



# Analysis of 3D Shapes (IN2238)

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# Closure and support



## Closure of a set

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . The closure of  $A$  is the (closed) set

$$\overline{A} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset A \text{ with } x_n \rightarrow x\}$$

## Support of a function

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open. The support of a function  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the set

$$\text{supp } f = \overline{\{x \in S \mid f(x) \neq 0\}}$$

If  $\text{supp } f$  is compact and  $\text{supp } f \subset S$  we say that  $f$  has compact support in  $S$  and write  $\text{supp } f \subset\subset S$ .

# Test function



## Test functions

Let again  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open. The set of testfunctions on  $S$  is defined as

$$C_c^\infty(S) = \{f \in C^\infty(S) \mid \text{supp } f \subset\subset S\}$$

If  $S$  is at the same time compact as are the shapes we consider, then  $C_c^\infty(S) = C^\infty(S)$

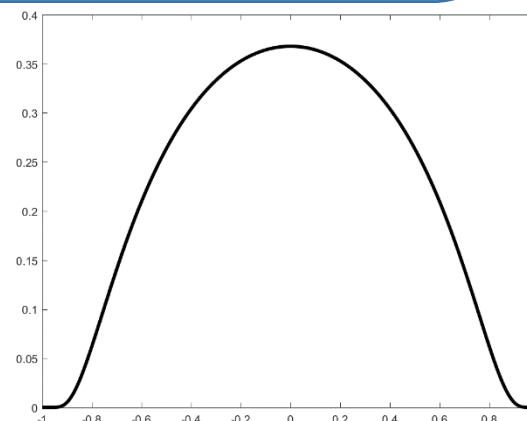
## Example

Consider the function

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \exp(-\frac{1}{1-x^2}) & |x| < 1 \\ 0 & |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $\text{supp } \phi = [-1, 1]$  is compact.

Since  $[-1, 1]$  is not contained in the open interval  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $\phi \notin C_c^\infty((-1, 1))$  but  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\phi \in C_c^\infty((a, b)) \forall [-1, 1] \subset (a, b)$ .



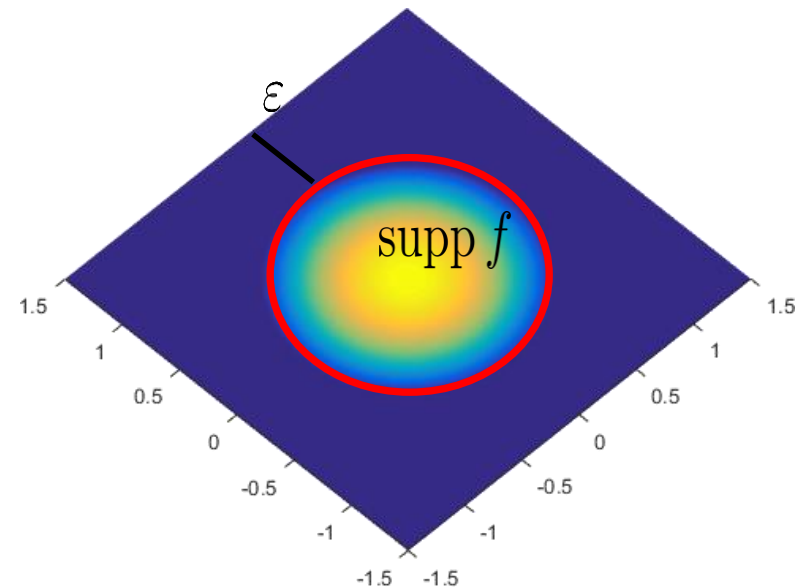
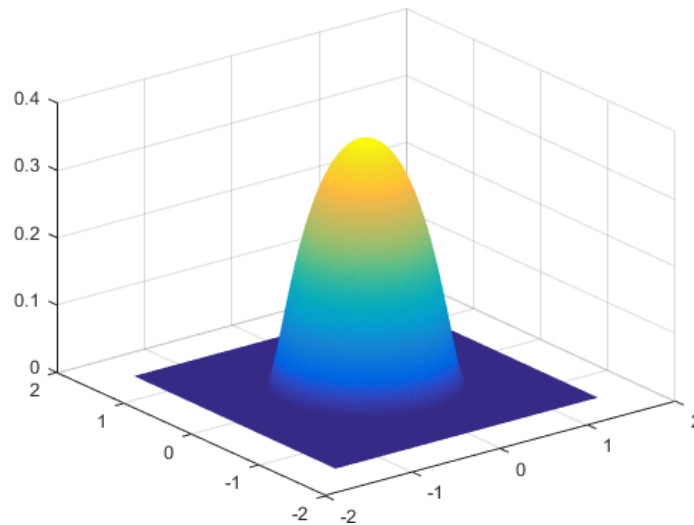
# Properties



