

NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF ODEs

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chebfun

Purpose: Chebfun is a tool for numerical computing with functions.

Idea: overload Matlab's vectors/matrices to functions/operators.

Algorithms: based on piecewise Chebyshev polynomial interpolants.

Demo

www.chebfun.org

$$u = L \backslash f$$

This is Chebfun's syntax for solving ODE BVPs $Lu = f$.
 L can be linear or nonlinear and includes BCs.

Inputs: f is a chebfun, L is a chebop.
Output: u is a chebfun.

Algorithm: adaptive Chebyshev spectral collocation
embedded in a Newton iteration. Formulation via
block operators \rightarrow rectangular matrices (Driscoll + Hale)

What about IVPs ? Here Chebfun's algorithm is completely different:
marching with `ode113`, then conversion of the result to a chebfun.

Until 2015, you had to call `chebfun.ode113`.
In 2014, Birkisson folded this into the syntax $u = L \backslash f$.
This was nontrivial because higher-order problems must
be converted silently to first order for `ode113`.

So now, Chebfun solves all ODE problems with $u = L \backslash f$.

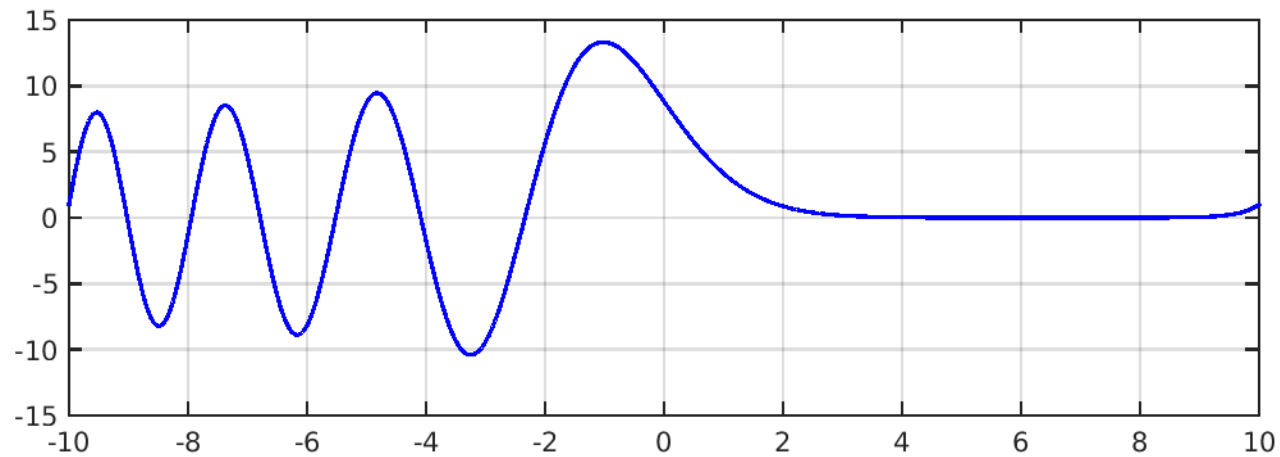
BVP

IVP

Airy equation (scalar linear BVP)

