



# **MATHEMATICAL MODELS of SYSTEMS**

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## Lecture 9

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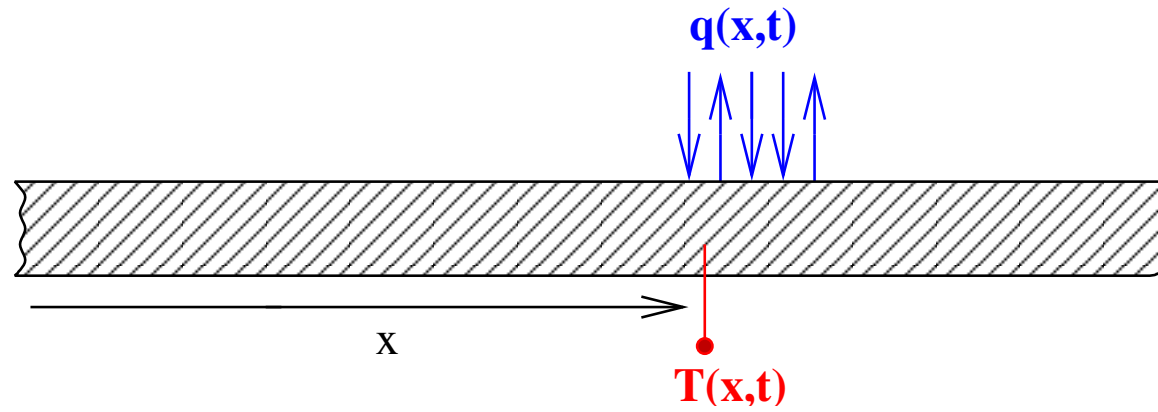
**When are such systems dissipative? What is the storage function?**

## OUTLINE

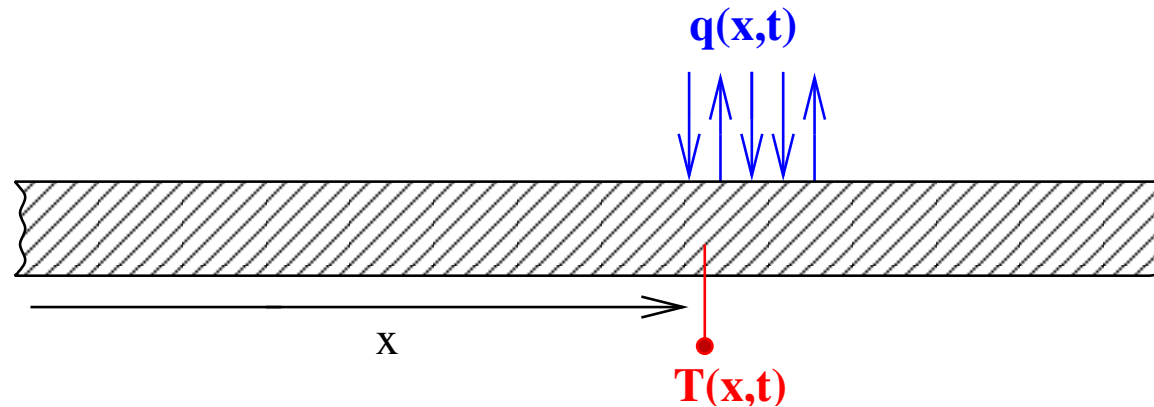
- **Examples**
- **Behavioral n-D systems**
- **Systems described by linear PDE's**
- **Controllability & Observability**
- **3 central theorems**
- **Dissipative distributed systems**
- **Factorization of polynomial matrices**

# EXAMPLES

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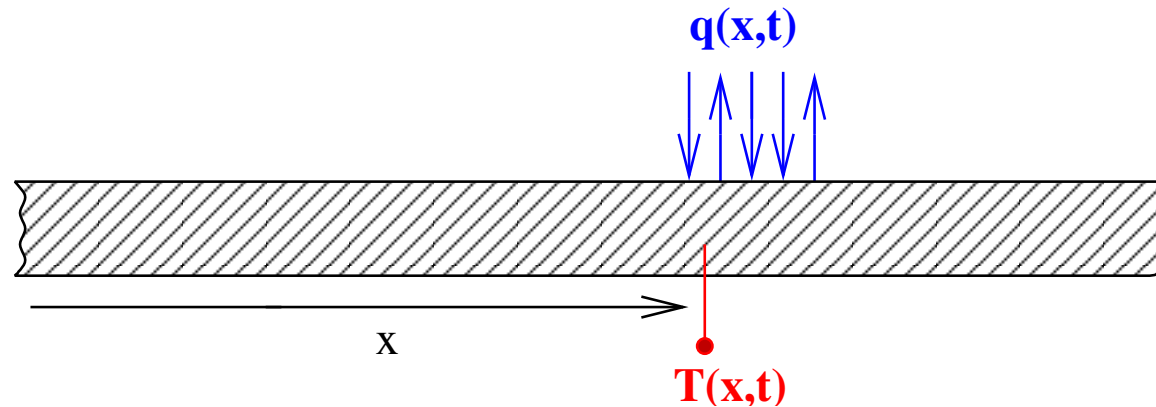
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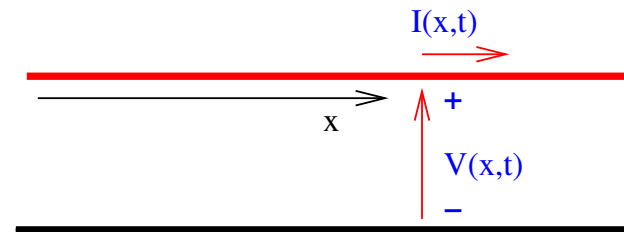
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**We wish to develop a theory that treats  $x$  and  $t$  on the same footing.**

