

# CS 247 – Scientific Visualization

## Lecture 28: Vector / Flow Visualization, Pt. 7 [preview]

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# Reading Assignment #15++ (1)

## 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.essar.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=O850WBJ2ayo> (3Blue1Brown)



# Reading Assignment #15++ (2)

## Read (optional):

- Tobias Günther, Irene Baeza Rojo:

*Introduction to Vector Field Topology*

<https://cgl.ethz.ch/Downloads/Publications/Papers/2020/Gun20b/Gun20b.pdf>

- Roxana Bujack, Lin Yan, Ingrid Hotz, Christoph Garth, Bei Wang:

*State of the Art in Time-Dependent Flow Topology: Interpreting Physical Meaningfulness Through Mathematical Properties*

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/cgf.14037>

- B. Jobard, G. Erlebacher, M. Y. Hussaini:

*Lagrangian-Eulerian Advection of Noise and Dye Textures for Unsteady Flow Visualization*

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2002.1021575>

- Anna Vilanova, S. Zhang, Gordon Kindlmann, David Laidlaw:

*An Introduction to Visualization of Diffusion Tensor Imaging and Its Applications*

<http://vis.cs.brown.edu/docs/pdf/Vilanova-2005-IVD.pdf>

# Lagrangian vs. Eulerian



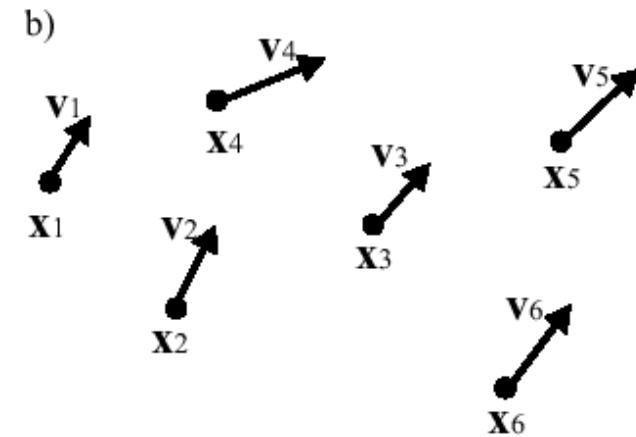
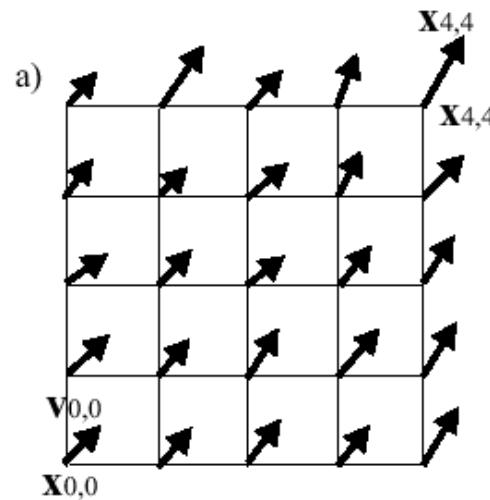
# Lagrangian vs. Eulerian

## Eulerian

- Flow properties given at fixed spatial positions (grid points)
- Partial time derivative

## Lagrangian

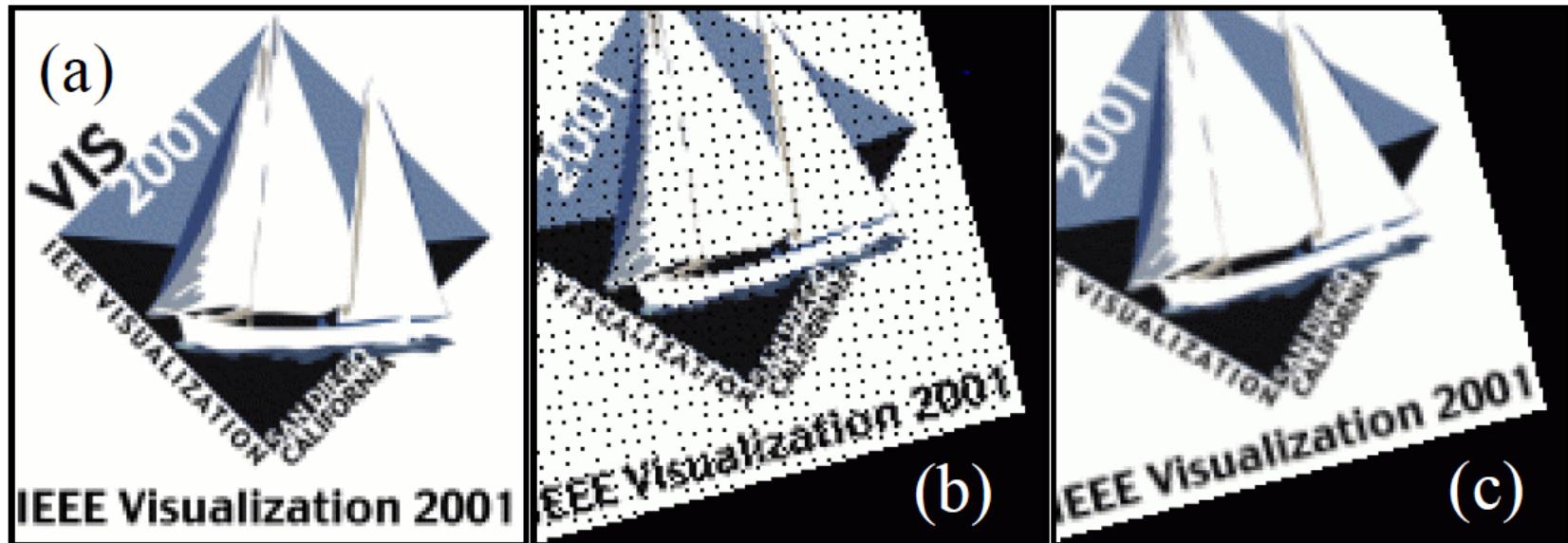
- Flow properties given for each particle (particles are moving)
- Material time derivative





# Lagrangian vs. Eulerian

- Lagrangian: move along with the particle
- Eulerian: consider fixed point in space, look at particles moving through



- Example for pixels: rotate image (a),  
Lagrangian: move pixels forward (b),  
Eulerian: fetch pixels from backward direction (c)



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We are given  $T(x, y, z, t)$  with four independent variables;

But now we want to go along a parameterized path with parameter  $t$ ,  
so  $x, y, z$  become dependent variables:  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$

Along this path, our goal is now to compute the derivative of the function

$T(x(t), y(t), z(t), t)$  with  $t$  as only independent variable:

$$\frac{d}{dt} T(x(t), y(t), z(t), t) =$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T(x, y, z, t) \frac{d}{dt} x(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} T(x, y, z, t) \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} T(x, y, z, t) \frac{d}{dt} z(t)$$

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# Advection



Advection equation; velocity field  $\mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t)$ ,  
no change following particle, just advection:  
set material derivative = 0:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) T = 0$$

In the Navier-Stokes equations: “self-advection” of velocity

- Advect scalar components of velocity field individually  
(actually two equations in 2D, three equations in 3D)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$$

this is equivalent to  
saying that the  
acceleration is zero!

# Fluid Simulation Basics

# Fluid Simulation and Rendering

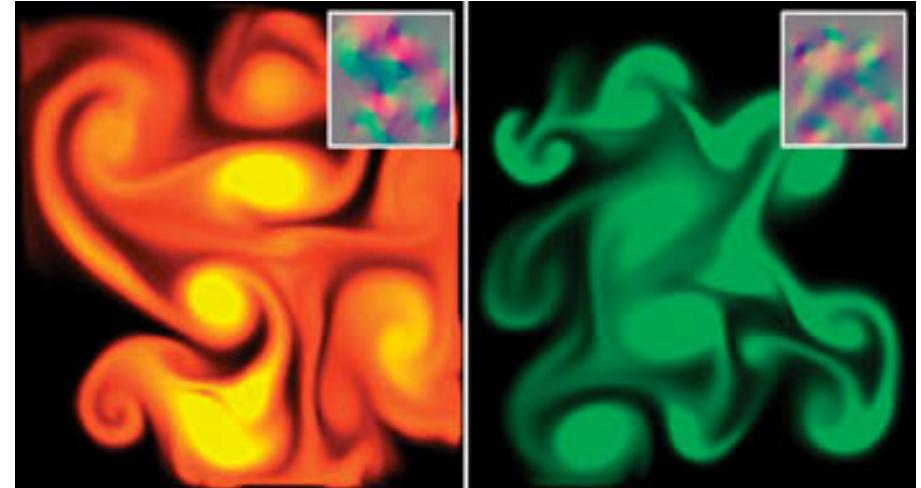


## Compute advection of fluid

- (Incompressible or compressible) Navier-Stokes solvers
- Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM)

## Discretized domain

- Velocity, pressure
- Dye, smoke density, vorticity, ...



Courtesy Mark Harris



# Fluid Simulation: Navier Stokes (1)

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.

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this is the velocity gradient tensor!

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# Fluid Simulation: Navier Stokes (2)



Given a (Cartesian) coordinate system, the momentum equation can be seen as a system of equations (2 equations in 2D, 3 equations in 3D)

For 2D (Cartesian):

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

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) v - \frac{1}{\rho} (\nabla p)_y + \nu \nabla^2 v + f_y.$$

these are PDEs!