$$y'' - xy = 0, \quad x \in [-10, 10], \quad y(-10) = y(10) = 1.$$

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L.op = @(x,y) diff(y,2) - x*y;  
L.lbc = 1; L.rbc = 1;  
y = L\0; plot(y)
```



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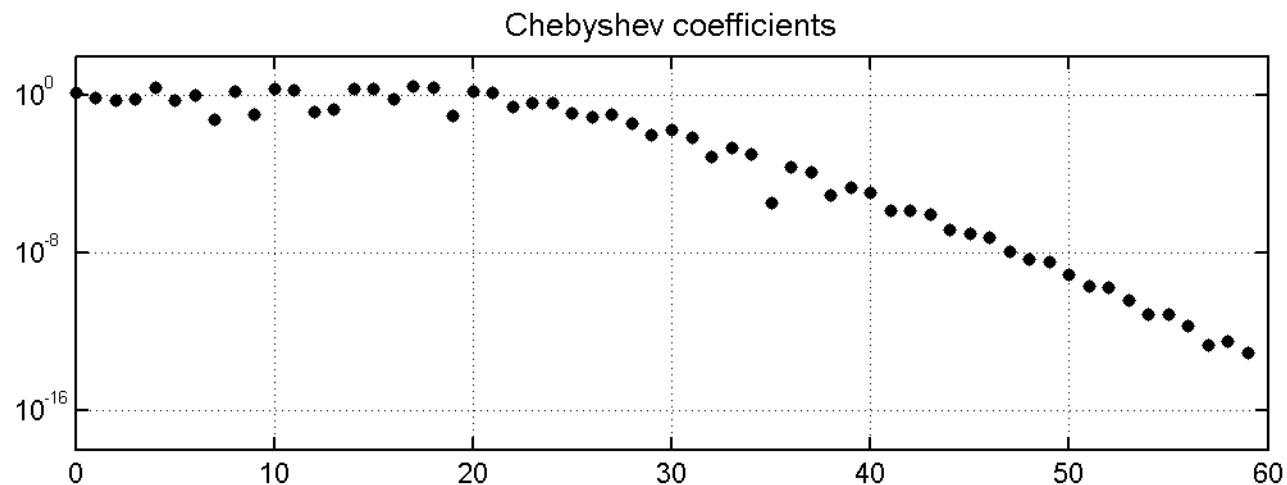
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y(0)  
ans = 8.82249323
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```
max(y)  
ans = 13.31113744
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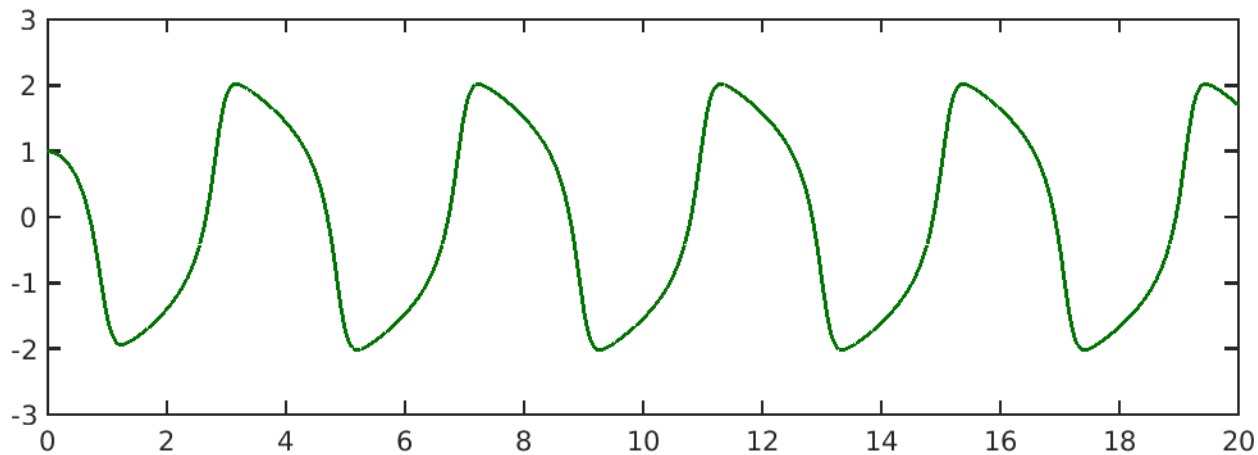
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van der Pol equation (scalar nonlinear IVP)

$$0.3y'' - (1 - y^2)y' + y = 0, \quad t \in [0,20], \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

