

# CS 247 – Scientific Visualization

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

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# Reading Assignment #14 (until May 11)



## Read (required):

- Data Visualization book, Chapter 6.7
- J. van Wijk: *Image-Based Flow Visualization*,  
ACM SIGGRAPH 2002  
<http://www.win.tue.nl/~vanwijk/ibfv/ibfv.pdf>

## Read (optional):

- T. Günther, A. Horvath, W. Bresky, J. Daniels, S. A. Buehler:  
*Lagrangian Coherent Structures and Vortex Formation in High Spatiotemporal-Resolution Satellite Winds of an Atmospheric Karman Vortex Street*, 2021  
<https://www.essoar.org/doi/10.1002/essoar.10506682.2>
- H. Bhatia, G. Norgard, V. Pascucci, P.-T. Bremer:  
*The Helmholtz-Hodge Decomposition – A Survey*, TVCG 19(8), 2013  
<https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2012.316>
- Work through online tutorials of multi-variable partial derivatives, grad, div, curl, Laplacian:  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/multivariable-calculus/multivariable-derivatives>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB83DpBJQsE> (3Blue1Brown)
- Matrix exponentials:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O850WBJ2ayo> (3Blue1Brown)



# Quiz #3: May 14?

## Organization

- First 30 min of lecture
- No material (book, notes, ...) allowed

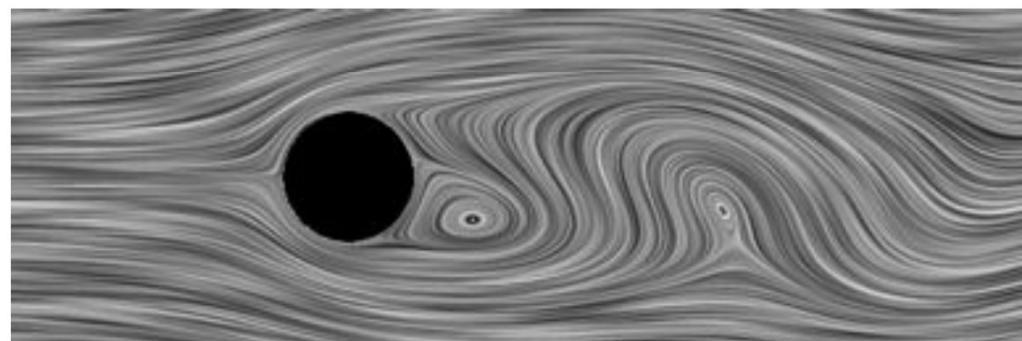
## Content of questions

- Lectures (both actual lectures and slides)
- Reading assignments (except optional ones)
- Programming assignments (algorithms, methods)
- Solve short practical examples

# Line Integral Convolution (LIC)

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



# Line Integral Convolution I



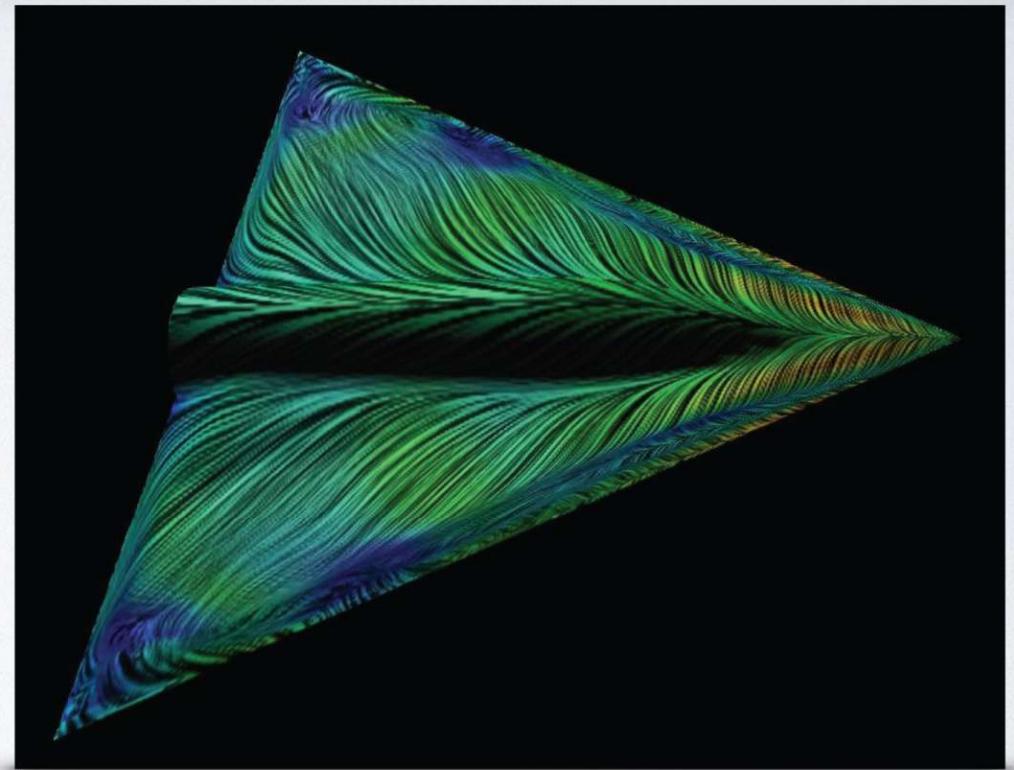
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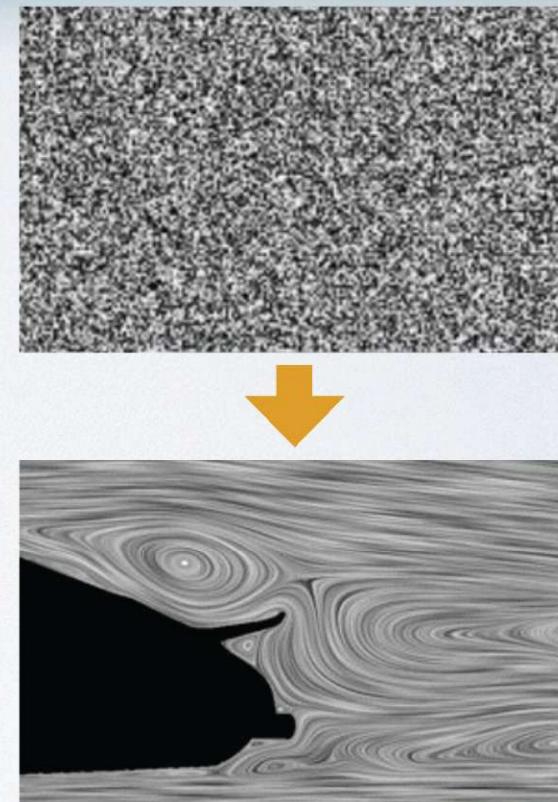
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# Line Integral Convolution II



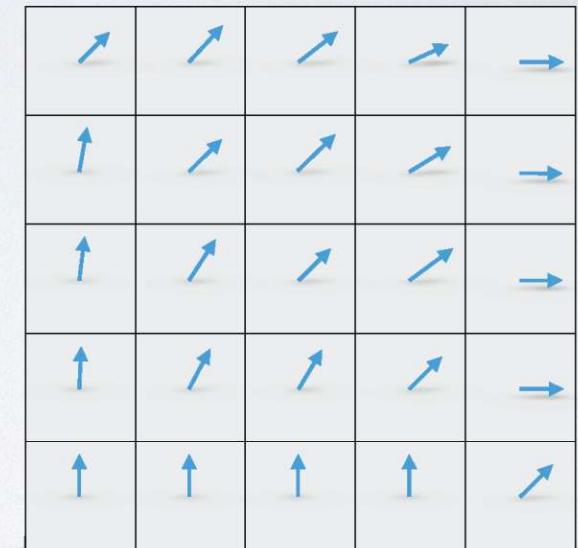
- Idea
  - global visualization technique
  - dense representation
  - start with random texture
  - smear along stream lines
- Only for stream lines!  
(steady flow, i.e. time-independent fields)





# Line Integral Convolution III

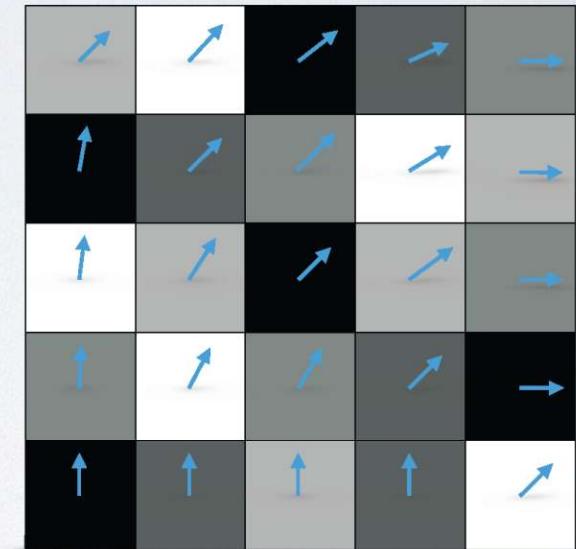
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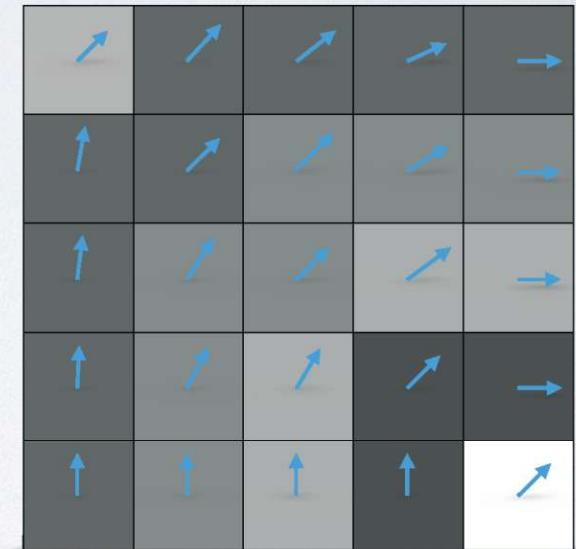
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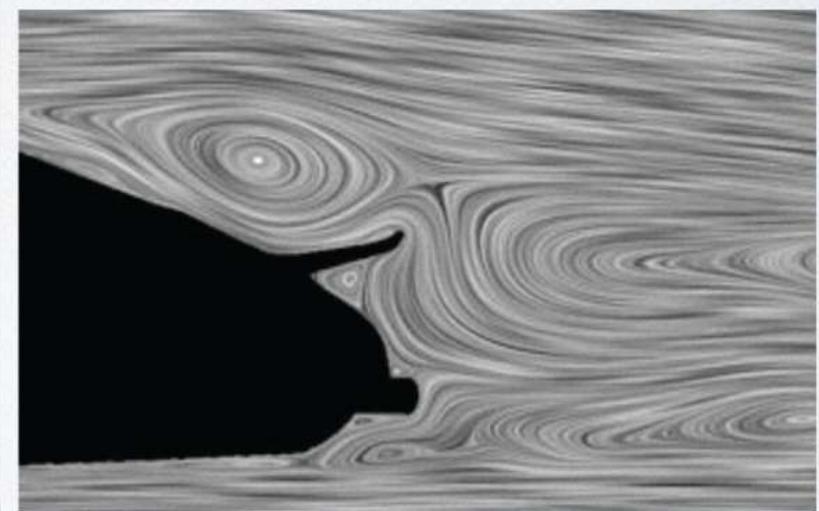
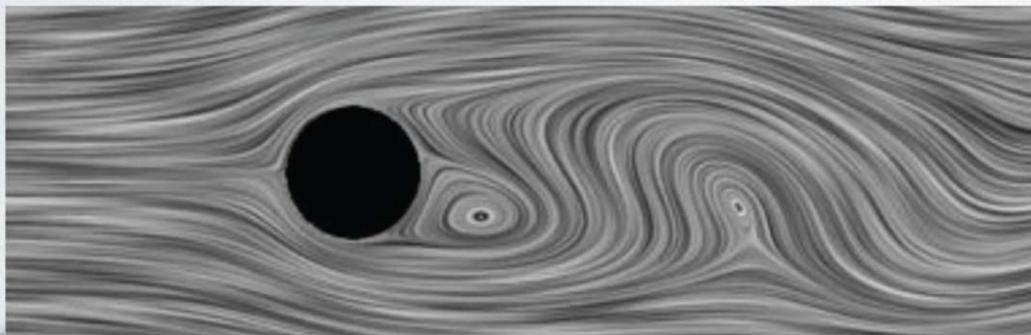
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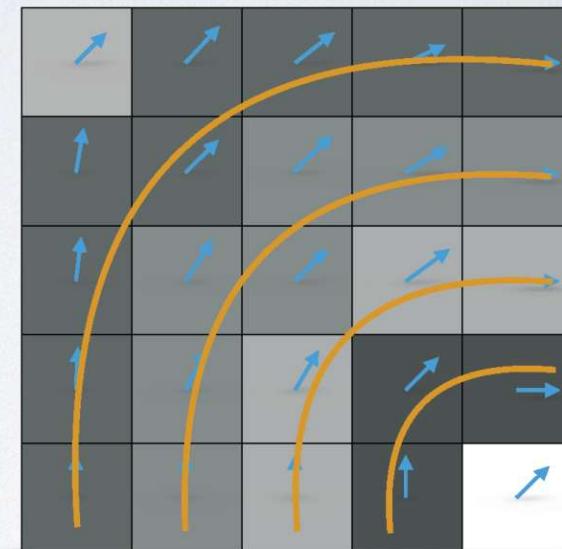
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# LIC Approach - Goal

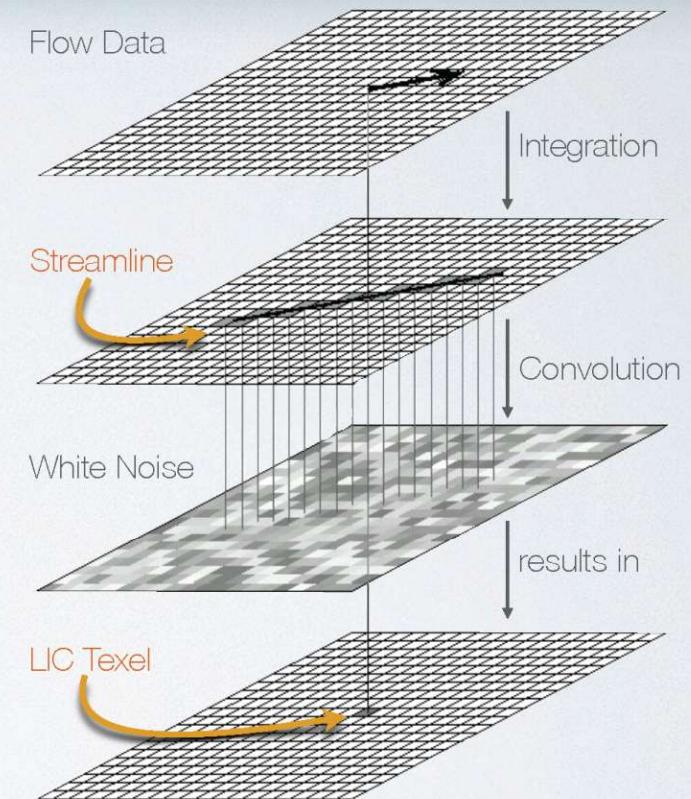
- For every texel: let the texture value
  - correlate with neighboring texture values along the flow (in flow direction)
  - not correlate with neighboring texture values across the flow (normal to flow direction)
- Result: along streamlines the texture values are correlated  $\Rightarrow$  visually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





# LIC Approach - Steps

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



# Convolution Example

## Gaussian Blur

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian.blur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaussian_blur)

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

Example:

0.00000067	0.00002292	<b>0.00019117</b>	0.00038771	<b>0.00019117</b>	0.00002292	0.00000067
0.00002292	0.00078634	0.00655965	0.01330373	0.00655965	0.00078633	0.00002292
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Note that 0.22508352 (the central one) is 1177 times larger than 0.00019117 which is just outside  $3\sigma$ .

