

Continuous models of computation: computability, complexity, universality

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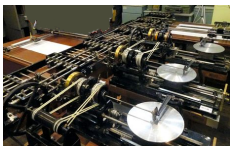


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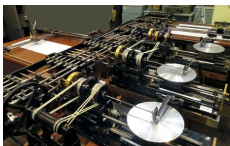


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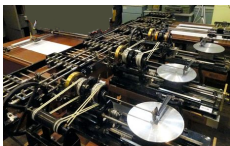


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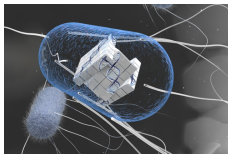
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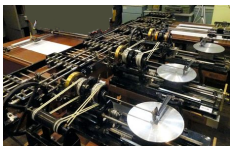
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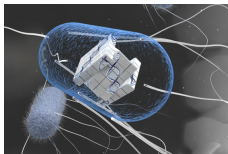
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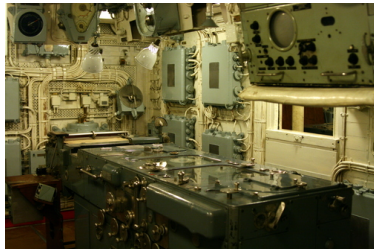


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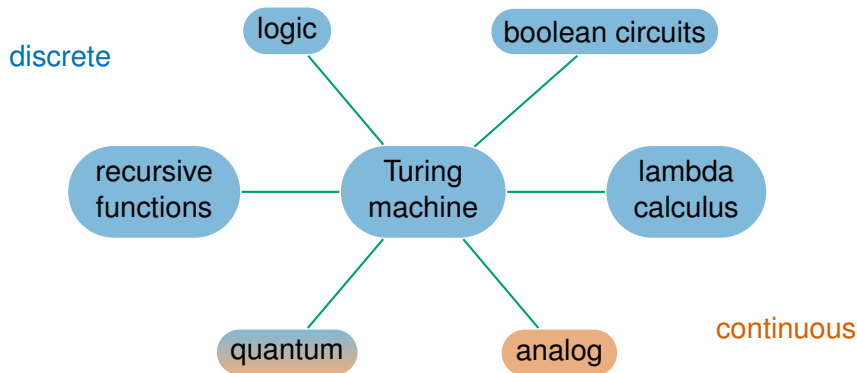


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“Mathematica of 1920”



Admiralty Fire Control Table
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Computability



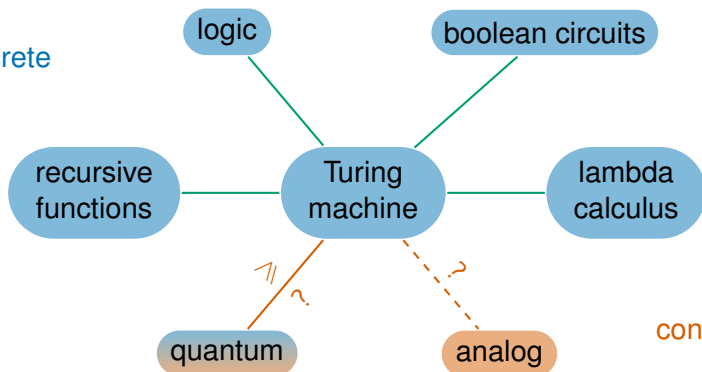
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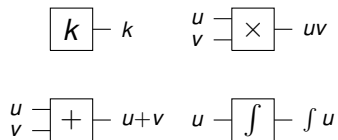
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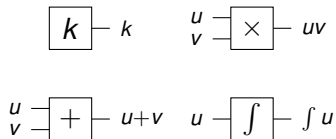


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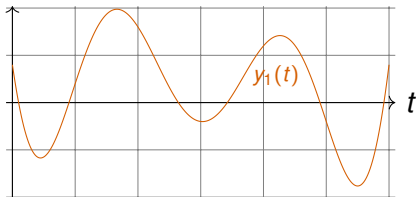


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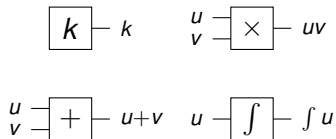
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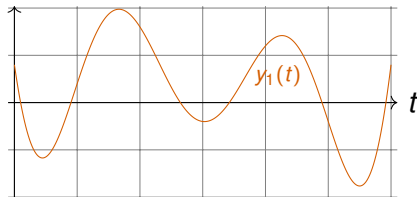
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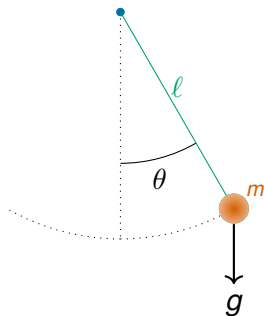
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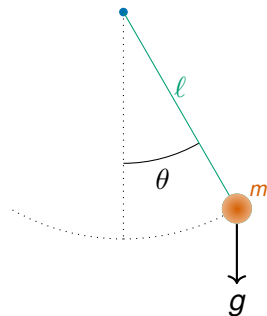


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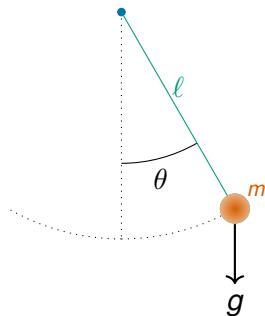
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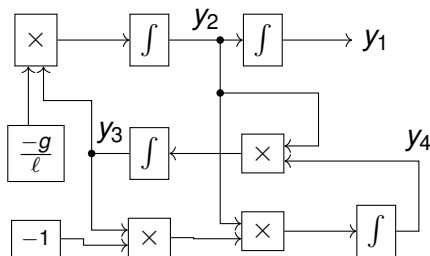
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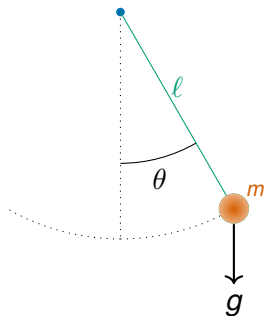


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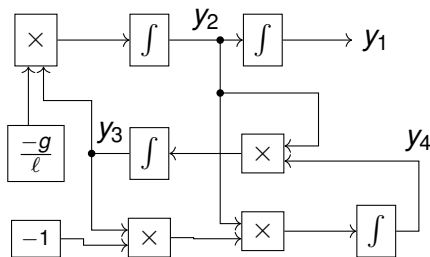