# Vector Fields, Vector Calculus, and Dynamical Systems



# Some Vector Calculus (1)

## Gradient (scalar field → vector field)

- Direction of steepest ascent; magnitude = rate
- *Conservative* vector field: gradient of some scalar (potential) function

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

## Divergence (vector field → scalar field)

- Volume density of outward flux:  
“exit rate: source? sink?”
- *Incompressible/solenoidal/divergence-free vector field*:  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} = 0$   
can express as curl (next slide) of some vector (potential) function

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

## Laplacian (scalar field → scalar field)

- Divergence of gradient
- Measure for difference between point and its neighborhood

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

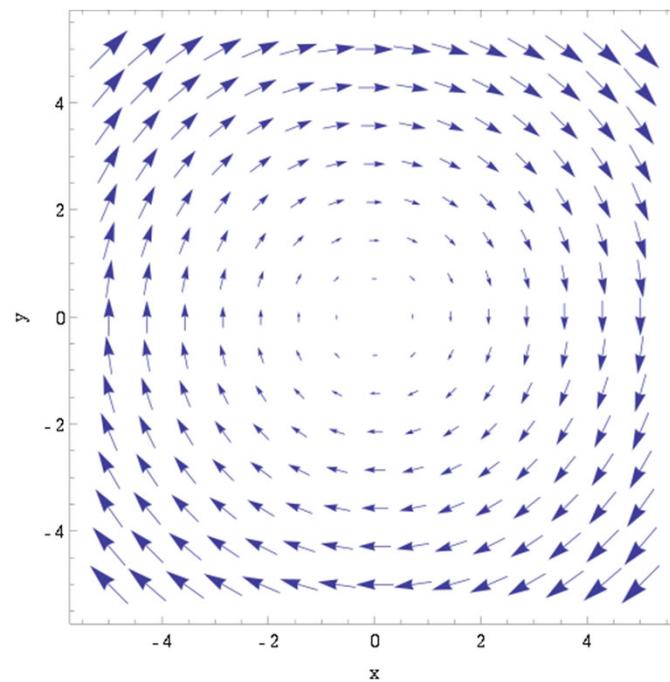


# Some Vector Calculus (2)

## Curl (vector field → vector field)

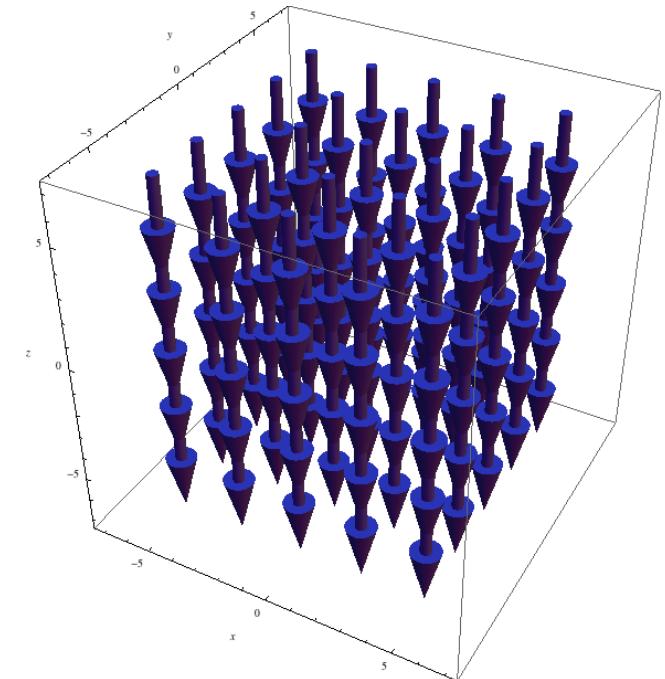
- Circulation density at a point (*vorticity*)
- If curl vanishes everywhere: irrotational/curl-free field
- Every conservative (path-independent) field is irrotational (and vice versa if domain is simply connected)

Example:  
 $\text{curl} = \text{const}$   
everywhere



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

these are partial derivatives!



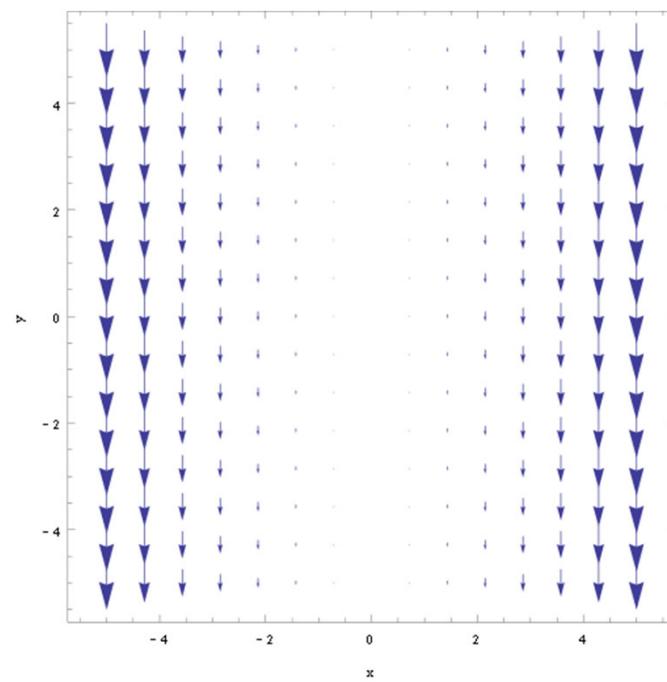


# Some Vector Calculus (3)

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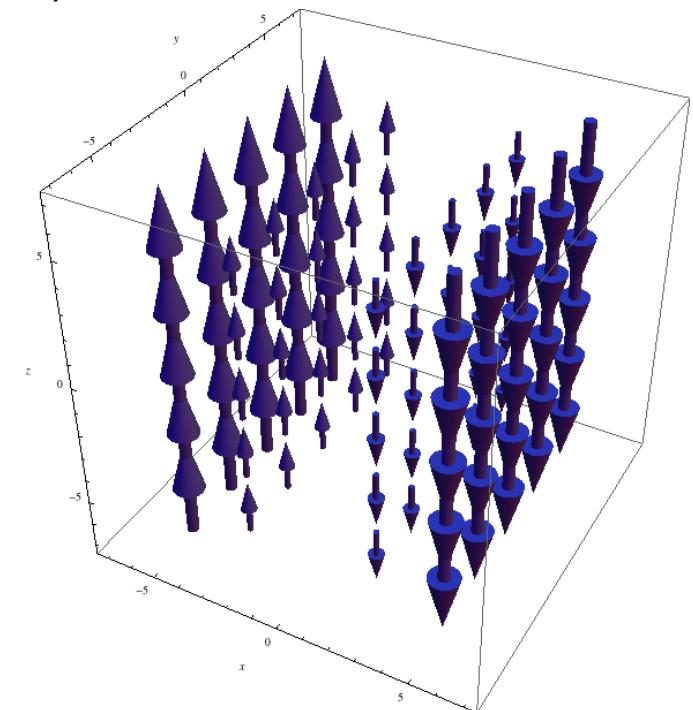
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Example:  
curl not  
always  
“obviously  
rotational”



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# Some Vector Calculus (4)

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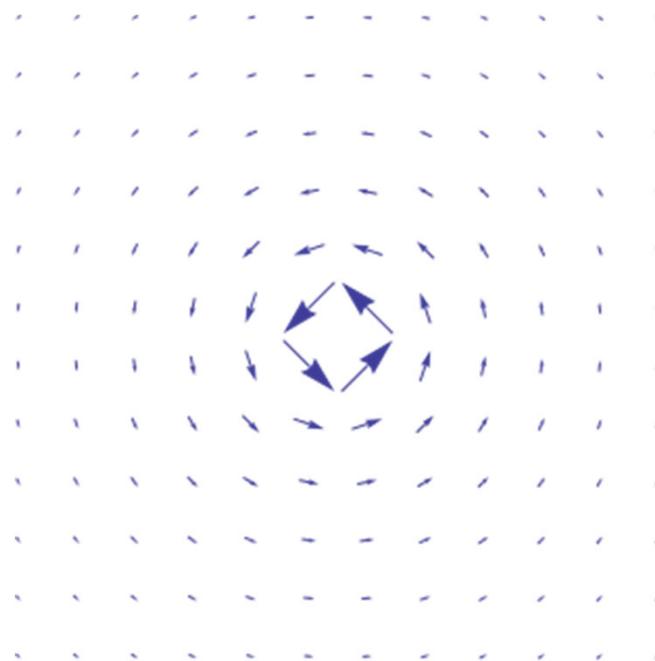
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Example:  
non-obvious  
curl-free field

[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)

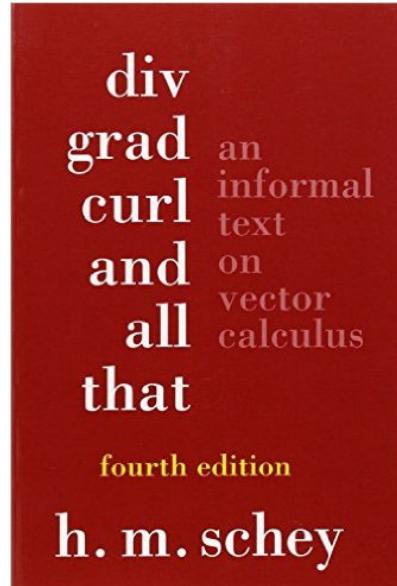
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Book:



Interactive tutorial on curl:

[http://mathinsight.org\(curl\\_idea](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 → tensor field)

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

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} (x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{pmatrix}$$

these are  
partial derivatives!

