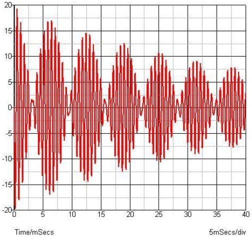
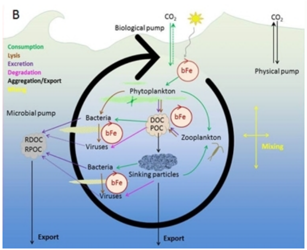
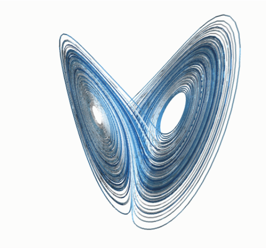
Ordinary Differential Equations







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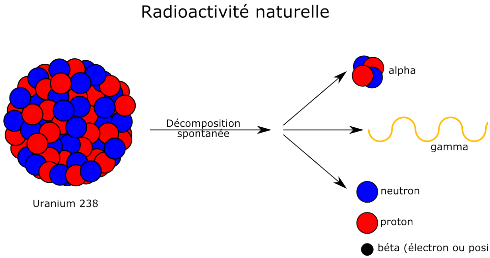

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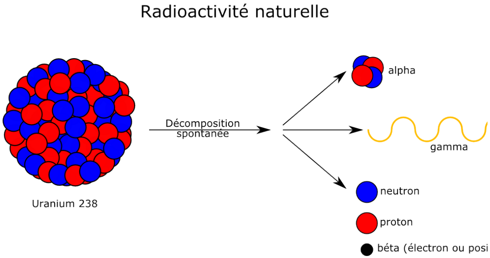

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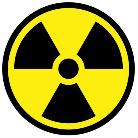

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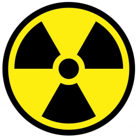

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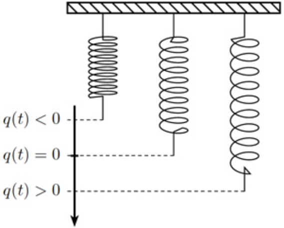
Half-life time : $N(t) = \dfrac{N(0)}{2}$ for $e^{-\lambda t} = \dfrac{1}{2},\quad$ i.e. $t_{\text{half}} = \dfrac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$

- Iodine 131: $t_{\text{half}} \simeq 8$ days
- Cesium 137: $t_{\text{half}} \simeq 30$ years
- Plutonium 239: $t_{\text{half}} \simeq 24\,110$ years

Example #2 : mass - spring system



Second law of dynamics: $m\, q''(t) + k\, q(t) = 0$ ($k > 0$: spring stiffness)

$$q(t) = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t \quad , \quad \text{with } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

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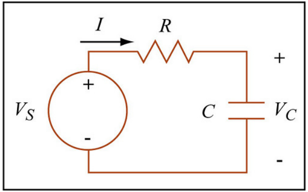

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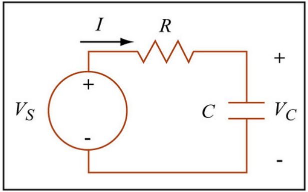

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$$R\,\frac{dq}{dt}(t) + \frac{1}{C}\,q(t) = V_S(t)$$

Example #4 : viral epidemic (system of ODEs)

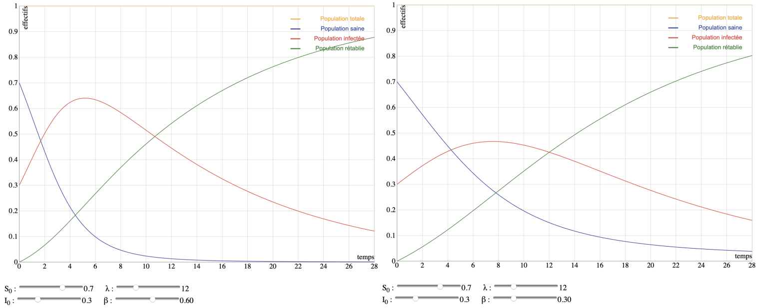
The SIR model

Susceptible individuals

Infectious individuals

Removed (and immune) or deceased individuals

$$\begin{cases} S'(t) &= -\beta\, I(t)S(t) \\ I'(t) &= \beta\, I(t)S(t) - \lambda\, I(t) \\ R'(t) &= \lambda\, I(t) \end{cases}$$