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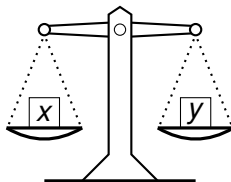
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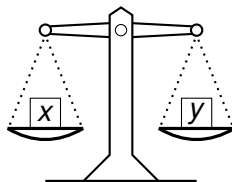
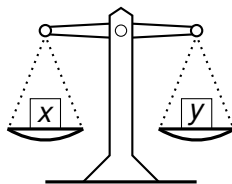
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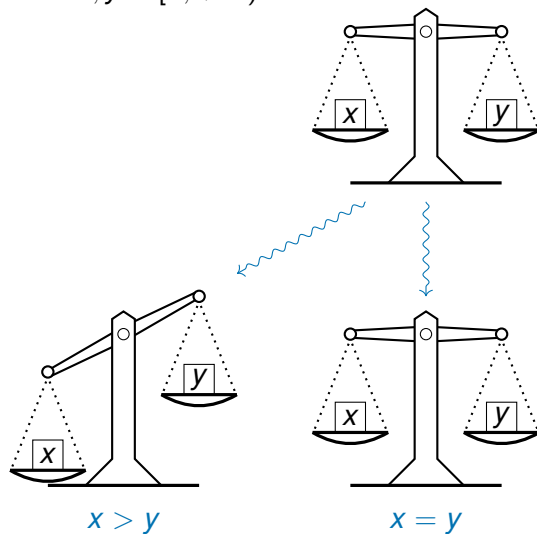
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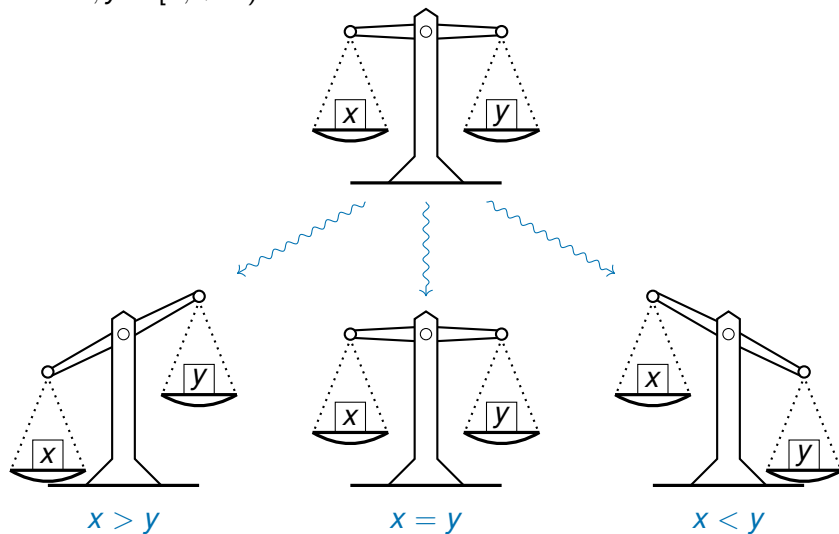
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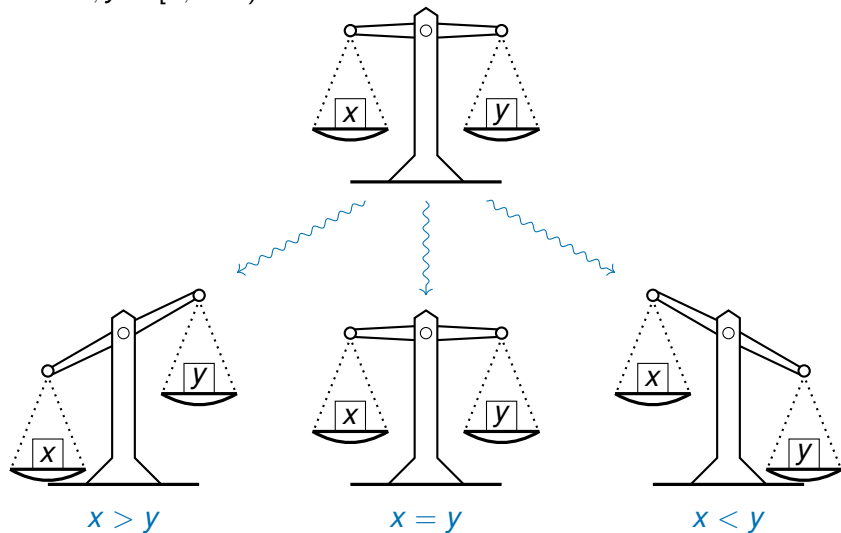
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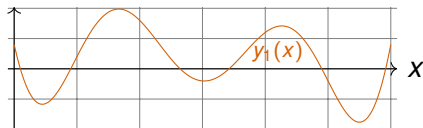
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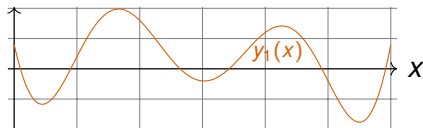
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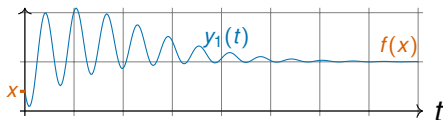
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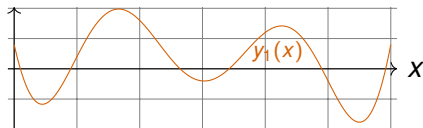
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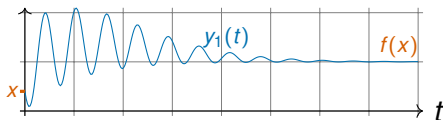
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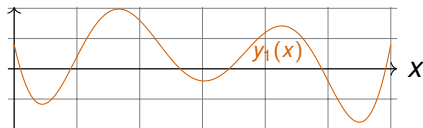
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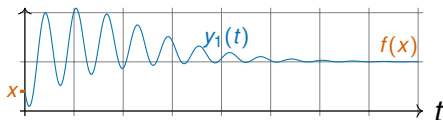
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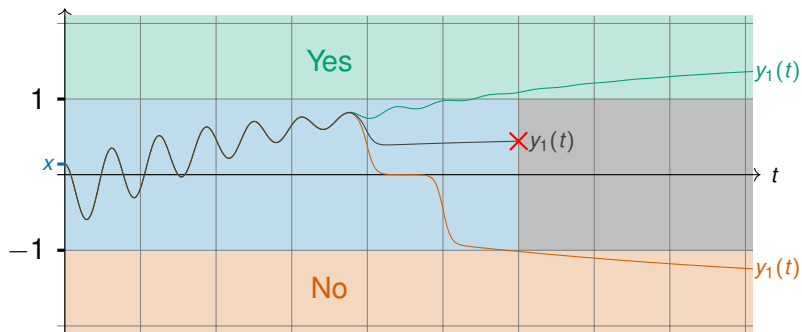
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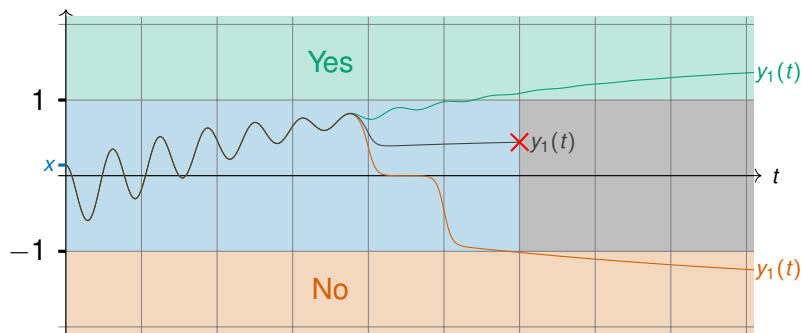
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[Bournez et al., 2007]

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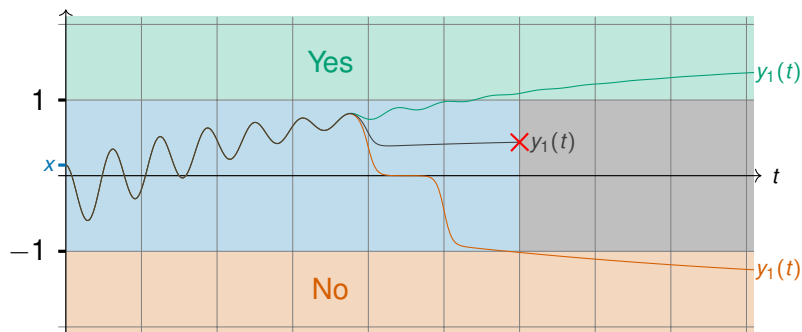
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- ▶ analog computability theory
- ▶ purely continuous characterization of classical computability

How does one prove such a result ?