If the open set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is bounded and  $f \in C_c^\infty(S)$ , then there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $f$  vanishes for all points that are closer than  $\varepsilon$  to the boundary  $\partial S$ :

$$\text{dist}(\text{supp } f, \partial S) = \varepsilon > 0$$

As a consequence  $f$  and all its derivatives vanish at the boundary of  $S$ .



# Weak derivative 1D



## Weak derivative

A function  $f : (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called weakly differentiable if there exists a function  $g : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) \phi'(x) dx = - \int_a^b g(x) \phi(x) dx$$

for all testfunctions  $\phi \in C_c^\infty((a, b))$ .  $g$  is then called the weak derivative of  $f$ .

The weak derivative is unique (up to null sets).

If  $f \in C^1$  weak and classical derivative coincide:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \phi'(x) dx = f(x) \phi(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b f'(x) \phi(x) dx = - \int_a^b f'(x) \phi(x) dx$$

# Example



Consider the continuous, piecewise differentiable function  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = |x|$$

Let  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(-1, 1)$  be a test function. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \phi'(x) dx &= - \int_{-1}^0 x \phi'(x) dx + \int_0^1 x \phi'(x) dx \\ &= \left( -x \phi(x) \Big|_{-1}^0 + \int_{-1}^0 \phi(x) dx \right) + \left( x \phi(x) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \phi(x) dx \right) \\ &= - \int_{-1}^1 g(x) \phi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Divergence euclidean



## Smooth vector field

A smooth vectorfield on an open  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a function

$$\alpha : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\alpha(u) = (\alpha_1(u) \quad \dots \quad \alpha_n(u))^T$$

where the coefficient functions  $\alpha_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are smooth.

## Divergence

The divergence of a vectorfield  $\alpha : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined via:

$$\operatorname{div} \alpha : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \alpha(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i \alpha_i(u)$$

# Integration by parts



## Fundamental theorem of calculus

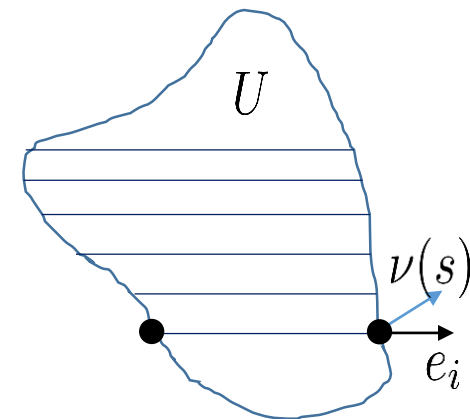
Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open with piecewise smooth  $\partial U$  and  $f \in C^1(\bar{U})$ . Then

$$\int_U \partial_i f(u) du = \int_{\partial U} f(s) \langle e_i, \nu(s) \rangle ds$$

where  $\nu : \partial U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  depicts the unit outward normal.

For a vectorfield  $\alpha : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  this implies

$$\int_U \operatorname{div} \alpha(u) du = \int_{\partial U} \langle \alpha(s), \nu(s) \rangle ds$$



The product rule yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_U (\partial_i f(u)) g(u) du + \int_U f(u) (\partial_i g(u)) du &= \int_U \partial_i (f(u) g(u)) du \\ &= \int_{\partial U} f(s) g(s) \langle e_i, \nu(s) \rangle ds \end{aligned}$$

