

DISSIPATIVE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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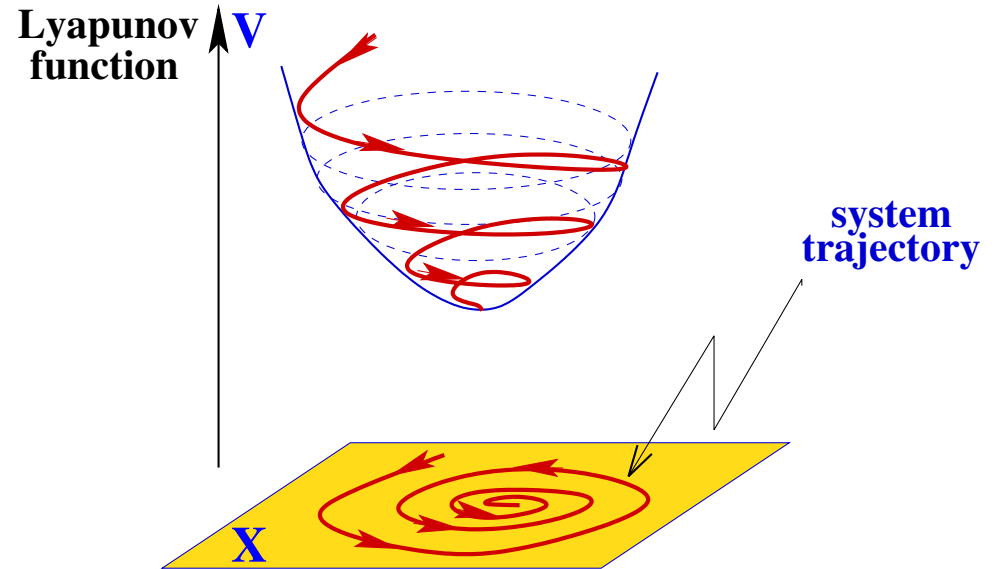
$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is said to be a *Lyapunov function* for Σ if along $x \in \mathfrak{B}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq 0$$

Equivalently, if $\dot{V}^\Sigma := \nabla V \cdot f \leq 0$.

Typical Lyapunov theorem



$$V(x) > 0 \text{ and } \dot{V}^\Sigma(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{X}$$

\Rightarrow

$\forall x \in \mathfrak{B}$, there holds $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$ **‘global stability’**

Lyapunov

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Aleksandr Mikhailovich Lyapunov (1857-1918)

Introduced Lyapunov's 'second method' in his thesis (1899).

Dissipative systems

Open systems

‘Open’ systems are a much more appropriate starting point for the study of dynamics. For example,



\rightsquigarrow the **dynamical system**

$$\Sigma : \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}), \quad \mathbf{y} = h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}).$$

$\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{U} = \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{Y} = \mathbb{R}^p, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X} = \mathbb{R}^n$: **input, output, state.**

Behavior $\mathfrak{B} =$ all sol'ns $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{Y} \times \mathbf{X}$.

Dissipative dynamical systems

Let $s : \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function, called the *supply rate*.

Σ is said to be *dissipative* w.r.t. the supply rate s if \exists

$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

called the *storage function*, such that

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This inequality is called the *dissipation inequality*.