## 2. Coaxial cable

!! Model the relation between the voltage  $V(x, t)$  and the current  $I(x, t)$  in a coaxial cable.



~> The PDE's

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} V = -L_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I, \quad (VI)$$

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with  $L_0$  the inductance, and  $C_0$  the capacitance per unit length.

These imply the ‘consequences’

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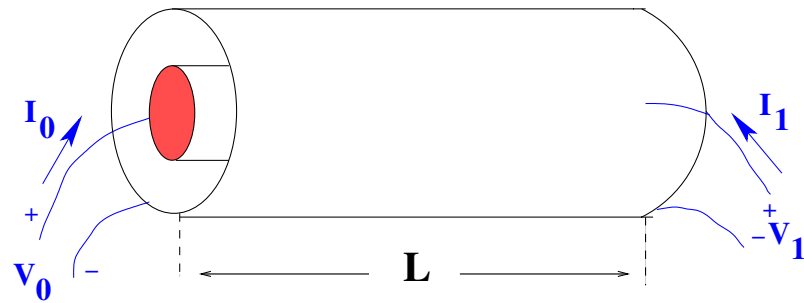
Wave eqn's.

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- Are  $(V)$ ,  $(I)$  really **consequences** of  $(VI) + (IV)$ ?
- $(V) + (I) \Leftrightarrow (VI) + (IV)$ ?
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- Does  $(V)$  express **all** the constraints on  $V$  implied by  $(VI) + (IV)$ ?
- Develop a **calculus** to obtain **all consequences**, to compute this **elimination**, to decide **equivalence**.

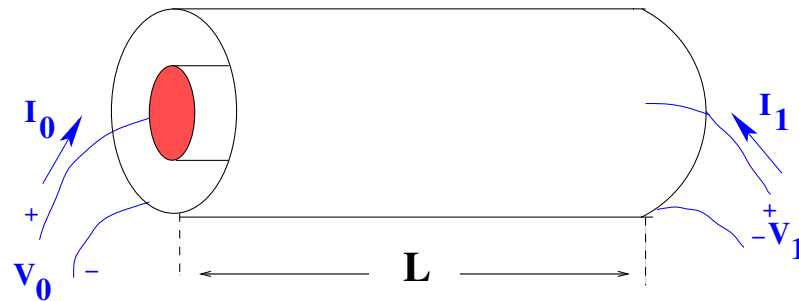
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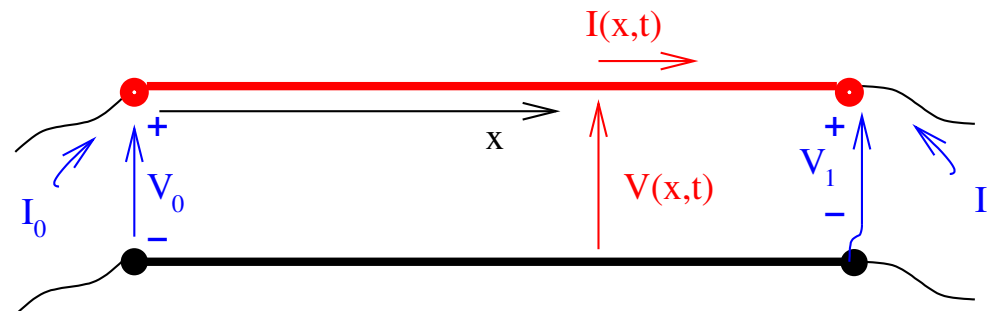


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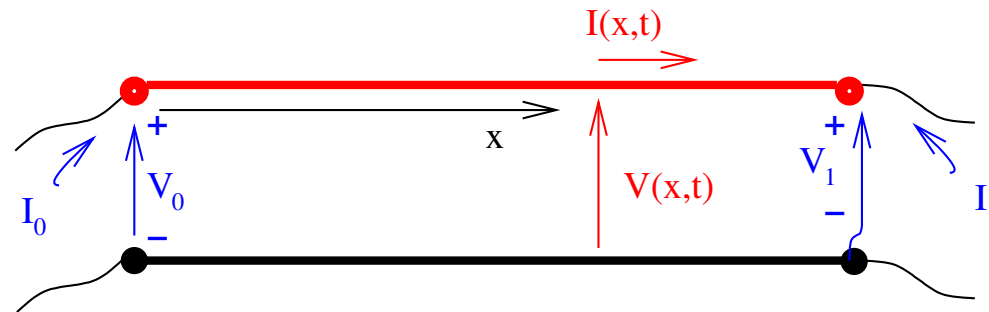