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

$$\nabla \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{S}$$

*velocity gradient tensor*

sym.:  $\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T)$     deform.: *rate-of-strain tensor*  
skew-sym.:  $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T)$     rotation: *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  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ :  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \bullet = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times$

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

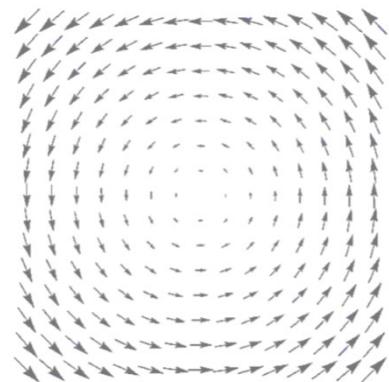


# Angular Velocity of Rigid Body Rotation

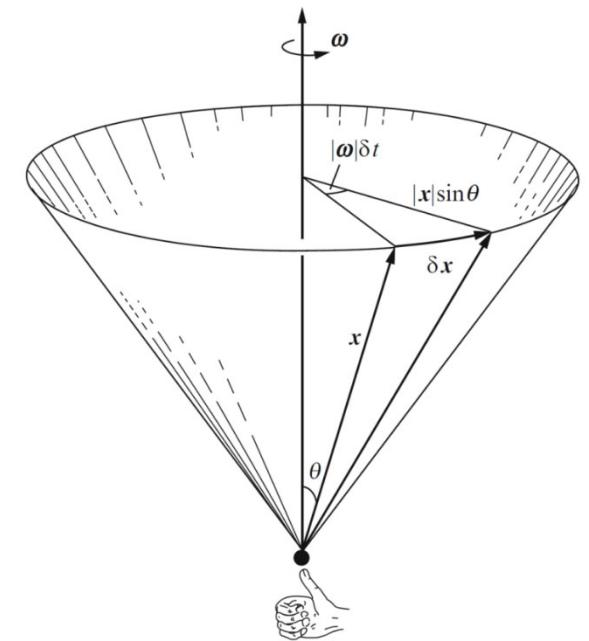
## Rate of rotation

- Scalar  $\omega$ : angular displacement per unit time (rad s<sup>-1</sup>)
  - Angle  $\Theta$  at time  $t$  is  $\Theta(t) = \omega t$ ;  $\omega = 2\pi f$  where  $f$  is the frequency ( $f = 1/T$ ; s<sup>-1</sup>)
- 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)



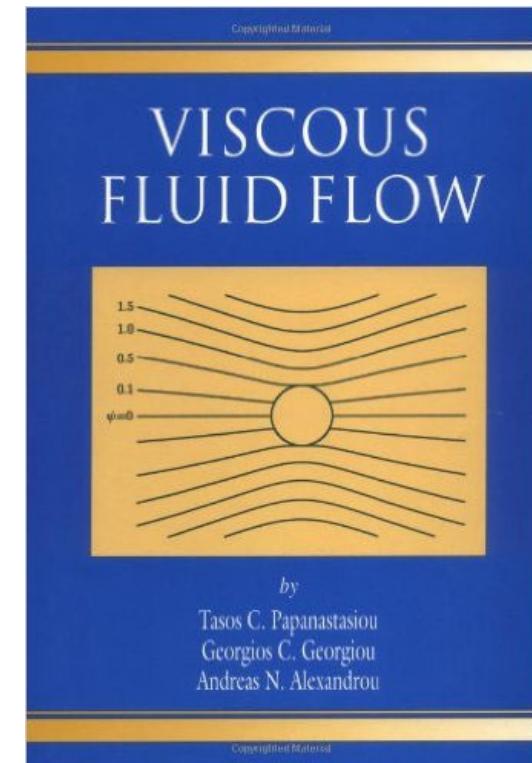
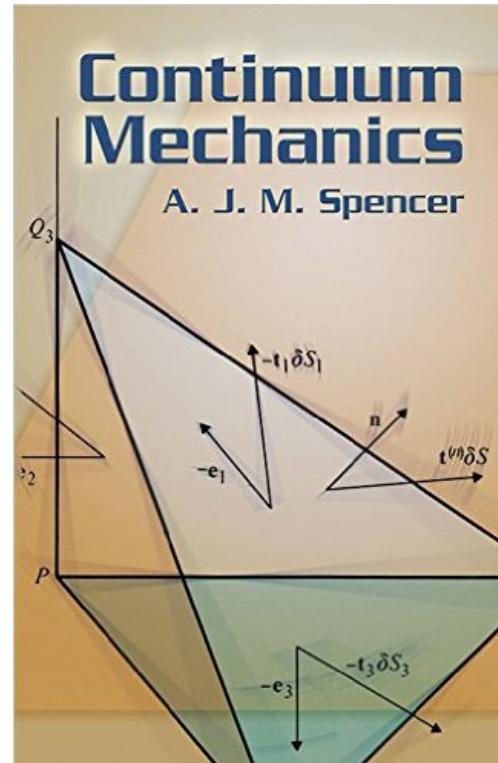
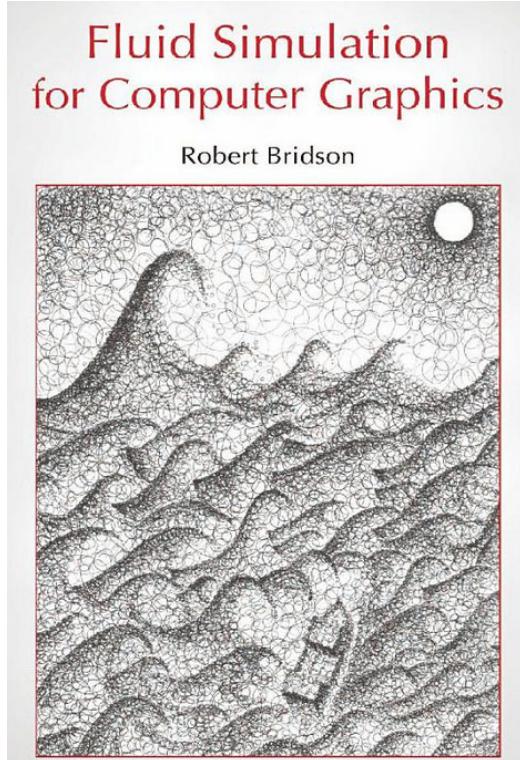
## Vorticity tensor (spin tensor)

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

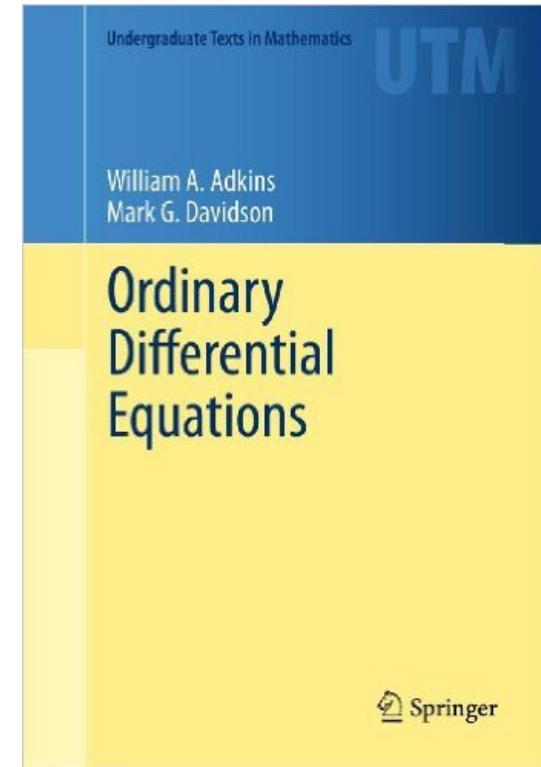
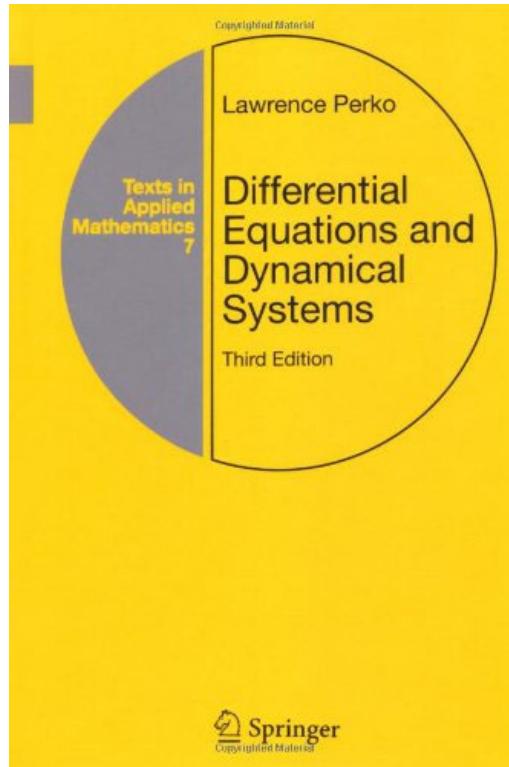
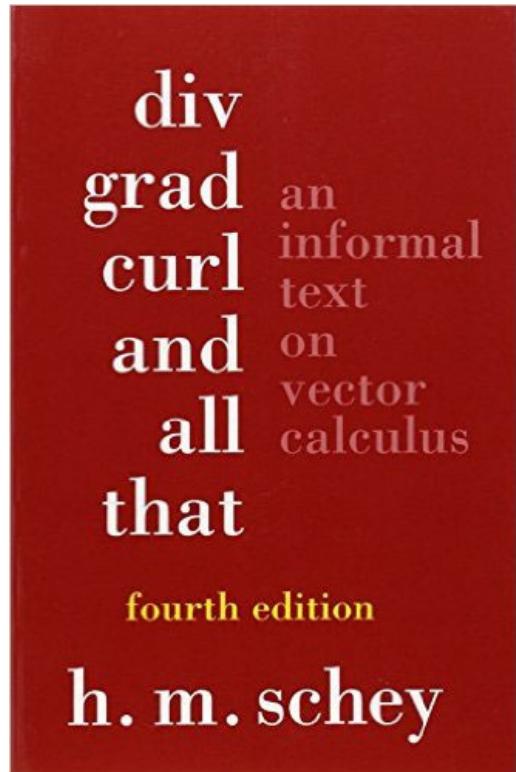
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# Recommended Books (1)