```
N = chebop(0,20);  
N.op = @(t,y) 0.3*diff(y,2) - (1-y^2)*diff(y) + y;  
N.lbc = @(y) [y-1; diff(y)];  
y = N\0; plot(y)
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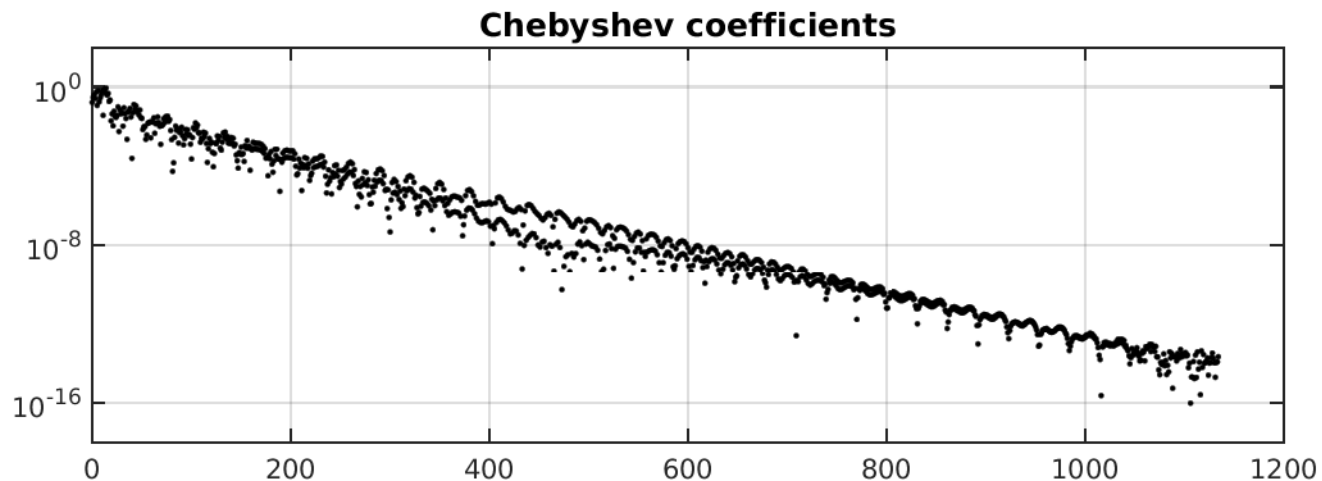
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```
[val,pos] = max(y,'local');  
diff(pos)          ans = 3.16508501  
                  4.07245435  
                  4.07253777  
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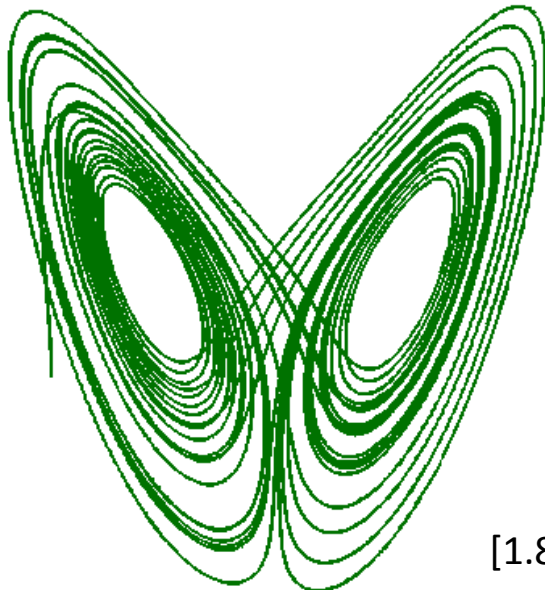


Lorenz equations (system of nonlinear IVPs)

$$u' = 10(v-u), \quad v' = u(28-w) - v, \quad w' = uv - (8/3)w,$$

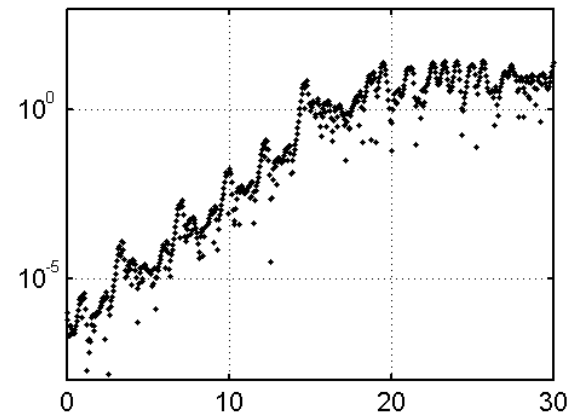
$$t \in [0,30], \quad u(0) = v(0) = -15, \quad w(0) = 20.$$

```
N = chebop(0,30);  
N.op = @(t,u,v,w) [diff(u)-10*(v-u); ...  
                  diff(v)-u*(28-w)+v; diff(w)-u*v+(8/3)*w];  
N.lbc = @(u,v,w) [u+15;v+15;w-20];  
[u,v,w] = N\0; plot(u,w)
```