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## Viewed as a black box





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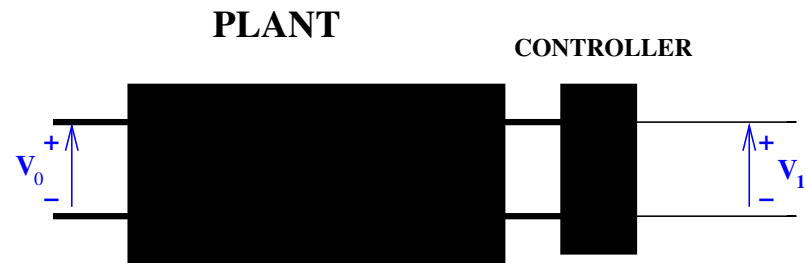
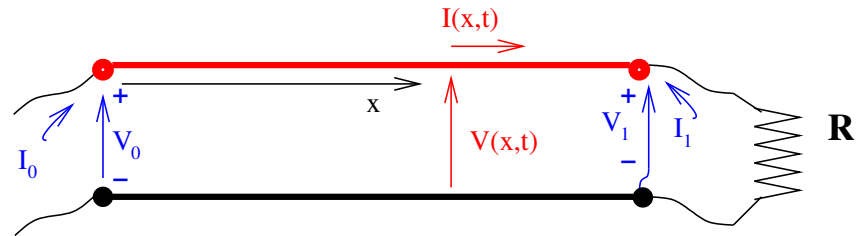
- Two terminal variables are ‘free’, the other two are ‘bound’,  
(free = one voltage, one current, bound = one voltage, one current), but  
**there is no reasonable choice of inputs and outputs!**  
for ‘off-the-shelf’ modeling.
- What is the role of  $V(x, t)$  and  $I(x, t)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq L$ ,  
in modeling the relation between  $V_0, I_0, V_1, I_1$ ?

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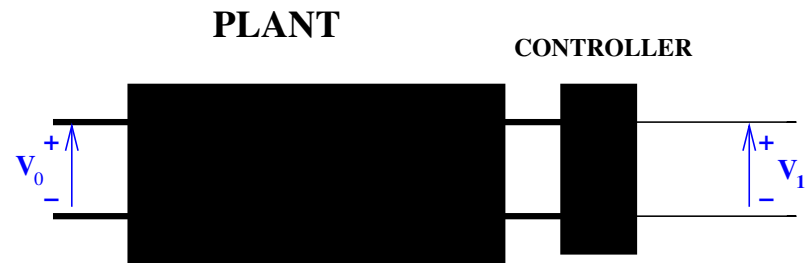
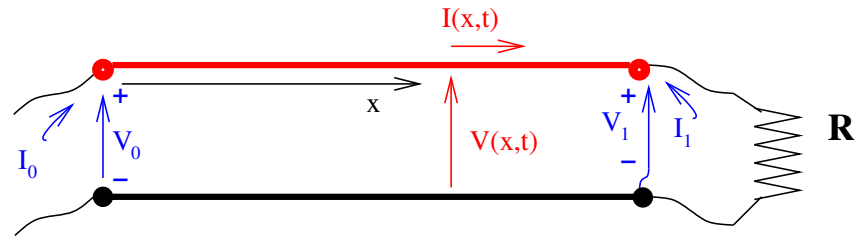
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We view this termination as a **behavioral controller**. In this ex., the classical sensor-to-actuator feedback interpretation **is an illusion**.

$\exists$  very many such examples of controllers.

### 3. Maxwell's eqn's



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}, \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0, \\ c^2 \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E}.\end{aligned}$$

Set of **independent** variables =  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3$  (time and space),

**dependent** variables =  $(\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho)$

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

$\in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

the **behavior** = set of solutions to these PDE's.

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## Potential functions

The following equations in the

$$\text{scalar potential } \phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

and the

$$\text{vector potential } \vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3,$$

generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \nabla \phi,$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A},$$

$$\vec{j} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi,$$

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► Derive **algorithms** for elimination, image representation.

# BEHAVIORAL n-D SYSTEMS

A system =  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$

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$\mathbb{W}$ , the set of dependent variables,

$\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{T}}$  : the behavior (= the admissible trajectories).