# Recommended Books (2)

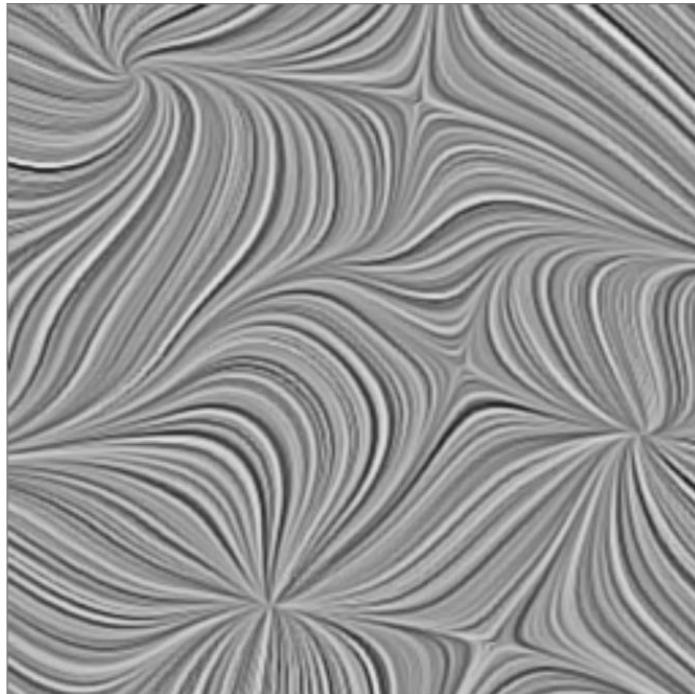


# Critical Point Analysis

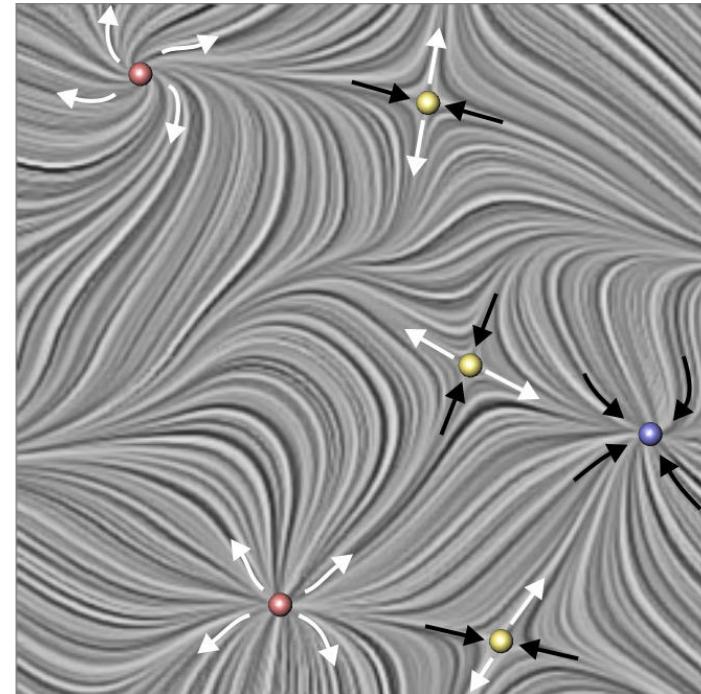


# Critical Points (Steady Flow!)

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



stream lines (LIC)



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

# (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



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= A\mathbf{x}, \\ \nabla \mathbf{v} &= A.\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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  $c = 0$ , this is a skew-symmetric matrix

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*

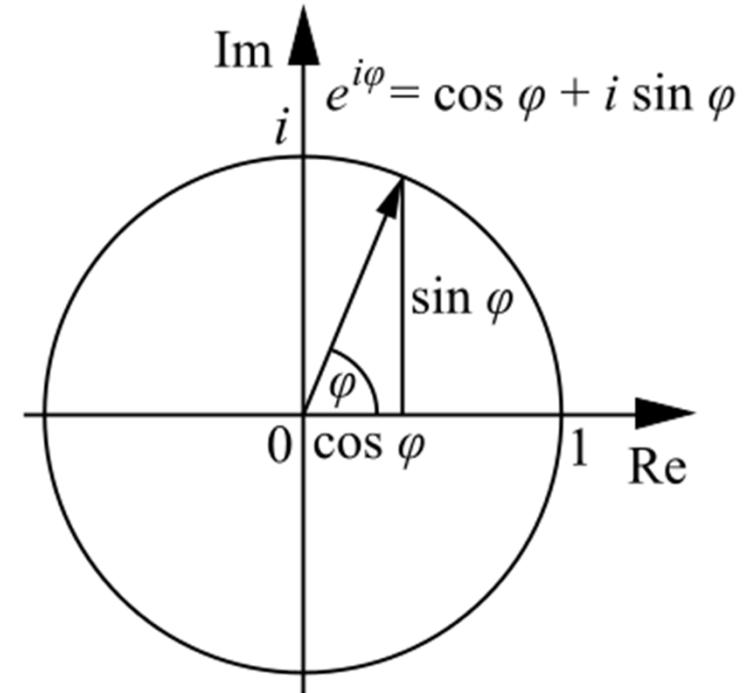


# Euler's Formula

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

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

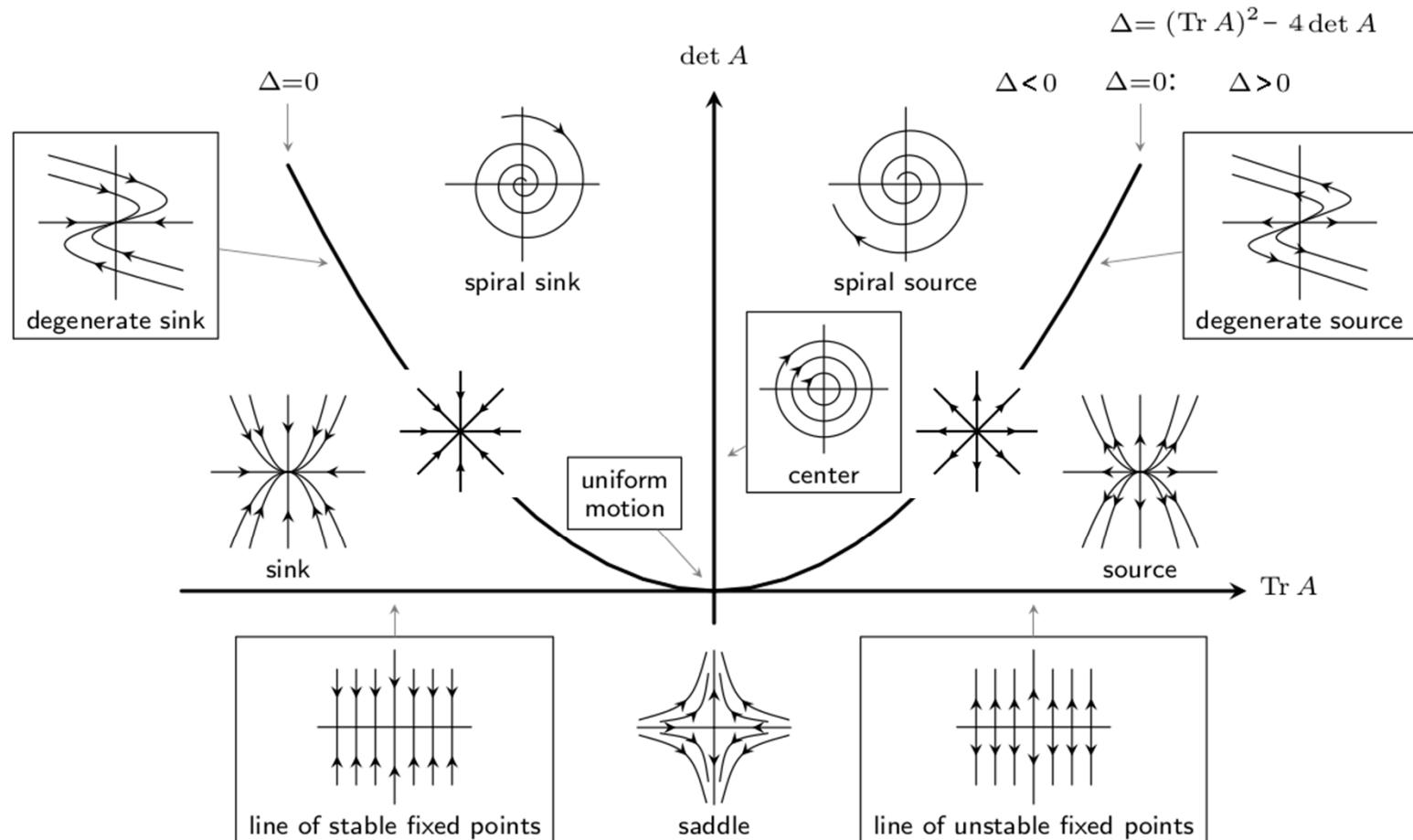
$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$