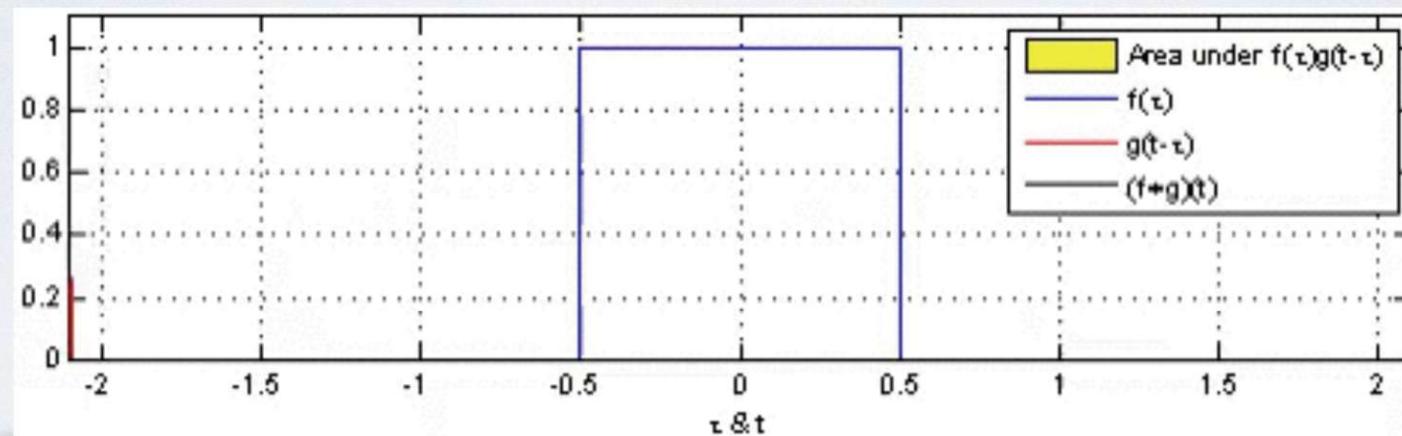
Can do multiple iterations to achieve  
larger effective filter size





# LIC Approach - 1D Convolution I

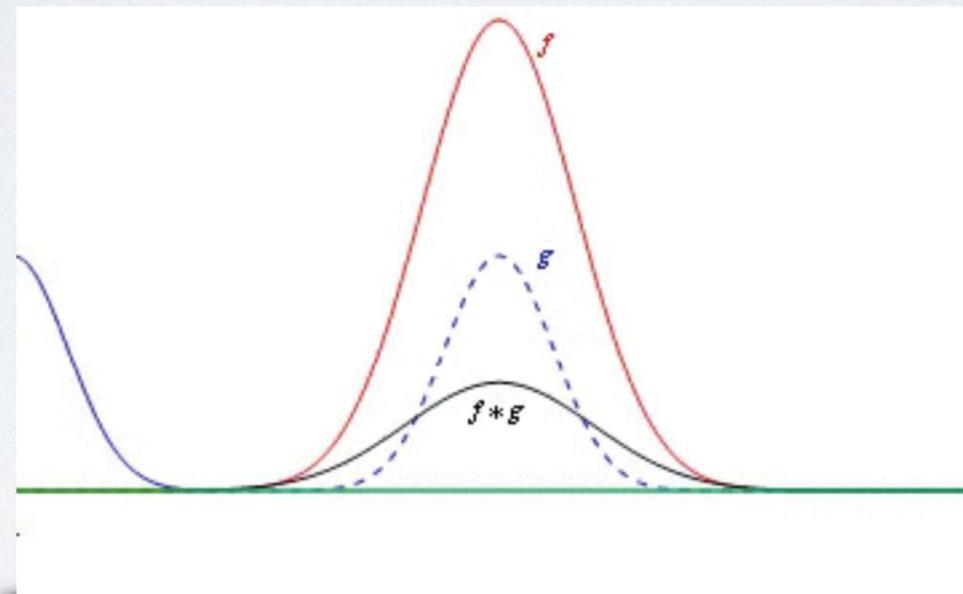
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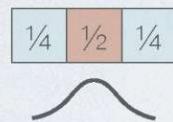
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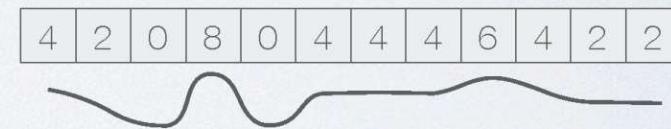
# LIC Approach - 1D Convolution III



$k(x)$  convolution kernel



$f(x)$  original signal



$$(f * k)(x) = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} f(\tau)k(x - \tau)d\tau$$

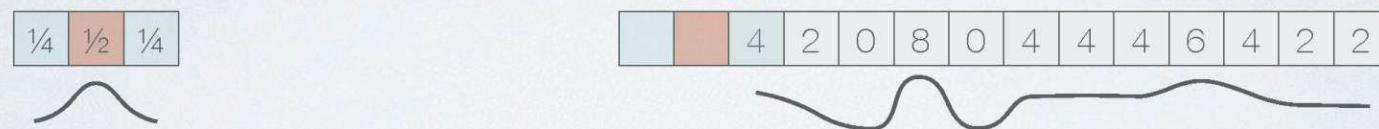
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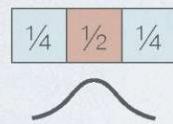
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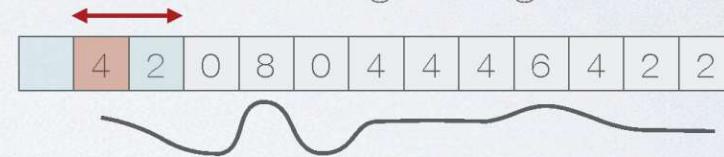
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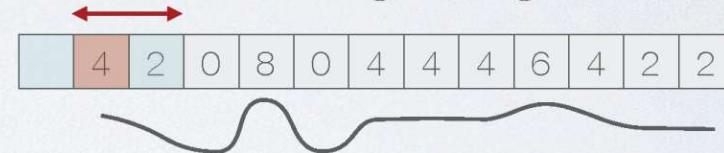
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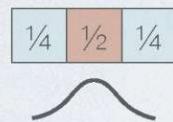
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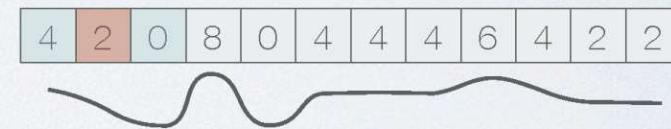


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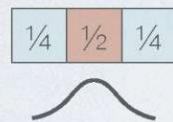


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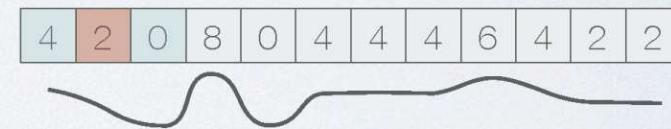


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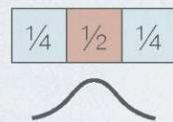


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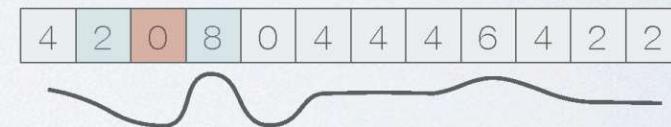


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$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 8$$

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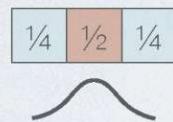


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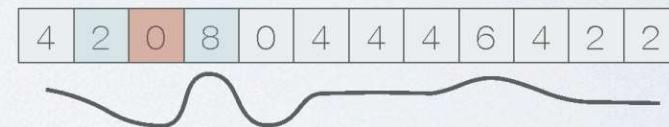


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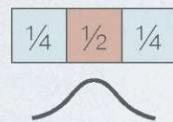


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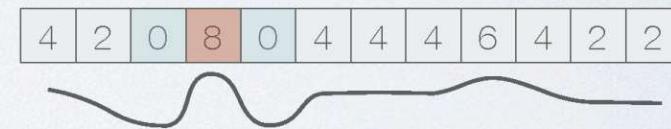
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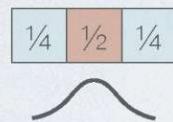


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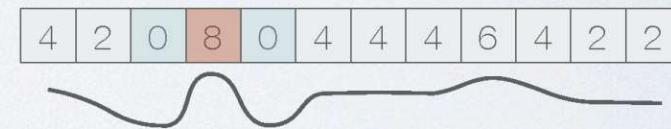
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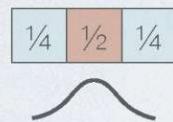
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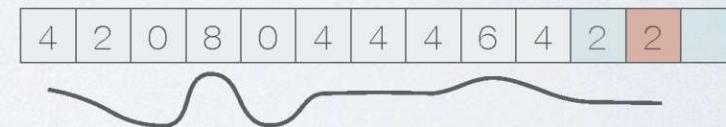
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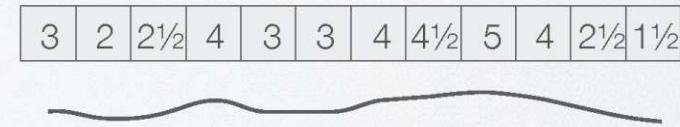


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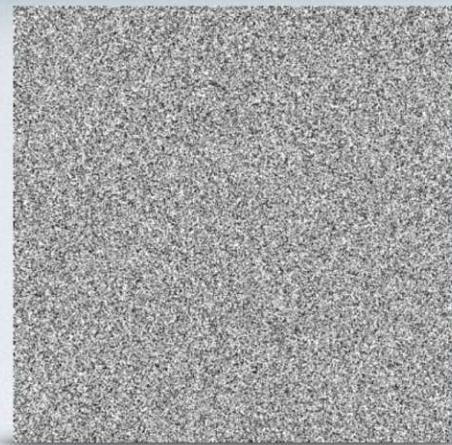


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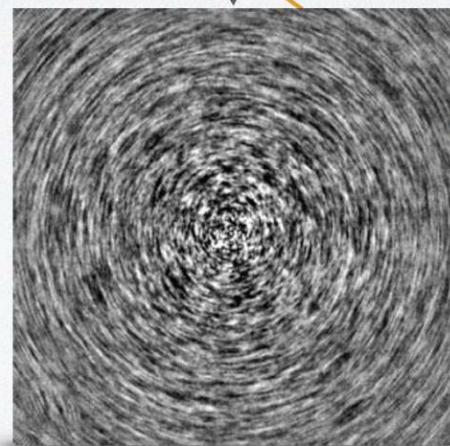
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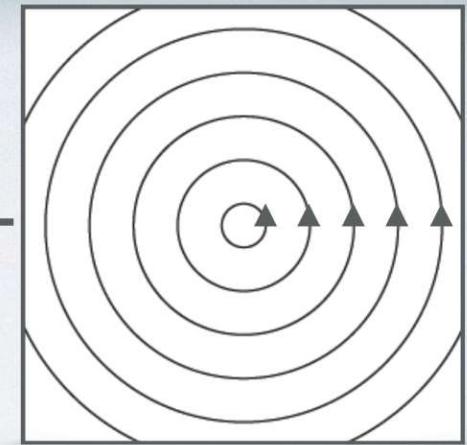
Input Noise

Convolution

$$\int T(\mathbf{x}(t+s))k(s)ds$$

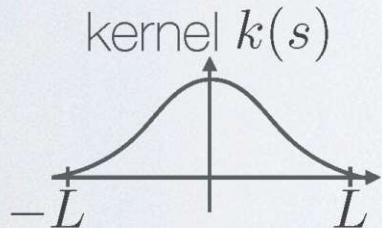


Final Image



Vector Field

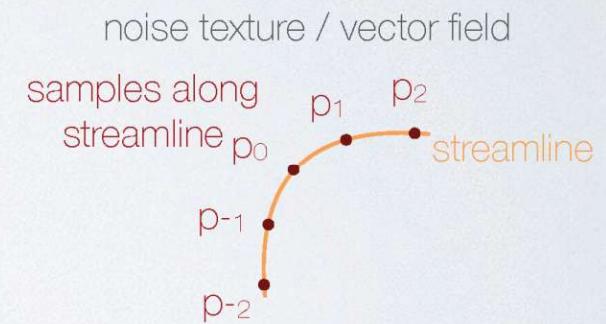
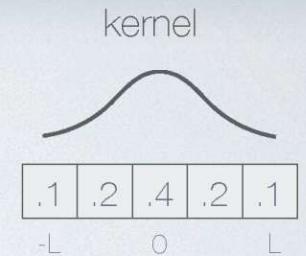
Streamline Tracing



