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Linear first-order Cauchy problem on a smooth manifold



(Linear first-order Cauchy problem on a smooth manifold) Let M be a manifold, $S \subseteq M$ an embedded hypersurface, $A \in \text{Vec}(M)$ a vector field that is *nowhere tangent* to S , functions $b, f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M), \varphi \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(S)$. Then for some neighborhood $U \supseteq S$ in M there **exists a unique** $u \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U)$ such that



$$\begin{aligned} Au + bu &= f \\ u \Big|_S &= \varphi \end{aligned}$$

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