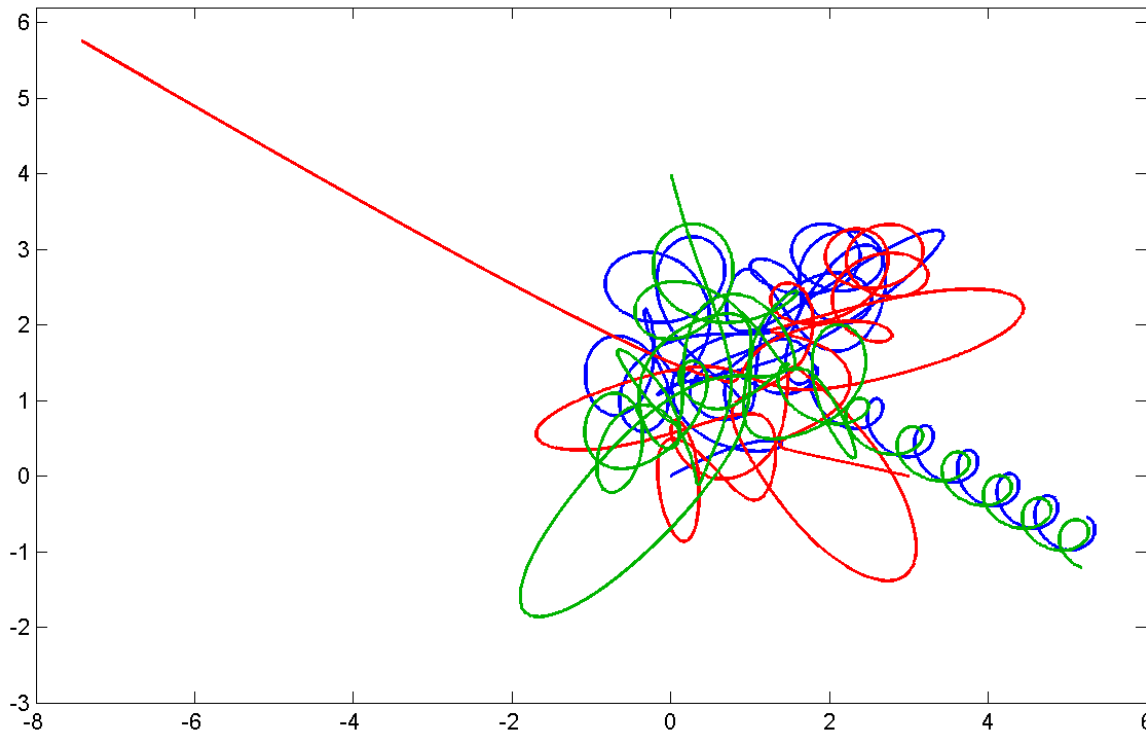
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```
N.lbc = @(u,v,w) [u+15.000001;v+15;w-20];  
[u2,v2,w2] = N\0;  
tt = 0:.05:30;  
semilogy(tt,abs(u2(tt)-u(tt)),'.')
```



3-body problem (system of nonlinear IVPs)

