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**Multivariate Partial Differential Equation
Describing the Evolution of a Gaussian
Process.**

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Abstract: If X is a Gaussian process, the diffusion equation characterizes its marginal probability density function. How about finite-dimensional distributions? For each $n \geq 1$, we derive a system of partial differential equations which are satisfied by the probability density function of the vector $(X(t_1), \dots, X(t_n))$. We then show that these differential equations determine uniquely the finite-dimensional distributions of Gaussian processes. We also discuss situations where the system can be replaced by a single equation, which is either one member of the system, or an aggregate equation obtained by summing all the equations in the system.

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