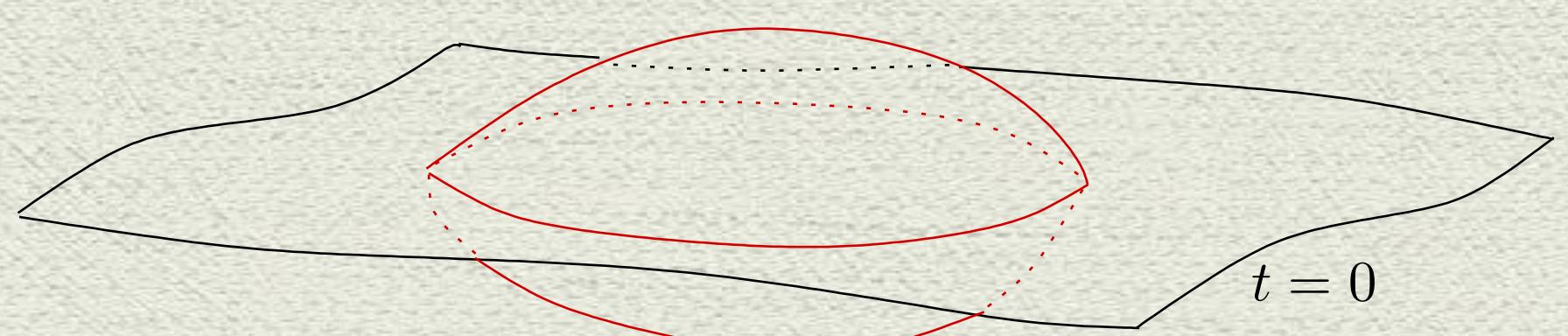
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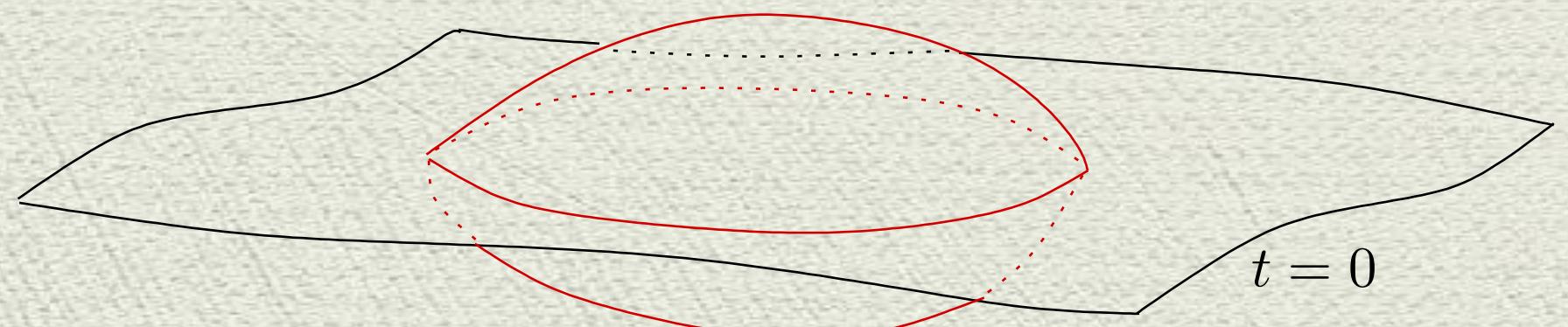
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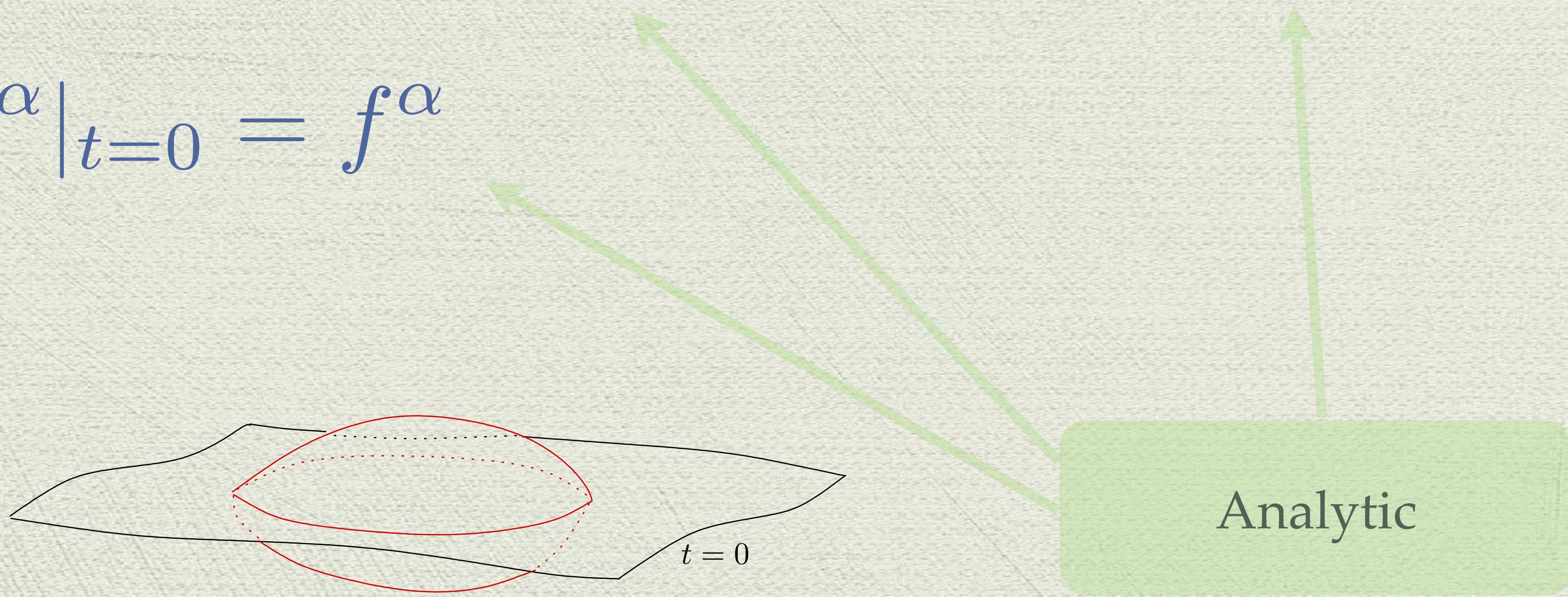