By computing/programming with differential equations ! Two levels :

Generable functions :

- ▶ « simple » basic blocks
- ▶ lots of way to combine them
- ▶ very low level

Computable functions :

- ▶ more comprehensible
- ▶ harder to combine
- ▶ higher level

The theory of generable functions

Generable functions (total, univariate)

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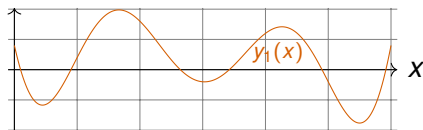
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Note : existence and unicity of y by Cauchy-Lipschitz theorem.

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Example : $f(x) = x^2$ ▶ squaring

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▶ **sine/cosine**

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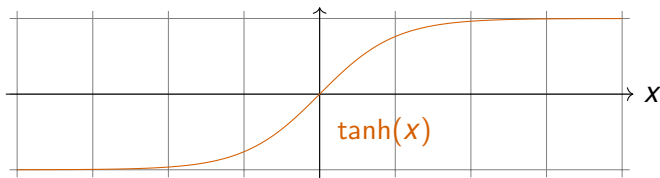
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Example : $f(x) = \tanh(x)$ ▶ **hyperbolic tangent**

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y' = 1 - y^2 \quad \leadsto \quad y(x) = \tanh(x)$$



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Example : $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ ▶ rational function

$$f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{(1+x^2)^2} = -2xf(x)^2$$

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Example : $f = g \pm h$ ▶ **sum/difference**

$$(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$$

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Example : $f = gh$ ▶ **product**

$$(gh)' = g'h + gh'$$

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Example : $f = \frac{1}{g}$ ▶ inverse

$$f' = \frac{-g'}{g^2} = -g' f^2$$

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Last example : $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \in (0, \infty)$

$$y(\mathbf{1}) = 1, \quad \partial_x y = -y^2 \quad \leadsto \quad y(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

▶ inverse function

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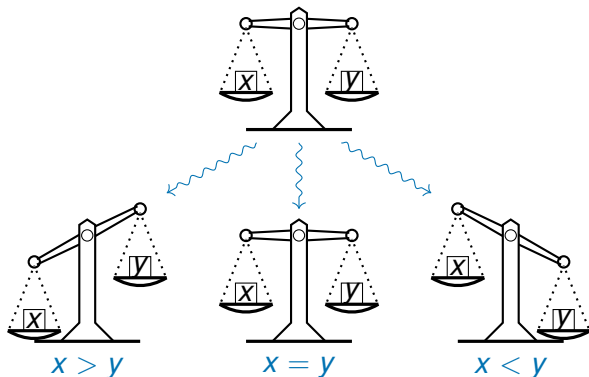
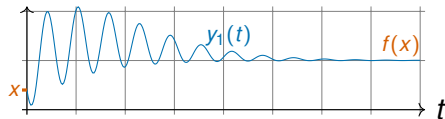
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Computable function

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = q(x) & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ y'(t) = p(y(t)) & t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_1(t)$$



Inputs : $x, y \in [0, +\infty)$

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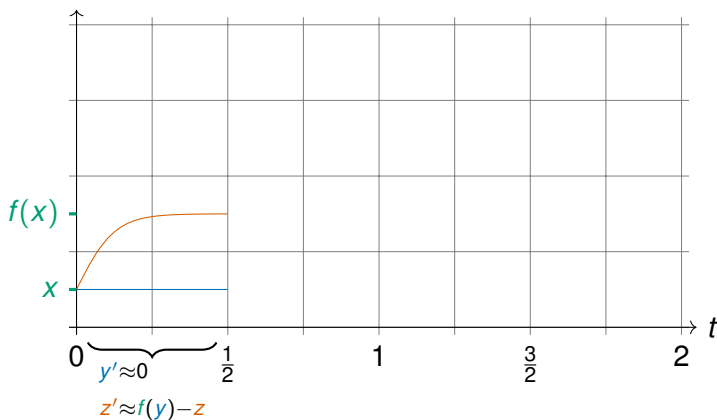
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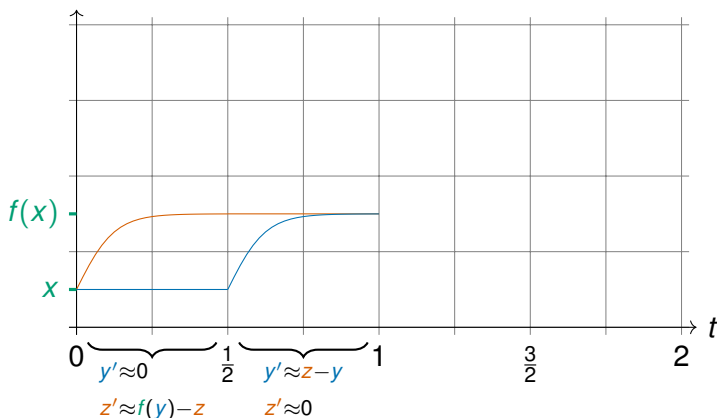
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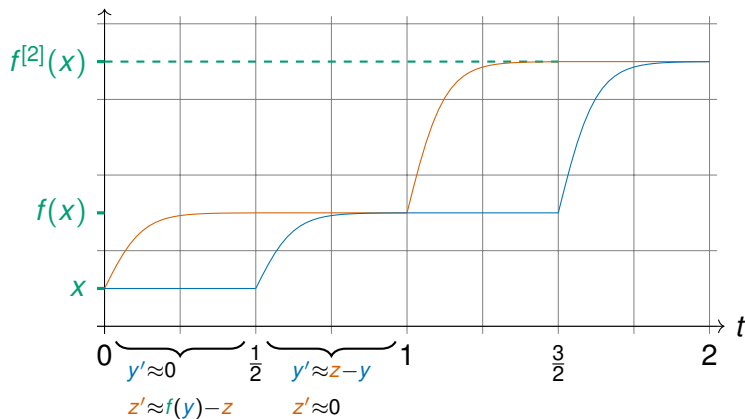
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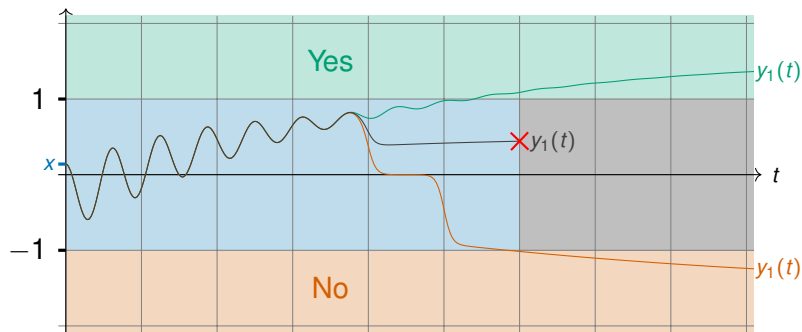
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Theorem (Bournez et al, 2010)

This is equivalent to a Turing machine.

