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## ***Derived Quantities***

scalar field

$$s : \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$s(\mathbf{x})$$

with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{E}^n$

vector field

$$\mathbf{v} : \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ c_m(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{E}^n$

tensor field

$$\mathbf{T} : \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times b}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11}(\mathbf{x}) & \dots & c_{1b}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{m1}(\mathbf{x}) & \dots & c_{mb}(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

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The first derivative of a scalar field is a vector field called **gradient**. It consists of the partial derivatives of the scalar function  $s(\mathbf{x})$  for each dimension of the observation space.

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$s(x, y)$

$$\nabla s(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x \\ s_y \end{pmatrix}$$

2D scalar field

gradient

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with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{E}^n$

The second derivative of a scalar field is a tensor field called **Hessian**. It consists of the partial derivatives of  $s(\mathbf{x})$  derived twice for each dimension of the observation space.

$$s(x, y)$$

$$\nabla s(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x \\ s_y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla^2 s(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} s_{xx} & s_{xy} \\ s_{yx} & s_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$$

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with  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{E}^n$

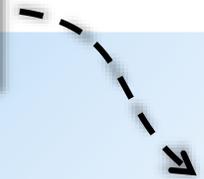
The first derivative of a vector field is a tensor field called **Jacobian**. It consists of the partial derivatives of  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$  for each dimension of the observation space.

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

2D vector field

$$\nabla \mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Jacobian



$$s(x, y)$$

2D scalar field

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

2D vector field

Gradient of a 2D scalar field

$$\mathbf{J}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Jacobian of a 2D vector field

Hessian of a 2D scalar field

$$s(x, y, z)$$

3D scalar field

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

3D vector field

Gradient of a 3D scalar field

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

Jacobian of a 3D vector field

Hessian of a 3D scalar field

- **Divergence of  $\mathbf{v}$ :**
- scalar field
- observe transport of a small ball around a point
  - expanding volume  $\rightarrow$  positive divergence
  - contracting volume  $\rightarrow$  negative divergence
  - constant volume  $\rightarrow$  zero divergence

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} + \frac{\delta v}{\delta y} + \frac{\delta w}{\delta z} = u_x + v_y + w_z$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} \text{ is incompressible}$$

- **Laplacian of a scalar field:**
- Scalar field
- Divergence of the gradient of the scalar field

$$Lf = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{grad} f = \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{\delta^2 f}{\delta x^2} + \frac{\delta^2 f}{\delta y^2} + \frac{\delta^2 f}{\delta z^2} = f_{xx} + f_{yy} + f_{zz}$$

- **Interpretation of Laplacian:**
- Measure of the difference between the average value of  $f$  in the immediate neighborhood of the point and the precise value of the field at the point.
  
- **Properties of the Laplacian of a scalar field:**
- $L$  invariant under rotation and translation of the underlying coordinate system
- $L f \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow f$  is harmonic function

- **Curl of  $\mathbf{v}$ :**
- vector field
- also called rotation (rot) or vorticity
- indication of how the field swirls at a point

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_y - v_z \\ u_z - w_x \\ v_x - u_y \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Curl of  $\mathbf{v}$ :**
- paddle wheel model:
  - insert paddle wheel in a flow
  - orient such that its rate of rotation is maximal
  - $\rightarrow \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}$  is parallel to main rotation axis
  - $\rightarrow |\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}|$  is corresponds to rate of rotation
- golf ball model
  - consider golf ball in  $\mathbf{v}$
  - is transported and rotates
  - $\rightarrow \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}$  is parallel to main rotation axis
  - $\rightarrow |\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v}|$  is corresponds to rate of rotation

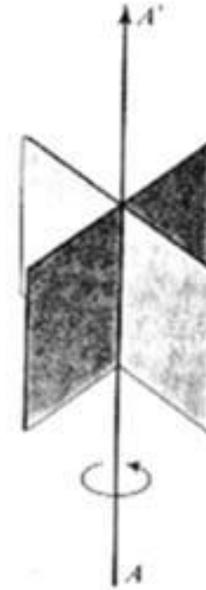


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- **Properties of curl:**
- $\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}$  is irrotational or curl-free
- $\mathbf{v} = \text{grad } f \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}$  is conservative
- Conservative is subclass of curl-free,  
since  $\mathbf{curl} \text{ grad } f \equiv \mathbf{0}$  for any scalar field  $f$