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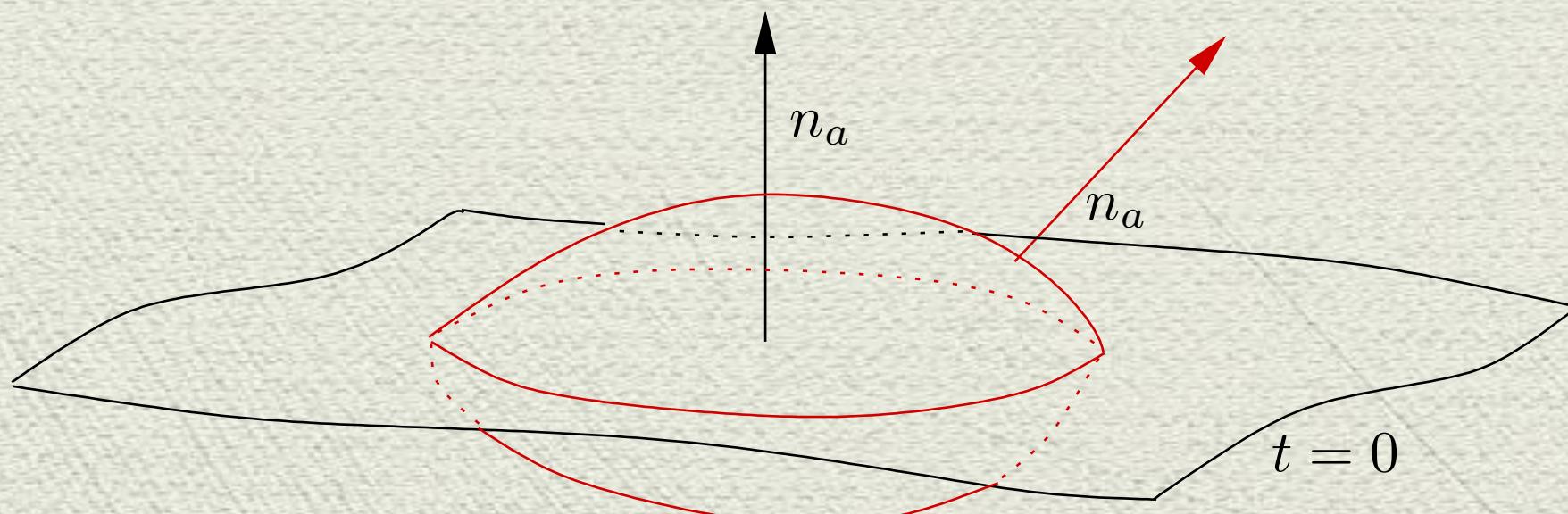
Then there exists a unique, analytic solution in a nbh of $t=0$

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- ◆ Write $f(x)$ in Taylor series, around x_0 .
- ◆ Write $u(t,x)$ in Taylor series around $(t=0, x_0)$.
- ◆ Get all coefficients for the $u(t,x)$ series from the $f(x)$ series using the equations.
- ◆ Show that convergence of Taylor series for $f(x)$ implies convergence of Taylor series for $u(t,x)$.

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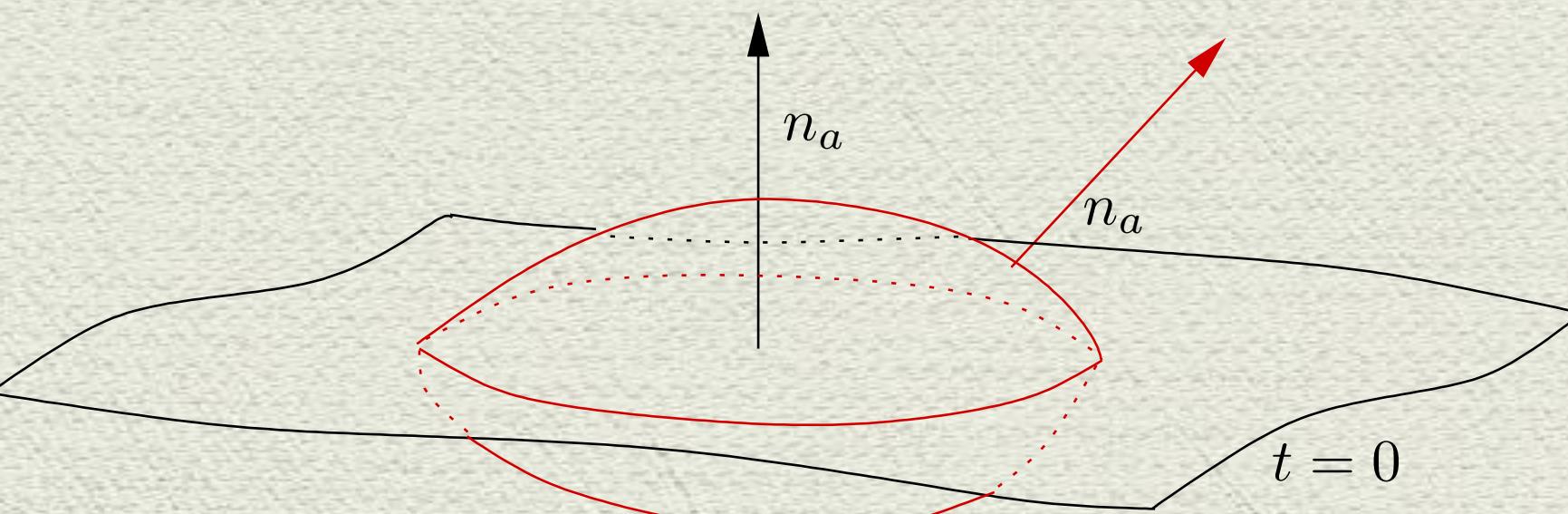
- Cauchy–Kowalevski theorem: If $A^{\alpha i}{}_\beta$ and B^α are analytic, then for each analytic initial data f^α there exists a nbh. around Σ_0 and an analytic, unique, solution satisfying the initial conditions, $u|_{\Sigma_0} = f$.
- Holmgren's theorem: Even when f is not analytic, if a solution exists, it is unique in a region bounded by characteristic surfaces.
- Everything seemed to be OK