# Critical Points (Steady Flow!)

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





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Exponentials of anti-symmetric matrices are rotation matrices

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \exp(tX) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$



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Complex eigenvalues lead to rotation

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

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



# Classification of Critical Points

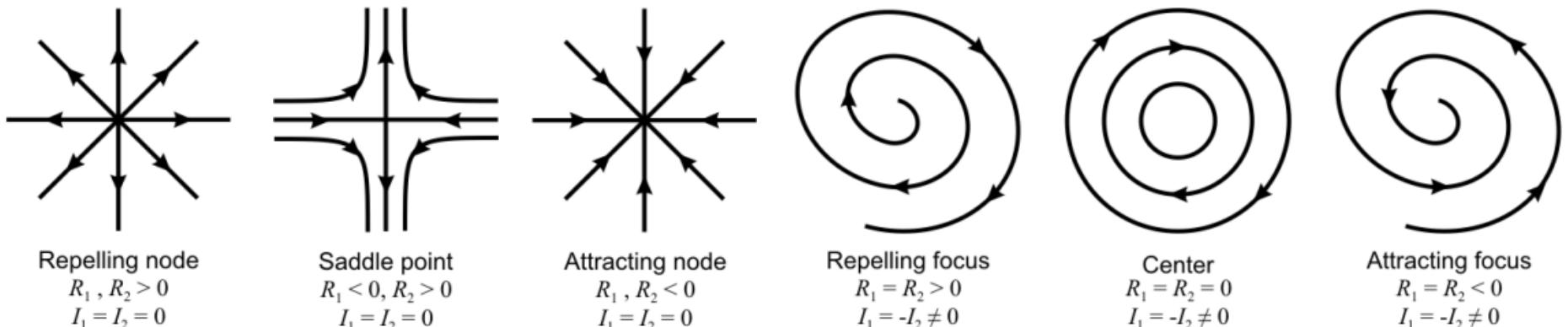
(Isolated) critical point (equilibrium point)

- 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  $\nabla \mathbf{v}$



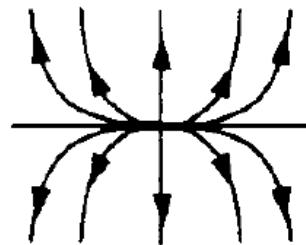
the first three phase portraits are special cases, see later slides!

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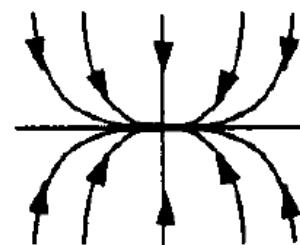


## Repelling/attracting nodes

- 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**  
 $R_1, R_2 > 0$   
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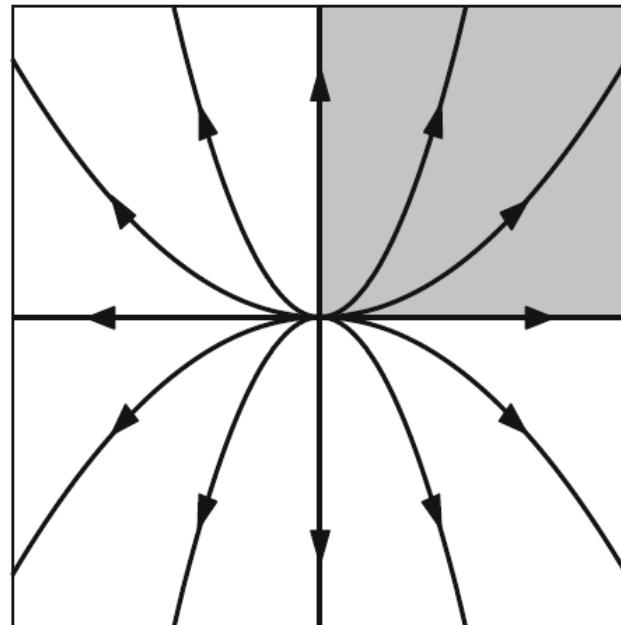
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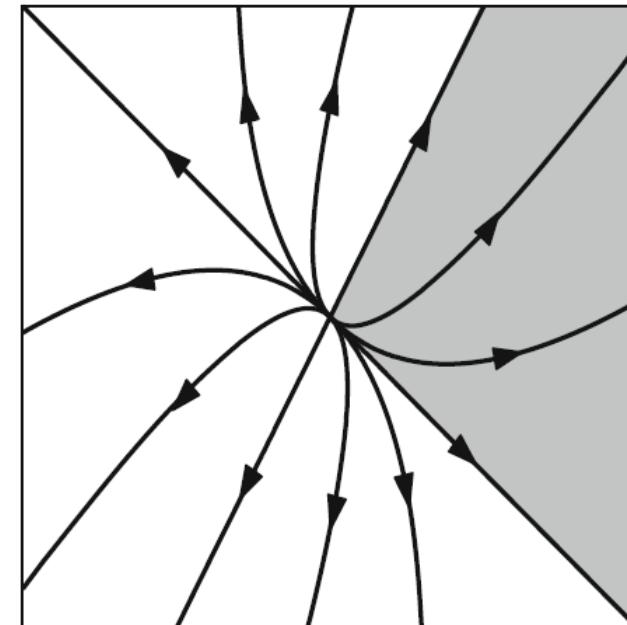
## A Few Details (2)

What about skew axes?

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



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



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



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- Example on prev. slide (the two eigenvectors are not orthogonal):

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same eigenvalues,  
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## Another Example

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

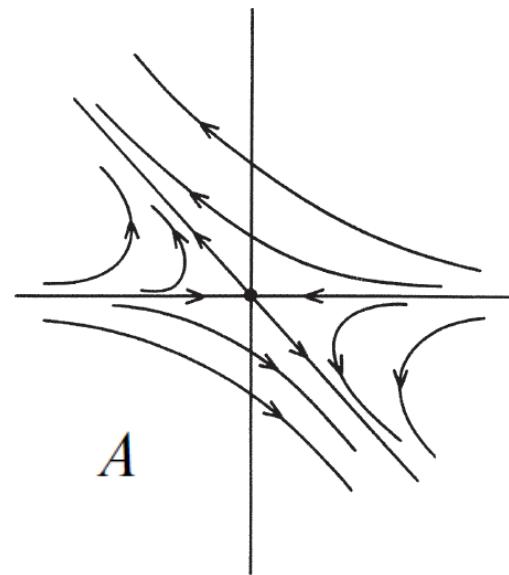
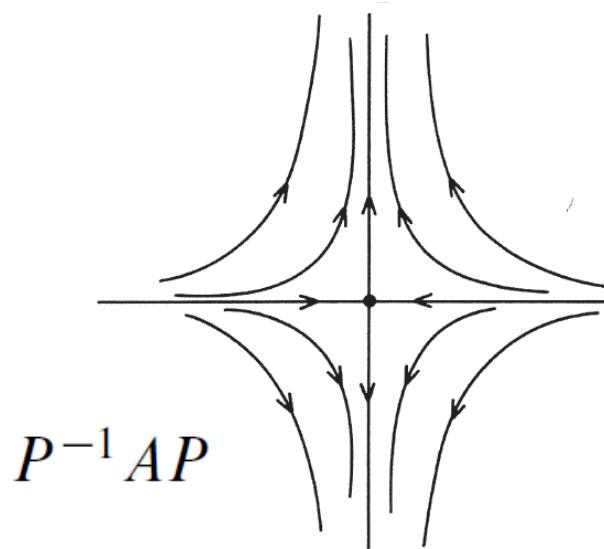
Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1 = -1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2$$

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

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

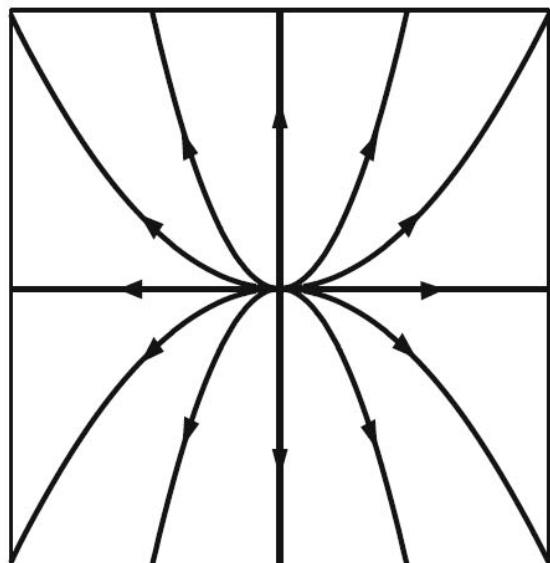


# Jordan Form Characterization (1)

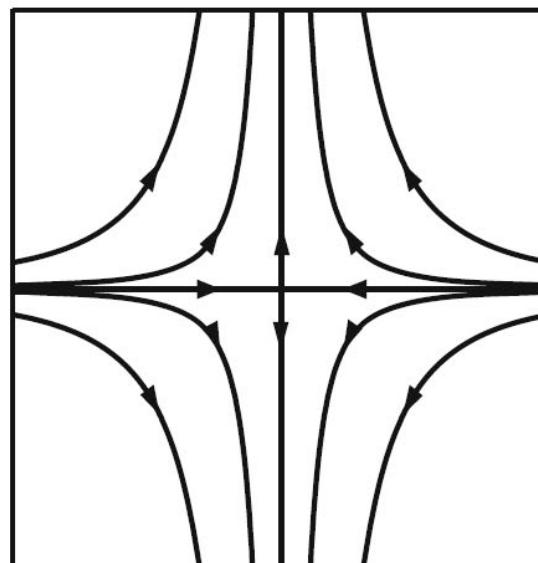


Phase portraits corresponding to Jordan matrix

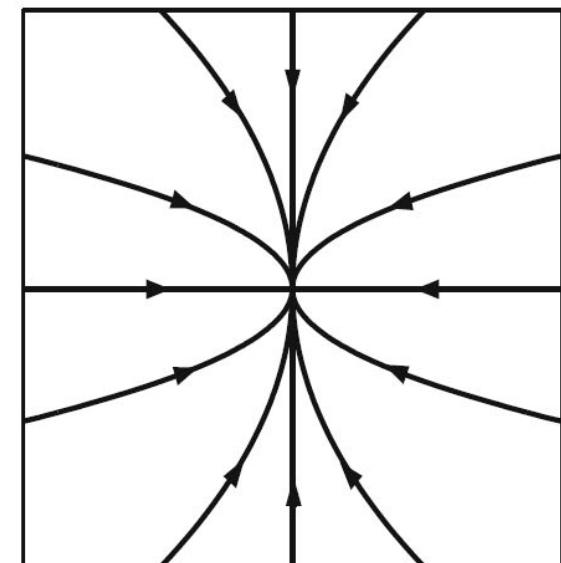
$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$   
unstable node