- **The Nabla operator:**
- also called “Del”-operator
- abbreviation:  $\nabla$
- symbolically written as:

$$\nabla = \mathbf{i} \frac{\delta}{\delta x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\delta}{\delta y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\delta}{\delta z} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta}{\delta x} \\ \frac{\delta}{\delta y} \\ \frac{\delta}{\delta z} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **The Nabla operator:**
- Allows us to write the other operators as:

$$\mathbf{grad} f = \nabla f$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$L f = \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{grad} f) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla f) = \nabla^2 f$$

$$\mathbf{J}_v = \nabla \mathbf{v}$$

- **Scalar and vector identities:**

$$\nabla(f + g) = \nabla f + \nabla g$$

$$\nabla(cf) = c\nabla f \quad \text{for a constant } c$$

$$\nabla(fg) = f\nabla g + g\nabla f$$

$$\nabla(f/g) = (g\nabla f - f\nabla g)/g^2 \quad \text{at points } \mathbf{x} \text{ where } g(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0$$

$$\text{div}(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \text{div } \mathbf{v} + \text{div } \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{curl}(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{curl } \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{curl } \mathbf{w}$$

$$\text{div}(f \mathbf{v}) = f \text{div } \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f$$

$$\text{div}(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{curl } \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{curl } \mathbf{w}$$



- **Scalar and vector identities (cont'd):**

$$\mathbf{div\ curl\ v} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{curl}(f \mathbf{v}) = f \mathbf{curl\ v} + \nabla f \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{curl\ \nabla} f = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla^2(f g) = f \nabla^2 g + g \nabla^2 f + 2(\nabla f \cdot \nabla g)$$

$$\mathbf{div}(\nabla f \times \nabla g) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{div}(f \nabla g - g \nabla f) = f \nabla^2 g - g \nabla^2 f$$



- **Decomposition of Jacobian Matrix:**
- $\mathbf{J}_v$  can be decomposed into symmetric and antisymmetric part:

$$\mathbf{J}_v = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{\Omega} \quad \text{with}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{J}_v + \mathbf{J}_v^T) \quad \text{symmetric part (shear contribution)}$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{J}_v - \mathbf{J}_v^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{antisymmetric part} \\ \text{(rotational contribution)} \end{array}$$

$$\text{with} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} w_y - v_z \\ u_z - w_x \\ v_x - u_y \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Vortex-Strain duality:**
- $\Omega$  dominates  $S$ : high vortical activity
- $S$  dominates  $\Omega$ : high strain

$$\mathbf{J}_v = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{\Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{J}_v + \mathbf{J}_v^T)$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{J}_v - \mathbf{J}_v^T) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