```
N = chebop(0,100); u0 = 0; v0 = 3; w0 = 4i;  
N.op = @(t,u,v,w) [ ...  
    diff(u,2) + (u-v)/abs(u-v)^3 + (u-w)/abs(u-w)^3; ...  
    diff(v,2) + (v-u)/abs(v-u)^3 + (v-w)/abs(v-w)^3; ...  
    diff(w,2) + (w-u)/abs(w-u)^3 + (w-v)/abs(w-v)^3];  
N.lbc = @(u,v,w) [u-u0; v-v0; w-w0; diff(u); diff(v); diff(w)];  
y = N\0; plot(y)
```



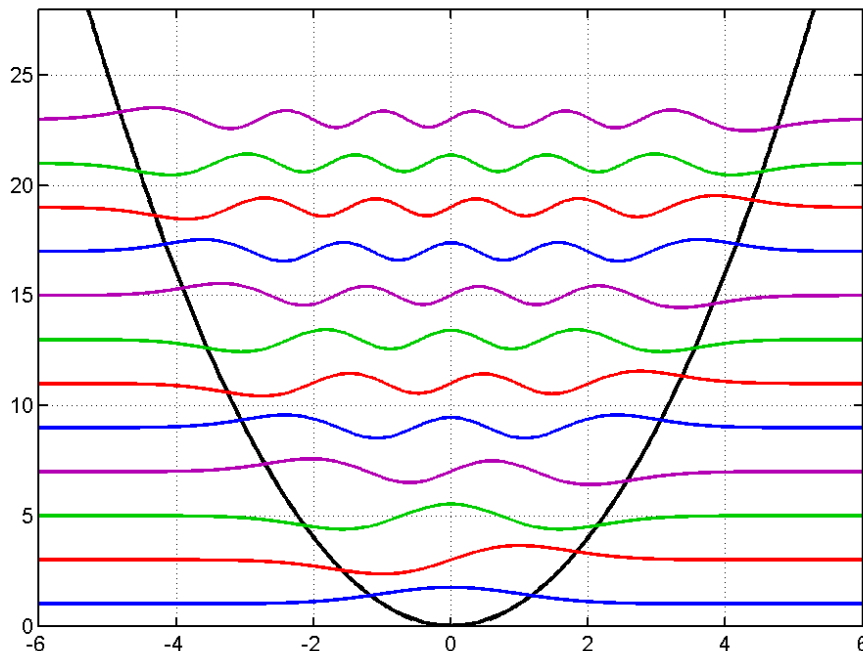
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roots(real(v)+2)  
ans = 90.1543
```

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Harmonic oscillator (scalar linear eigenvalue problem)

$$-y'' + x^2y = \lambda y, \quad x \in [-6,6], \quad y(-6) = y(6) = 0.$$

```
L = chebop(-6,6);  
V = chebfun('x.^2', [-6,6]);  
plot(V, 'k'), hold on  
L.op = @(x,y) -diff(y,2) + V*y;  
L.lbc = 0; L.rbc = 0;  
[Y,D] = eigs(L,12);  
for k = 1:12, plot(Y(:,k)+D(k,k)), end
```



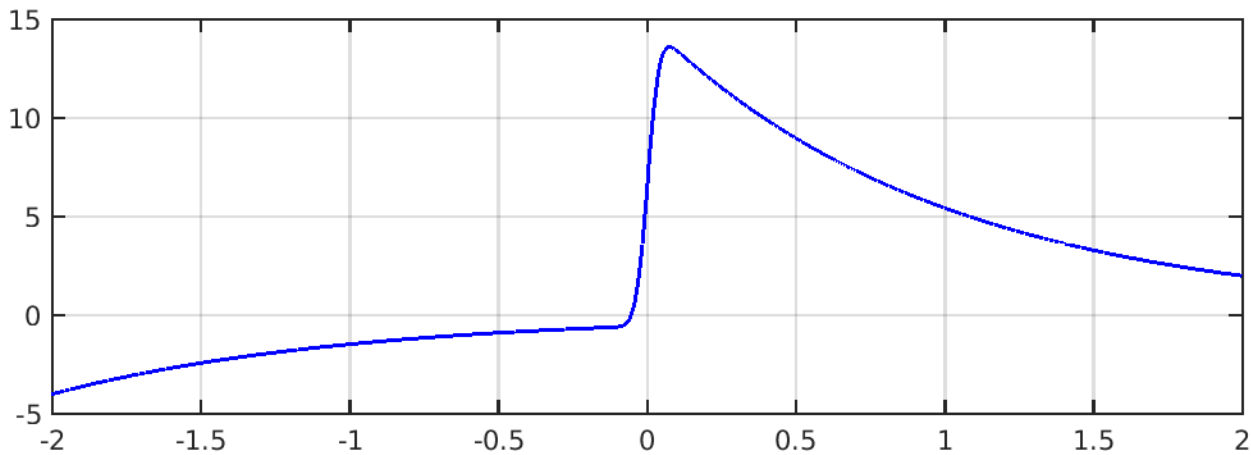
```
d = diag(D); d(1:5)  
ans = 1.0000000  
      3.0000000  
      5.0000000  
      7.0000000  
      9.0000000
```