Cauchy Problem

Definition: Given a manifold M , and a set of fields on it, u^α , a characteristic surface of a quasi-linear equation $A^{\alpha a}{}_\beta(u)\nabla_a u^\beta = F^\alpha(u)$ is a hypersurface such that its normal, n_a at every point satisfies,

$$\det(A^{\alpha a}{}_\beta n_a) = 0.$$



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- ◆ No good for physics! There is no predictability.

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- Something funny...

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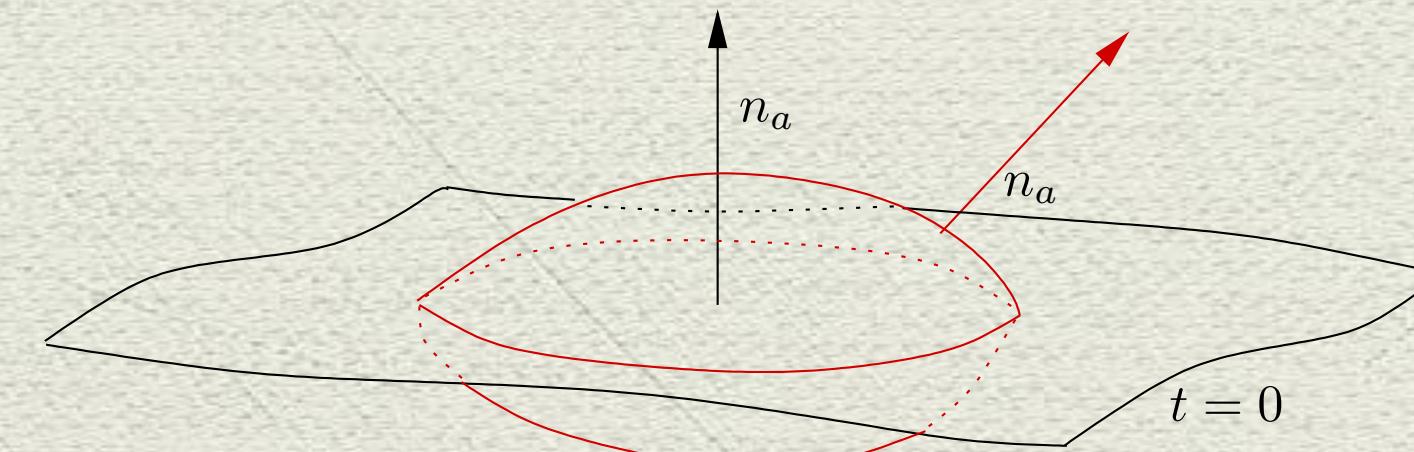
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- Hyperbolic equations, characteristics are maximum propagation speeds.
- Concept of domain of dependence.



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Constant coefficient system (on a torus)

$$u_t(t, x) = P(\partial)u(t, x) \quad P(\partial_j) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} A^\alpha D_\alpha \quad \text{non-characteristic surface}$$

$$u(t, x) = \sum_k e^{ix \cdot k} \hat{u}(t, k) \quad \hat{u}(t, k) := \int e^{-ix \cdot k} u(t, x)$$

$$\hat{u}_t = P(ik)\hat{u} \implies \hat{u}(t, k) = e^{P(ik)t} u(0, k)$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{|k| < r} e^{ix \cdot k} \hat{f}(k) \implies u(t, x) = \sum_{|k| < r} e^{ix \cdot k} e^{P(ik)t} u(0, k) \hat{f}(k)$$

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Good for finite series (Cauchy-Kowalevski)

Constant coefficient system

- When do solutions at a given time have a continuous dependence with respect to their initial data? *Hadamard*
- This happens if and only if $|e^{P(ik)}| < C$ independent of k . (When considering the same norm for initial data and solution at the given time).
- **IF:** $\|u(t, \cdot)\|^2 = \|\hat{u}(t, \cdot)\|^2 \leq C\|\hat{f}(\cdot)\|^2 = C\|f(\cdot)\|^2$
- **ONLY IF:** Otherwise there exists a sequence $\{(k_l, \hat{f}_l)\}$ with $\|\hat{f}_l\| = 1$ and $|e^{P(ik_l)} \hat{f}_l| = l$