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The **complexity** theory of computable functions

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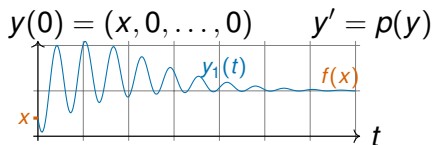
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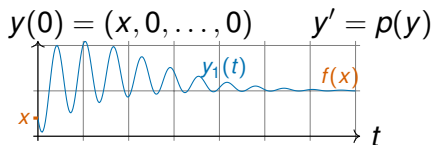


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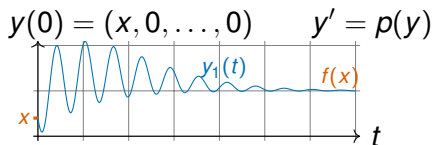


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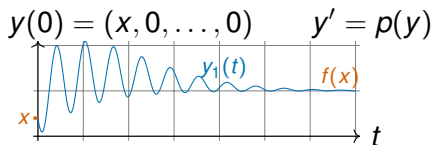


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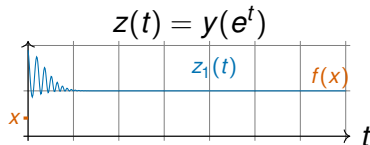
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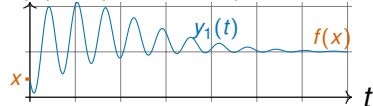
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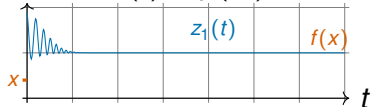
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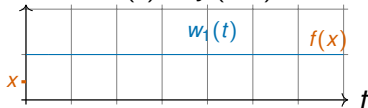


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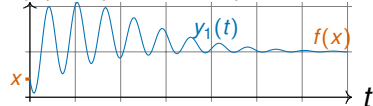
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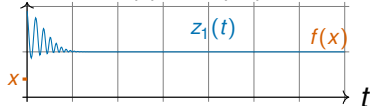
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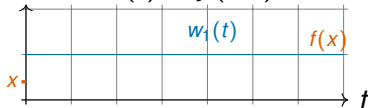
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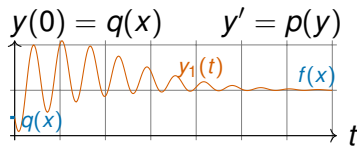
Something is wrong...

All functions have constant time complexity.

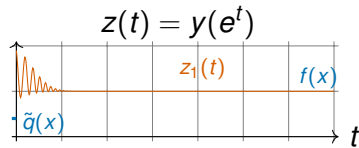
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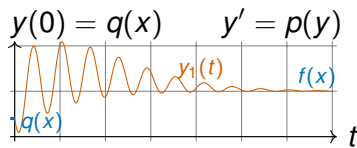
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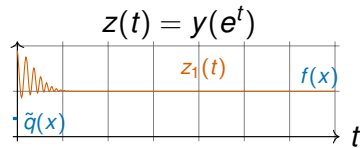
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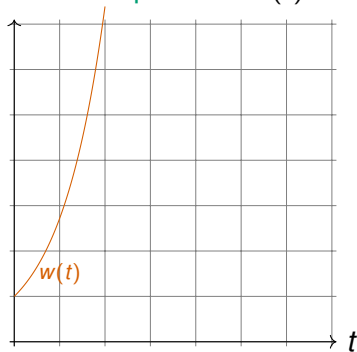
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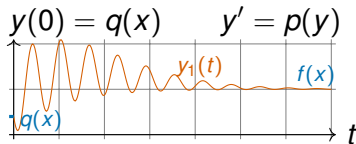
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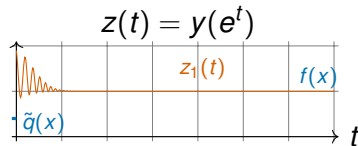
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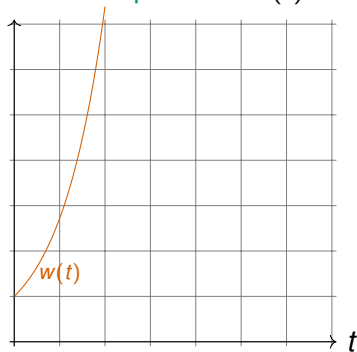
Observation

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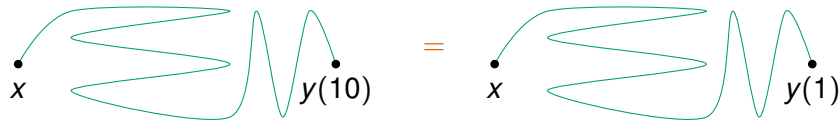
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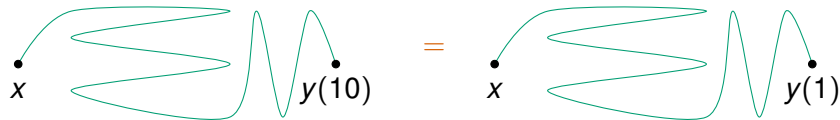
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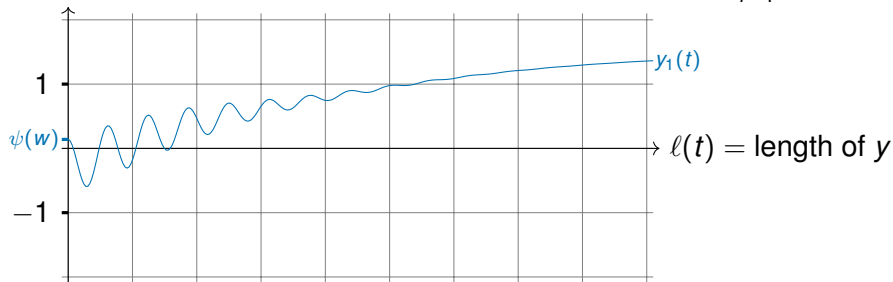


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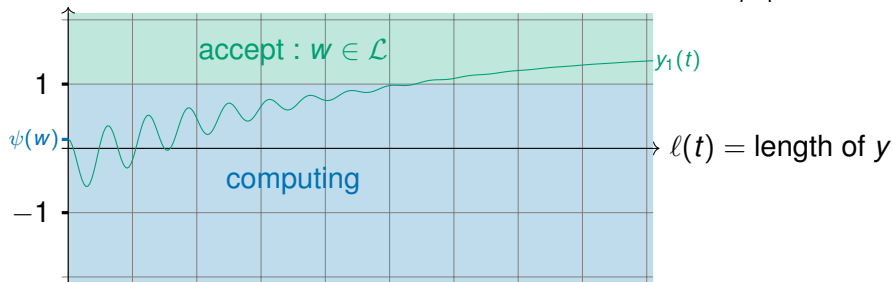
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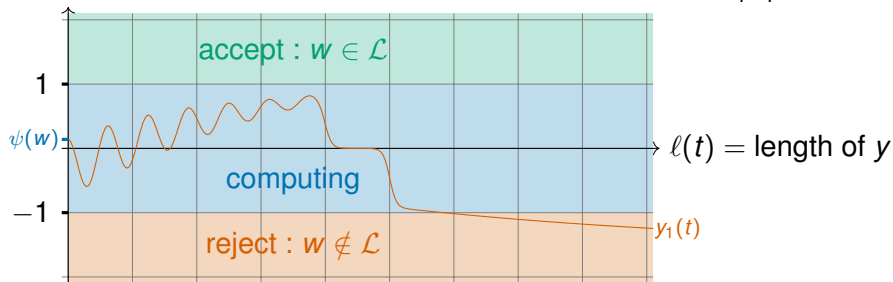
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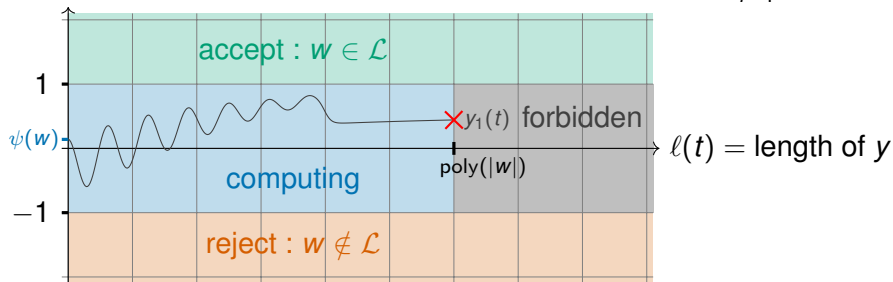
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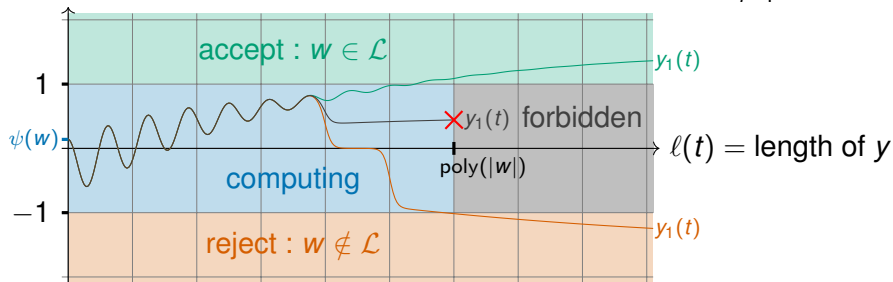
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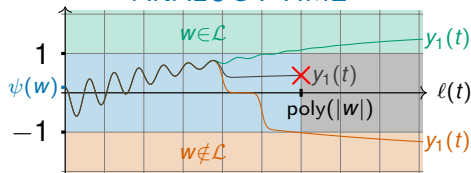