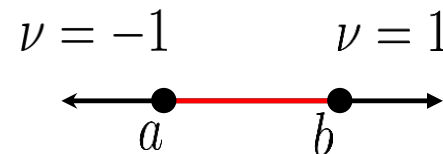


# Examples



## Example 1

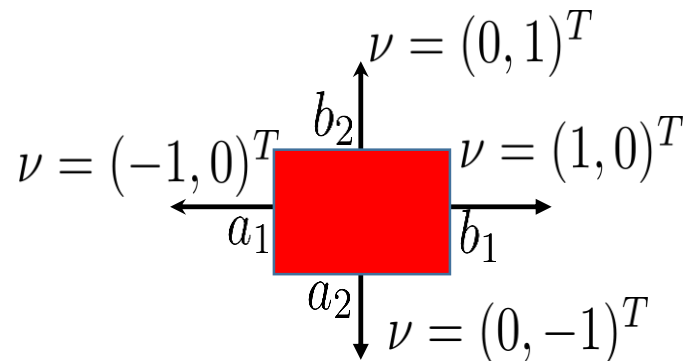
Let  $U = (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$  with boundary  $\{a, b\}$



$$\int_a^b f'(x) dx = \int_a^b \partial_1 f(x) dx = \int_{\{a, b\}} f(s) \langle 1, \nu(s) \rangle ds = f(a)\nu(a) + f(b)\nu(b) = f(b) - f(a)$$

## Example 2

Let  $U = (a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .



$$\int_U \partial_1 f(u) du = \int_{\partial U} f(s) \langle e_i, \nu(s) \rangle ds$$

$$= \int_{a_2}^{b_2} f(b_1, t) \cdot 1 dt + \int_{b_1}^{a_1} f(t, b_2) \cdot 0 dt + \int_{b_2}^{a_2} f(a_1, t) \cdot (-1) dt + \int_{a_1}^{b_1} f(t, a_2) \cdot 0 dt$$

$$= \int_{a_2}^{b_2} f(a_1, t) + f(b_1, t) dt$$

# Adjoint operators



## Adjoint operator

Let  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear and continuous operator between two Hilbertspaces. Then there exists a unique operator  $B : Y \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_Y = \langle x, By \rangle_X$$

$B$  is again a linear and continuous operator. We call  $B$  the adjoint operator of  $A$  and write  $A^* = B$ .

The mapping  $x \mapsto \langle Ax, y \rangle_Y \in \mathbb{R}$  is linear and continuous.

**Riesz:** There exists a unique  $z =: By \in X$  such that  $\langle Ax, y \rangle_Y = \langle x, z \rangle_X$

### Linearity

$$\langle Ax, y_1 + \alpha y_2 \rangle_Y = \langle Ax, y_1 \rangle_Y + \alpha \langle Ax, y_2 \rangle_Y = \langle x, z_1 \rangle_X + \alpha \langle x, z_2 \rangle_X = \langle x, z_1 + \alpha z_2 \rangle_X$$



# Adjoint of a matrix



The matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  describes a continuous linear mapping  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ :

$$A(x) = \mathbf{A}x$$

## Adjoint

$$\langle A(x), y \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^m} = \langle \mathbf{A}x, y \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^m} = \langle x, \mathbf{A}^T y \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \langle x, A^*(y) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}$$

Notice the difference between  $A$  and  $\mathbf{A}$ . In practice  $A$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  are often identified. The action of linear operators is often abbreviated:

$$A(x) = Ax$$

# Adjoint of gradient



Let  $\alpha : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a smooth vectorfield on  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\tilde{f} \in C_c^\infty(U)$  a test function.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \nabla \tilde{f}, \alpha \rangle &= \int_U \alpha_1(u) \partial_1 \tilde{f}(u) + \alpha_2(u) \partial_2 \tilde{f}(u) du \\&= - \int_U \partial_1 \alpha_1(u) \tilde{f}(u) du + \int_{\partial U} \cancel{\alpha_1(s) \tilde{f}(s) \langle e_1, \nu \rangle} ds - \int_U \partial_2 \alpha_2(u) \tilde{f}(u) du \\&= - \int_U \tilde{f}(u) \operatorname{div} \alpha(u) du = \langle \tilde{f}, -\operatorname{div} \alpha \rangle\end{aligned}$$

We say that  $-\operatorname{div}$  is *formally* adjoint to  $\nabla$ .

