

# Exponential Dichotomies in Spatial Evolutionary Systems for Elliptic PDEs

Spatial dynamics describes a perspective of studying PDEs which **views spatial variables as evolutionary variables**.



$$x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega = \mathbb{R} \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Elliptic PDE in channel:

$$u_{x_1 x_1} + u_{x_2, x_2} + a(x)u = 0$$



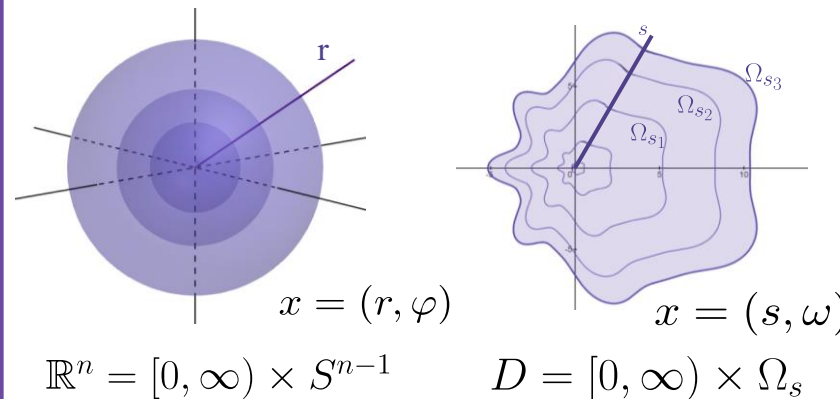
$$\mathbf{u}_{x_1} = \mathcal{A}(\partial_{x_2}, x_1, x_2)\mathbf{u}$$

Consider an evolutionary equation:

$$u_x = A(x)u, x \in \mathbb{R}, u \in X$$

Exponential dichotomies **describe the behavior of exponentially decaying solutions**, even when solutions generally don't exist.

With them, we can **construct bounded solutions**, for example, solutions that represent interesting patterns that arise in nature.



Elliptic PDE in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\Delta u = V(x)u$$



$$\mathbf{u}_r = \mathcal{A}(\partial_\varphi, r, \varphi)\mathbf{u}$$

**Theorem:** If  $V(x)$  decays to a constant like  $1/x$  and is Hölder continuous for  $r < 1$ , then **the above spatial dynamical system for the elliptic PDE has an exponential dichotomy for all  $r$ .**