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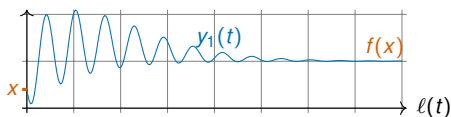
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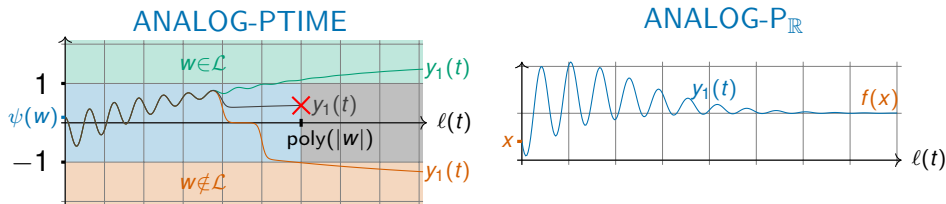


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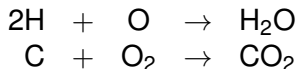
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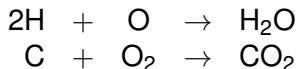


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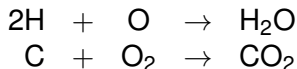
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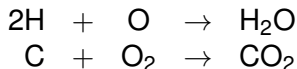
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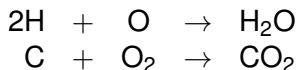
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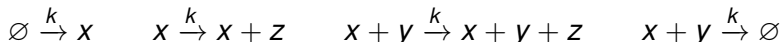
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Theorem (Work with François Fages, Guillaume Le Guludec)

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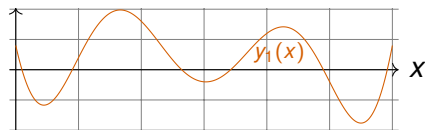
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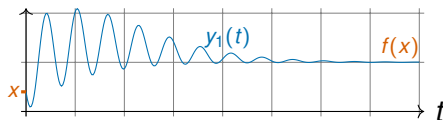
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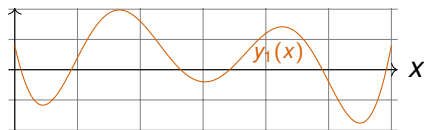
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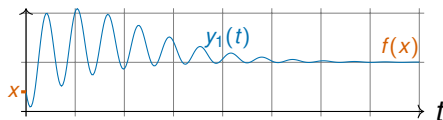
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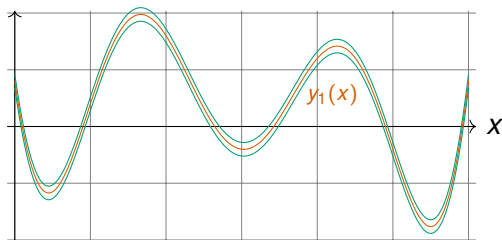


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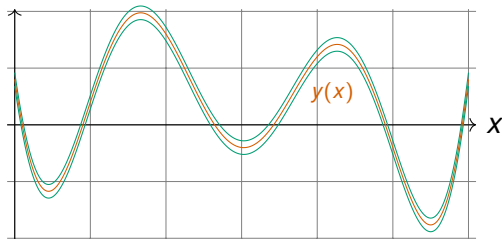