The gradient is a linear operator but not continuous.

In general one has to carefully choose domain and codomain of operators.

# Divergence on manifolds



## Smooth vector field

A smooth vectorfield on a compact manifold  $S$  is a function

$$V(p) = Dx(x^{-1}(p)) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1(x^{-1}(p)) \\ \alpha_2(x^{-1}(p)) \end{pmatrix}$$

where the coefficient functions  $\alpha_i : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are smooth.

## Divergence

The divergence of a smooth vectorfield  $V$  is the scalar function  $\operatorname{div} V : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined via

$$\int_S \langle \nabla f, V \rangle dp = - \int_S f(p) \operatorname{div} V(p) dp$$

for all test functions  $f \in C_c^\infty(S)$ .

# Divergence in local coordinates



We have seen that it is beneficial to rewrite all kinds of quantities on a surface  $S$  as quantities in the better understood parameter domain.

- length of curves
- integrals of functions
- gradient of a function

Our goal is to derive a function  $h : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that depends on the vectorfield  $\alpha : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and satisfies

$$\operatorname{div} V(p) = h(x^{-1}(p))$$

$$\int_S \langle \nabla f, V \rangle dp = - \int_S f(p) \operatorname{div} V(p) dp = - \int_U \tilde{f}(u) h(u) \sqrt{\det g(u)} du$$

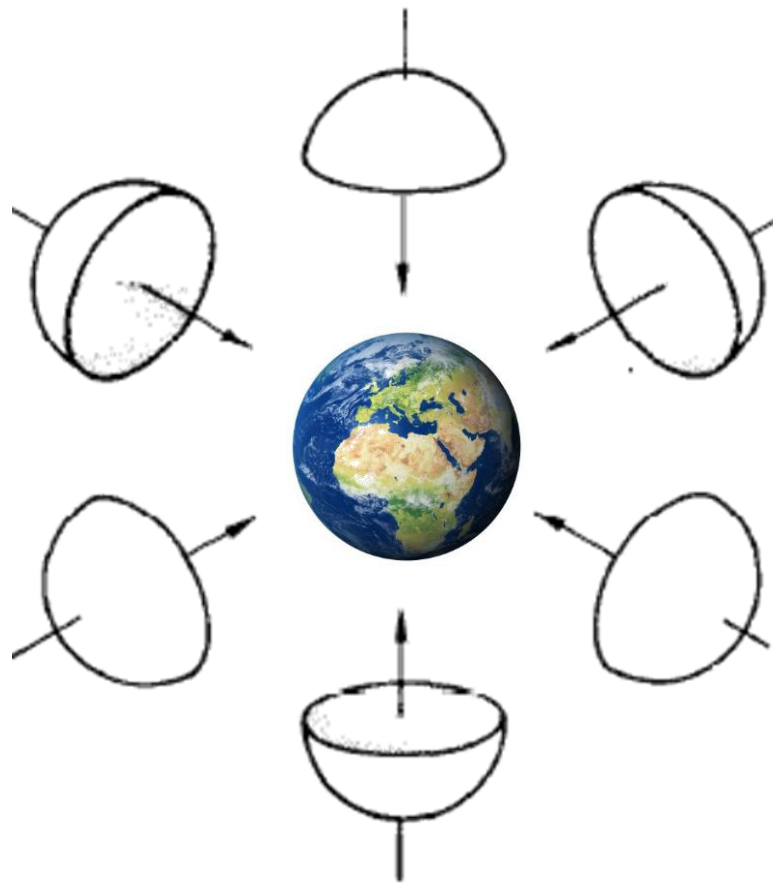
After some work it will turn out that

$$h(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det g(u)}} \sum_{i=1}^2 \partial_i (\sqrt{\det g(u)} \alpha_i(u)) du$$

# Main difficulty: Boundaries



The main difficulty arise from the fact that every parameterspace  $U_j \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  comes with boundary.