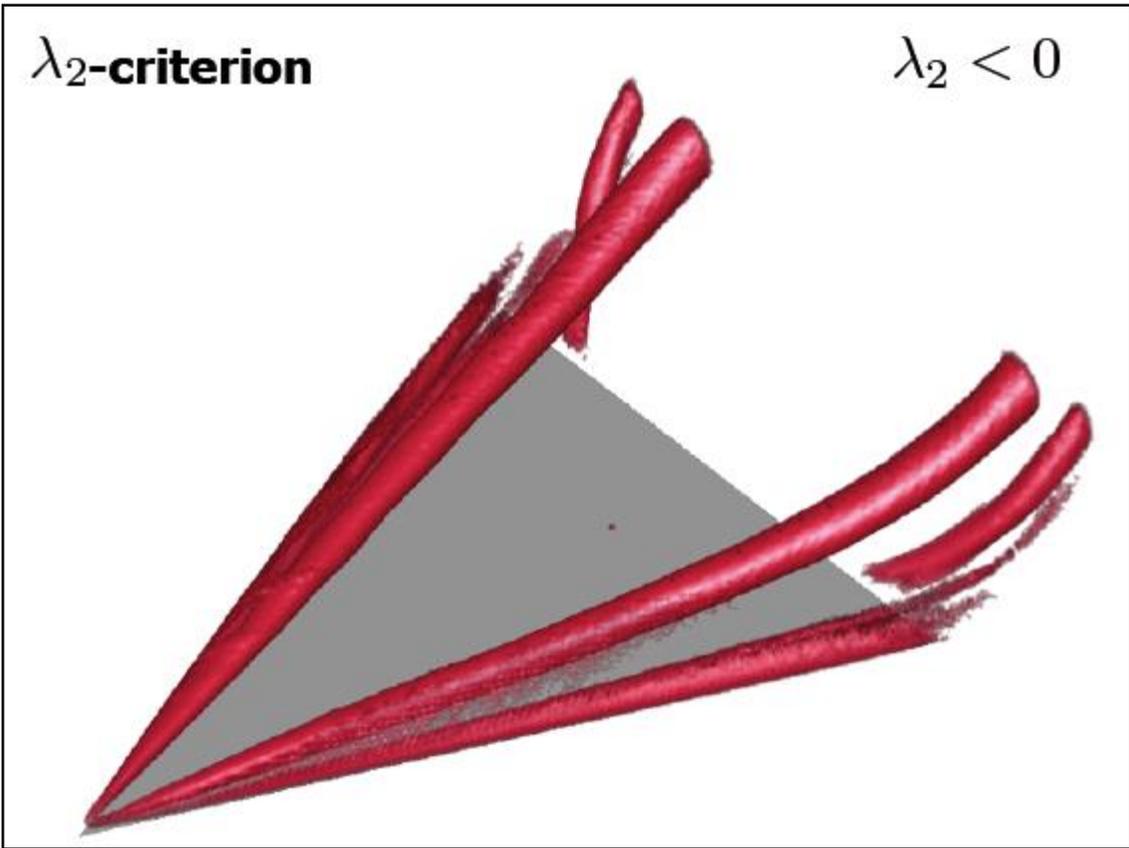
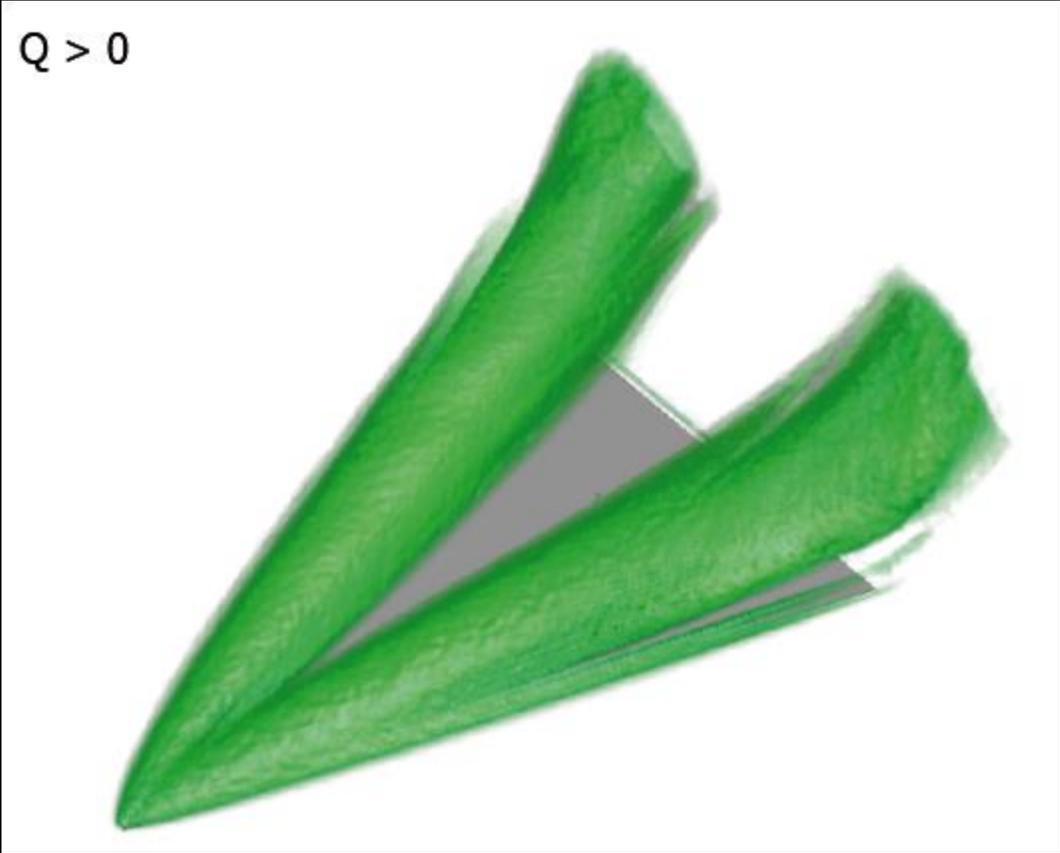
- **Q-criterion, or, Okubo-Weiss parameter:**

- $Q > 0$ : vortex region, since vorticity magnitude dominates the rate of strain
- $Q < 0$ : region of high stretching, since rate of strain dominates vorticity magnitude
- Captures vortex-strain duality

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} (\|\boldsymbol{\Omega}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{S}\|^2) = \|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{S}\|^2$$

- **$\lambda_2$  criterion:**

- Second largest eigenvalue of the symmetric tensor  $\mathbf{S}^2 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}^2$
- Vortices can be found where  $\lambda_2 < 0$
- $\lambda_2 > 0$  lacks physical interpretation
- Does not capture stretching and folding of fluid particles, i.e., does not describe the vortex-strain duality



# Summary

- Derived quantities for scalar and vector fields
  - many more
- Based on derivatives
- Divergence
- Laplacian
- Curl
- Vortex-Strain duality
  - vortex regions in flow fields