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**First principles models invariably contain auxiliary variables,  
in addition to the variables the model aims at.**

↪ **Manifest and latent variables.**

**Manifest = the variables the model aims at,**

**Latent = auxiliary variables.**

**We want to capture this in a mathematical definition.**

A system with latent variables =  $\Sigma_L = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathbb{L}, \mathcal{B}_{\text{full}})$

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$\mathcal{B}_{\text{full}} \subseteq (\mathbb{W} \times \mathbb{L})^{\mathbb{T}}$  : the full behavior

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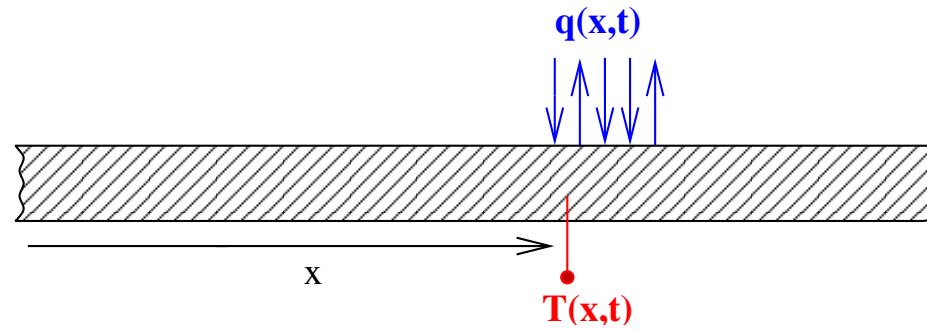
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In convenient equations for  $\mathfrak{B}$ , the latent variables are *'eliminated'*.

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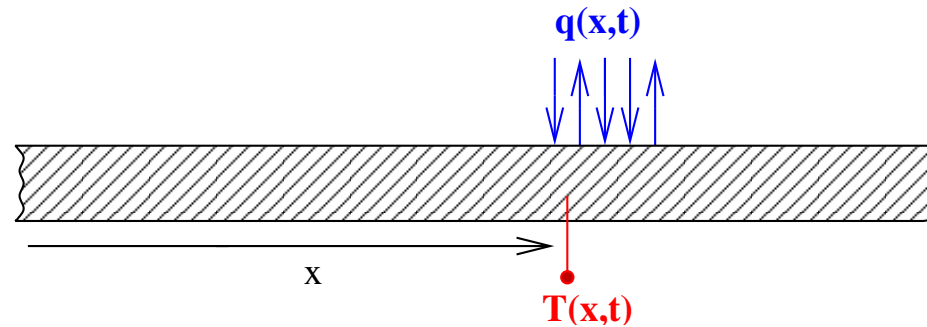
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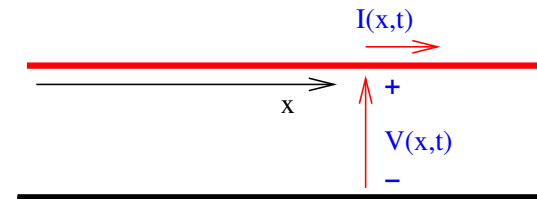
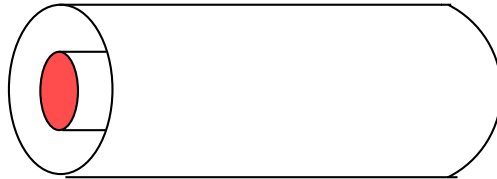


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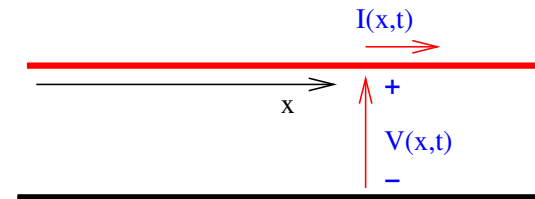
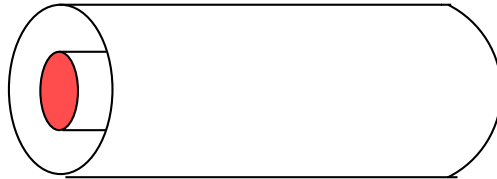
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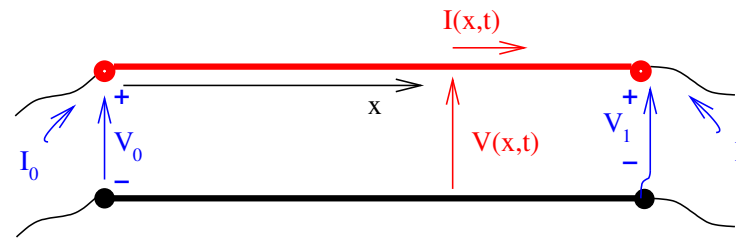
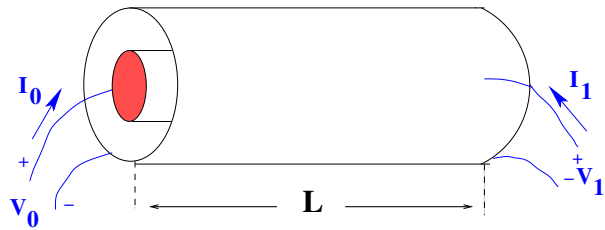
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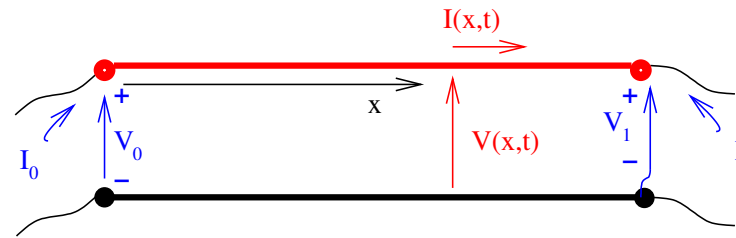
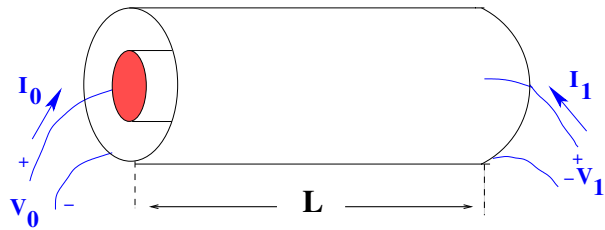
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(voltage and current in the coax)