# Partition of unity



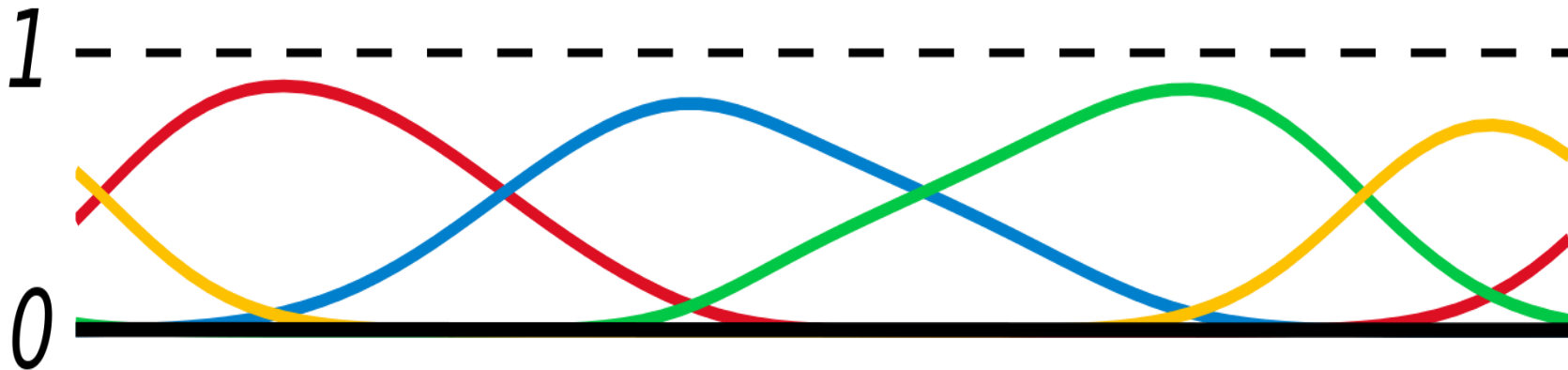
## Partition of unity

Let  $S$  be a compact manifold and  $(U_j, x_j)_{j=1}^N$  such that  $\cup_{j=1}^N W_j = \cup_{j=1}^N x_j(U_j) = S$ .

Moreover there exist smooth functions  $(\phi_j)_{j=1}^N : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

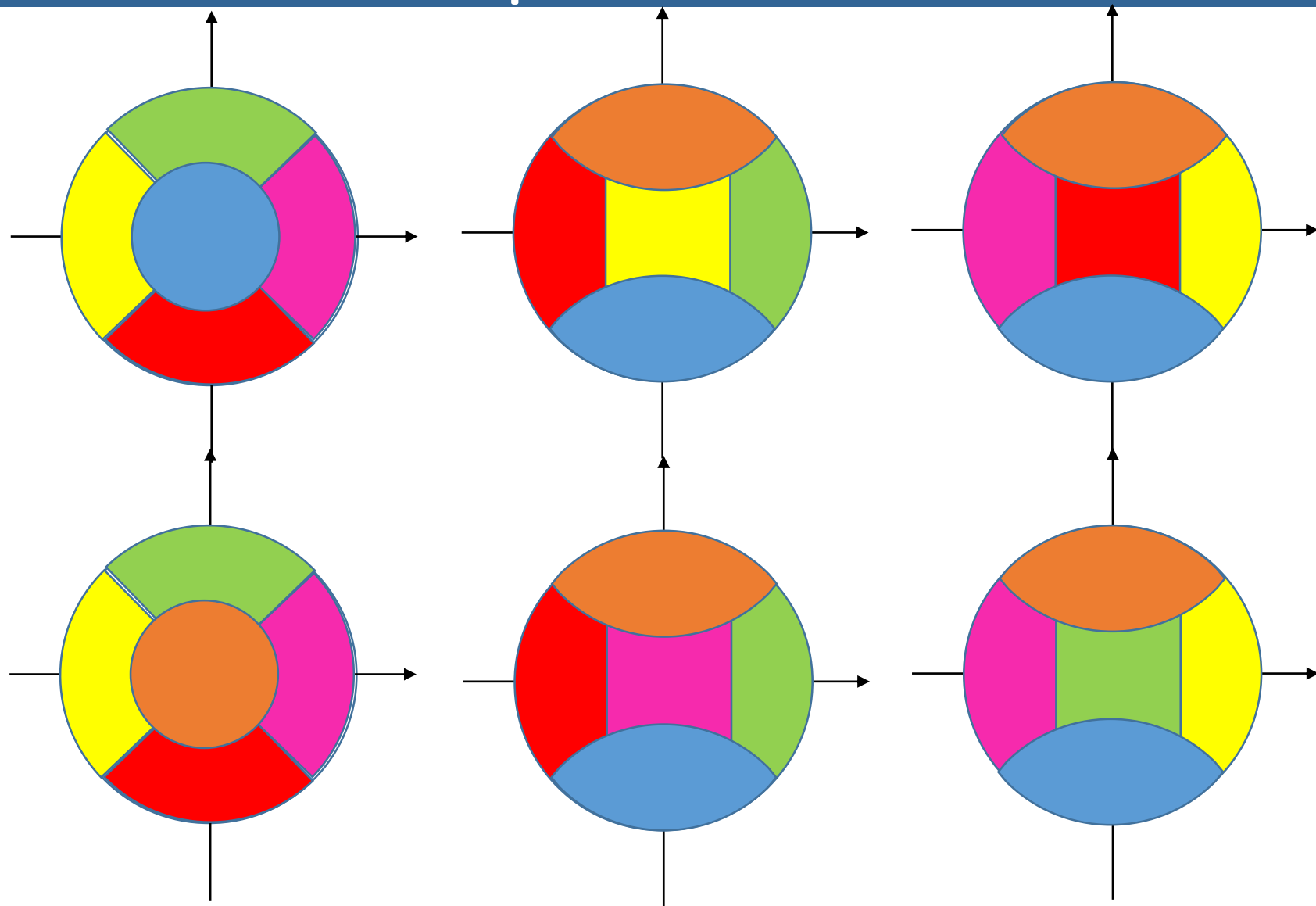
- $\text{supp } \phi_j \subset\subset W_j$
- $\sum_j \phi_j(p) = 1 \quad \forall p \in S$