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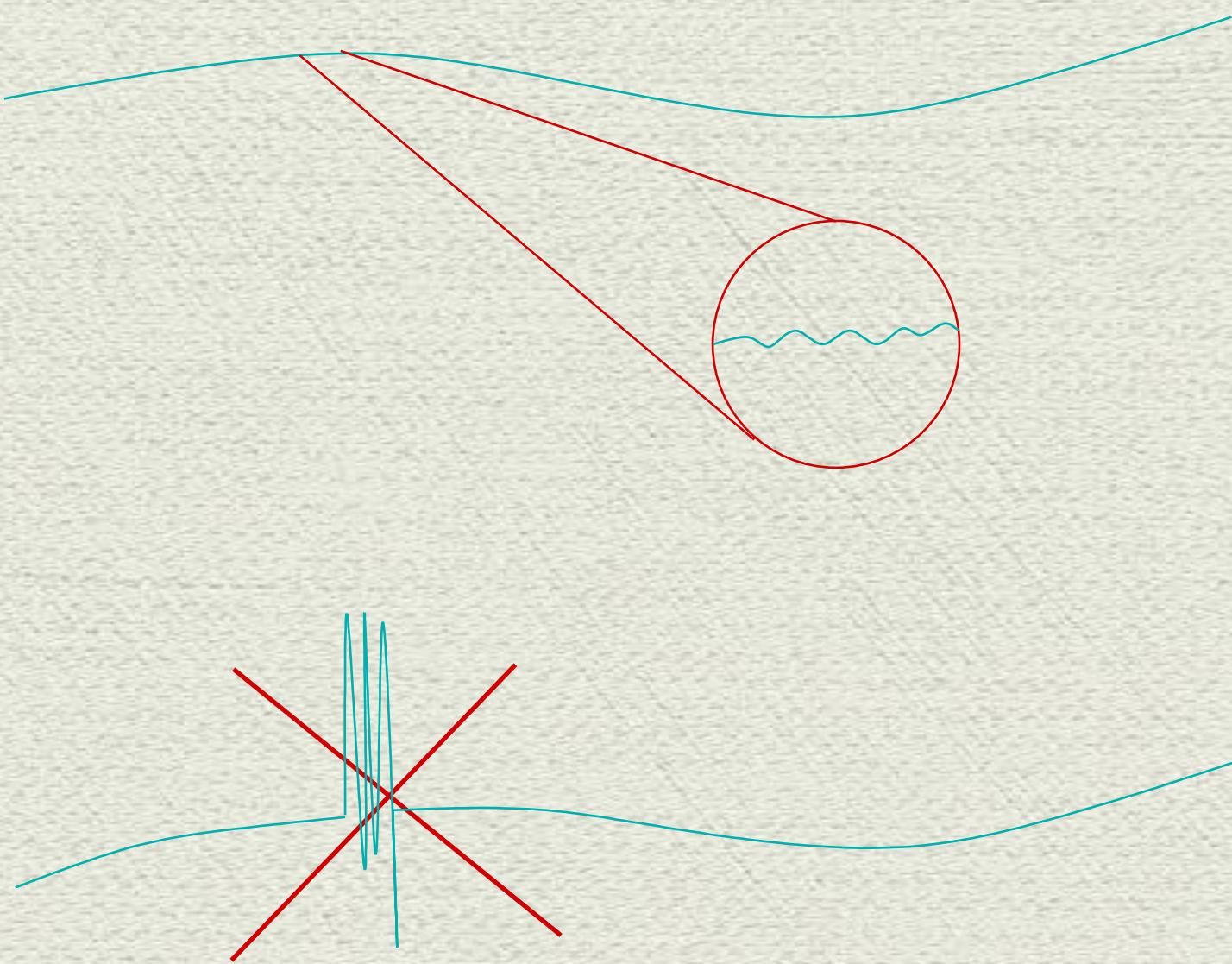
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- **Symmetric hyperbolicity:** If H does not depend on k_a . Most physical systems can be cast in Symmetric Hyp. form.

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- High frequency limit.



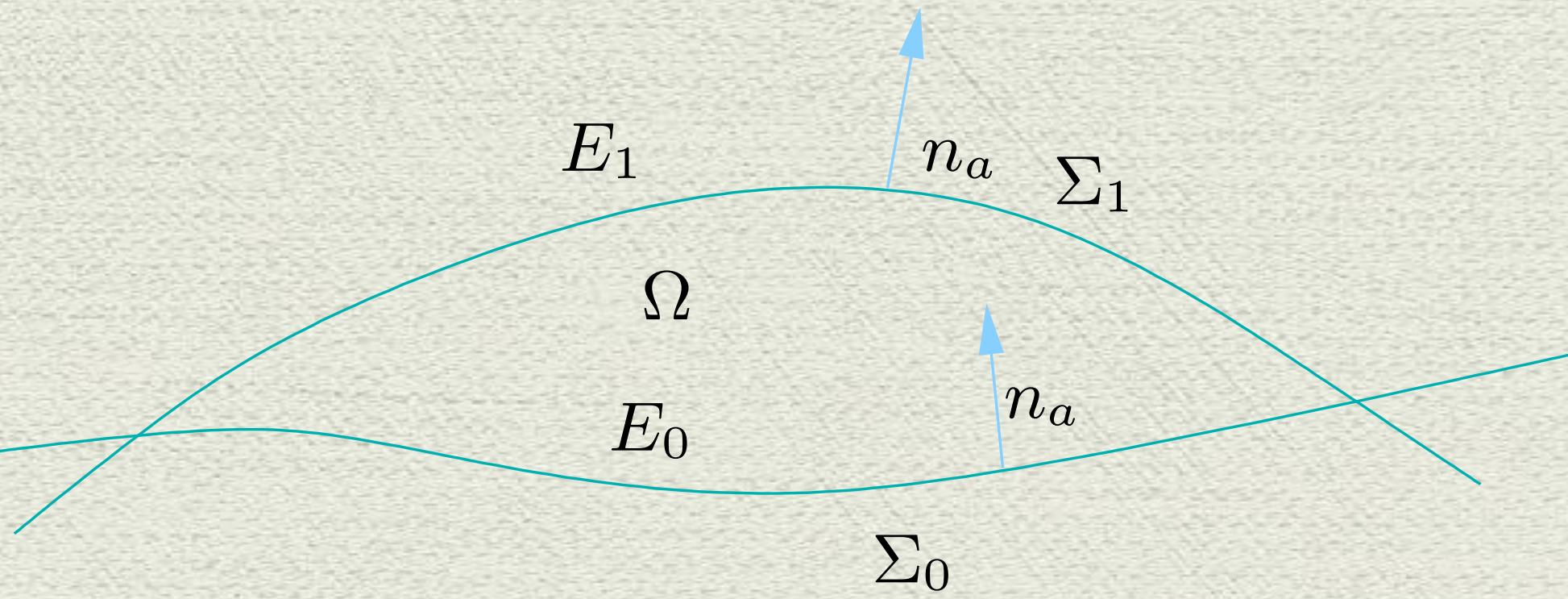
- Strong-Hyperbolicity:  Waves can be decomposed into a complete set of plane waves, each one of them with purely imaginary frequency.