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# LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS

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$\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$  **mainly** for convenience, but important for some results.

Identical theory for  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$ .



## Polynomial matrix notation for PDE's:

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**Examples:**

*Diffusion eq'n, Wave eq'n, Co-axial cable*

*Maxwell's equations*

## NOMENCLATURE

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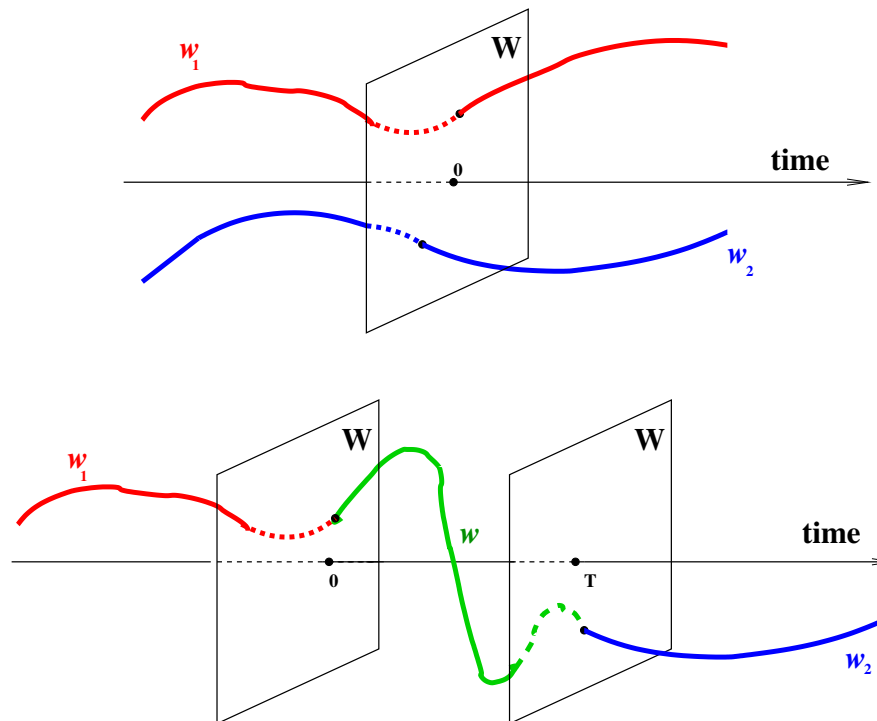
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# **CONTROLLABILITY and OBSERVABILITY**