The set  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^N$  is called (smooth) partition of unity.





# Partition of unity on the sphere



Let  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\text{supp } \psi \subset B_1(0)$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi(x) dx = 1$ .

Then  $\psi_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n} \psi\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right)$  satisfies

- $\psi_\varepsilon \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\text{supp } \psi_\varepsilon \subset B_\varepsilon(0)$

- $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi_\varepsilon(x) dx = 1$

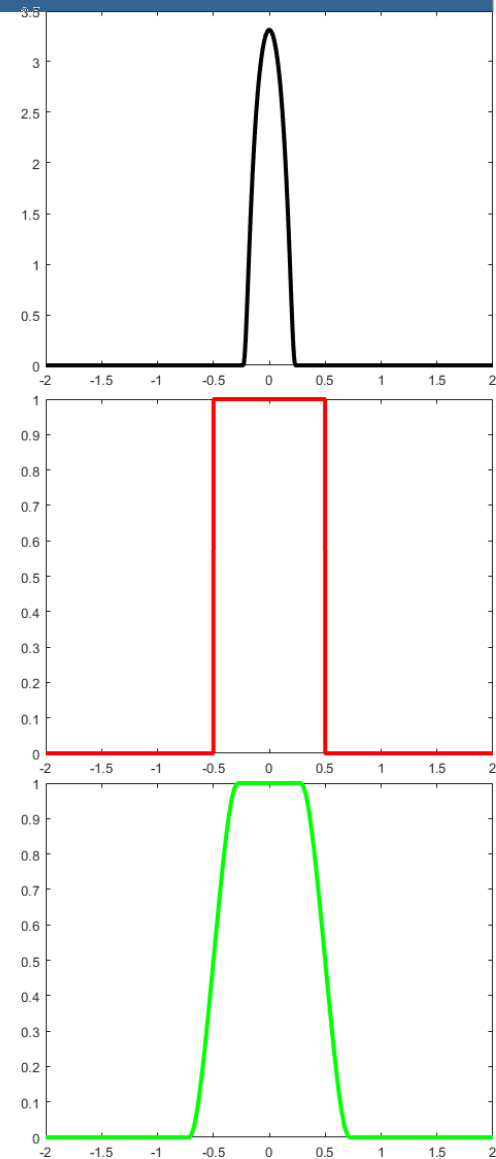
For  $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) the functions  $u_\varepsilon = u * \psi_\varepsilon$  satisfy

- $u_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$

- $u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$

- If  $\text{supp } u \subset V$ , then  $\text{supp } u_\varepsilon \subset V_\varepsilon = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid d(x, V) < \varepsilon\}$

The functions  $\psi_\varepsilon$  are called *mollifiers*.