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Interior layer equation (scalar linear BVP)

$$0.001y'' + xy' + xy = 0, \quad x \in [-2, 2], \quad y(-2) = -4, \quad y(2) = 2.$$

```
L = chebop(-2,2);  
L.op = @(x,y) 0.001*diff(y,2) + x*diff(y) + x*y;  
L.lbc = -4; L.rbc = 2;  
y = L\0; plot(y)
```



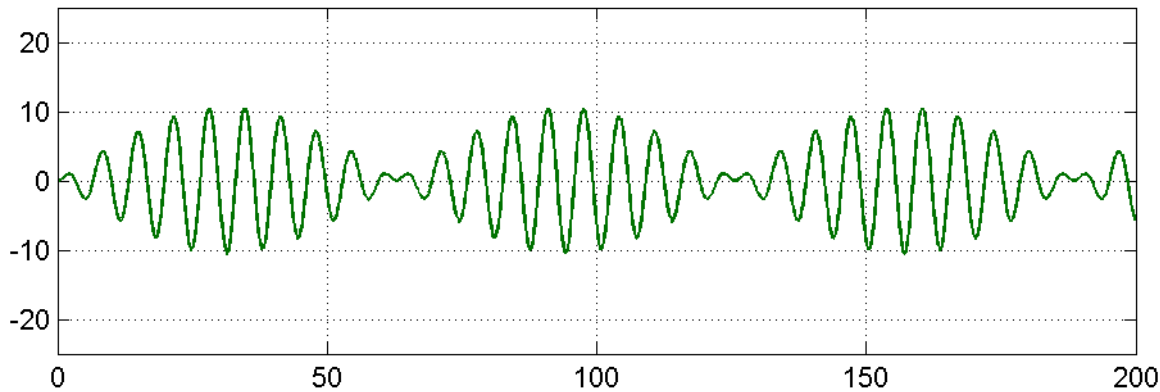
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yp = diff(y);  
yp(0)  
ans = 186.918317
```

Resonance (scalar linear IVP)

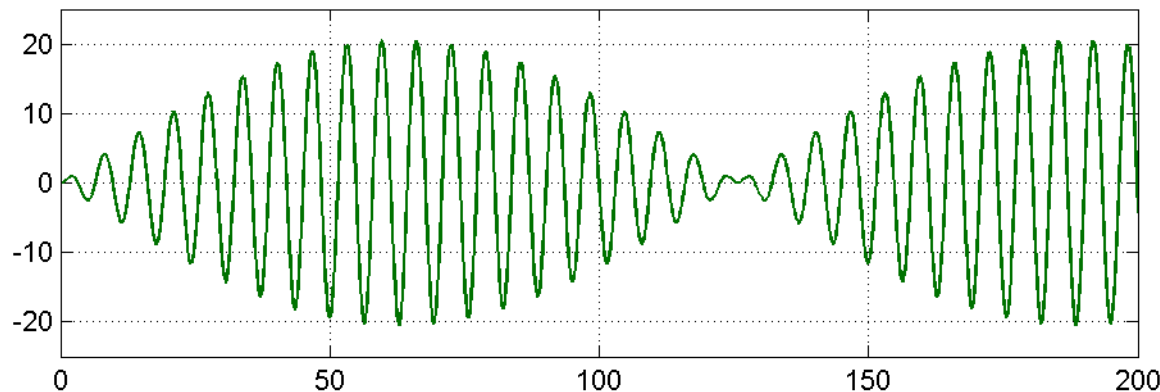
$$y'' + y = 0, \quad t \in [0,200], \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0.$$

```
t = chebfun('t',[0 200]);  
L = chebop(0,200);  
L.op = @(t,y) diff(y,2) + y;  
L.lbc = @(y) [y; diff(y)];
```