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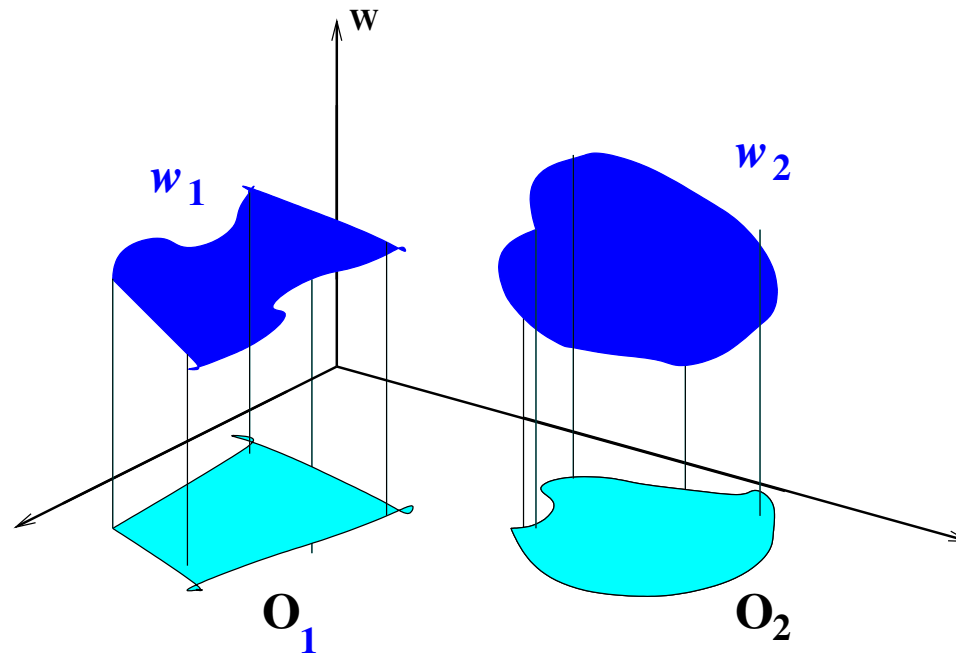
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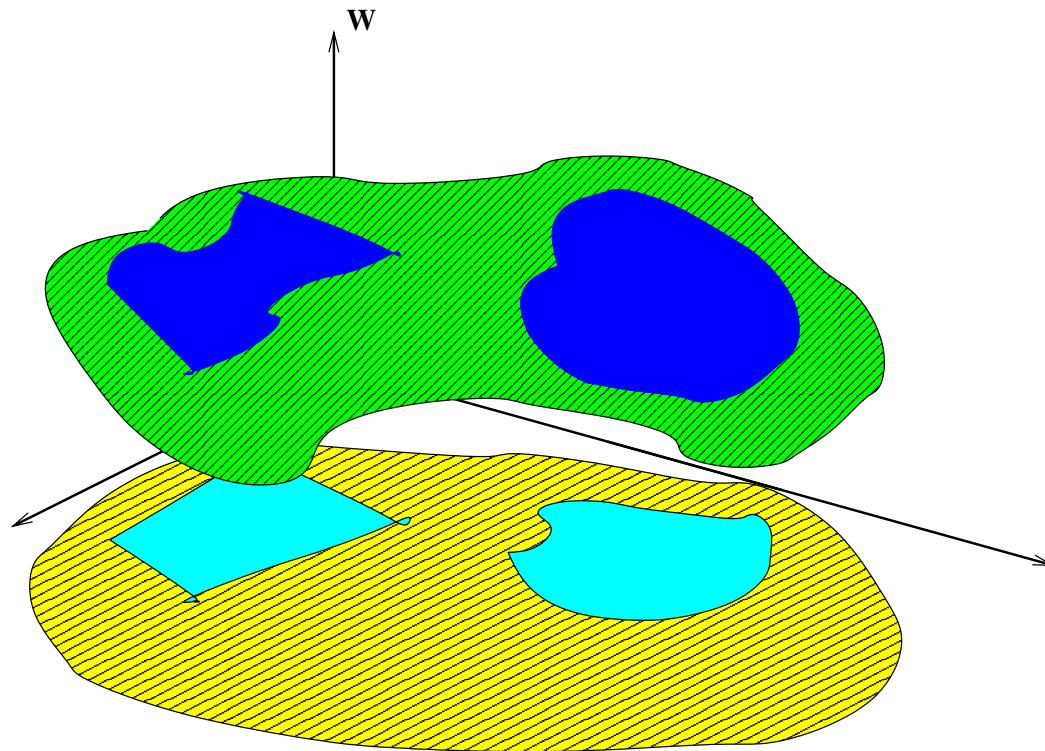


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**Controllability = patchability:**





**Controllability of  $\mathfrak{B} :=$**

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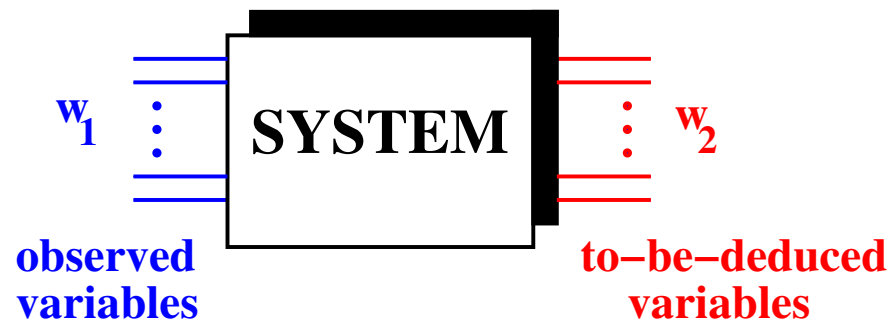
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**unknown**, is solvable if and only if for  $n \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$

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## Examples

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describes indeed the behavior of  $V$  in the coax.

2. **Which PDE's describe  $(\rho, \vec{E}, \vec{j})$  in Maxwell's equations ?**

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

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} &= 0, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{j} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Elimination theorem  $\Rightarrow$

**this exercise is exact & successful (+ gives algorithm).**

It follows from all this that  $\mathcal{L}_n^\bullet$  has very nice properties. It is **closed** under:

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- **Projection**:  $(\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^{w_1+w_2}) \Rightarrow (\Pi_{w_1} \mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}_n^{w_1})$ .