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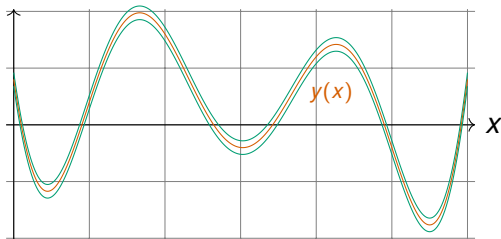
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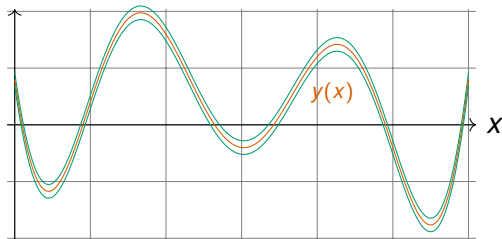
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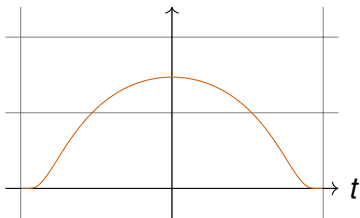
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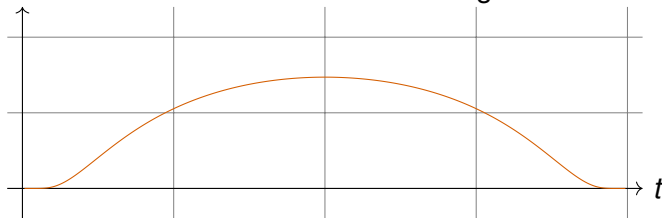
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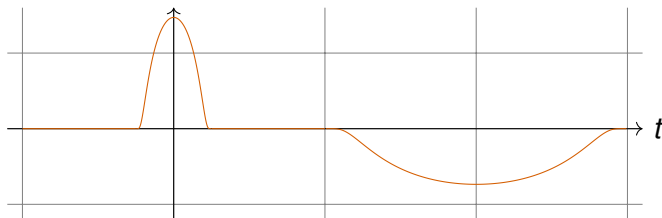
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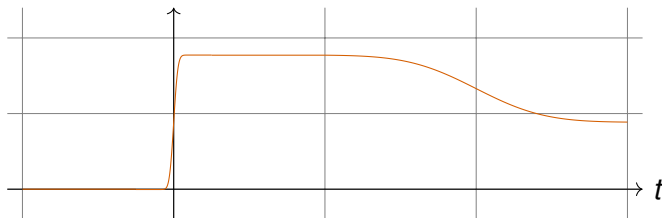
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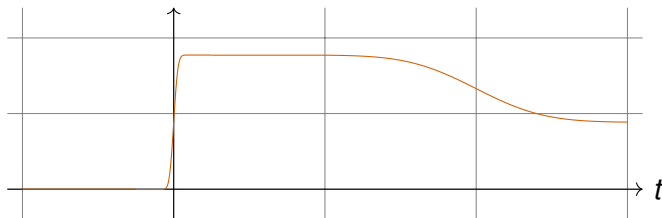
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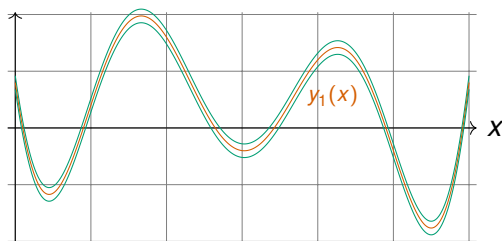
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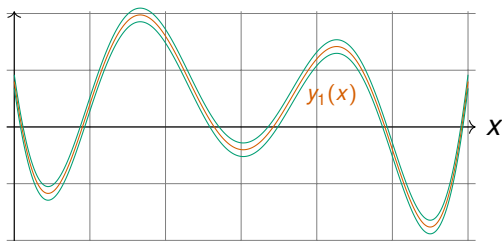
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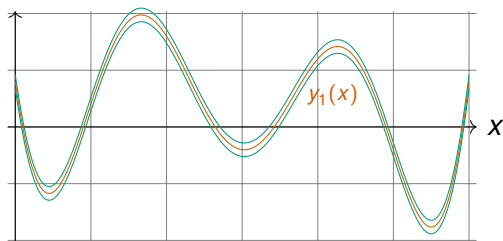
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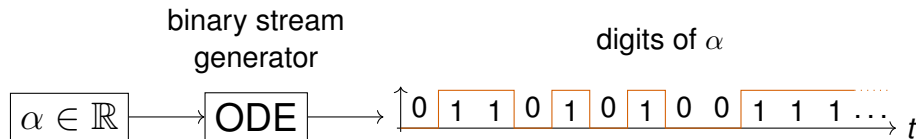
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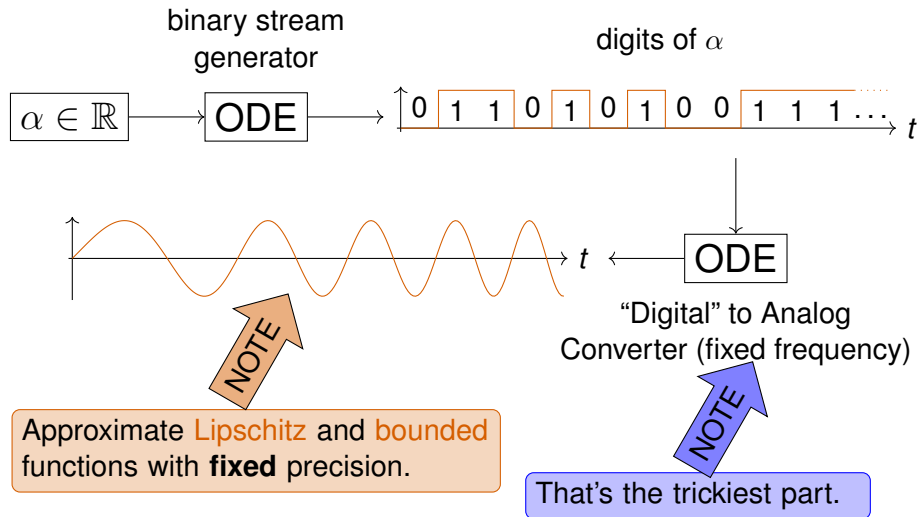
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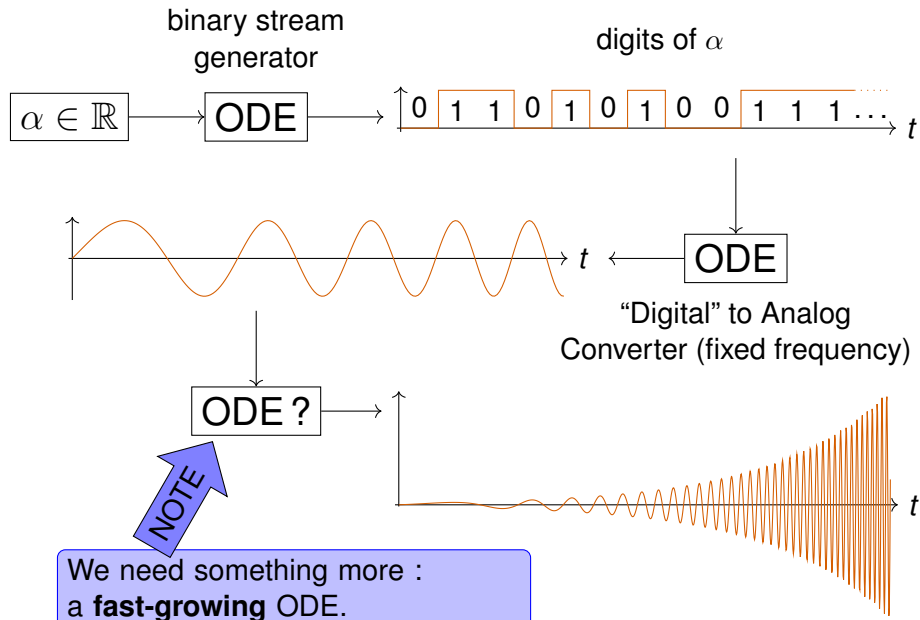


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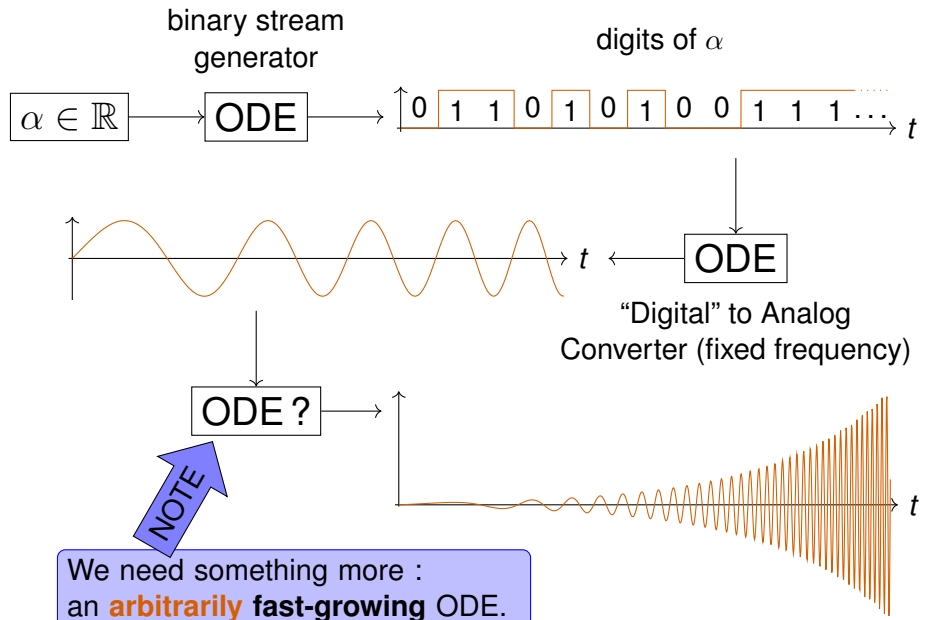
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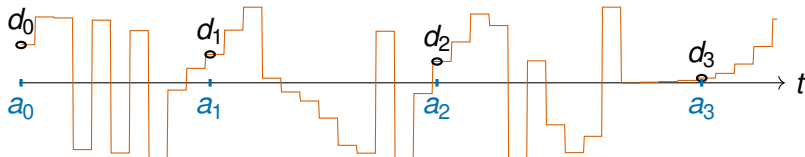
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It's horrible, but generable