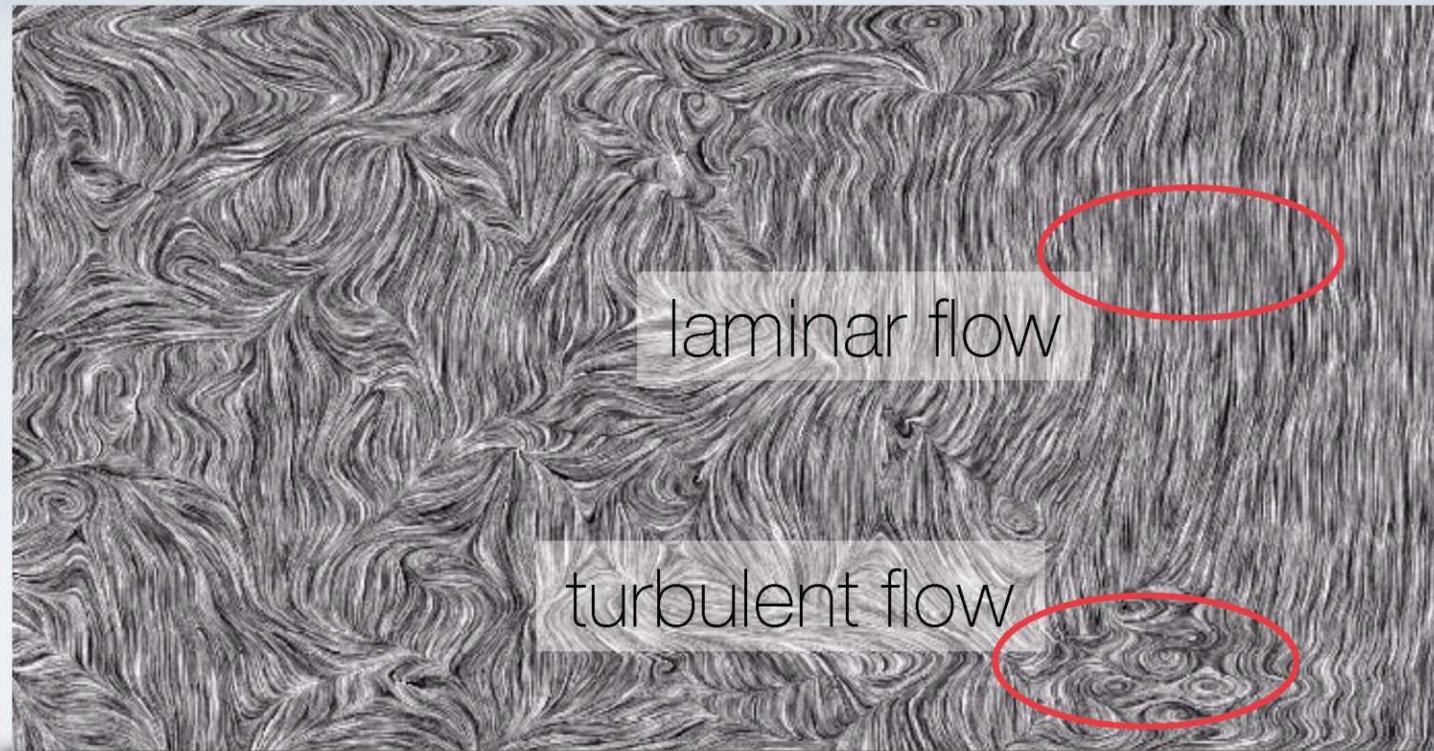
# LIC - Algorithm



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for each pixel //perfect fit for fragment shader  
  
    t = texture( position, noise_texture );  
  
    smoothed_value = kernel_value(center) * t;  
    P+ = p- = position;  
  
    for 1 to L // loop over kernel  
  
        v+ = texture( p+, vector_texture );  
        p+ = streamlineIntegration(p+, v+);  
        smoothed_value +=  
            kernel_value * texture( p+, noise_texture );  
  
        v- = -texture( p-, vector_texture );  
        p- = streamlineIntegration(p-, v-);  
        smoothed_value +=  
            kernel_value * texture( p-, noise_texture );
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# LIC - 2D Example





# Linear Algebra Approach (1)

- Toeplitz matrix: constant diagonals

$\mathbf{T} := (t_{ij})$  with  $t_{ij} := t_{i-j}$

$$\mathbf{T}^{N \times N} := \begin{bmatrix} t_0 & t_{(-1)} & t_{(-2)} & \cdots & t_{(-(N-2))} & t_{(-(N-1))} \\ t_1 & t_0 & t_{(-1)} & \cdots & t_{(-(N-3))} & t_{(-(N-2))} \\ t_2 & t_1 & t_0 & \cdots & t_{(-(N-4))} & t_{(-(N-3))} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ t_{N-2} & t_{N-3} & t_{N-4} & \cdots & t_0 & t_{(-1)} \\ t_{N-1} & t_{N-2} & t_{N-3} & \cdots & t_1 & t_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Linear Algebra Approach (2)

- Circulant matrix: special case of Toeplitz matrix

$\mathbf{C} := (c_{ij})$  where  $c_{ij} := c_{(i-j) \bmod N}$

$$\mathbf{C}^{N \times N} := \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_{N-1} & c_{N-2} & \dots & c_2 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_0 & c_{N-1} & \dots & c_3 & c_2 \\ c_2 & c_1 & c_0 & \dots & c_4 & c_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{N-2} & c_{N-3} & c_{N-4} & \dots & c_0 & c_{N-1} \\ c_{N-1} & c_{N-2} & c_{N-3} & \dots & c_1 & c_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Periodic convolution: multiply  $\mathbf{C}$  with (periodic) signal in column vector
- The Fourier transform *diagonalizes* circulant matrices

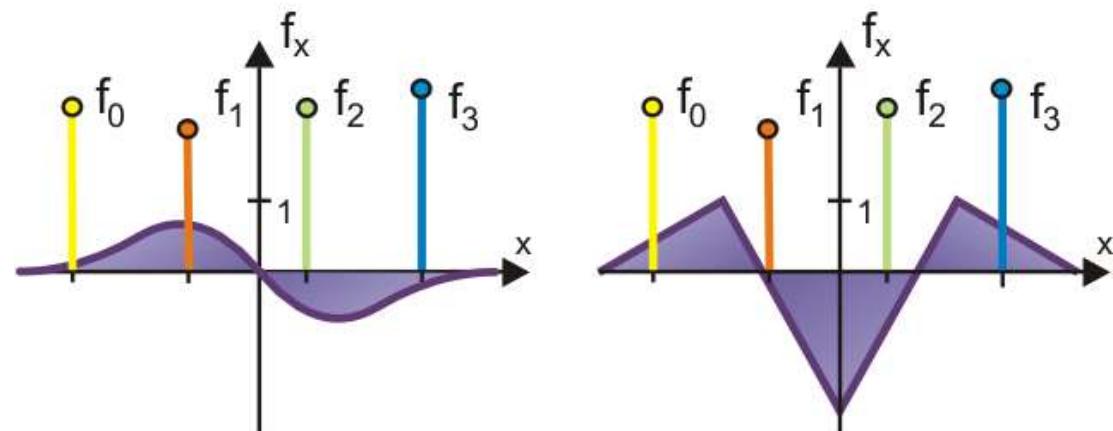
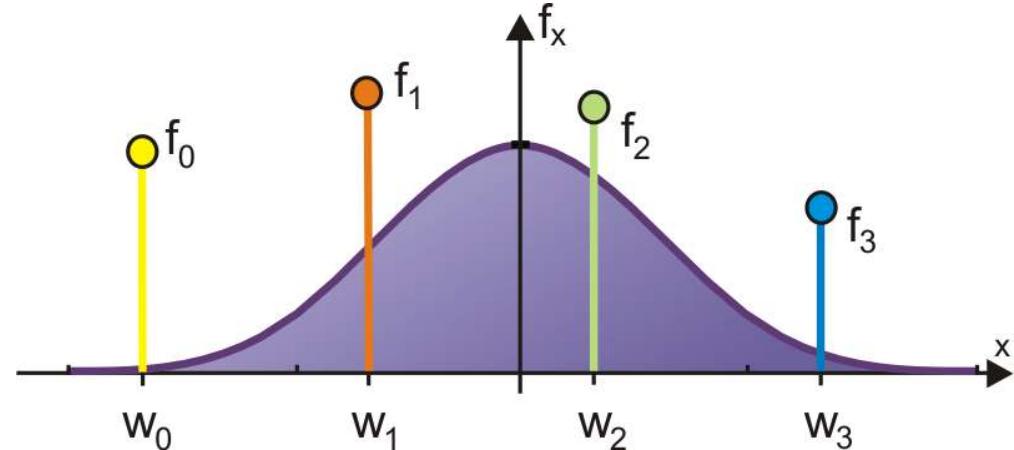
# **Interlude: Derivatives via Convolution**

# Convolve with Derivatives of Kernel



## Example

- Cubic B-spline and derivatives
- Use 1D kernels and tensor product for tri-cubic
- Well-suited for curvature computation  
[Kindlmann et al., 2003]
- Expensive convolution?



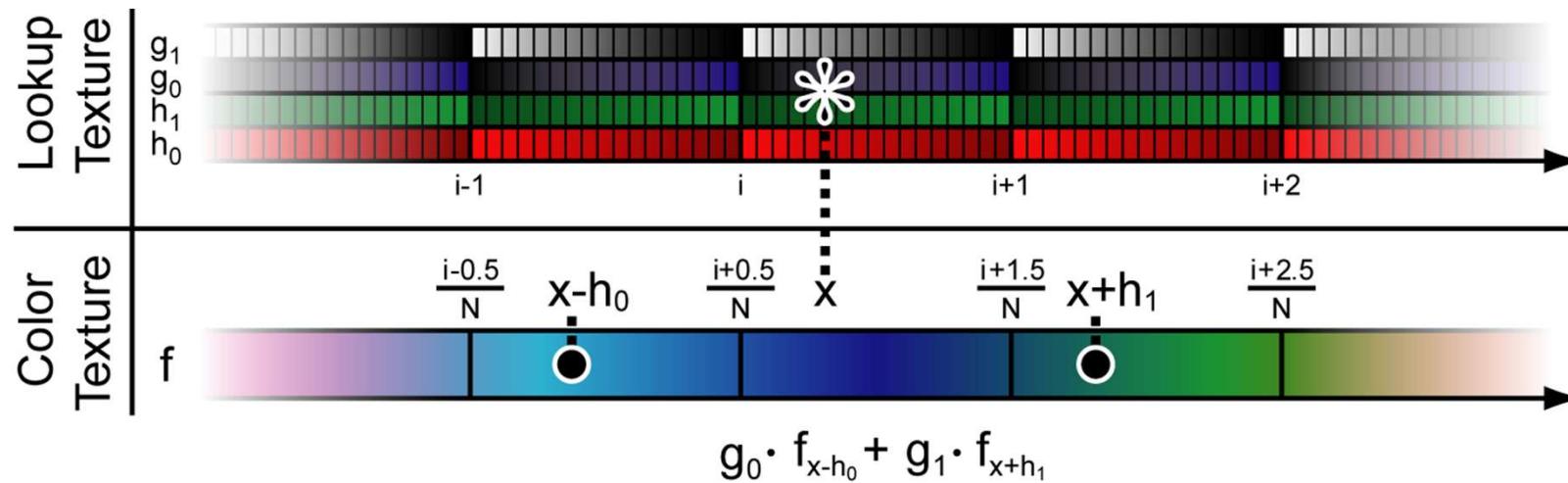


# Fast Tri-Cubic Filtering on GPUs

Cubic: Need 64 neighbors; usually means 64 nearest-neighbor lookups

- But on GPUs 8 tri-linear lookups suffice for tri-cubic B-spline
- Kernels are transformed into 1D look-up textures (or simple equations)

[Sigg and Hadwiger, 2005] (GPU Gems 2)



- Newer: procedural kernel computation (see NVIDIA CUDA SDK)

# Vector Fields, Vector Calculus, and Dynamical Systems

# Fluid Simulation: Navier Stokes Equations



Incompressible (divergence-free) Navier Stokes equations

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

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

Components:

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



# Some Vector Calculus (1)

## Gradient (scalar field → 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

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

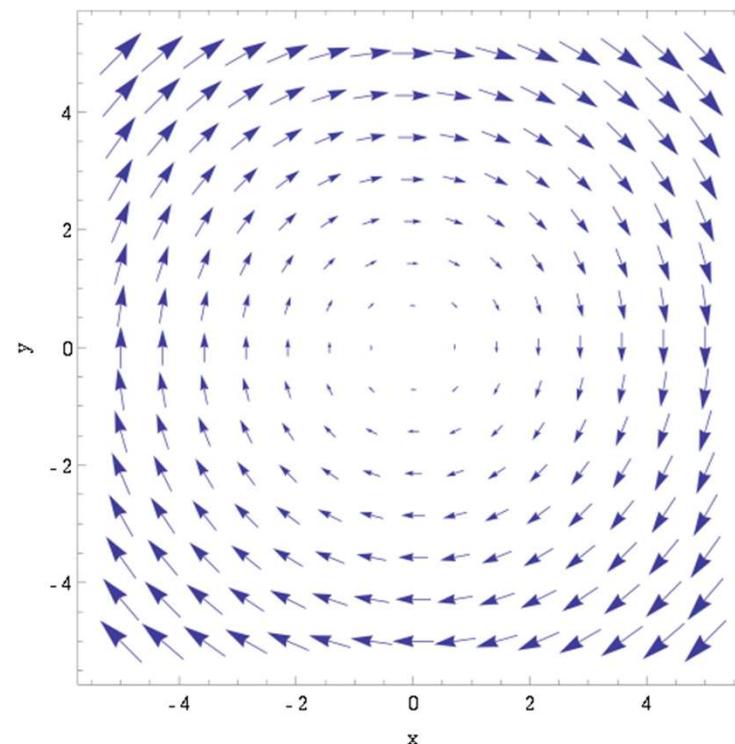


# Some Vector Calculus (2)

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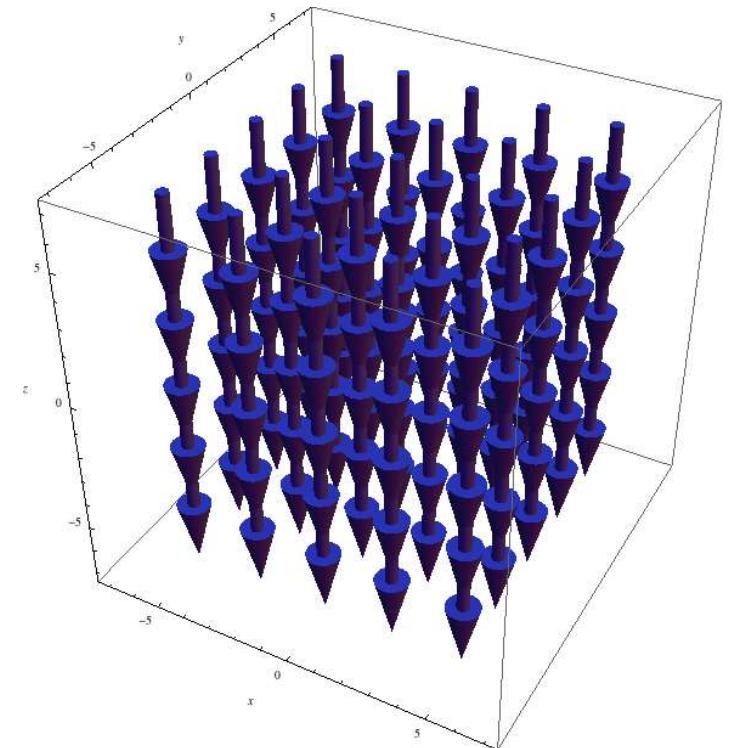
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Example:  
 $\text{curl} = \text{const}$   
everywhere



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

these are partial derivatives!