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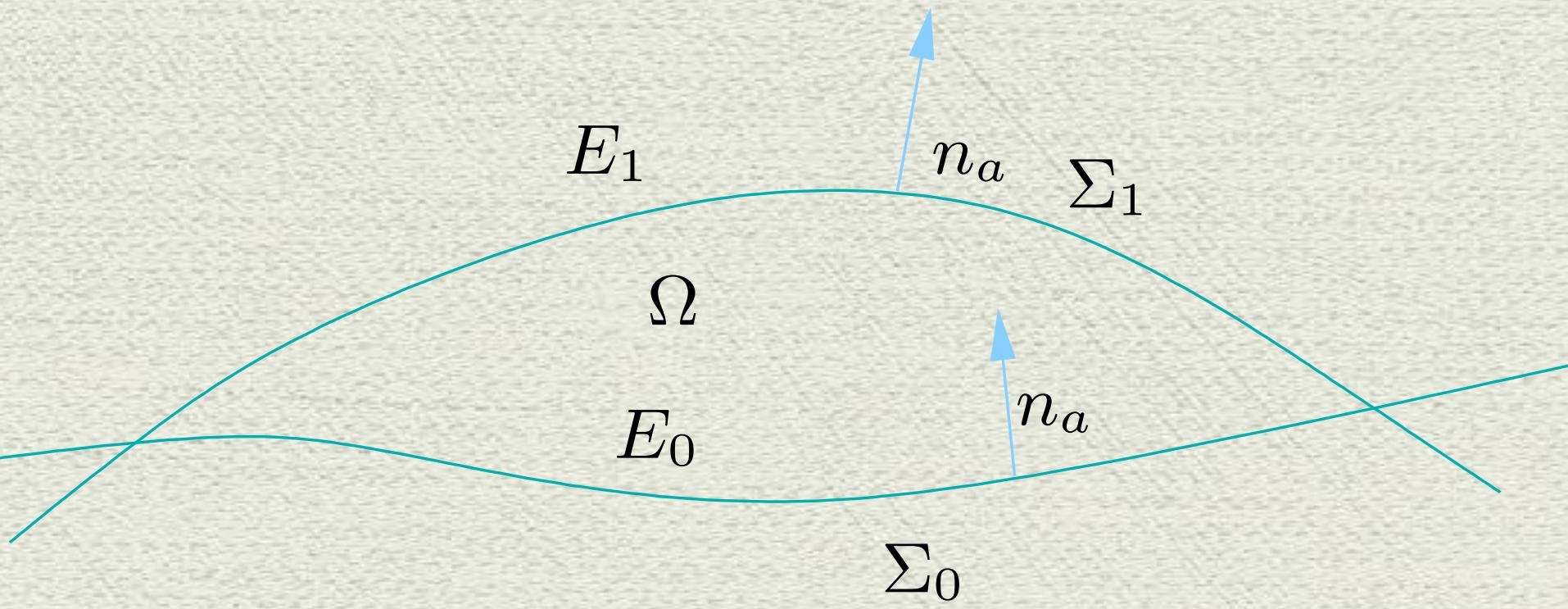
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- Symmetric Hyperbolic: Usual energies
- Strongly Hyperbolic: Pseudodifferential Calculus

Quasilinear equations

General quasilinear equation:

$$A^a{}_{A\alpha}(u)\nabla_a u^\alpha = F_A(u)$$

$u^\alpha = \{set \ of \ tensors \ in \ some \ manifold \ M\}$

Fiber bundle over M of dimension m

$F_A(u) = \{set \ of \ tensors \ also \ in \ M\}$

Fiber bundle over M of dimension q

They can be also maps from manifolds into manifolds. (The differential among these bundles is always well defined)

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Symmetric hyperbolic systems (a la Geroch)

- Geroch paper on SH systems

$$A^a{}_{A\alpha}(u) \nabla_a u^\alpha = F_A(u)$$

Is symmetric hyperbolic or admits a hyperbolization if there exists $H_\beta{}^A$ such that:

$$H_\beta{}^A A^a_{A\alpha} = H_{(\beta}{}^A A^a_{|A|\alpha)}$$

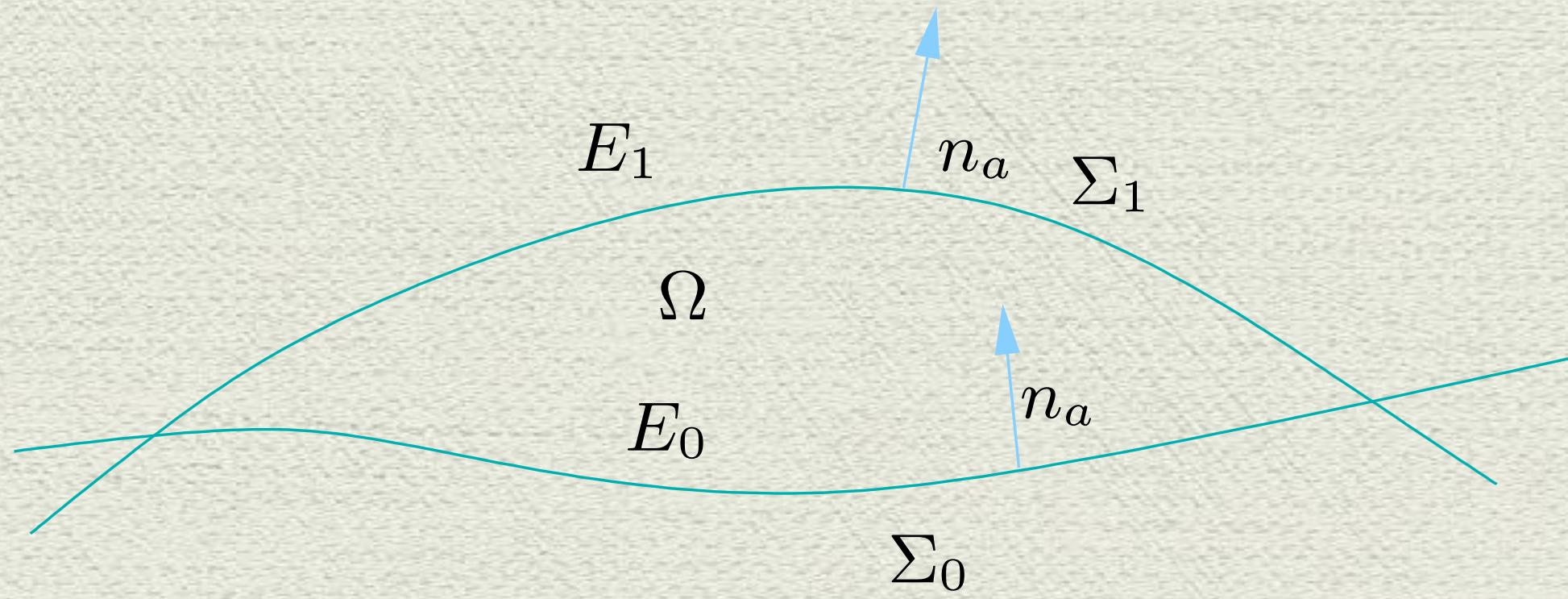
is symmetric and there exists n_a such that

$$H_\beta{}^A A^a_{A\alpha} n_a$$

is positive definite.

Strong hyperbolicity

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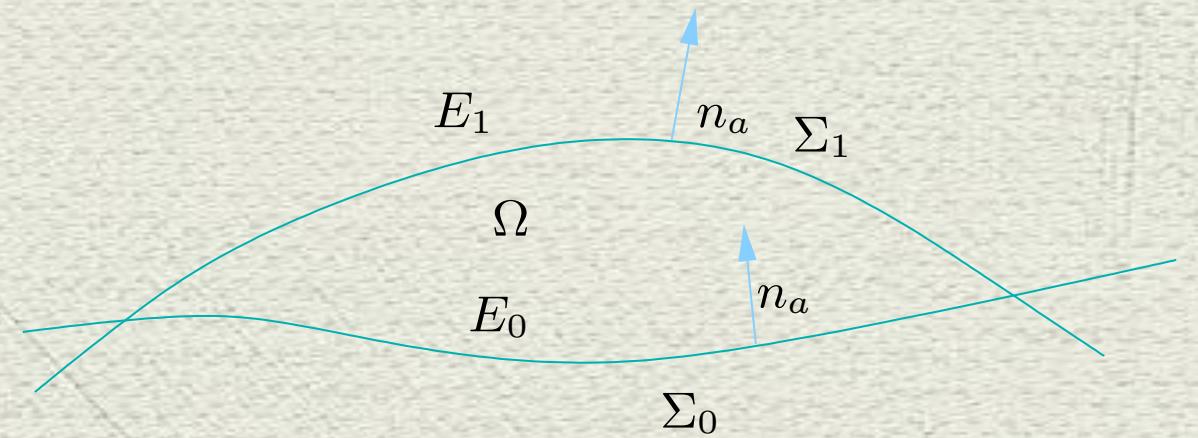
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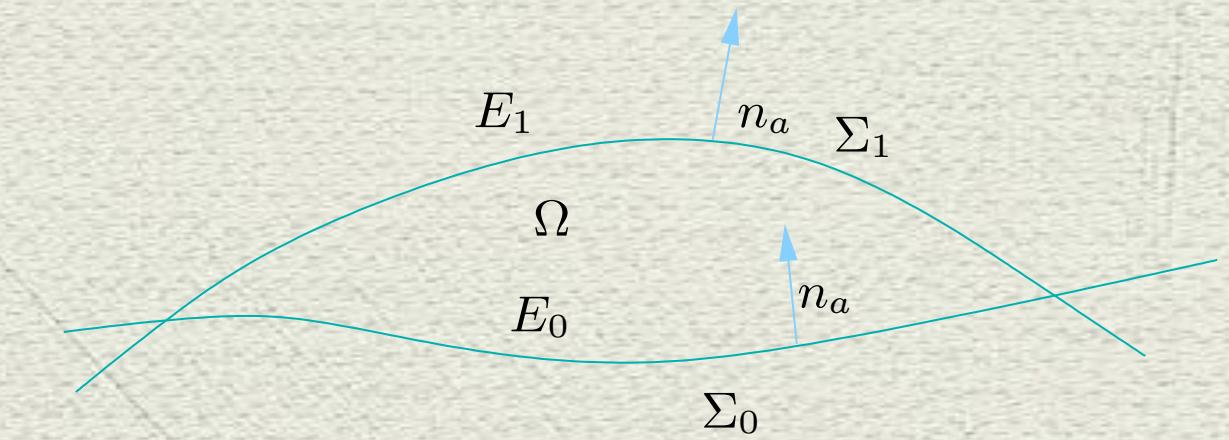
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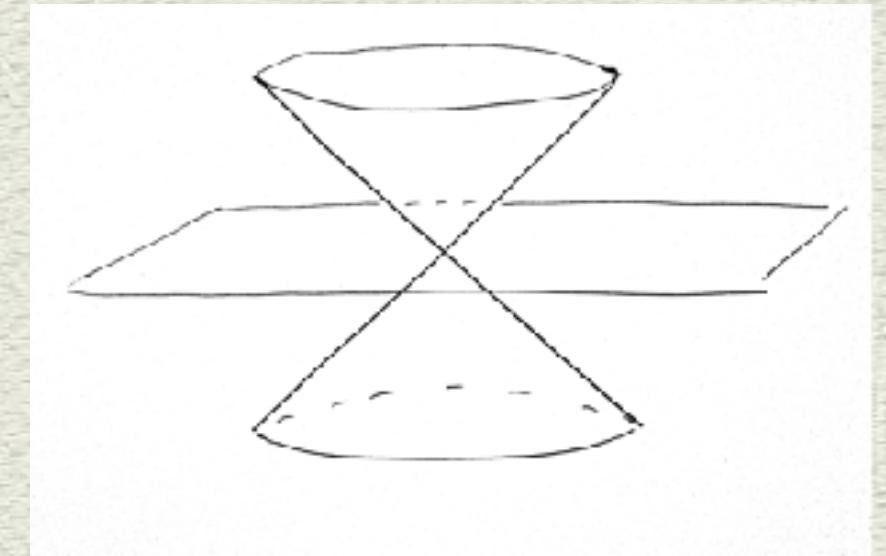
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix} = |k| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

