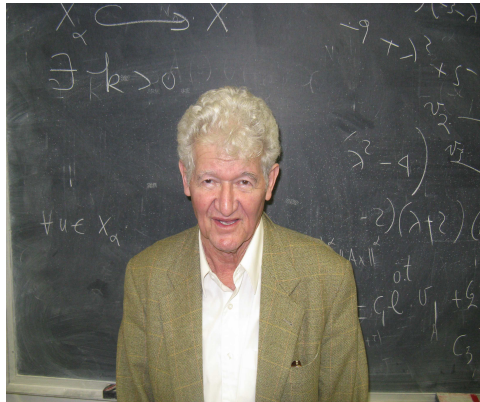


INTERVIEW WITH PROF. PETER D. LAX

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Peter D. Lax was born in Budapest, Hungary and because of horrible consequences of World War II, he moved to New York in the early forties along with his family [3]. After receiving his PhD degree in Mathematics, in 1949, from Courant Institute, New York University, he joined the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He returned to Courant Institute only in 1956 as a faculty and has since spent the rest of his professional career there.



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“In the world of modern mathematics, Dr. Peter D. Lax, professor emeritus at New York University, ranks among the giants”, as the *New York Times* put it [1]. His work has helped reshape many areas of pure and applied mathematics and beyond. He authored many groundbreaking contributions ranging from partial differential equations and their applications to computational fluid dynamics. His name is associated with many significant mathematical results such as the Lax-Milgram Theorem, Babuška-Lax-Milgram Theorem, the Lax Pair, the Lax-Friedrichs Scheme, or the Lax Equivalence Theorem, etc.

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