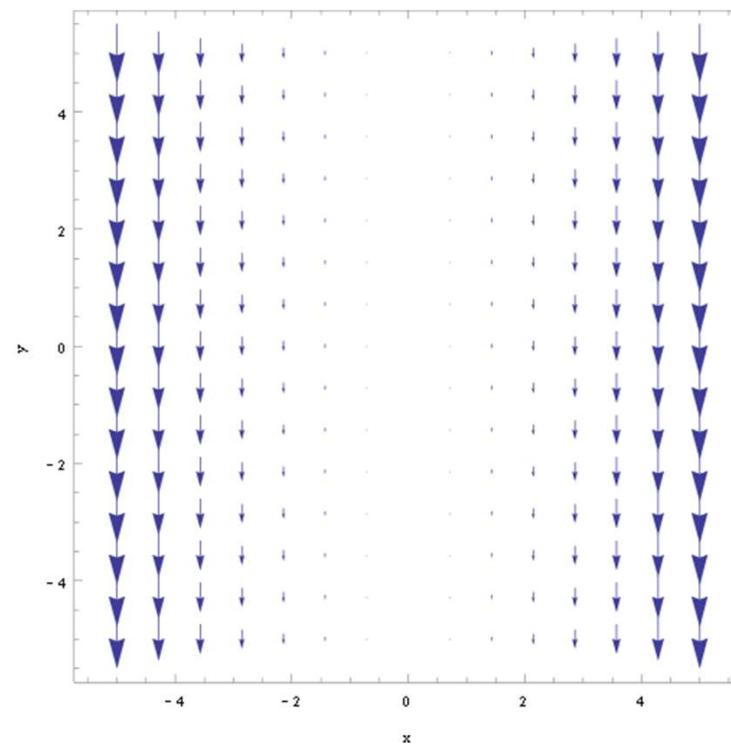


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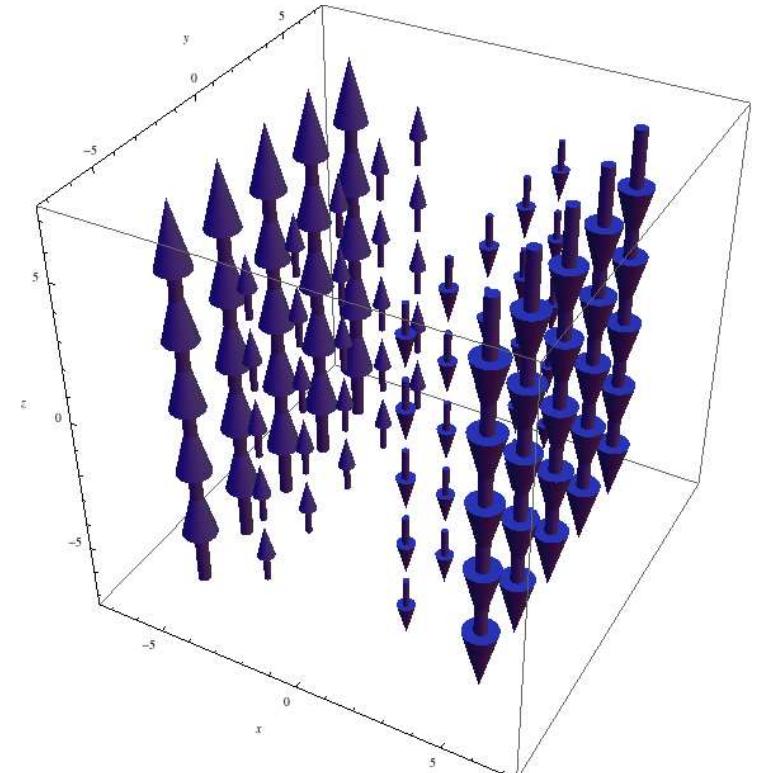
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Example:  
curl not  
always  
“obviously  
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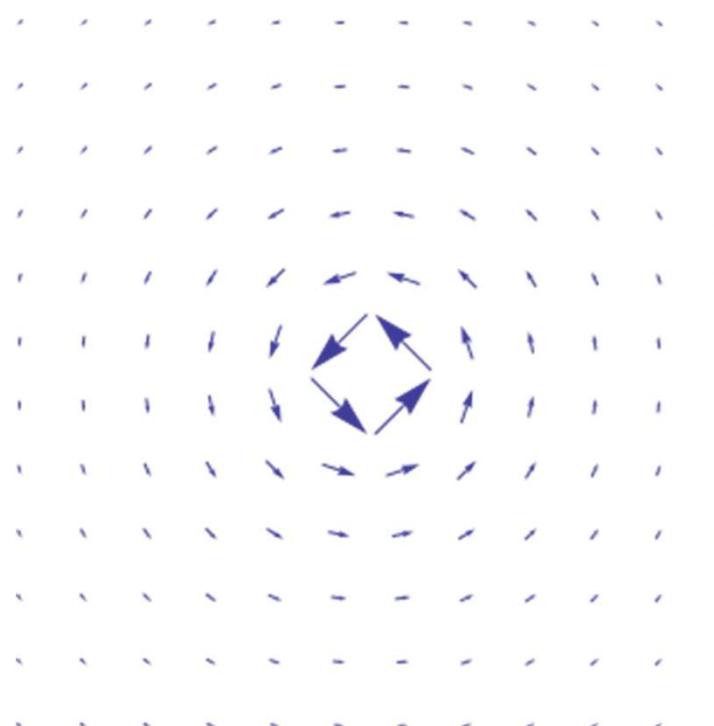
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Example:  
non-obvious  
curl-free field

[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)

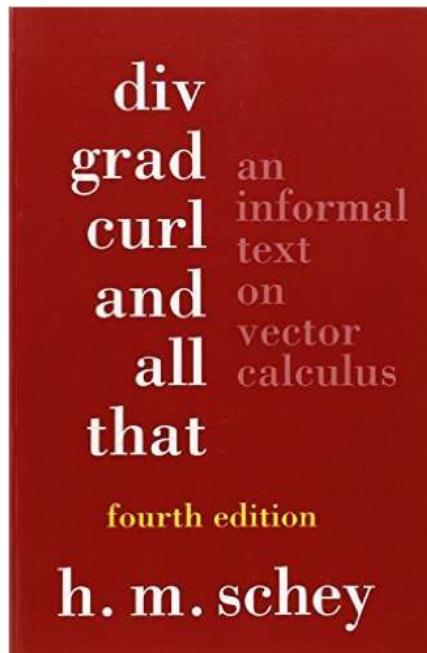
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Book:



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  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ :  $\mathbf{S} \cdot \bullet = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega} \times$

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

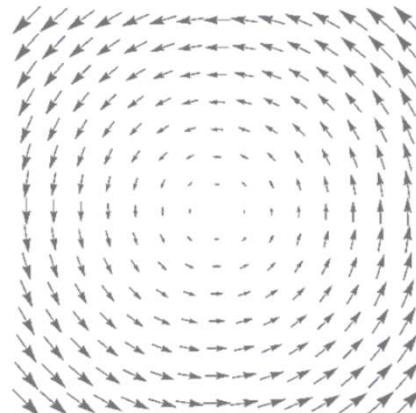
# Angular Velocity of Rigid Body Rotation



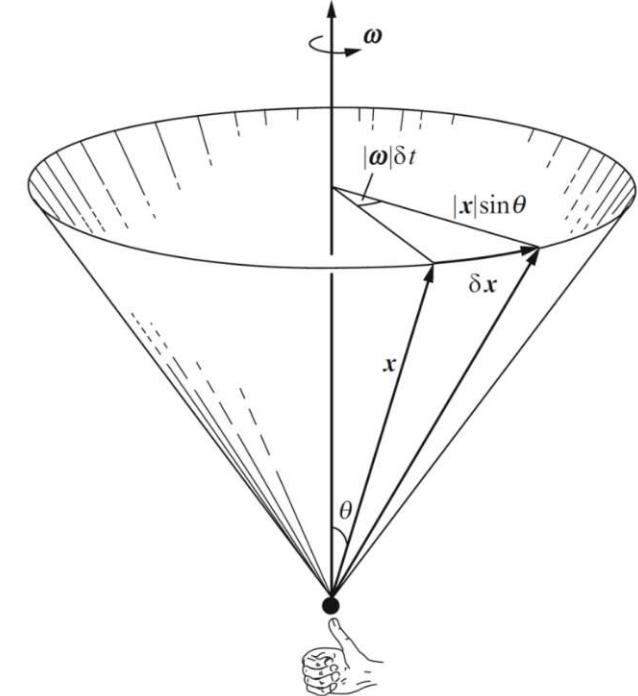
## Rate of rotation

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

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



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



# Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (1)



## Velocity gradient tensor

(here: in Cartesian coordinates)

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

these are the same partial derivatives as before!

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

# Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (2)



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

(symmetric part; here: in Cartesian coordinates)

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

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

# Velocity Gradient Tensor and Components (3)



## Vorticity tensor (spin tensor)

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

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

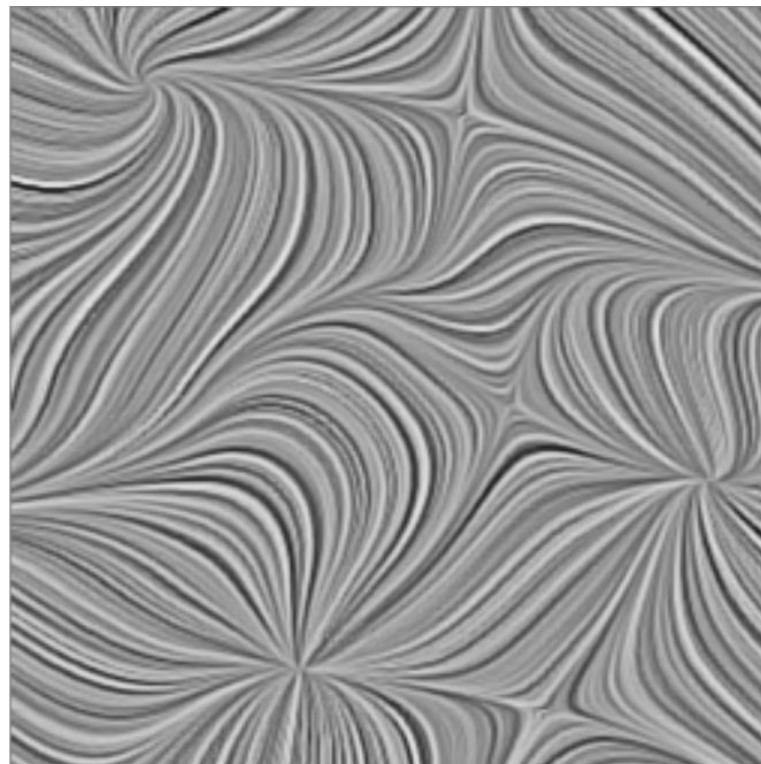
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# Critical Point Analysis

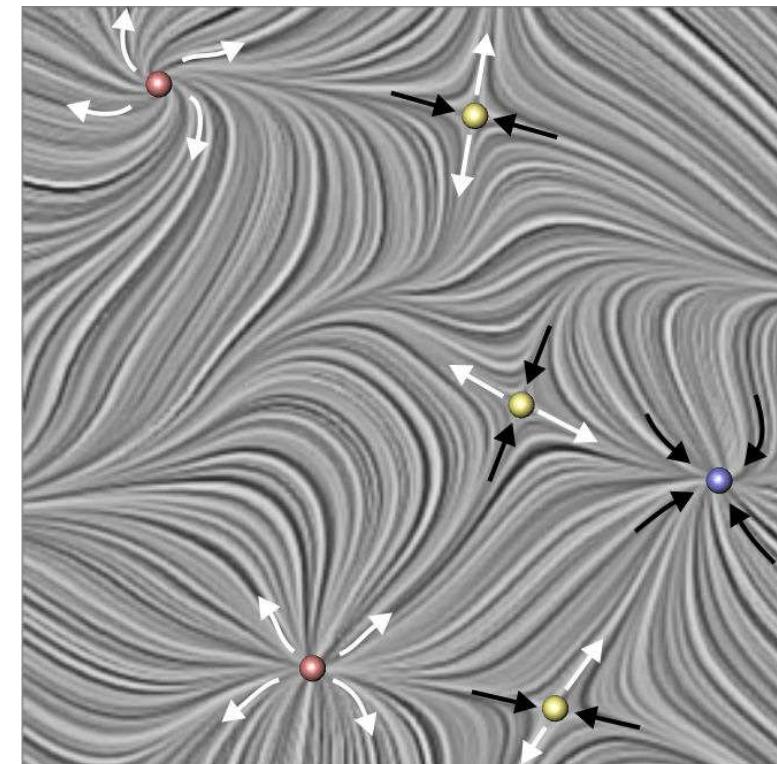
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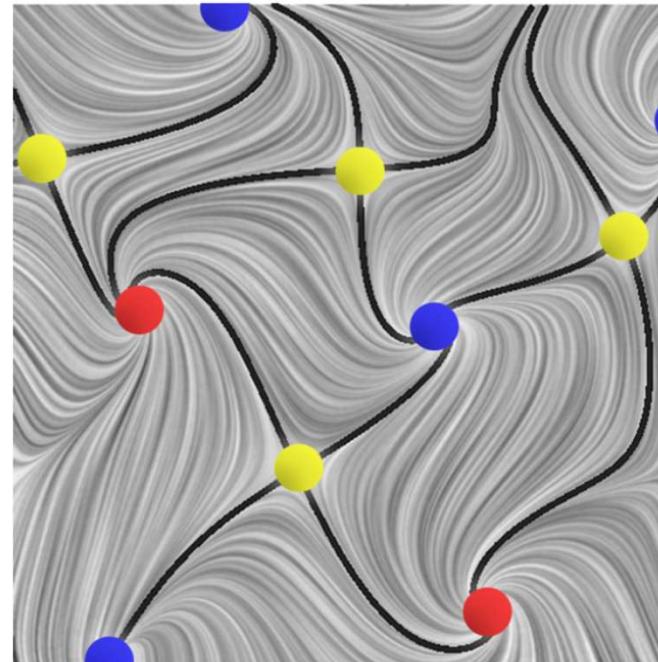
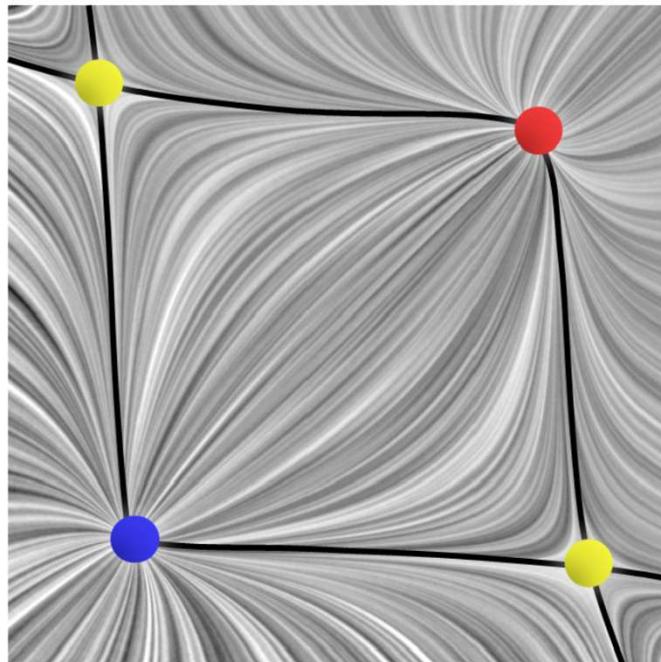


critical points ( $\mathbf{v} = 0$ )