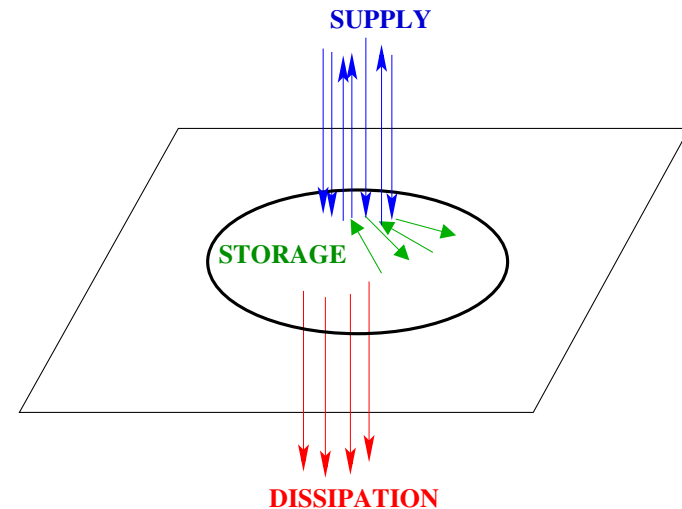
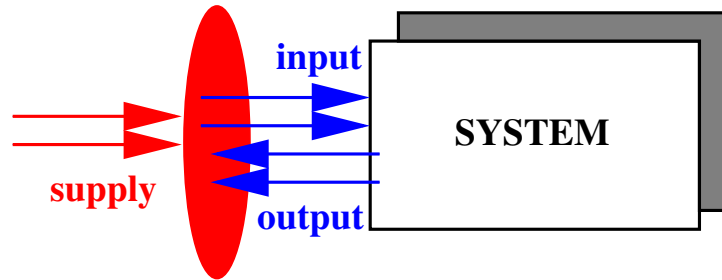
Equivalent to

$$\dot{V}^{\Sigma}(x, u) := \nabla V(x) \cdot f(x, u) \leq s(x, h(x, u))$$

for all $(u, x) \in \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{X}$.

If equality holds: **'conservative' system.**

Dissipation inequality



$s(u, y)$ models something like the **power** delivered to the system when the input value is u and output value is x .

$V(x)$ then models the internally **stored energy**.

Dissipativity $:\Leftrightarrow$

rate of increase of internal energy \leq power delivered.

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Stability for closed systems \simeq **Dissipativity for open** systems.

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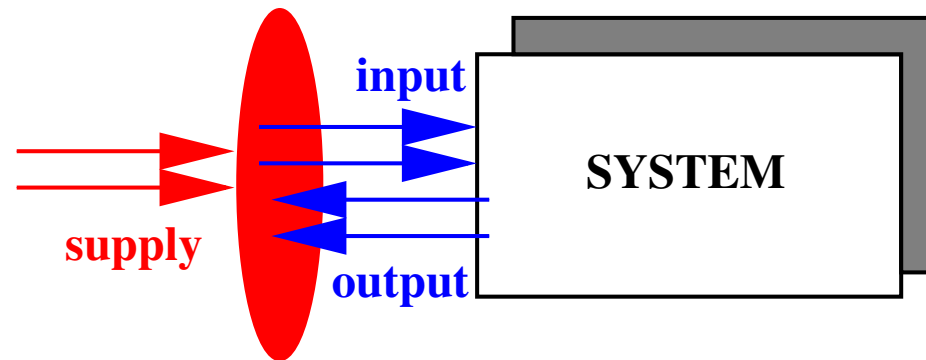
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Monitor power in, known dynamics, **what is the stored energy?**

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The storage function V is in general far from unique. There are two 'canonical' storage functions:

the available storage and the required supply.

For conservative systems, V is unique.

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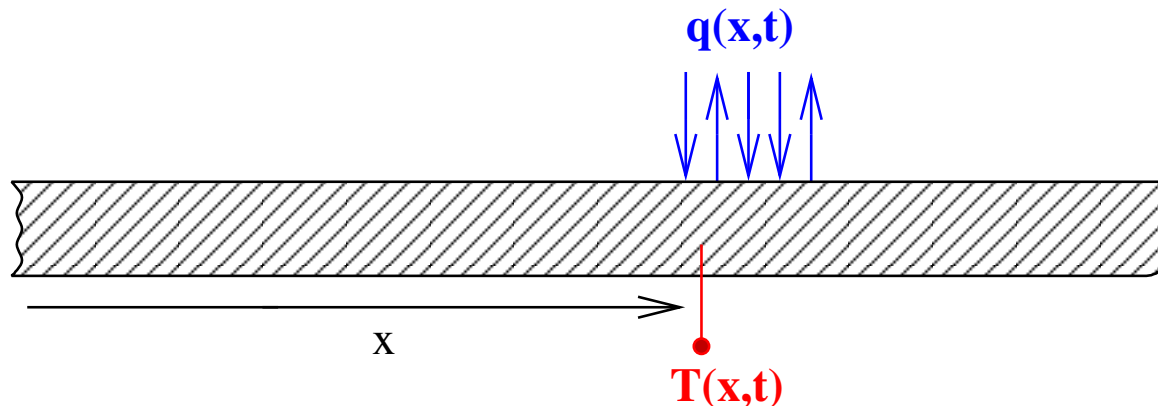
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The construction of storage functions is the question which we shall discuss today for systems described by PDE's.