$$i\omega = \pm i|k|, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm i \end{pmatrix}$$



System strongly hyperbolic!

Pseudo-differential way

Force-Free in Euler Potentials

$$\begin{aligned} F_{cb} \nabla_a F^{ab} &= 0 \\ \nabla_{[a} F_{bc]} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{ab} = \varepsilon^{ij} \nabla_a \phi_i \nabla_b \phi_j , \quad A_a = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{ij} \phi_i \nabla_a \phi_j$$

$$\varepsilon^{ij} \nabla_a \phi_k \nabla_c (\nabla^a \phi_i \nabla^c \phi_j) = 0, \quad k = 1, 2,$$

Pseudo-differential way

Force-Free in Euler Potentials

$$\partial_t U = \mathbb{A} U,$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_t \hat{\phi}_i \\ |k| \hat{\phi}_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

$$\mathbb{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{-k_1^2 - k_3^2}{|\vec{k}|} & -\frac{(\vec{\ell}_1 \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{\ell}_2 \cdot \vec{k})}{|\vec{k}|G_{22}} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{(\vec{\ell}_1 \cdot \vec{k})(\vec{\ell}_2 \cdot \vec{k})}{|\vec{k}|G_{11}} & \frac{-k_2^2 - k_3^2}{|\vec{k}|} \\ |\vec{k}| & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |\vec{k}| & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \ell_{ai} := \nabla_a \bar{\phi}_i, \\ G_{ij} := \ell_{ai} g^{ab} \ell_{bj}$$