# Vector Field Topology: Topological Skeleton



Connect critical points by *separatrices*



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

# (Non-Linear) Dynamical Systems



Start with system of linear ODEs (with constant coefficients)

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

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

$A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix



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

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

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

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

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  $s$  non-zero)

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

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

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

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

Eigenvalues

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

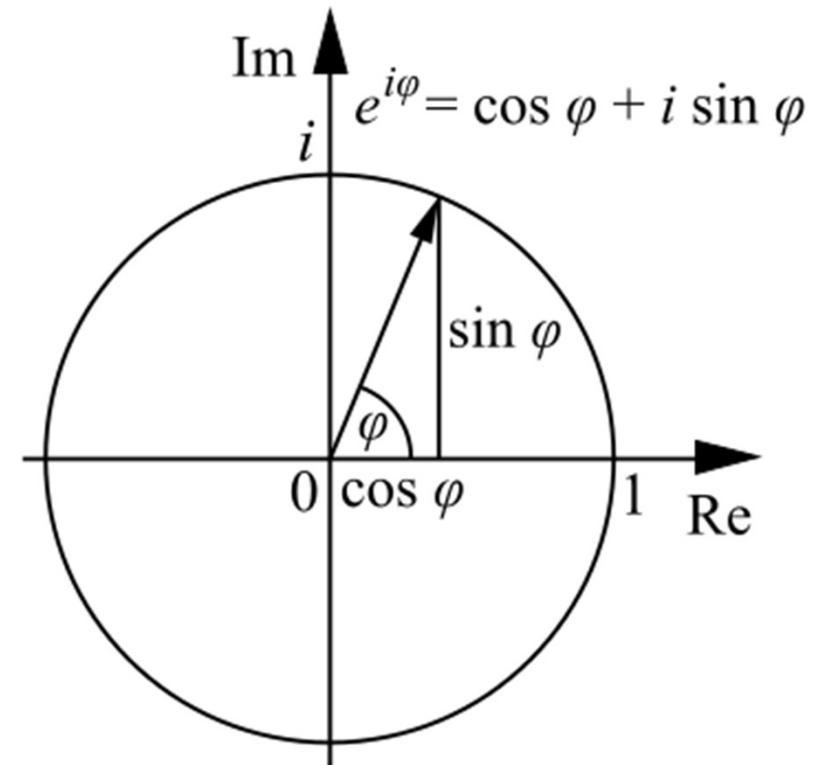


# Euler's Formula

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

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

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





# Matrix Exponentials

Defined via same power series as usual exponential

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

Easy if  $X$  is diagonalizable

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Exponentials of anti-symmetric matrices are rotation matrices

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Complex eigenvalues lead to rotation

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



# Classification of Critical Points (1)

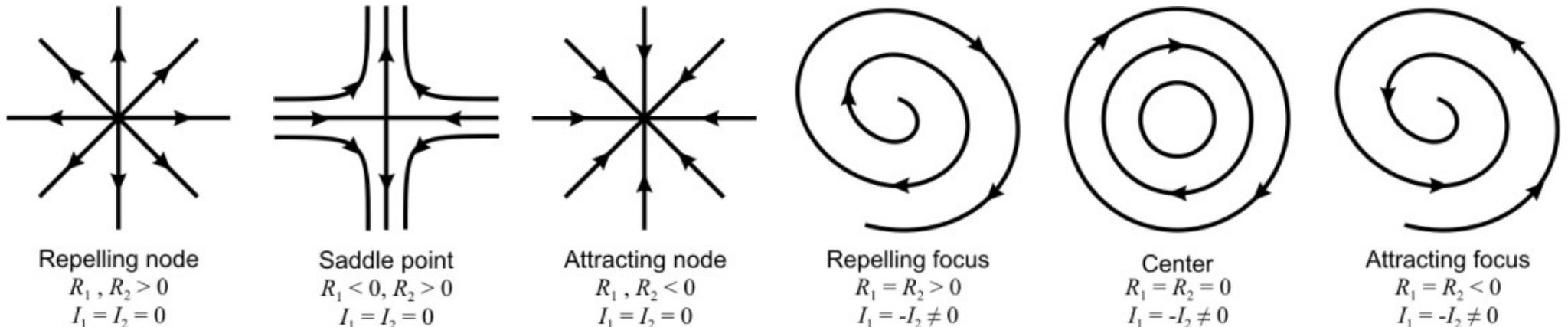
(Isolated) critical point (equilibrium point)

- Velocity vanishes (all components zero)

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

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

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

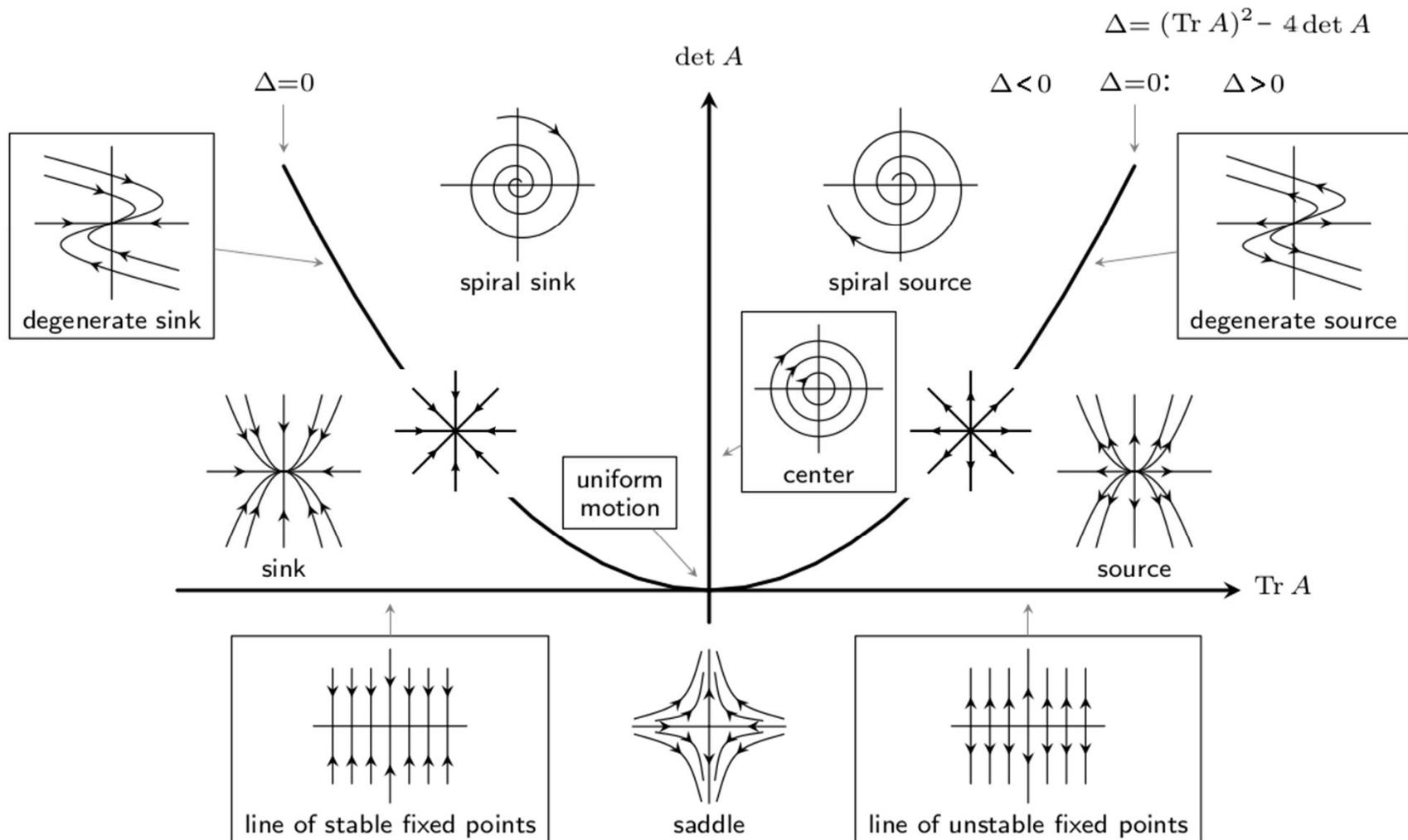


the first three phase portraits are special cases, see later slides!



# Classification of Critical Points (2)

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

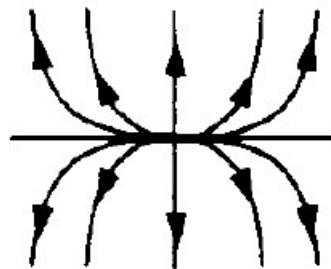




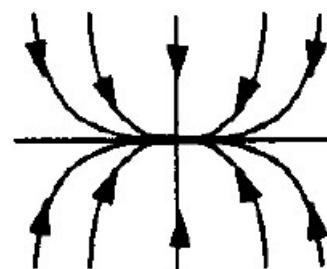
# A Few Details (1)

## Repelling/attracting nodes

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



**Repelling Node**  
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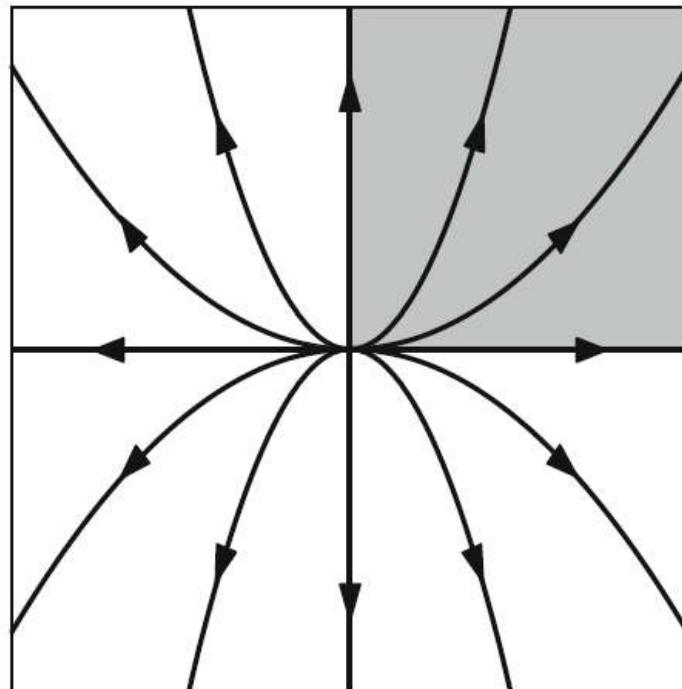
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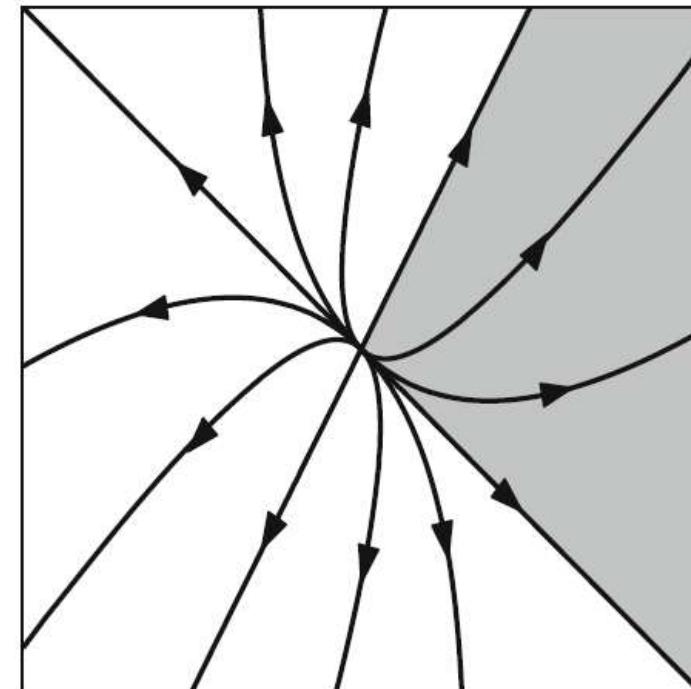
## A Few Details (2)

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

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

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

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

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same eigenvalues,  
trace, determinant!