```
y = L\cos(.9*t)  
plot(y)  
norm(y)  
ans = 72.7106
```

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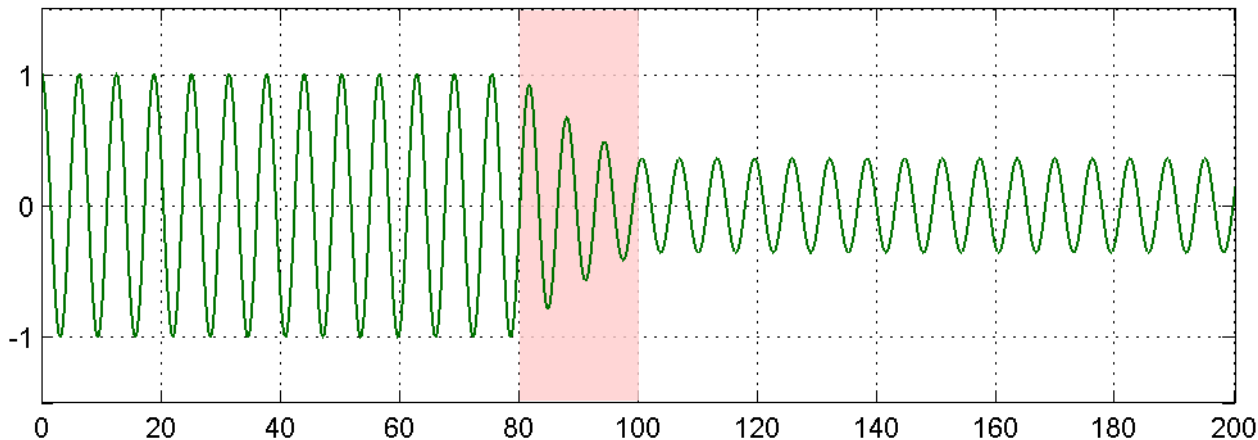