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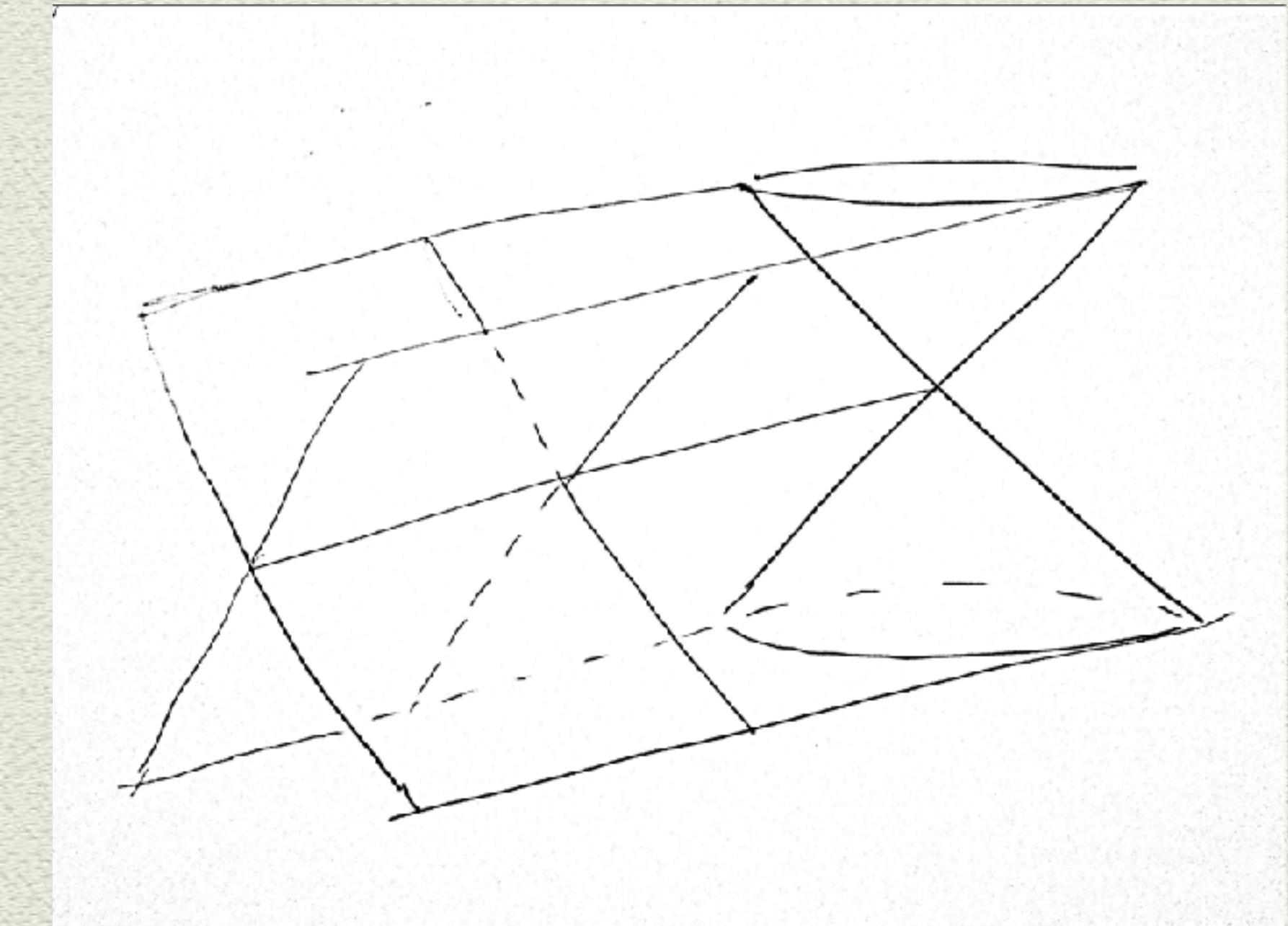
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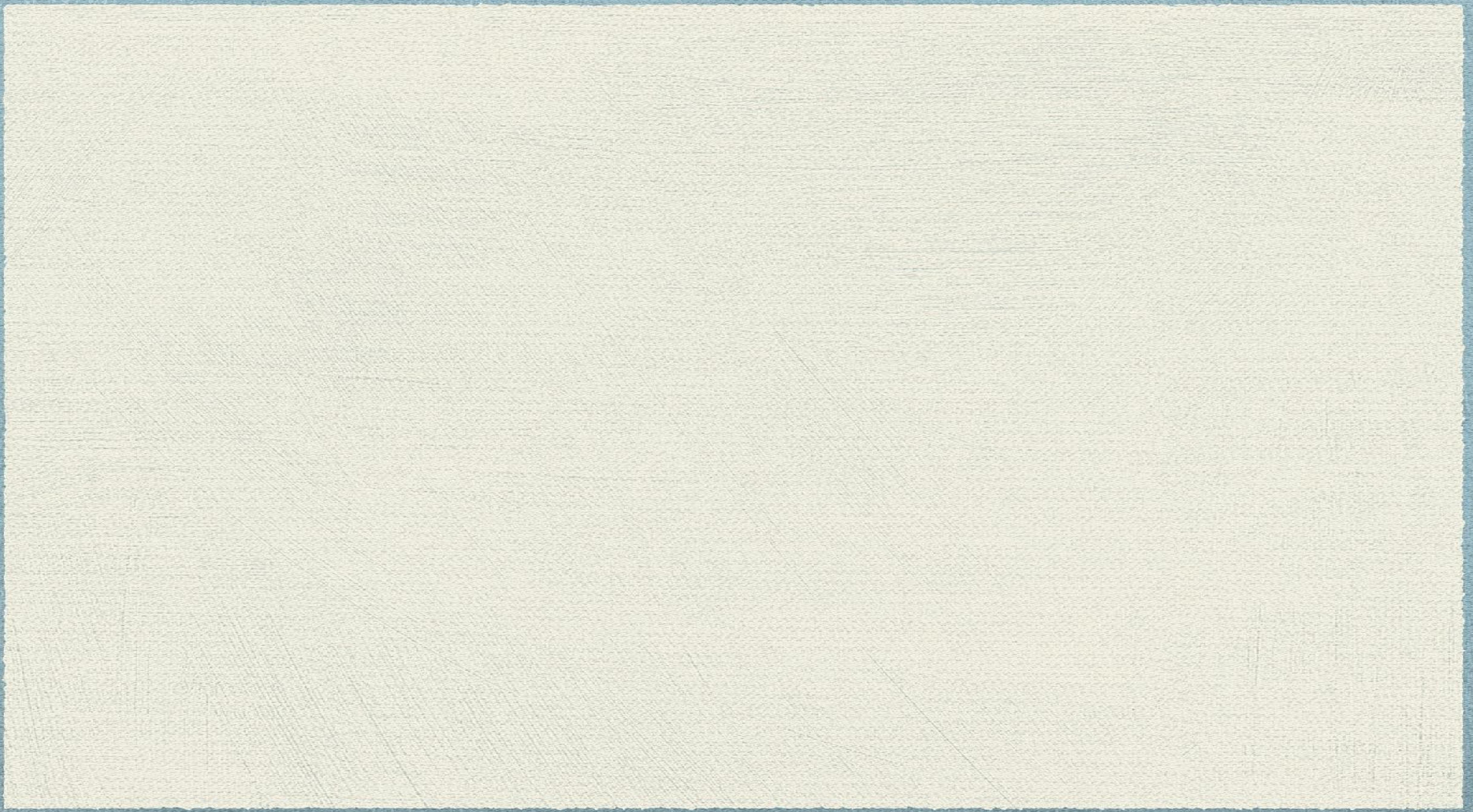
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$$(g^{ab} k_a k_b) (\left[g^{cd} - G^{-1}{}^{ij} \ell_i^c \ell_j^d \right] k_c k_d) = 0$$

$$k_0 = k_3 = 0$$

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- Andrea Costa, Instituto de Astronomía Teórica y Experimental, Argentina.
- Jörg Frauendiener, University of Otago, New Zealand.
- Helmut Friedrich, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Germany.
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- Luis Lehner, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Canada.
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- Jorge Pullin, Louisiana State University, USA.
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