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# Analysis and PDE Seminar

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**Abstract.** The analysis of the limiting behavior of gradient flows is pivotal in geometric analysis, PDEs and application in optimization. Rene Thom conjectured that, for a given convergent trajectory of a gradient flow of an analytic function, the secant direction of the trajectory to its limit also converges. This represents a higher-order question following the seminal works by Lojasiewicz and L. Simon. Thom's conjecture was affirmatively proved by Kurdyka, Mostowski, and Parusinski for gradient flows. In this talk, we discuss a generalization of this to the class of PDEs, including the mean curvature flow, Yamaha flow, and Ricci flow. Our results reveal the rate and direction of convergence to the limit. This is a joint work with Pei-Ken Hung at UIUC.

*All are welcome*

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