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**∴ Which kernels are also images ??**

### Theorem 3 (Controllability and image representation):

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2.  $\mathfrak{B}$  admits an **image representation**,

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4.  $\mathbb{R}^w[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n] / \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is **torsion free**,

etc.

## Are Maxwell's equations controllable ?

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:

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The latent variable in an image representation  $\ell$  may be **'hidden'**.

Example: Maxwell's equations do not allow a potential representation that is observable.

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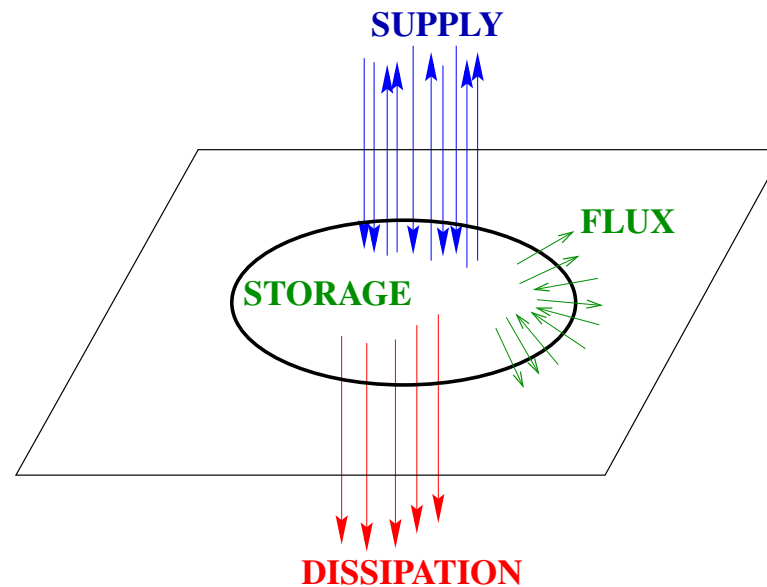
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is called *quadratic differential form (QDF)* on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$ .

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

rate of 'energy' delivered to the system.

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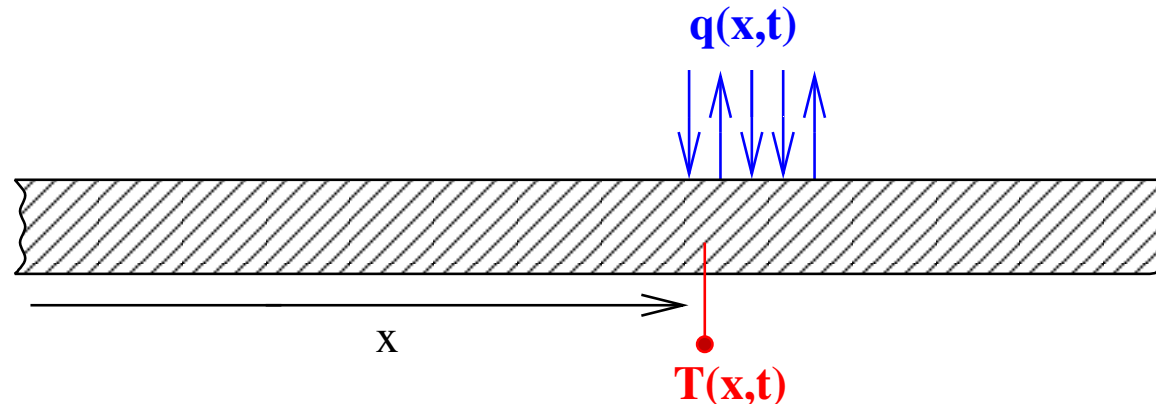
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Can this be reinterpreted as: As the system evolves,

**energy is locally stored, and redistributed over time and space?**



First principles motivating example: *Heat diffusion*



The PDE

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

describes the evolution of the **temperature**  $T(x, t)$

( $x \in \mathbb{R}$  position,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  time) in a medium and the **heat**  $q(x, T)$  supplied to / radiated away from it.