$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$   
saddle



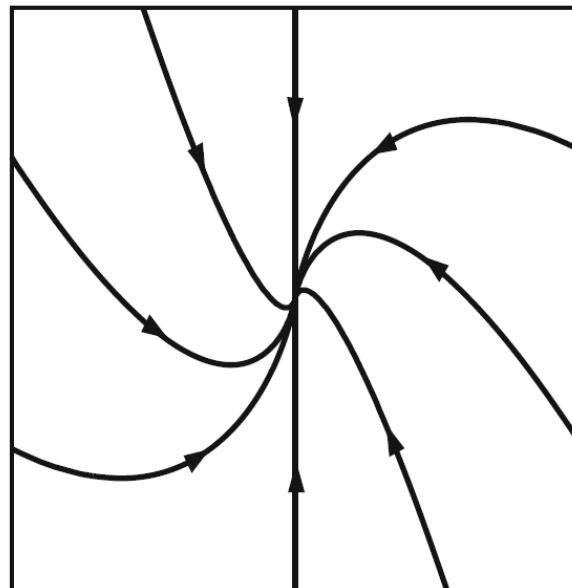
$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$   
stable node

# Jordan Form Characterization (2)

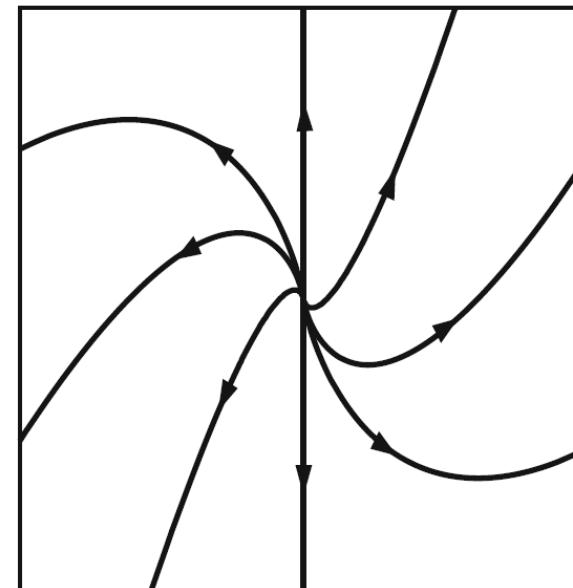


Phase portraits corresponding to Jordan matrix  
(matrix is defective: eigenspaces collapse,  
geometric multiplicity less than algebraic multiplicity)

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



$\lambda < 0$   
stable improper node



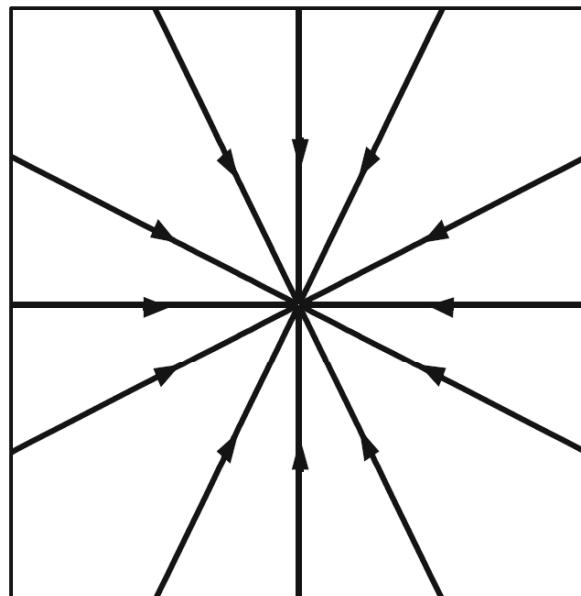
$\lambda > 0$   
unstable improper node

# Jordan Form Characterization (3)

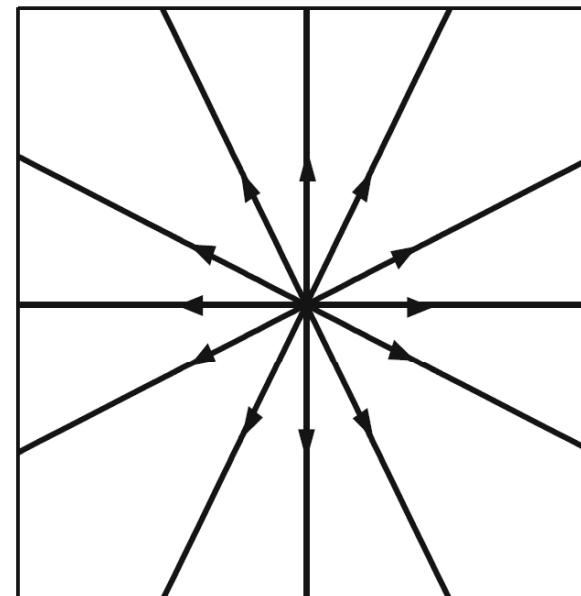


Phase portraits corresponding to Jordan matrix

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



$\lambda < 0$   
stable star node



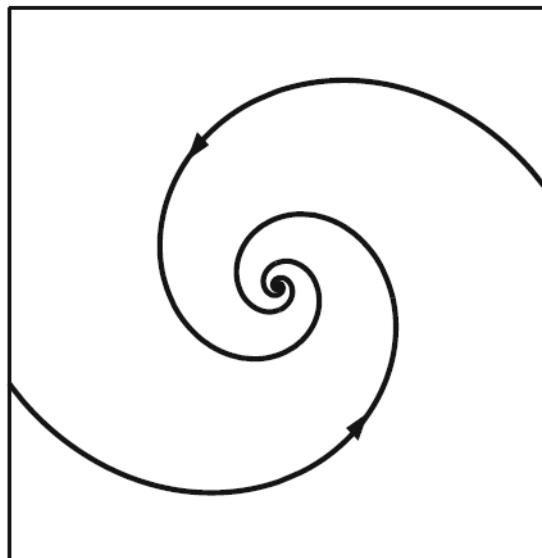
$\lambda > 0$   
unstable star node

# Jordan Form Characterization (4)

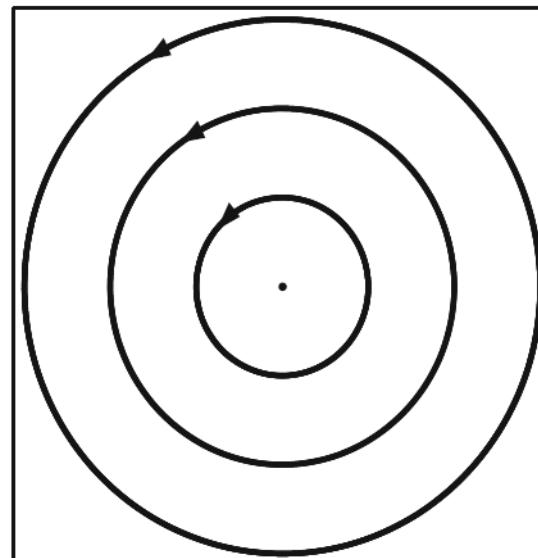


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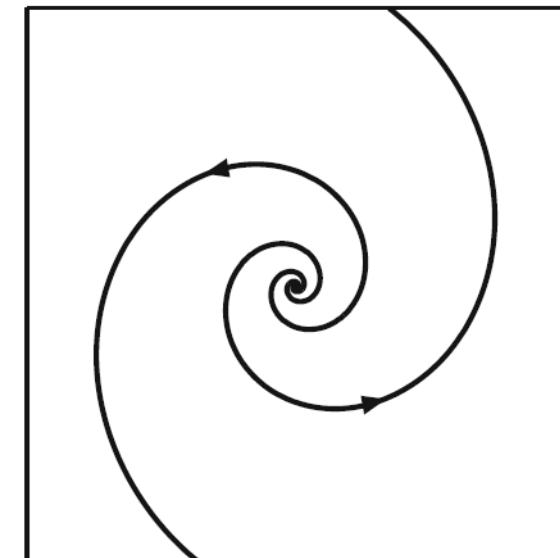
$$J_4 = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$