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# Another Example

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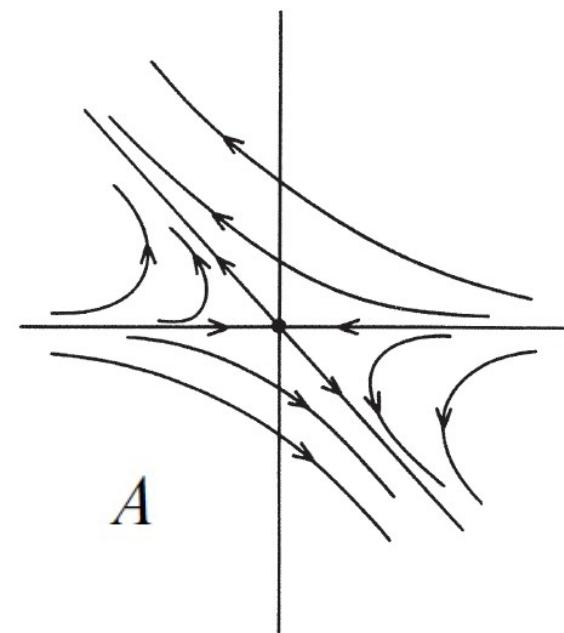
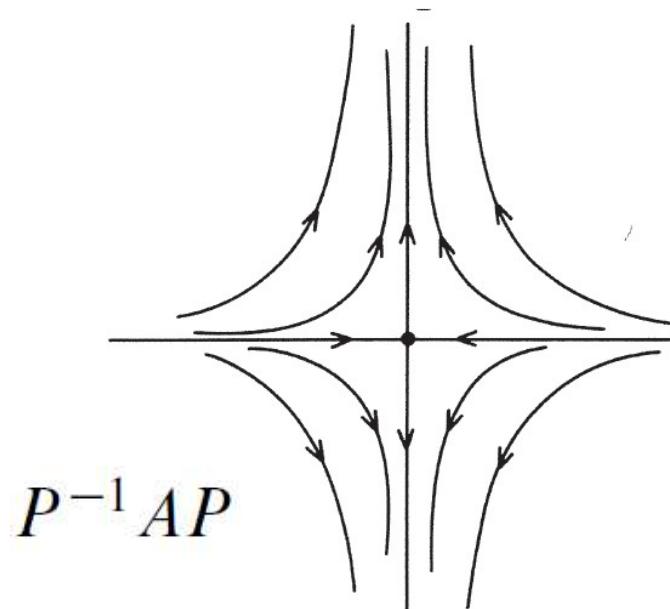
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1 = -1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2$$

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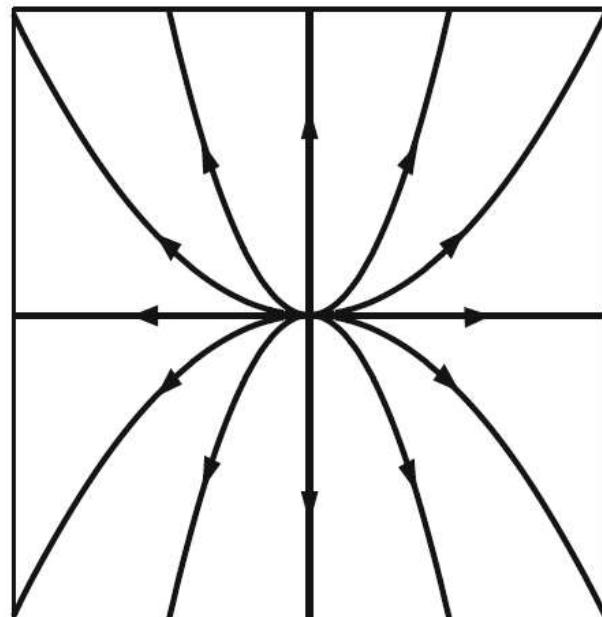


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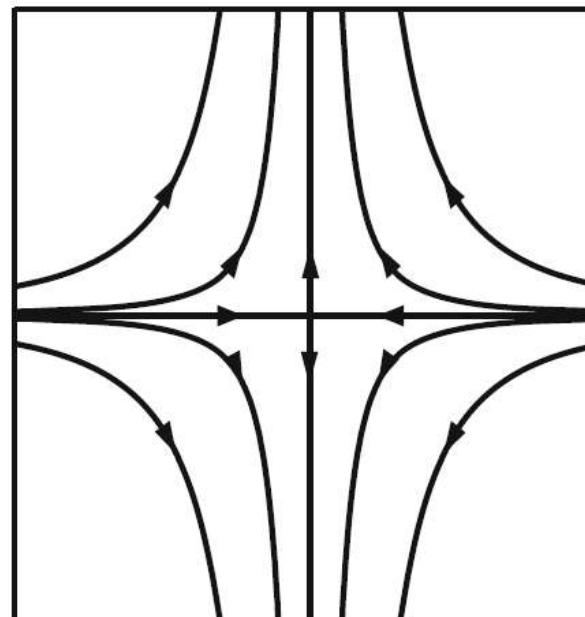


Phase portraits corresponding to Jordan matrix

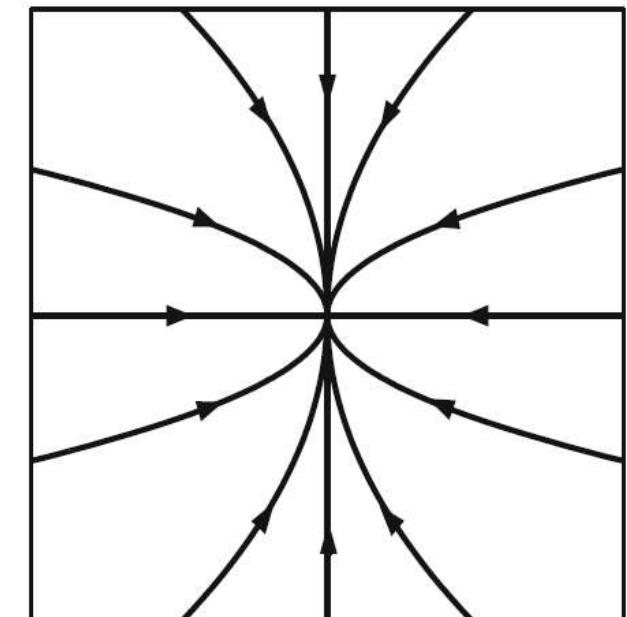
$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$   
unstable node



$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$   
saddle



$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$   
stable node

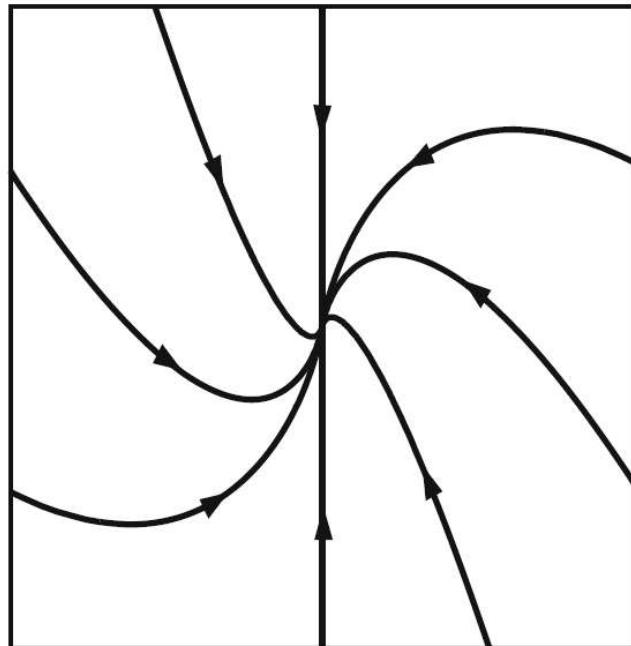
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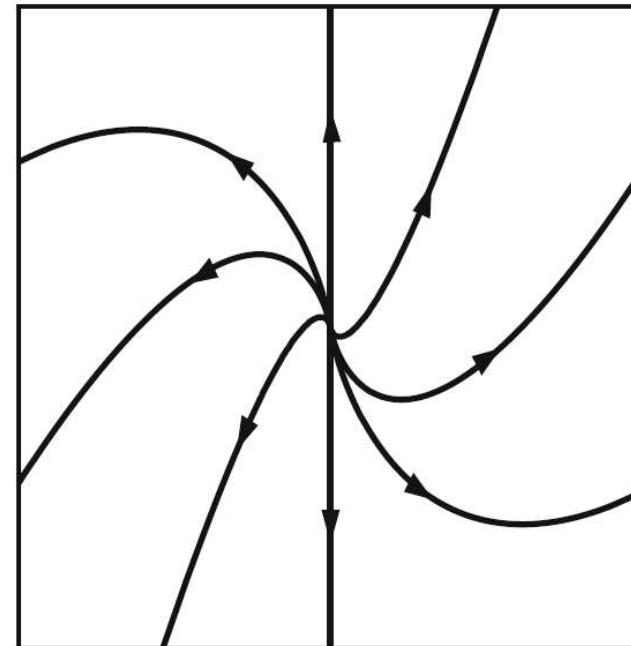
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(matrix is defective: eigenspaces collapse,  
geometric multiplicity less than algebraic multiplicity)

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$\lambda < 0$   
stable improper node



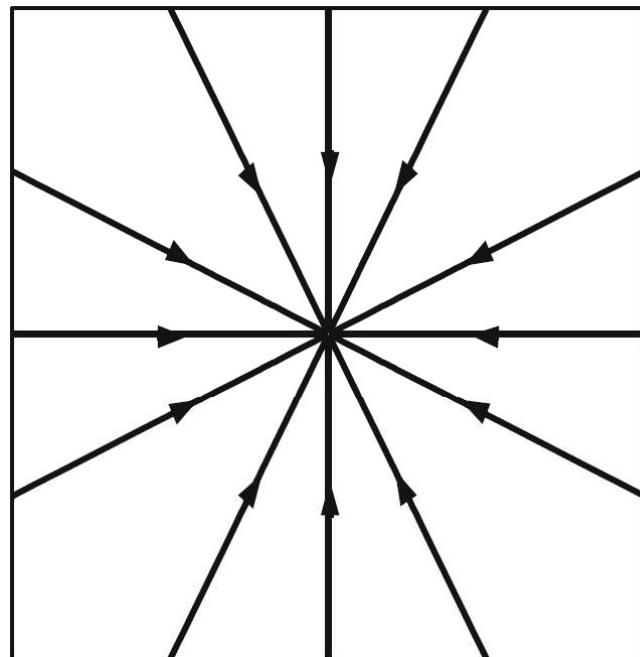
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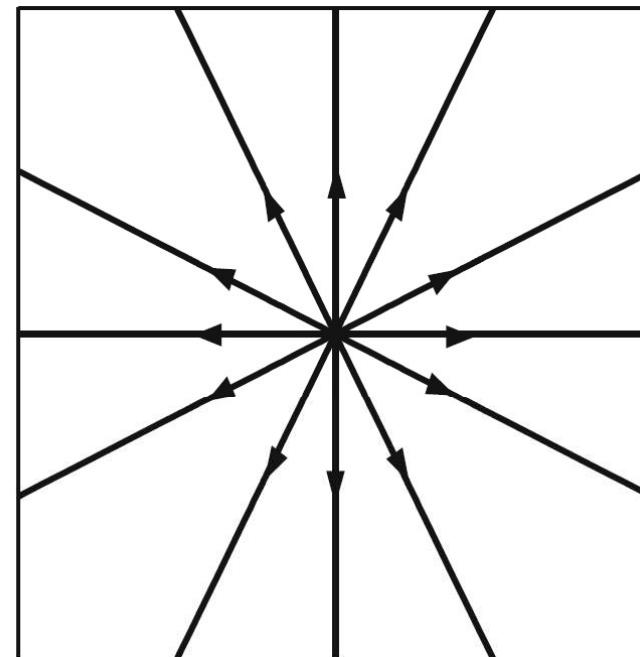


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$\lambda < 0$   
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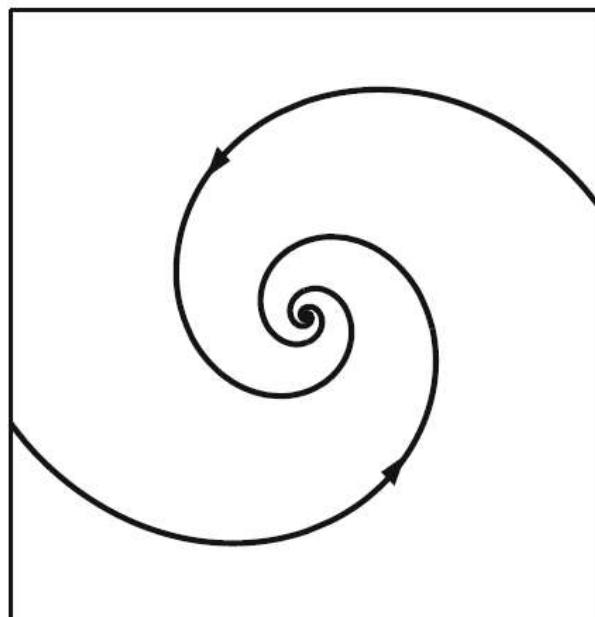
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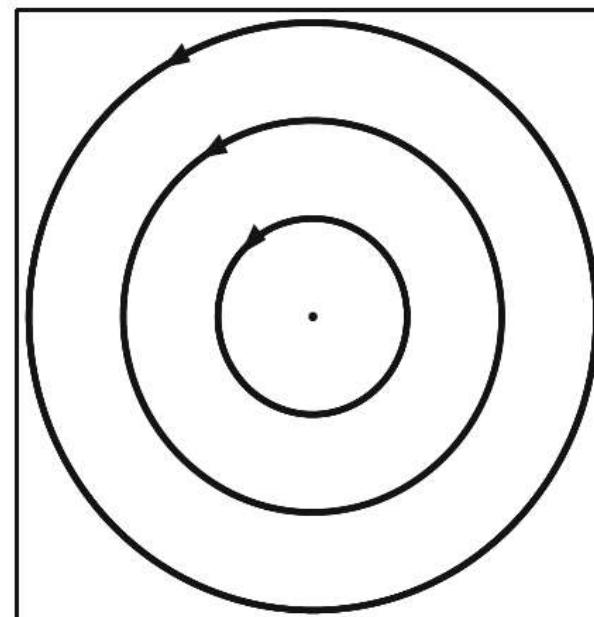