# Divergence in local coordinates



Let  $V(p) = Dx(u)\alpha(u)$  be a smooth vectorfield on  $S$  ( $x(u) = p$ ) and  $\phi_j$  a partition of unity as on the previous slides.

We define  $V_j(p) = V(p)\phi_j(p) = Dx\alpha^j(u)$  and derive

$$\int_S \langle \nabla f, V \rangle dp = \sum_j \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{U_j} (\partial_i \tilde{f}(u)) \alpha_i^j(u) \sqrt{\det g(u)} du$$

$$= - \sum_j \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{U_j} \tilde{f}(u) \partial_i (\alpha_i^j(u) \sqrt{\det g(u)}) du$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_j \int_{W_j} f(p) \langle \nabla (\alpha_i^j \sqrt{\det g} \circ x^{-1}), \partial_i x \rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det g}} dp$$

$$= \int_S f(p) \left( - \sum_{i=1}^2 \langle \nabla (\alpha_i \sqrt{\det g} \circ x^{-1}), \partial_i x \rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det g}} \right) dp$$

$$= \int_U \tilde{f}(u) \left( - \sum_{i=1}^2 (\partial_i \alpha_i \sqrt{\det g}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det g}} \right) \sqrt{\det g} du$$

$$= \int_U \tilde{f}(u) h(u) \sqrt{\det g} du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp } V^j &\subset\subset W_j \\ \text{supp } \alpha^j &\subset\subset U_j \\ \sum_j V^j(p) &= V(p) \end{aligned}$$

# Functionals



## Functional

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be some space of functions. A **functional** is a mapping

$$E : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

In Computer Vision functionals are frequently called **energies**.

## Example:

Let  $(x, U)$  be a parametrization of a surface  $S$ . We consider the space of differentiable curves on  $S$  that connect  $p = x(u)$  and  $q = x(v)$ .

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\gamma \in C^1((a, b), U) : \gamma(a) = u, \gamma(b) = v\}$$

Then the mapping  $E(\gamma) = L(x(\gamma)) = \int_a^b \sqrt{\langle \dot{\gamma}(x), \dot{\gamma}(x) \rangle_{g(\gamma(x))}} dx$  is a functional on  $\mathcal{F}$ .



# Motivation



Often one is interested in the minimizers of Functionals.

$$f^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in F} E(f)$$

Let us recap how we found minimizers of a function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

As a first step one is looking for a point  $x^*$  such that

$$\nabla F(x^*) = 0$$

In other words: The directional derivatives

$$DF(x^*)[v] = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x^* + \varepsilon v) - F(x^*)}{\varepsilon} = 0$$

vanish for all directions  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$



# Test directions



We will use a similar approach when minimizing functionals but have to be careful with the allowed directions  $v$ .

Consider the following problem

$$\min\{E(u) : u \in \mathcal{F}\}, \text{ with } \mathcal{F} = \{u \in C^\infty([a, b]), u(a) = \alpha, u(b) = \beta\}$$

We will only test directions  $v \in C_c^\infty((a, b))$ . That way we are sure that we only compare energies of members of  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$u \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow u + \varepsilon v \in \mathcal{F} \quad \forall v \in C_c^\infty((a, b))$$

# Euler Lagrange



A minimizer  $u^*$  of

$$E(u) = \int_a^b f(u(x), u'(x)) dx, u \in \mathcal{F}, f \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{u \in C^\infty([a, b]), u(a) = \alpha, u(b) = \beta\}$$