PDE's

Examples

Heat diffusion in a bar



~> the PDE

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + q$$

($x \in \mathbb{R}$, position, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, time), (2-D system)

describes the evolution of the temperature $T(x, t)$ and the heat $q(x, T)$ supplied to / radiated away.

Examples

The voltage $V(x, t)$ and current $I(x, t)$ in a *coaxial cable*



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} V &= RI - L \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} I &= GV - C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} V.\end{aligned}$$

R the resistance, L the inductance, C the capacitance of the cable, G the conductance of the dielectric medium, all per unit length.

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$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3$ (time and space) $\leadsto n = 4$ **(4-D system)**,

$w = (\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho)$

(electric field, magnetic field, current density, charge density),

$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$, $\leadsto w = 10$,

\mathfrak{B} = set of solutions to these PDE's.

Note: 10 variables, 8 equations! $\Rightarrow \exists$ free variables.

PDE's: polynomial matrix notation

Consider, for example, the PDE:

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Notation:

$$\xi_1 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad \xi_2 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \xi_2^2 & \xi_1 \\ \xi_2^3 & 1 + \xi_1^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Let $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$, and consider

$$R \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) w = 0. \quad (*)$$

Define the associated behavior

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{ w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid (*) \text{ holds} \}.$$

Notation for n -D linear shift-invariant differential systems:

$$(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathfrak{B}) \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w, \quad \text{or } \mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w.$$

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Which PDE's describe (ρ, \vec{E}, \vec{j}) in Maxwell's equations ?