$a < 0$   
stable spiral node



$a = 0$   
center

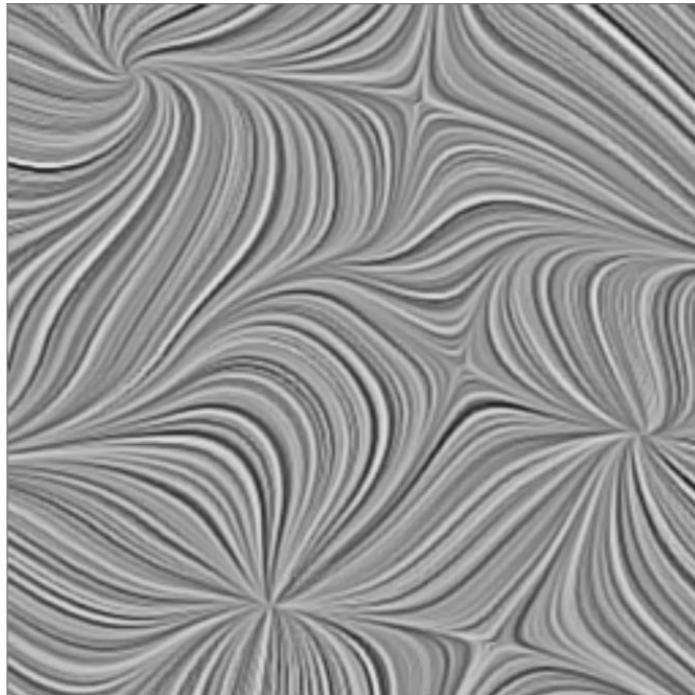


$a > 0$   
unstable spiral node

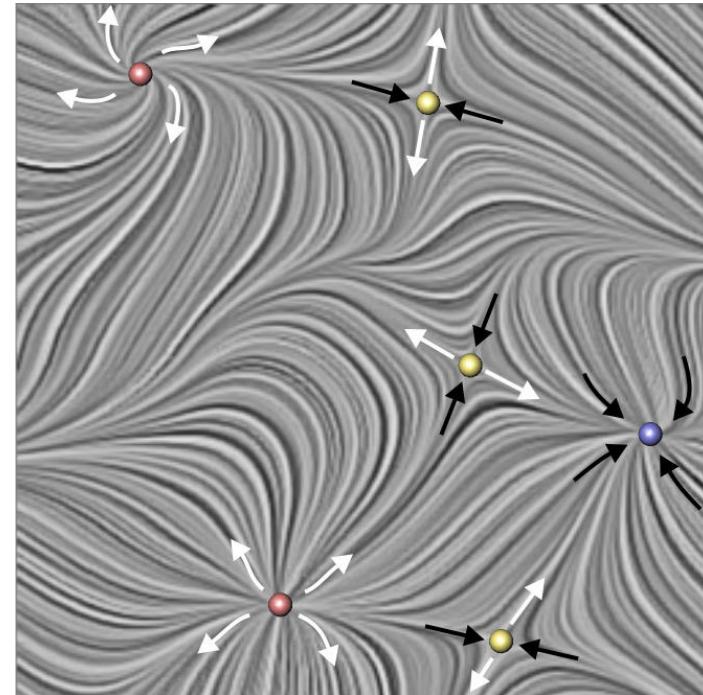


# Critical Points (Steady Flow!)

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



stream lines (LIC)

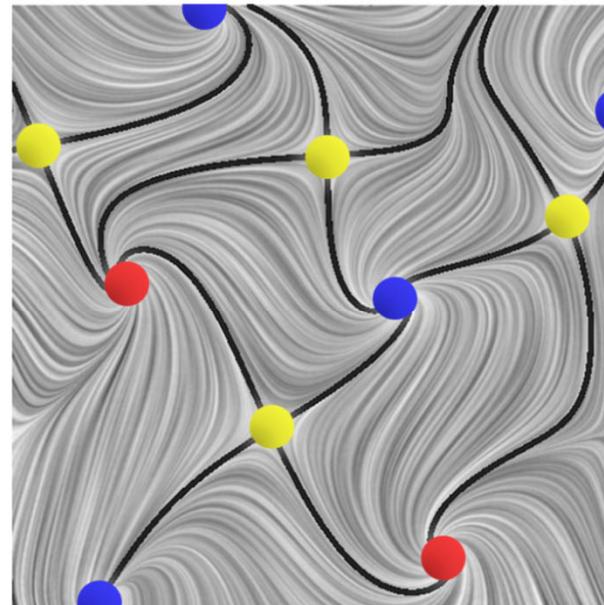
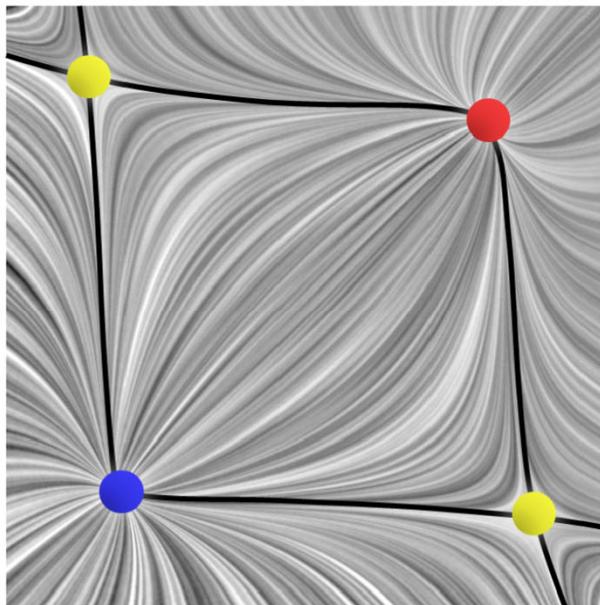


critical points ( $\mathbf{v} = 0$ )

# Vector Field Topology: Topological Skeleton



Connect critical points by *separatrices*

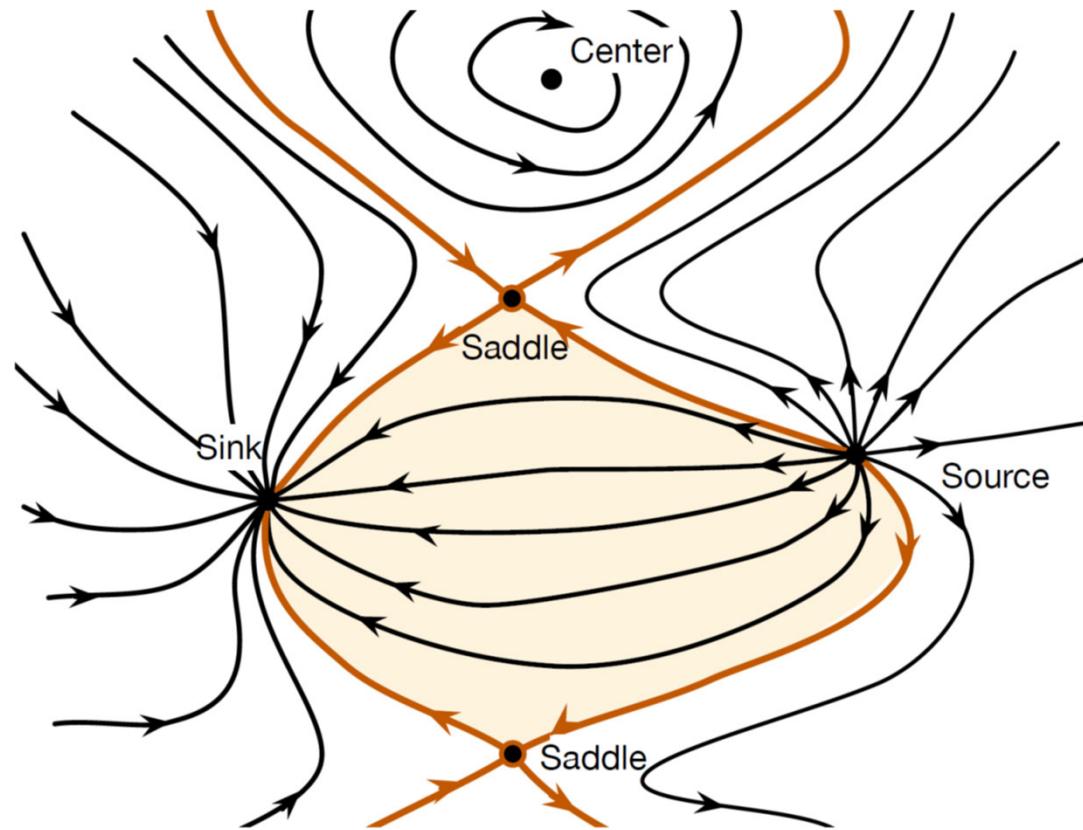


Sources (red), sinks (blue), saddles (yellow)

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# Index of Critical Points / Vector Fields

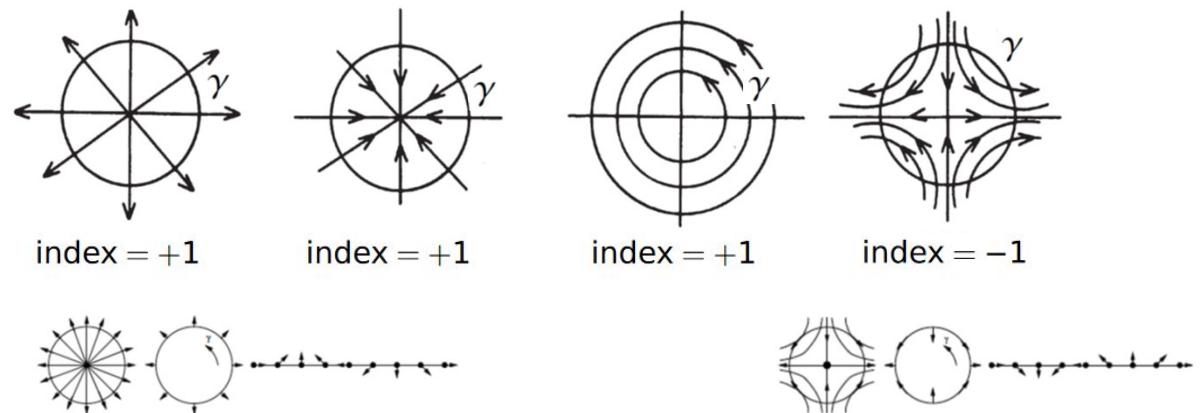
*Poincaré index* (in scalar field topology we had the *Morse index*)