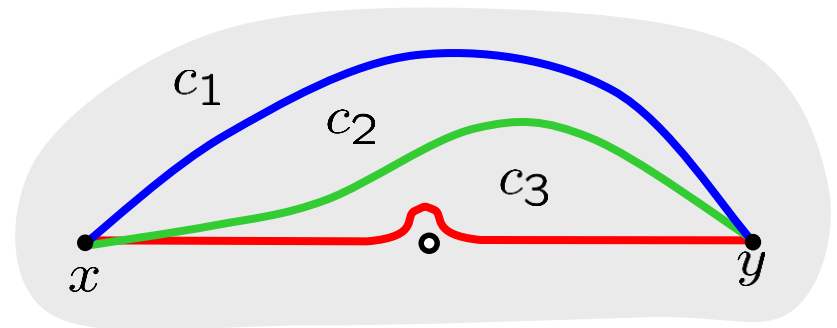
must satisfy

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\partial_2 f(u^*, (u^*)')] = \partial_1 f(u^*, (u^*)')$$

This is the Euler Lagrange equation of  $E(u)$ .

## Remark

- A minimizer must not exist



First we define  $\Phi(\varepsilon) = E(u^* + \varepsilon v)$  and observe

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{E(u^* + \varepsilon v) - E(u)}{\varepsilon} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(\varepsilon) - \Phi(0)}{\varepsilon} = \Phi'(0)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi'(0) &= \int_a^b \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} f(u + \varepsilon v, u' + \varepsilon v') dx \\ &= \int_a^b \partial_1 f(u, u') v(x) + \partial_2 f(u, u') v'(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

with partial integration and  $v \in C_c^\infty([a, b])$

$$= \int_a^b (\partial_1 f(u, u') - \frac{d}{dx} \partial_2 f(u, u')) v(x) dx = DE(u)[v] = \frac{\partial E}{\partial u}(u)[v]$$



## Fundamental Lemma of the calculus of variations

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and  $u \in C^\infty(U)$  be such that

$$\int_U u(x)v(x) = 0 \quad \forall v \in C_c^\infty(U)$$

then  $u = 0$ .

### Proof

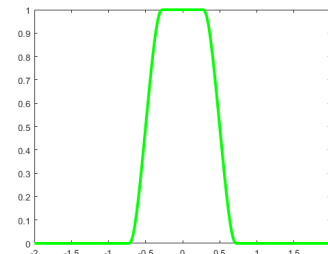
Assume  $u(y) \neq 0$  for some  $y \in U$ . For instance  $u(y) > 0$ .

Then  $u$  is strictly positive in a neighborhood  $B_r(y)$  (due to continuity).

There is a positive function  $v \in C_c^\infty(B_r(y)) \subset C_c^\infty(U)$  with  $v(y) = 1$ .

(For instance  $v = \mathbf{1}_{B_{r/2}(y)} * \psi_{r/4}$ )

$$\Rightarrow \int_U u(x)v(x) > 0$$



Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . A minimizer  $u^*$  of

$$E(u) = \int_U f(u(x), \nabla u(x)) dx, \quad u \in \mathcal{F}, \quad f \in C^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{u \in C^\infty(U, \mathbb{R}), u|_{\partial U} = g\}$$

must satisfy

$$\operatorname{div}[\nabla_2 f(u^*, \nabla u^*)] = \partial_1 f(u^*, \nabla u^*)$$

## Example (Dirichlet energy)

$$E(u) = \int_U \|\nabla u\|^2 dx \quad f(u, \xi) = \|\xi\|^2$$

$$\partial_1 f(u, \xi) = 0, \quad \nabla_2 f(u, \xi) = 2\xi \quad \Rightarrow \operatorname{div}(2\nabla u^*) = 0$$



# Generalizations 2



A minimizer  $u^* \in C^2([a, b], \mathbb{R}^n)$  of

$$E(u) = \int_a^b f(u_1(x), \dots, u_n(x), u'_1(x), \dots, u'_n(x)) dx, \quad u \in \mathcal{F}, \quad f \in C^2(\underbrace{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}}_{2n})$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{u \in C^1([a, b], \mathbb{R}^n), u(a) = \alpha, u(b) = \beta\}$$

must satisfy

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\partial_{i+n} f(u^*, (u^*)')] = \partial_i f(u^*, (u^*)') \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$