Eliminate \vec{B} from Maxwell's equations \rightsquigarrow

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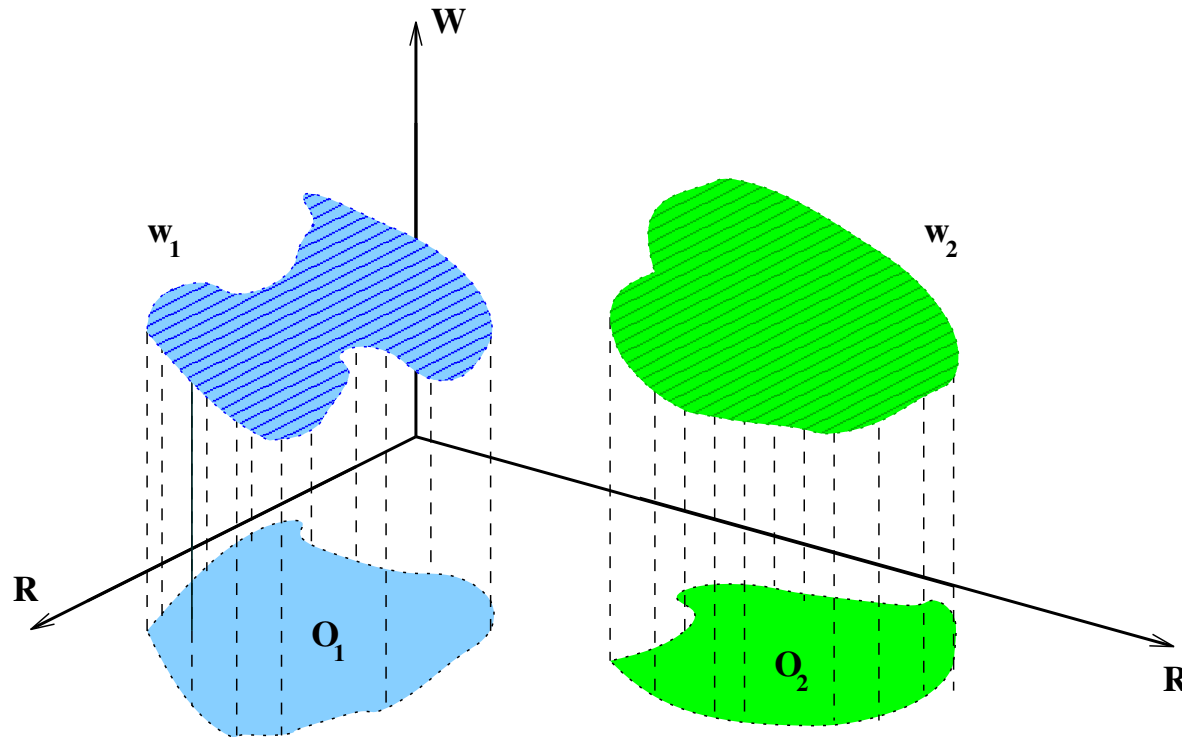
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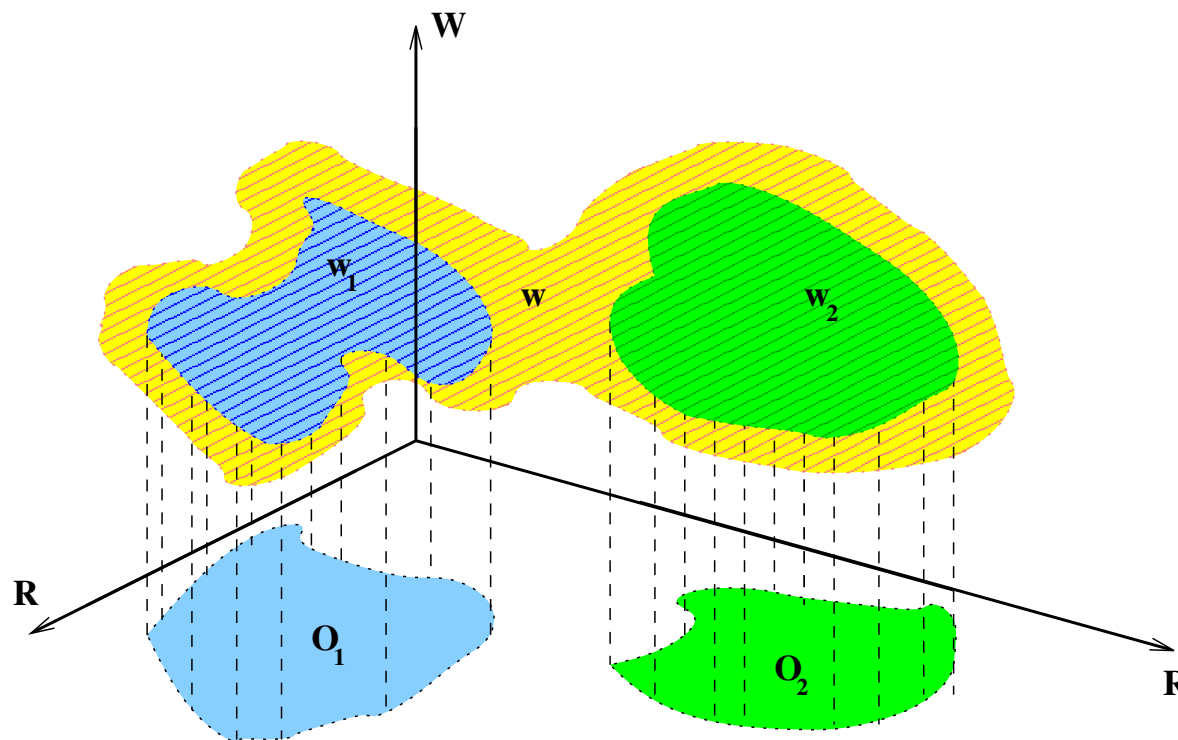
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w 'patches' $w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}$.

