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Dimensional analysis



Kepler's problem



Random walks & diffusion



 $\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J_x}{\partial x} = D\frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial x^2},$



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(In)stability analysis & pattern formation

$$\partial_t \psi = -U'(\psi) + \gamma_0 \nabla^2 \psi - \gamma_2 (\nabla^2)^2 \psi$$
$$U(\psi) = \frac{a}{2} \psi^2 + \frac{b}{3} \psi^3 + \frac{c}{4} \psi^4$$



Calculus of variations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta I[Y]}{\delta Y} &= \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left\{ I[f(x) + \epsilon \delta(x - y)] - I[f(x)] \right\} \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y} \delta(x - y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y'} \delta'(x - y) \right] dx \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial Y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y'} \right] \delta(x - y) dx. \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial f}{\partial Y'}$$

Surface tension



Elasticity



Hydrodynamics

$$\int_{V} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV = -\int_{S} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = -\int_{V} \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) dV. \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0.$$

$$\int_{V(t)} \rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} dV = \int_{V(t)} (-\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{g}) dV \qquad \qquad \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \frac{-\nabla p}{\rho} + \mathbf{g}.$$

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Singular perturbations

 $\epsilon \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + \frac{du}{dx} = 1.$

Conformal mappings

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = u - iv.$$



$$W(Z) = u_0 \left(Z e^{-i\alpha} + \frac{R^2}{Z} e^{i\alpha} \right) - \frac{i\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln Z.$$

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Taylor columns, etc

Solitons



KdV equation

Topological defects



Active matter