Further information:

https://interstices.info/modeliser-la-propagation-dune-epidemie/

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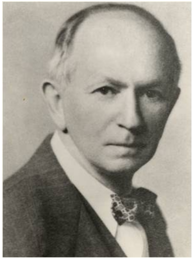

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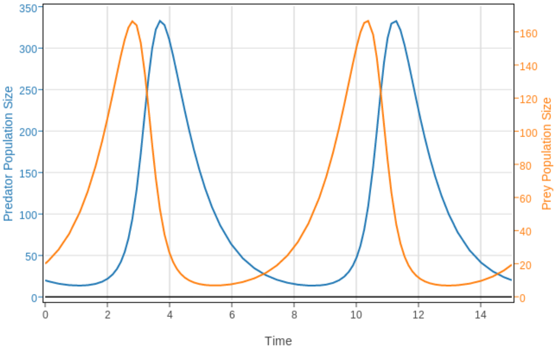
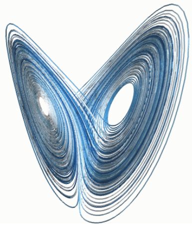


Example #6: chaos and butterfly effect

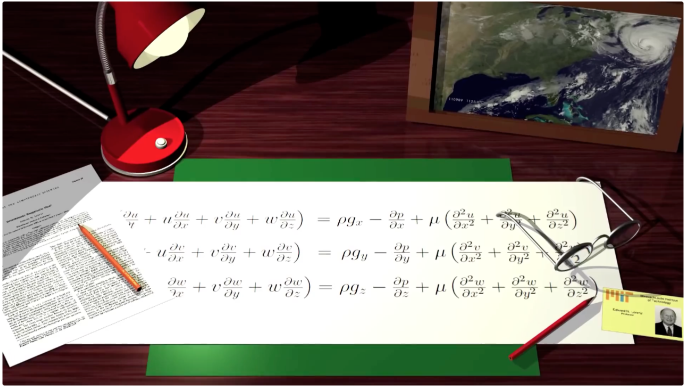
Chaotic systems: small initial perturbations may lead to huge final differences (atmosphere, ocean, climate are chaotic systems).

Edward Lorenz
(1917-2008)

$$\begin{cases} \dfrac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x) \\ \dfrac{dy}{dt} = \rho x - y - xz \\ \dfrac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z \end{cases}$$



Does the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?
(139th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1972)



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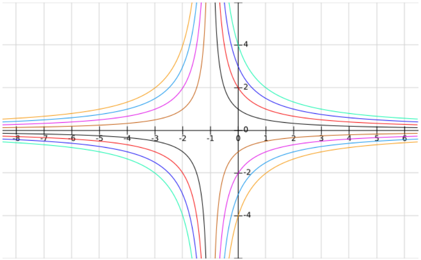

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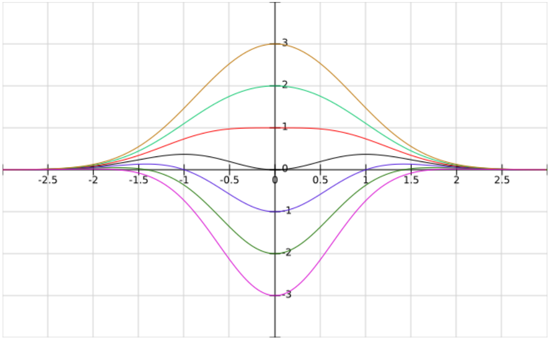

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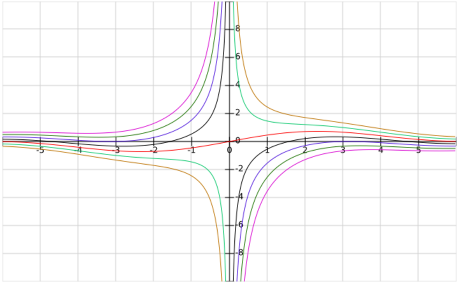

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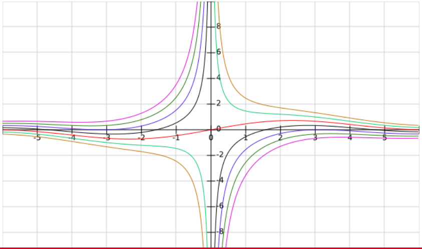

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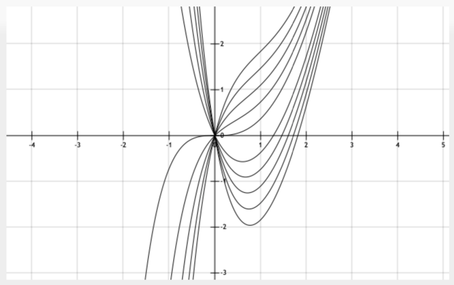

Given those solutions, what are the solutions of (E) on $\mathbb{R}$? i.e. what are the possible continuous and differentiable connections at $x = 0$ between a function y_- and a function y_+ ?