$\exists w \in \mathfrak{B} \forall w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}$: **Controllability \Leftrightarrow 'patchability'.**

Controllability

Theorem: The following are equivalent:

1. $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^w$ is **controllable**
2. \mathfrak{B} admits an **image representation**
3. ...

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The following equations
in the *scalar potential* $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and
the *vector potential* $\vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\vec{A} - \nabla\phi, \\ \vec{B} &= \nabla \times \vec{A}, \\ \vec{j} &= \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi, \\ \rho &= -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi.\end{aligned}$$

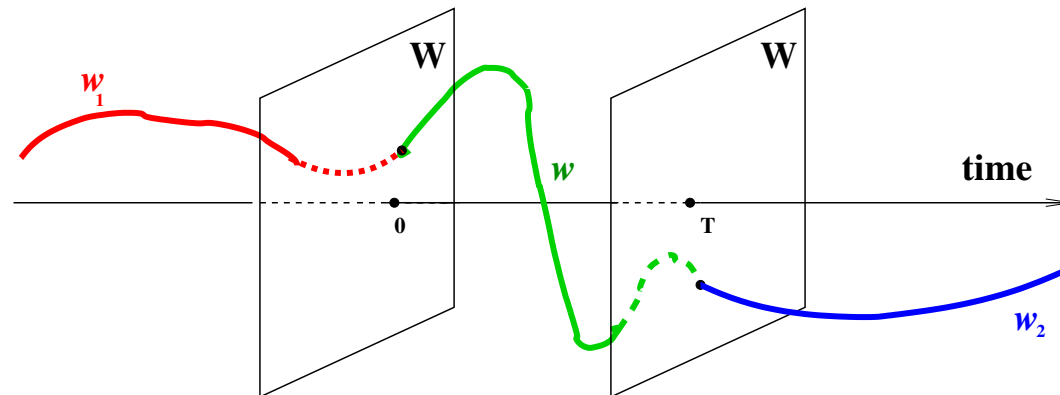
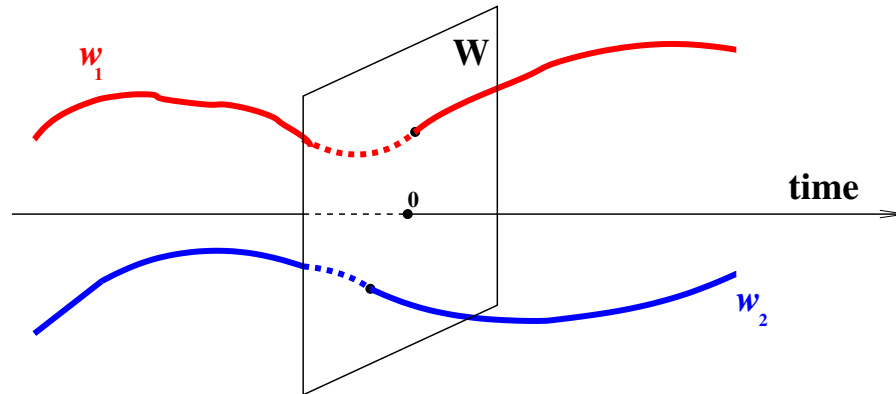
Proves controllability. Illustrates the interesting connection

controllability $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ potential!

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Image representation leads to an effective numerical test, also for PDE's.

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Not all controllable systems admit an **observable** im. repr'n.
For $n = 1$, they do. For $n > 1$, exceptionally so.

The latent variable ℓ in an im. repr'n may be **'hidden'**.

Example: Maxwell's equations **do not** allow a potential representation with an **observable** potential.

Dissipative distributed systems

Notation

Multi-index notation:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_n), \mathbf{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_n), \\ \boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n), \boldsymbol{\zeta} = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n), \boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n),$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right), \frac{d^{\mathbf{k}}}{dx^{\mathbf{k}}} = \left(\frac{\partial^{k_1}}{\partial x_1^{k_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial^{k_n}}{\partial x_n^{k_n}} \right),$$

$$dx = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n,$$

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etc.