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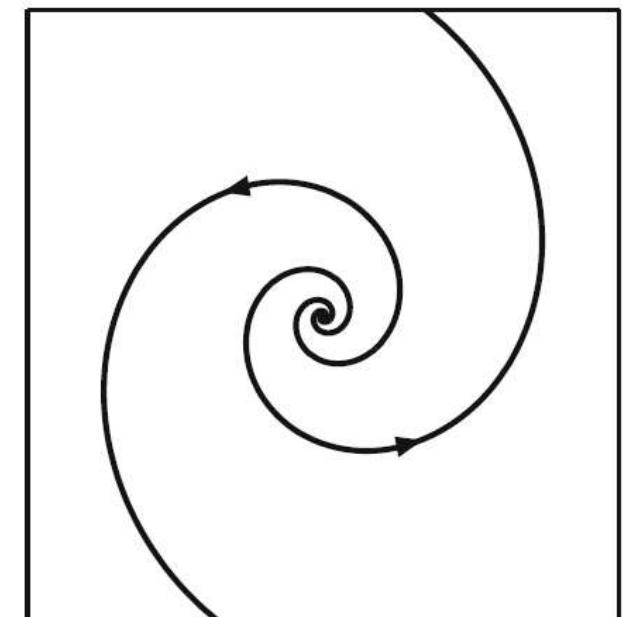
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$a < 0$   
stable spiral node



$a = 0$   
center

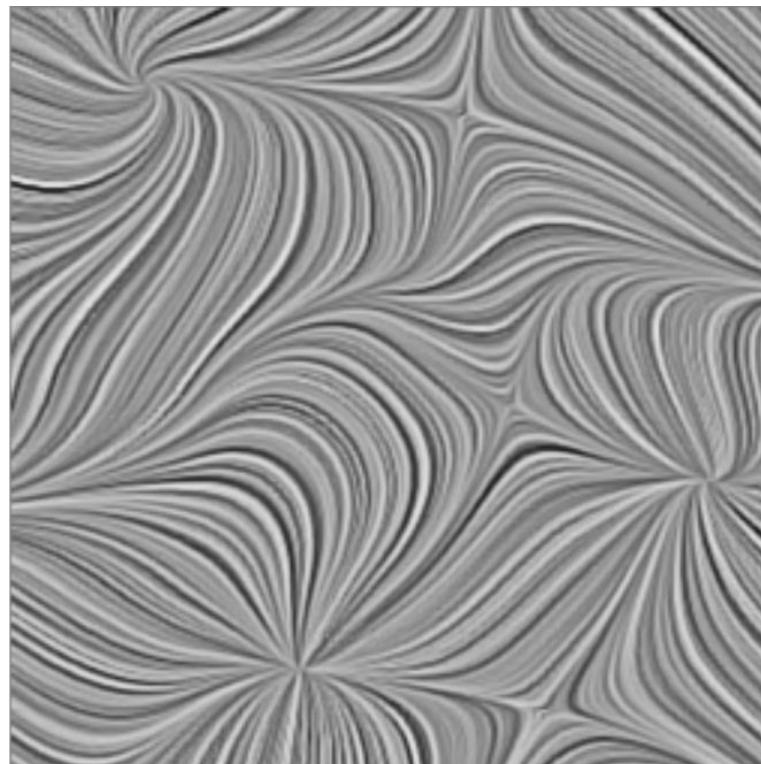


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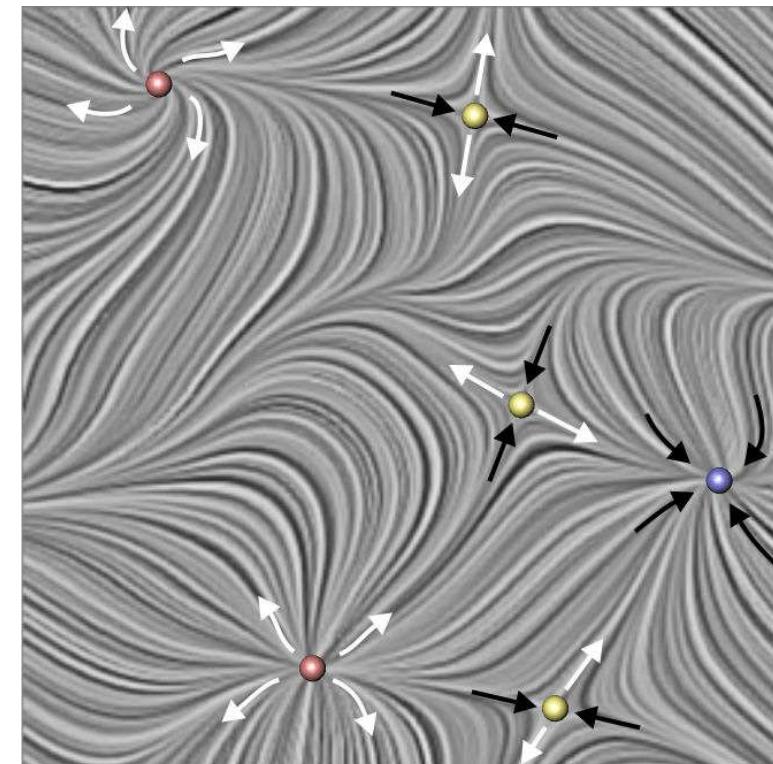
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Classify critical points according to the *eigenvalues* of the velocity gradient tensor at the critical point



stream lines (LIC)

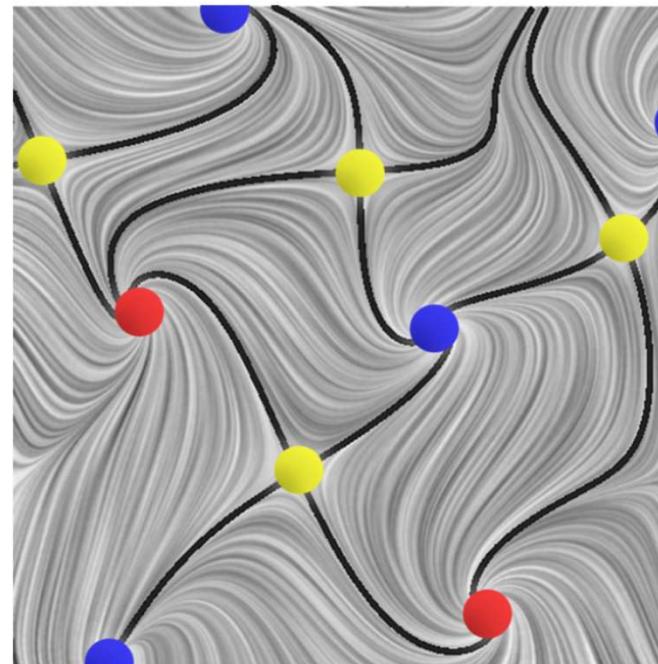
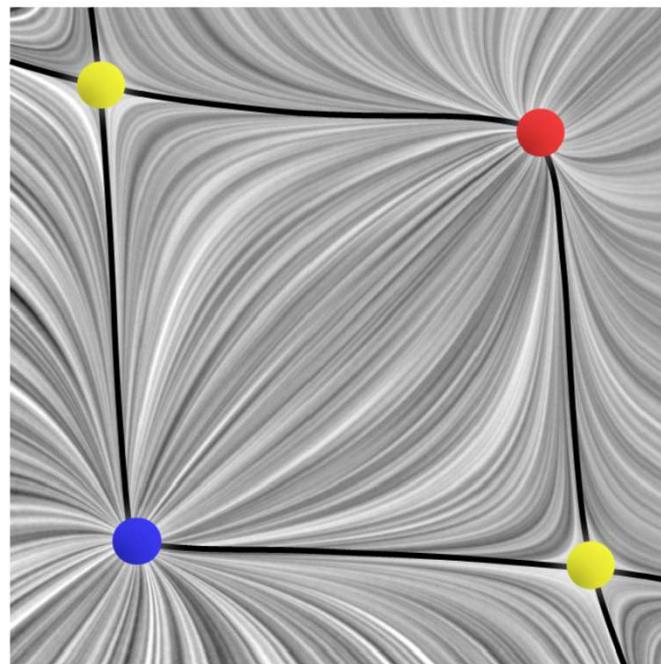


critical points ( $\mathbf{v} = 0$ )

# Vector Field Topology: Topological Skeleton



Connect critical points by *separatrices*

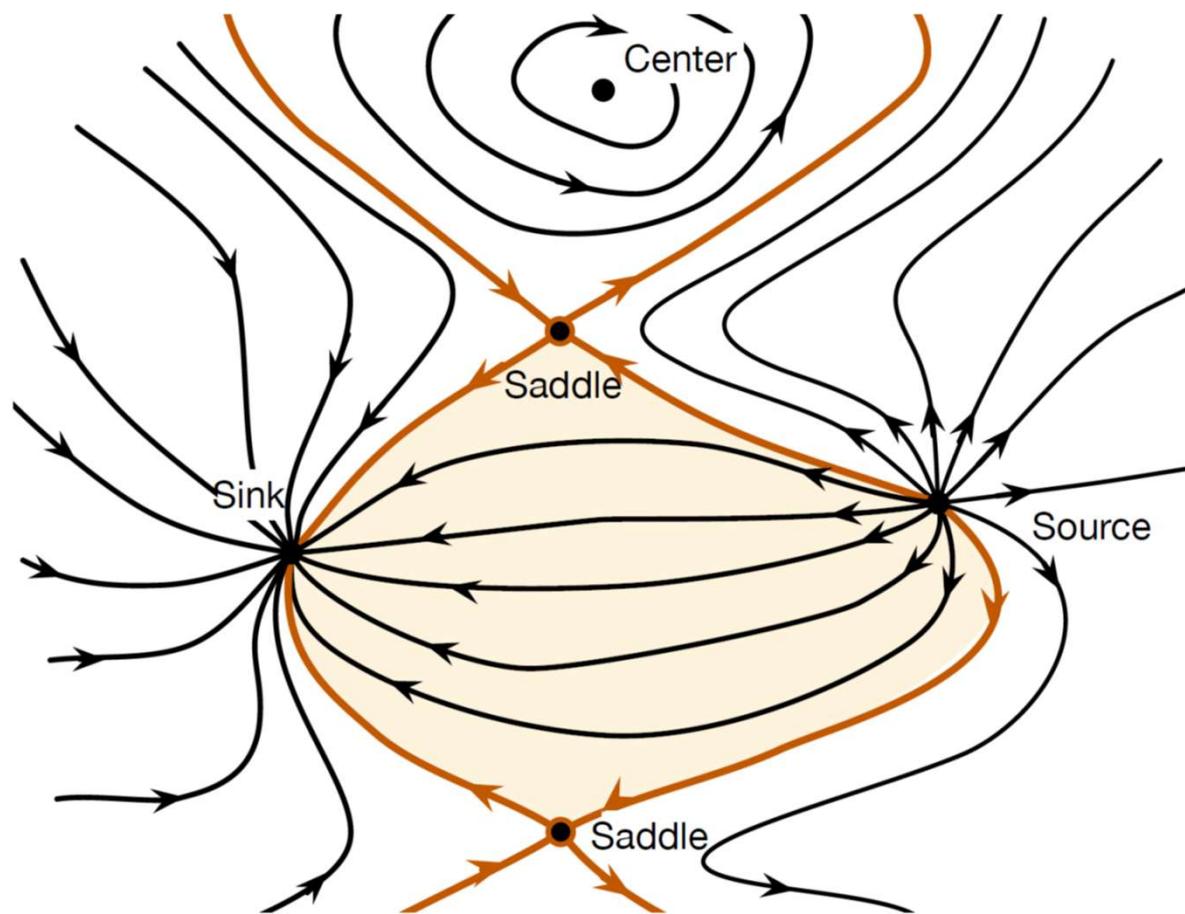


Sources (red), sinks (blue), saddles (yellow)

# Vector Field Topology: Topological Skeleton



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# Index of Critical Points / Vector Fields



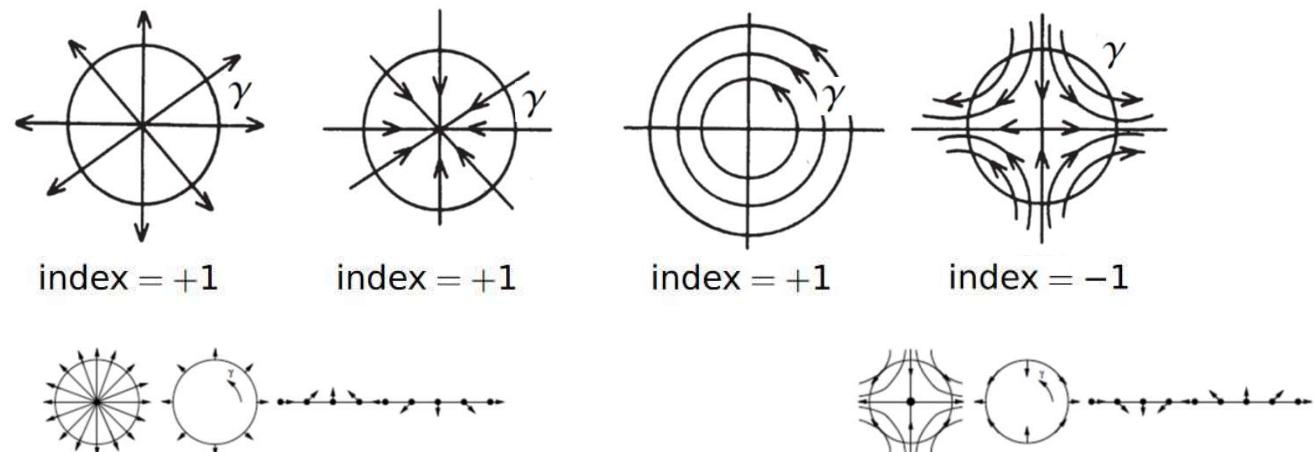
*Poincaré index* (in scalar field topology we have the *Morse index*)