- 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)

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

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



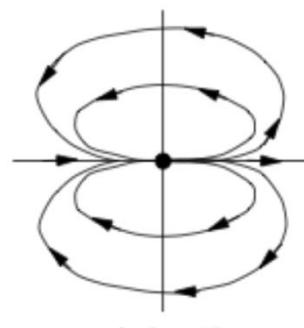


# Higher-Order Critical Points

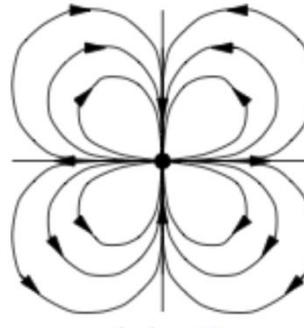
Higher than first-order

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

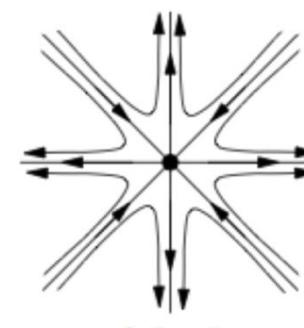
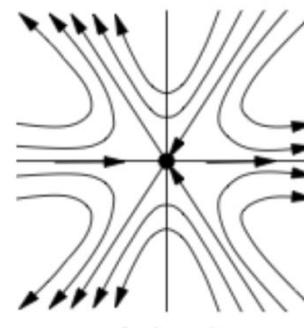
$$\text{index}_{cp} = 1 + \frac{n_e - n_h}{2}$$



(dipole)



(see monkey saddle)





# Example: Differential Topology

Topological information from vector fields on manifold

- Independent of actual vector field! Poincaré-Hopf theorem
- 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  $\chi = 0$

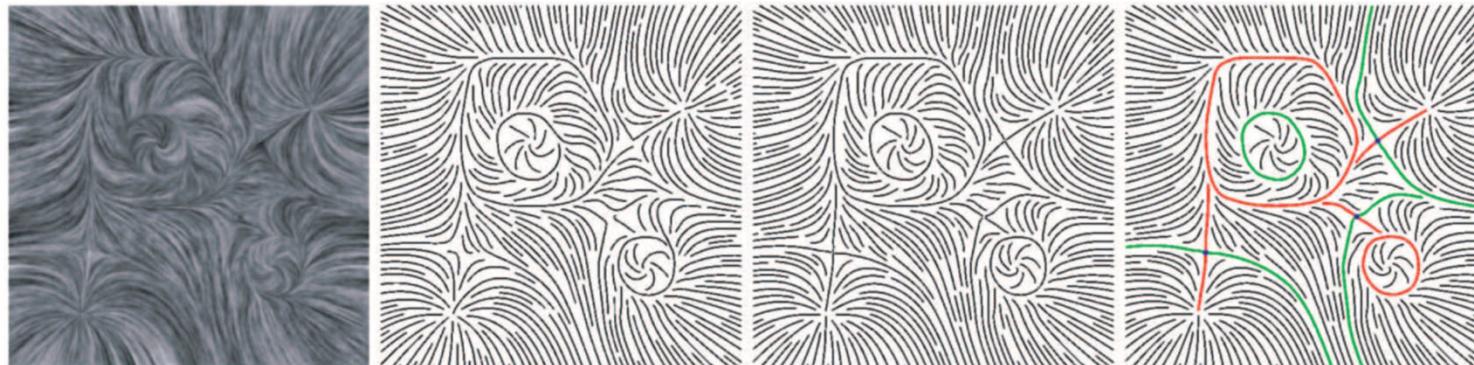
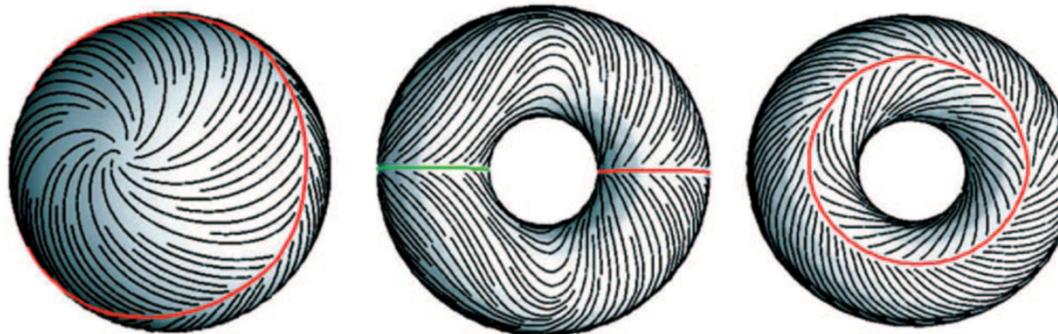


genus  $g = 2$   
Euler characteristic  $\chi = -2$

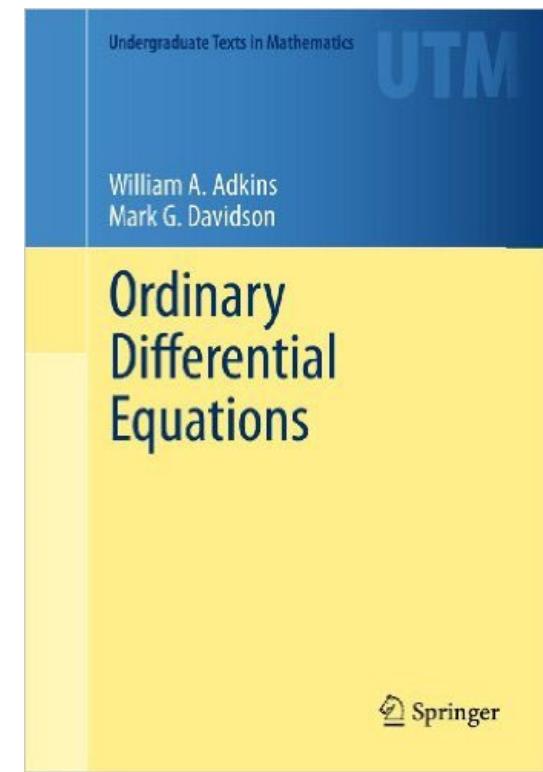
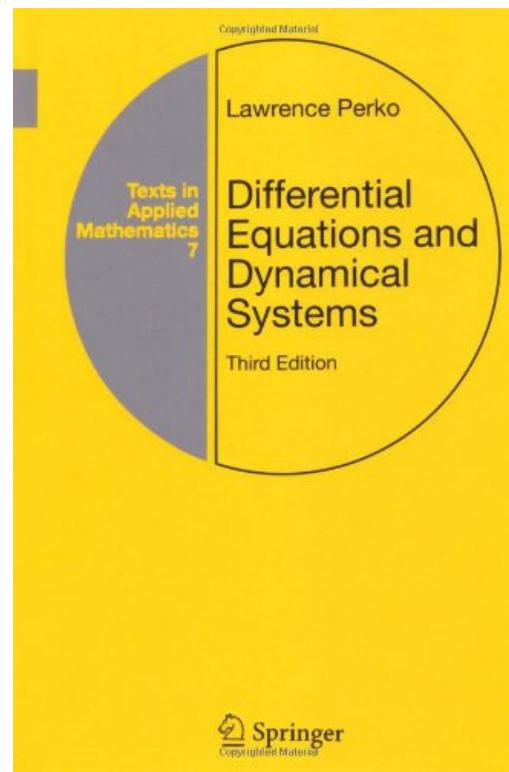
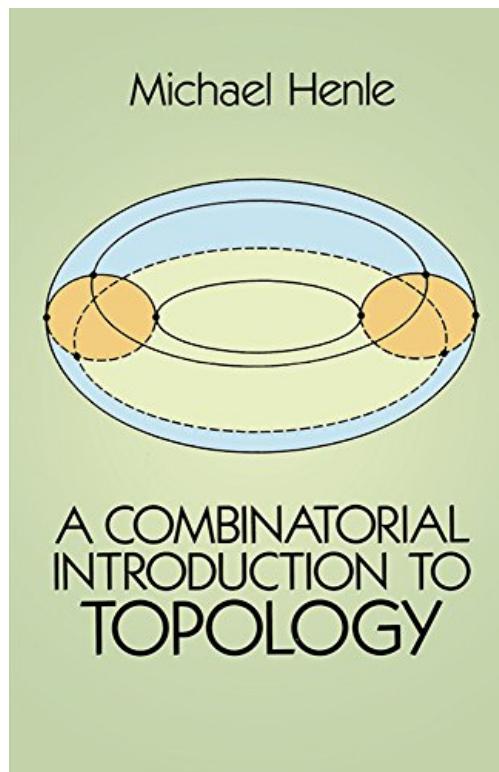


# Example: Vector Field Editing

Guoning Chen et al., Vector Field Editing and Periodic Orbit Extraction Using Morse Decomposition, IEEE TVCG, 2007



# Recommended Books



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