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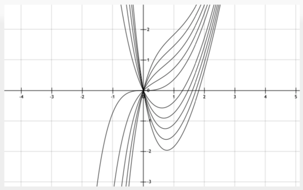

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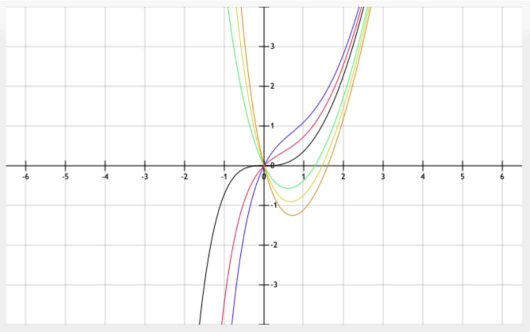

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- No fully general method
- A simple method for separable differential equations
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Let assume that $y(t)$ does not cancel. Then $\dfrac{y'(t)}{y^2(t)} = t\, e^t$, which leads to:

$$\int \frac{y'(t)}{y^2(t)}\, dt = \int t\, e^t\, dt$$

$$\iff \quad -\frac{1}{y(t)} = (t-1)\, e^t + C \qquad \text{(by IBP)}$$

$$\iff \quad y(t) = \frac{-1}{(t-1)\, e^t + C} \qquad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

We see a posteriori that y does indeed not cancel. Its definition domain depends on the integration constant C.

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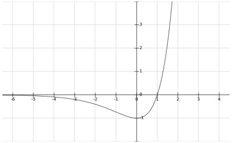

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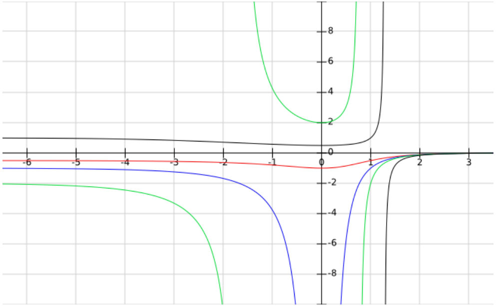

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$\forall K \in \mathbb{R}$,

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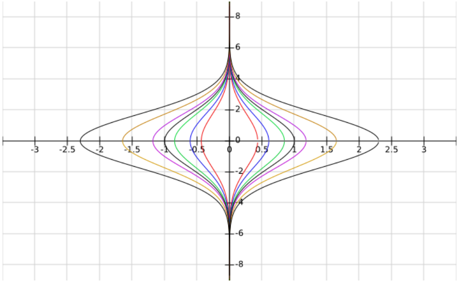
are solutions of (E) on $]-e^{K/6}, 0[\cup]0, e^{K/6}[$.



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$$(E) \qquad au''(x) + bu'(x) + cu(x) = f(x) \qquad \text{with } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } a \neq 0$$

Principle of superposition $\mathcal{S} = u_p + \mathcal{S}_0$, where $u_p(x)$ is a particular solution of (E) and $\mathcal{S}_0$ is the set of solutions of the associated homogeneous equation (E_0).

Solutions of (E_0) Let $P(X) = aX^2 + bX + c$ the *characteristic polynomial* associated to (E_0), and $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ its discriminant. Then:

- if $\Delta > 0$, $u_0(x) = Ae^{r_1 x} + Be^{r_2 x}$ $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$, where $r_1 = \frac{-b-\sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$ and $r_2 = \frac{-b+\sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$ are the two real roots of P.
- if $\Delta = 0$, $u_0(x) = (Ax + B)e^{rx}$ $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$, where $r = \frac{-b}{2a}$ is the unique root of P.
- if $\Delta < 0$, $u_0(x) = (A\cos\alpha x + B\sin\alpha x)e^{\beta x}$ $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$, where $\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2a}$ and $\beta = \frac{-b}{2a}$.

Particular solution of (E) (similar to first-order equations) A particular solution u_p can be obtained either by analogy with the right-hand side (if simple), or by the method of variation of constants (i.e. replacing the constants A and B, or only one of them, by a function of x).