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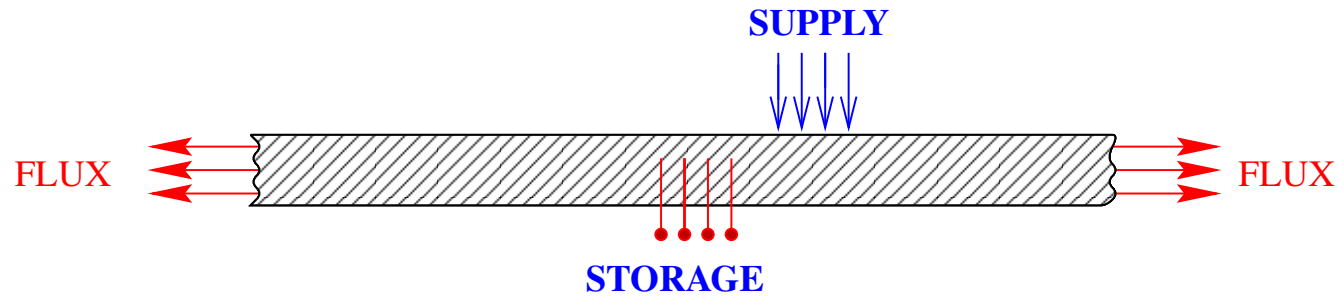
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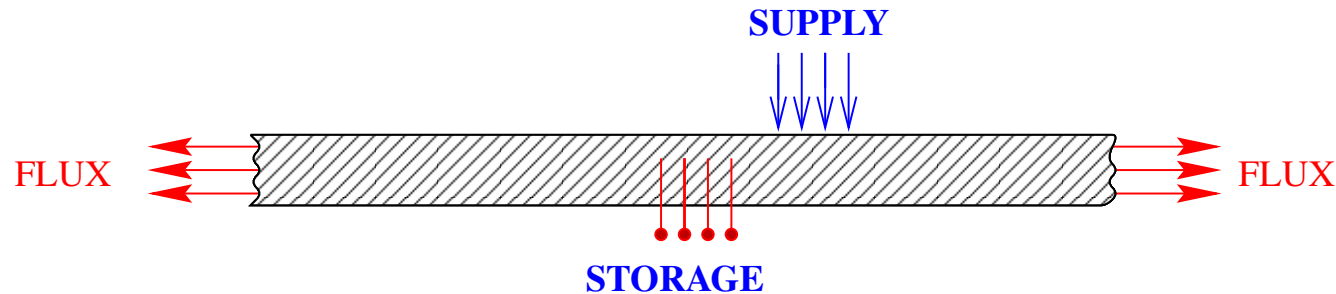
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To be invented:

an 'extensive' quantity for the first law: **internal energy**

an 'extensive' quantity for the second law: **entropy**

**Define the following variables:**

$$E = T \quad : \text{ the stored energy density,}$$

$$S = \ln(T) \quad : \text{ the entropy density,}$$

$$F_E = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \quad : \text{ the energy flux,}$$

$$F_S = - \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \quad : \text{ the entropy flux,}$$

$$D_S = \left( \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \right)^2 \quad : \text{ the rate of entropy production.}$$

**Local versions** of the first and second law:

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} E + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_E = q,$$

Entropy production:

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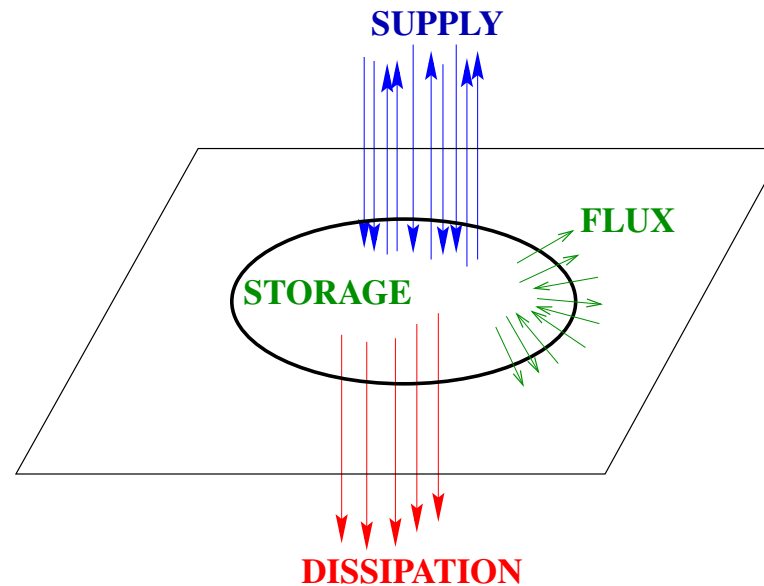
theory behind these **ad hoc** constructions of  $E$ ,  $F_E$  and  $S$ ,  $F_S$ .

Assume that a system is 'globally' dissipative.

∴ Can this dissipativity be expressed through a 'local' law??

Such that in every spatial domain there holds:

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### Main Theorem:

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on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^{\dim(\ell)})$ , called the **flux**,

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As usual  $\nabla \cdot Q_\Psi := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} Q_{\Psi_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} Q_{\Psi_n}$ .

$\leftrightarrow$  the QDF induced by  $(\zeta + \eta)^\top \Psi(\zeta, \eta)$

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$$\vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) := \epsilon_0 c^2 \vec{E} \times \vec{B}.$$

The following is a local conservation law for Maxwell's equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) + \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}.$$

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## Schematic of the proof

Using **controllability and image representations**, we may assume **WLOG**:

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For **conservative systems**,  $\Phi(-\xi, \xi) = 0$ , whence  $D = 0$ ,

but, when  $n > 1$ , the third source of non-uniqueness remains, even when working with a specific image representation.



It seems to be a very real non-uniqueness, even for EM fields. Cfr.

*The ambiguity of the field energy*

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**The Feynman Lectures on Physics,  
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