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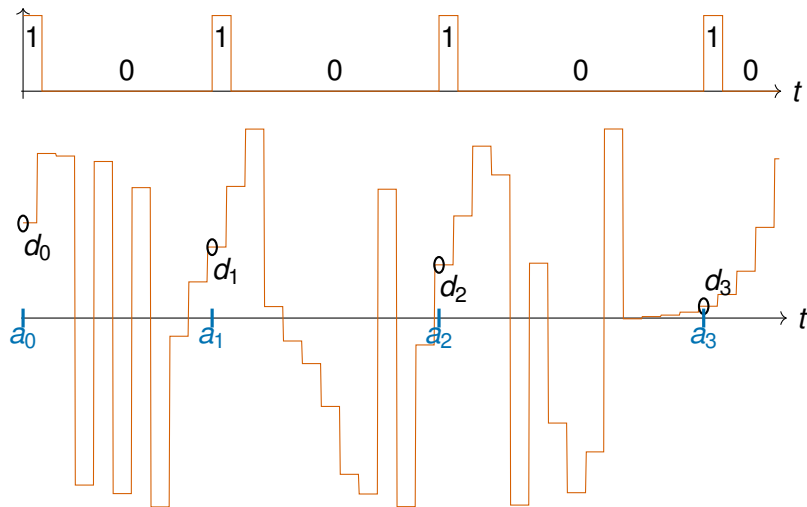


dyadic stream generator : $d_i = m_i 2^{-d_i}$, $a_i = 9i + \sum_{j < i} d_j$

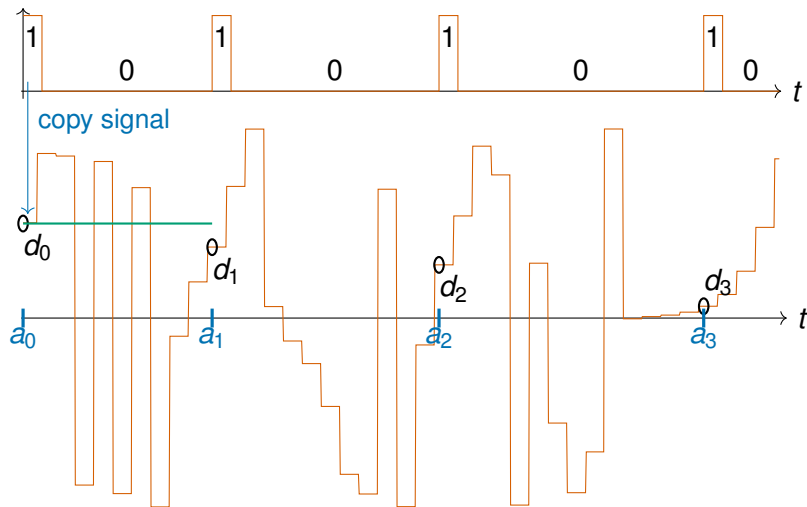
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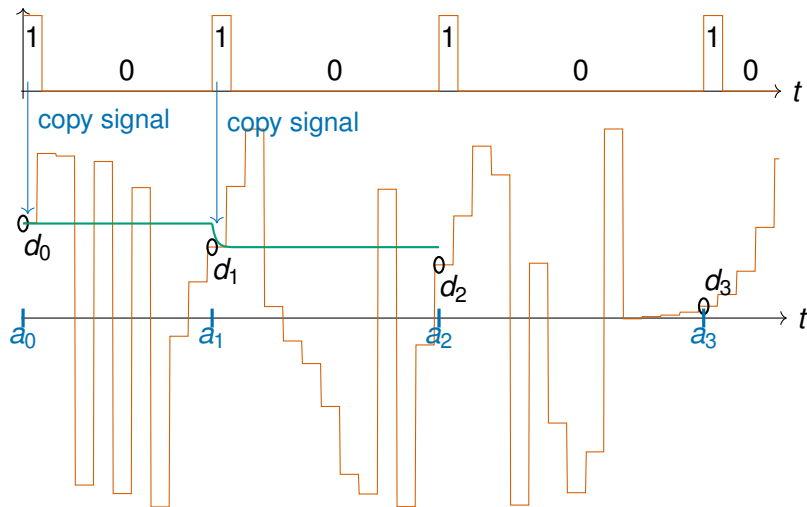
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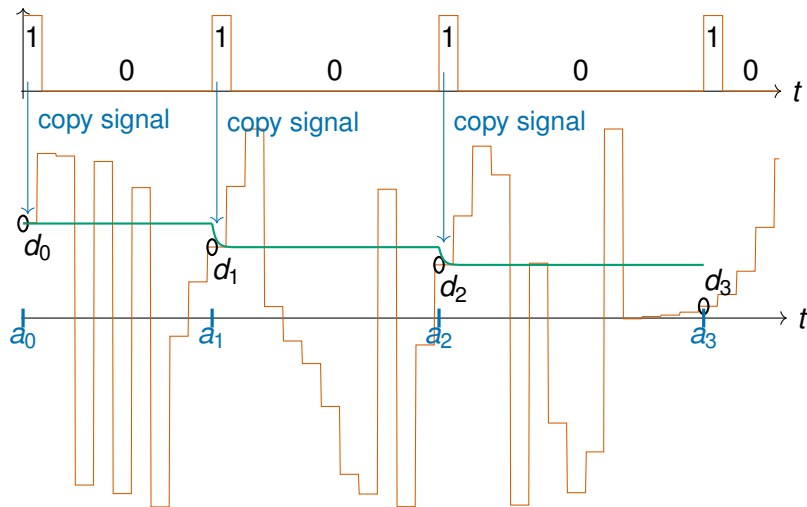
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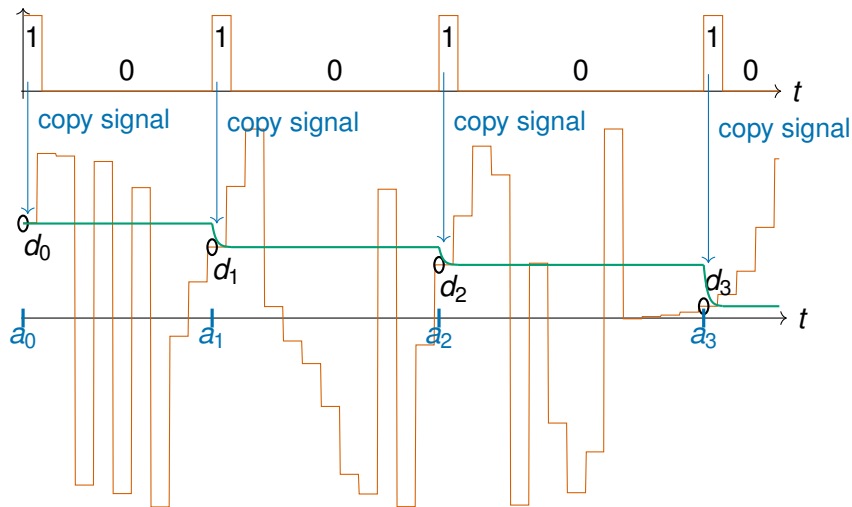
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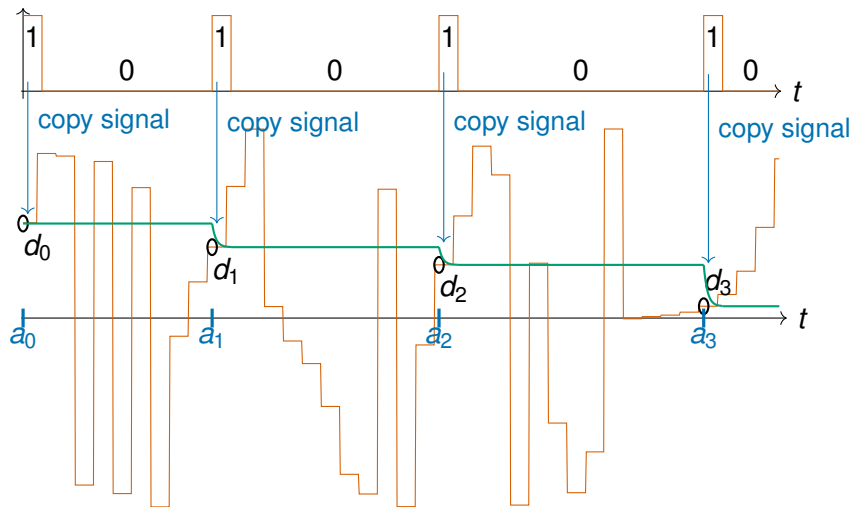
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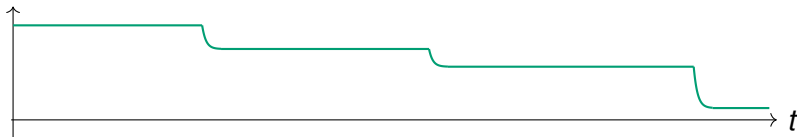