```
y = L\cos(.95*t)  
plot(y)  
norm(y)  
ans = 148.8003
```

Damping switched on/off (scalar linear IVP, discontinuous)

$$y'' + d(t)y' + y = 0, \quad t \in [0, 200], \quad y(0)=1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

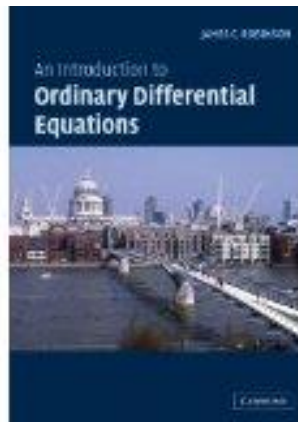
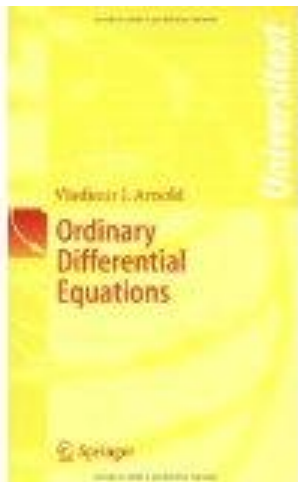
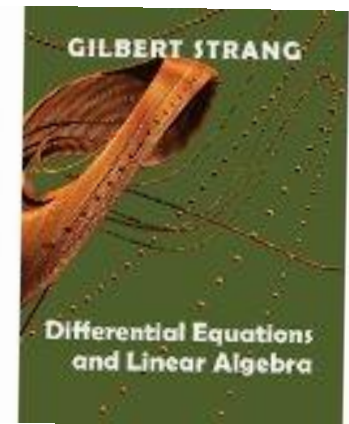
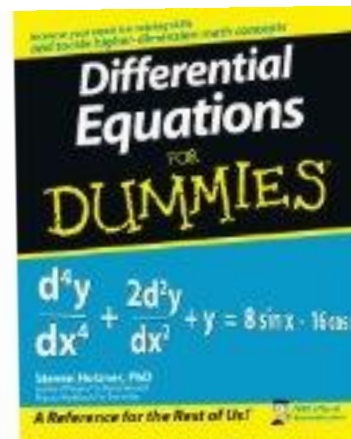
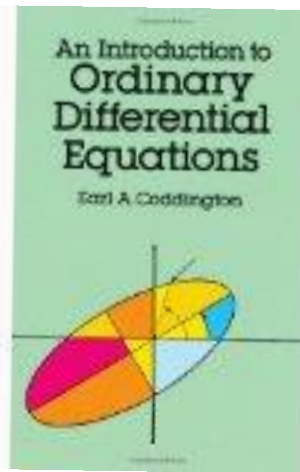
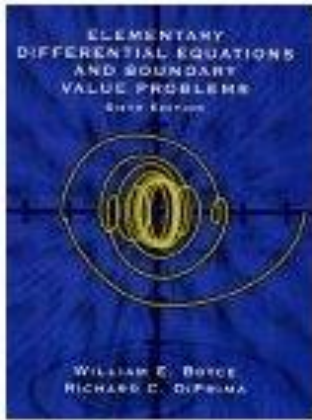
```
t = chebfun('t',[0 200]);  
d = 0.1*(abs(t-90)<10);  
L = chebop(0,200);  
L.op = @(t,y) diff(y,2) + d*diff(y) + y;  
L.lbc = @(y) [y-1; diff(y)];  
y = L\0; plot(y)
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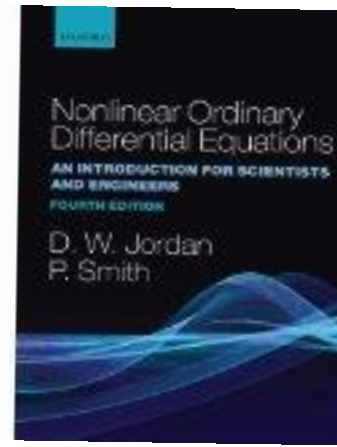
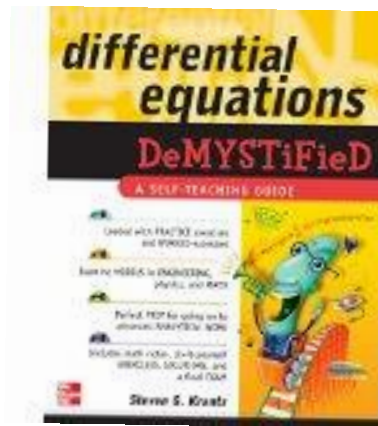
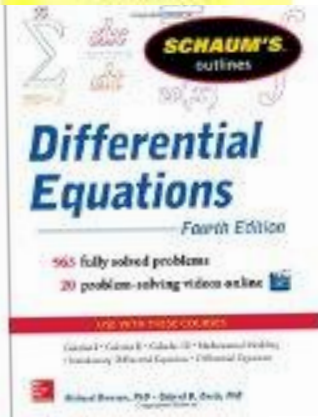
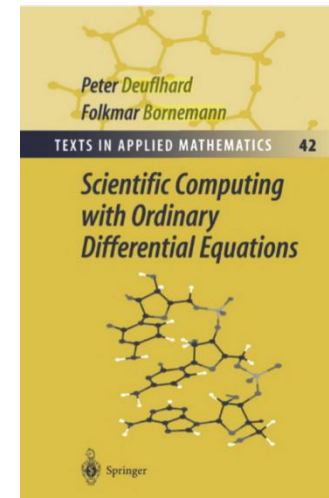
```
max(y{0,50})  
ans = 1.0000000  
  
max(y{150,200})  
ans = 0.3582228
```

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Even easier: Birkisson's graphical user interface **chebgui**.



There are lots of ODE books.



- Our aim is to write a book quite unlike the others: focusing on ODE *behavior*, illustrating everything effortlessly.
- Enabled by numerics, but not a numerical book.
- Mathematically mature, but not technically advanced.
- Nonlinear problems and BVPs throughout.
- A book that certain instructors will choose to teach a course from, and they will all want to look at. A book that the top 10% of students in any ODE course will be excited to discover.
- Cheap from SIAM, and freely available online.

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Still to be written:

- Linearization and classification of fixed points
- Bifurcation
- Appendix B: 100 more examples

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