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

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

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

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



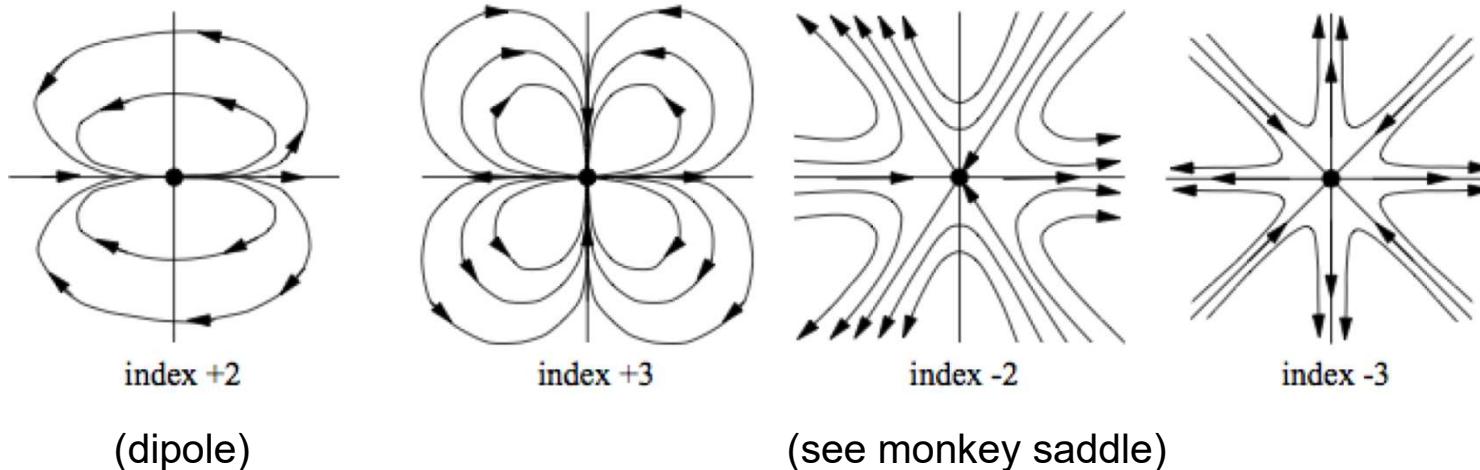


# Higher-Order Critical Points

Higher than first-order

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

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





# Example: Differential Topology

Topological information from vector fields on manifold

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

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

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

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



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



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

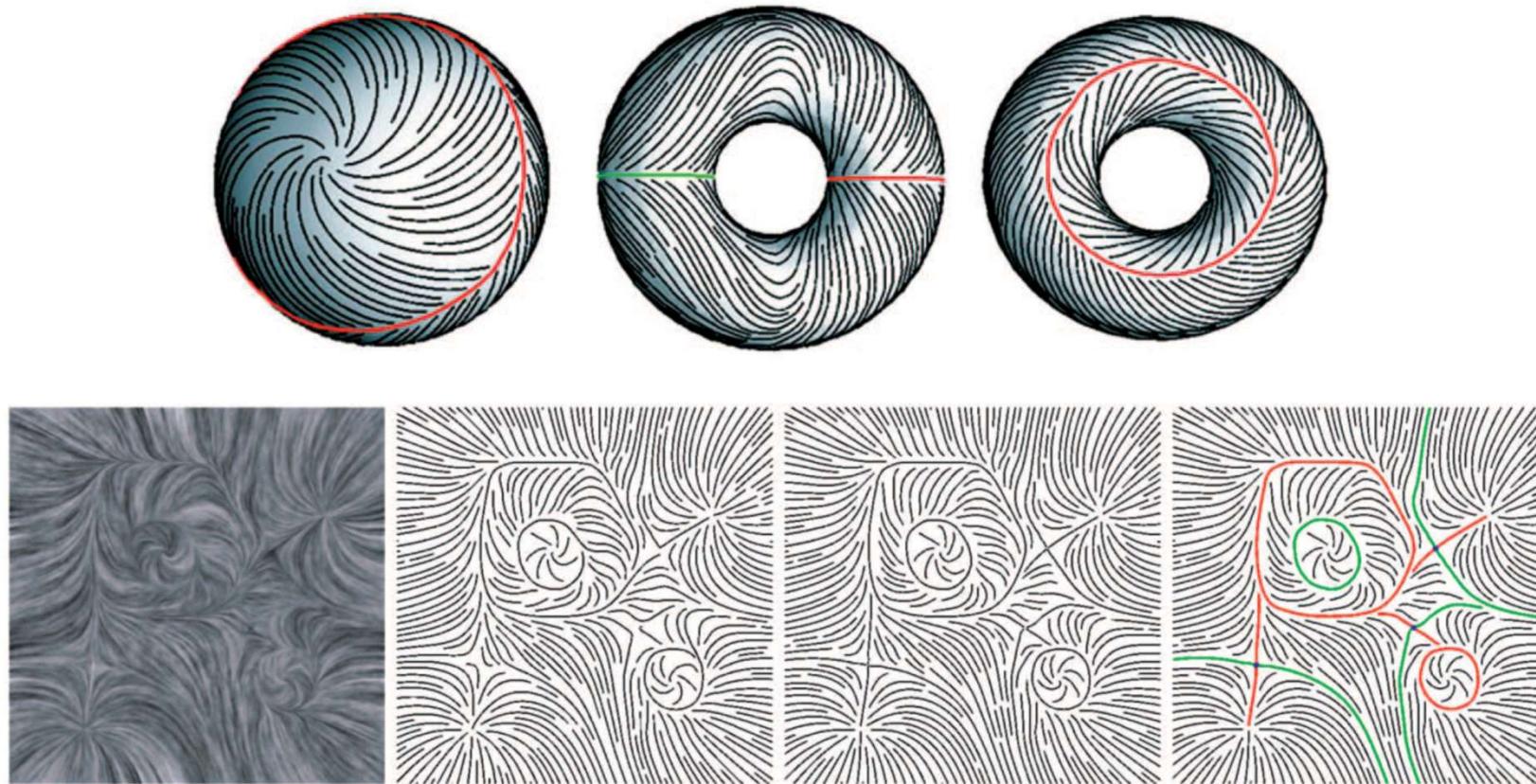


genus  $g = 2$   
Euler characteristic  $\chi = -2$



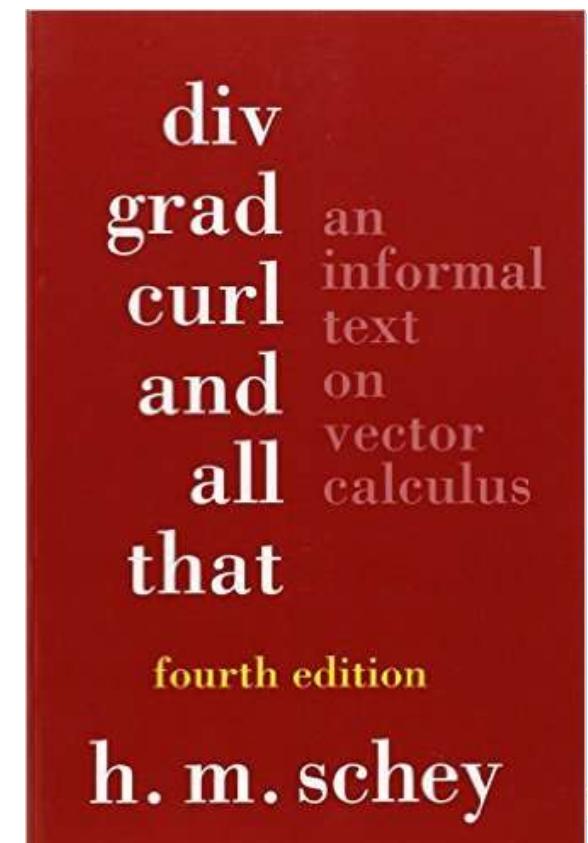
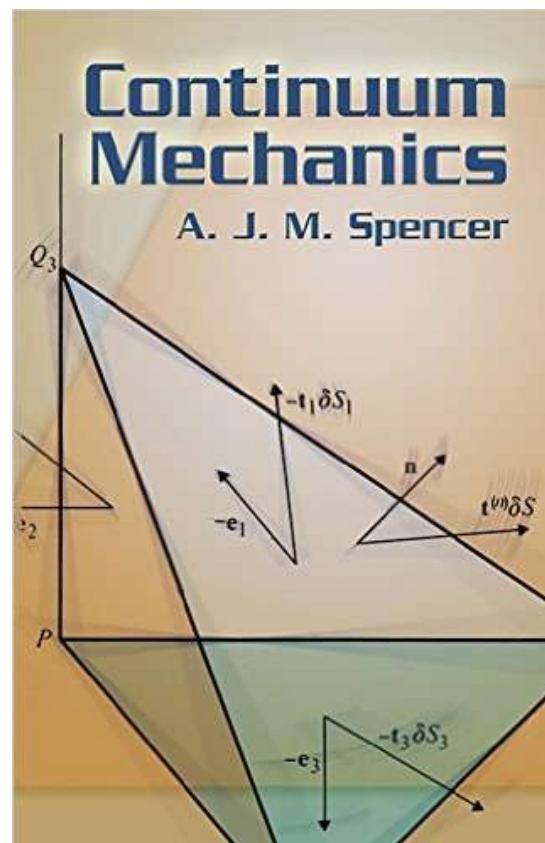
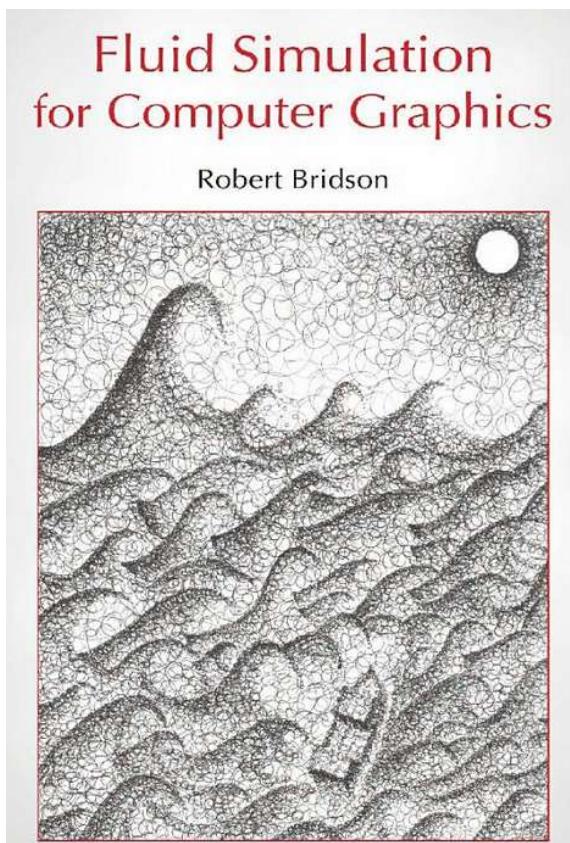
# Example: Vector Field Editing

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



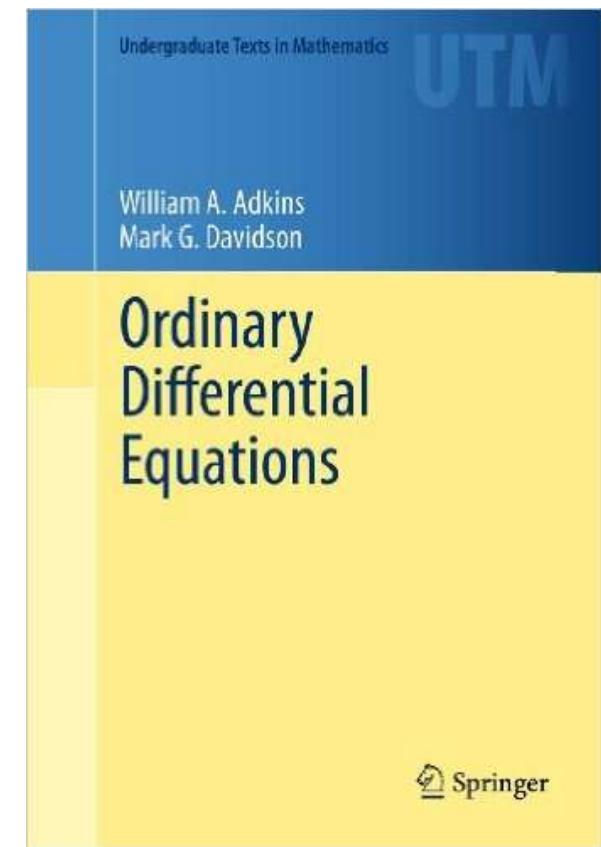
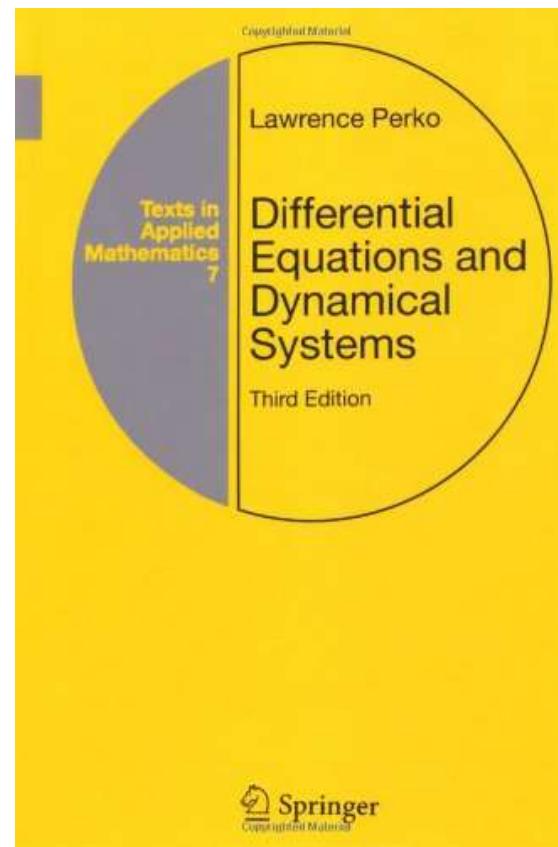
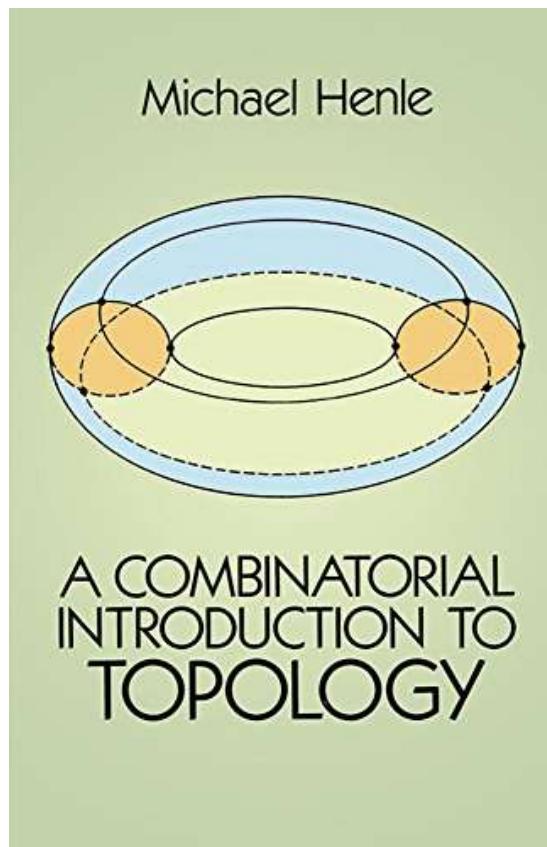


# Recommended Books (1)





# Recommended Books (2)



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