Notation

$$\nabla \cdot := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}.$$

For simplicity of notation, and for concreteness, we often take $n = 4$, independent variables, **t , time, and x, y, z , space.**

$$\nabla \cdot := \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \text{‘spatial flux’}$$

QDF's

The quadratic map acting on $w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^w$ and its derivatives, defined by

$$w \mapsto \sum_{k,l} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} w \right)^\top \Phi_{k,l} \left(\frac{d^l}{dx^l} w \right)$$

is called *quadratic differential form* (QDF) on $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$.

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Introduce the $2n$ -variable polynomial matrix Φ

$$\Phi(\zeta, \eta) = \sum_{k,l} \Phi_{k,l} \zeta^k \eta^l.$$

Denote the QDF as Q_Φ . QDF's are parametrized by $\mathbb{R}[\zeta, \eta]$.

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(a QDF) if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_\Phi(w) dx \geq 0$$

for all $w \in \mathfrak{B}$ of compact support, i.e., for all $w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}$.

$\mathfrak{D} := \mathcal{C}^\infty$ and ‘compact support’.

Dissipative distributed systems

Assume $n = 4$:

independent variables $x, y, z; t$: space and time.

Idea: $Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z; t) \, dx dy dz \, dt$:

'energy' supplied to the system

in the space-cube $[x, x + dx] \times [y, y + dy] \times [z, z + dz]$
during the time-interval $[t, t + dt]$.

Dissipativity : \Leftrightarrow

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z, t) \, dx dy dz \right] dt \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}.$$

A dissipative system **absorbs** net energy.

Example: EM fields

Maxwell's eq'ns define a **dissipative** (in fact, a **conservative**) system w.r.t. the QDF $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$

Indeed, if \vec{E}, \vec{j} are of compact support and satisfy

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0,$$

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The storage and the flux

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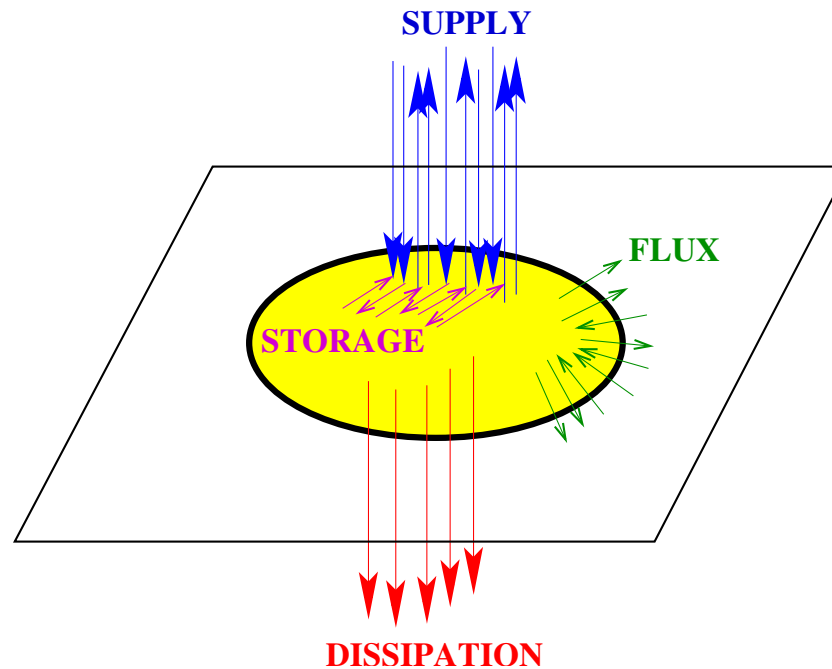
Can this be reinterpreted as:

As the system evolves, **some of the energy supplied is locally stored, some locally dissipated, and some redistributed over space?**

Local dissipation law

!! Invent **storage and flux**, locally defined in time and space, such that in every spatial domain there holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Storage} + \text{Spatial flux} \leq \text{Supply}.$$



Supply = partly stored + partly radiated + partly dissipated.

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**The Feynman Lectures on Physics,
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