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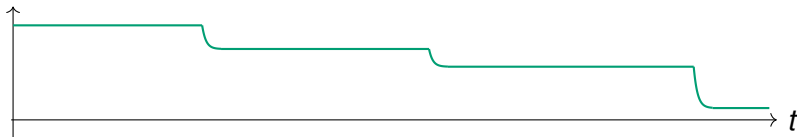
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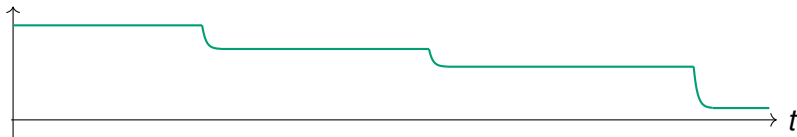
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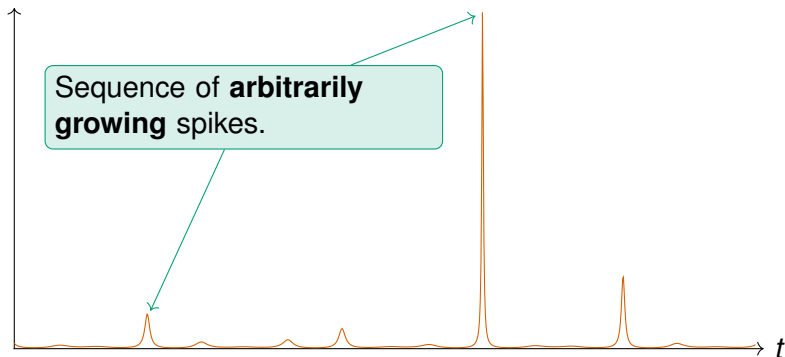
Conjecture (Emil Borel, 1899)

With n variables, cannot do better than $\mathcal{O}_t(e_n(At^k))$.

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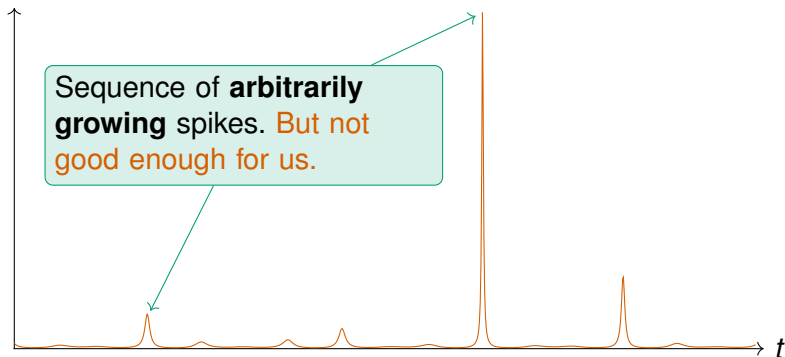
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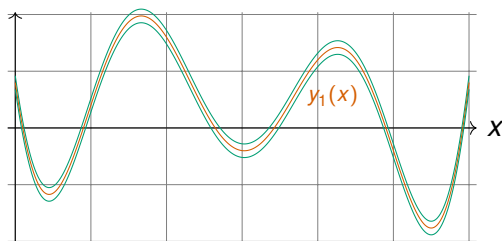
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Note : both results require α to be **transcendental**. Conjecture still open for **rational** (or algebraic) coefficients.

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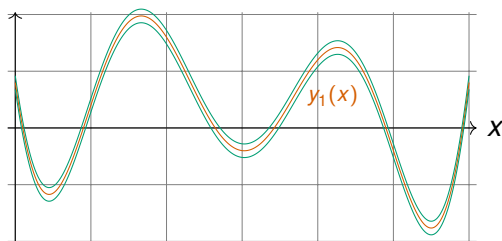
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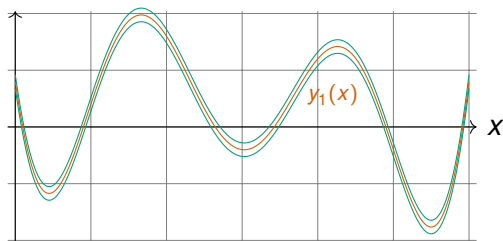
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Remark : α is usually transcendental, but computable from f and ε



Reaction networks :

- ▶ chemical
- ▶ enzymatic

$$y' = p(y)$$

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$$y' = p(y) + e(t)$$

- ▶ Finer time complexity (linear)
- ▶ Nondeterminism
- ▶ Robustness
- ▶ « Space » complexity
- ▶ Other models
- ▶ Stochastic

Backup slides

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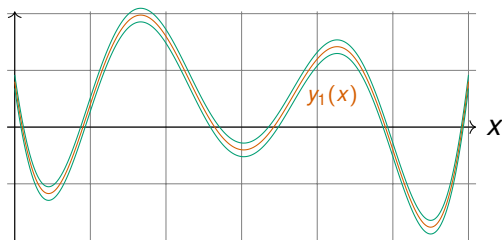
$\text{poly}(\text{size of } x \text{ and } p, n, \ell(t))$

where $\ell(t) \approx$ length of the curve (between x and $y(t)$)



length of the curve = complexity = ressource

Universal DAE revisited



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There exists a **fixed** polynomial p and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for any continuous functions f and ε , there exists $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$p(y, y', \dots, y^{(k)}) = 0, \quad y(0) = \alpha_0, y'(0) = \alpha_1, \dots, y^{(k)}(0) = \alpha_k$$

has a **unique analytic solution** and this solution satisfies such that

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