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What is Julia?

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- <https://julialang.org/> and <https://docs.julialang.org/en/v1/>
- Julia is a flexible dynamic language for scientific and numerical computing, with performance comparable to traditional statically-typed languages.
- Julia combines features of imperative, functional, and object-oriented programming.



Brief History

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- Project from MIT Math and Computer Science
- Development started 2009
- Announced 14 February 2012
- Version 1.0 announced 8 August 2018
- Currently Version 1.11.2, 1 December 2024



Advantages of Julia

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- Free and open source (MIT license)
- Many convenient features (Unicode, auto-vectorizing, natural function definition)
- Functions use multiple dispatch to select methods
- Both compiled and interactive (Notebooks (jupyter) and REPL)
- Julia has a built-in package manager
- Huge curated package collection (<https://juliahub.com/>, ~10,000 packages)
- access to CPUs, GPUs for multi-threading, parallel and distributed computing
- "Writes like Python, runs like C"



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SciML is the combination of scientific computing techniques with machine learning.

Common-Interface High-Level software for

- Linear and nonlinear systems
- Integrals/Quadrature/Cubature
- Differential Equations, ODEs, SDEs, DAEs, DelayDEs
- Inverse Problems, and automated model discovery.
- Optimization
- Can use parallel, distributed, and GPU computing



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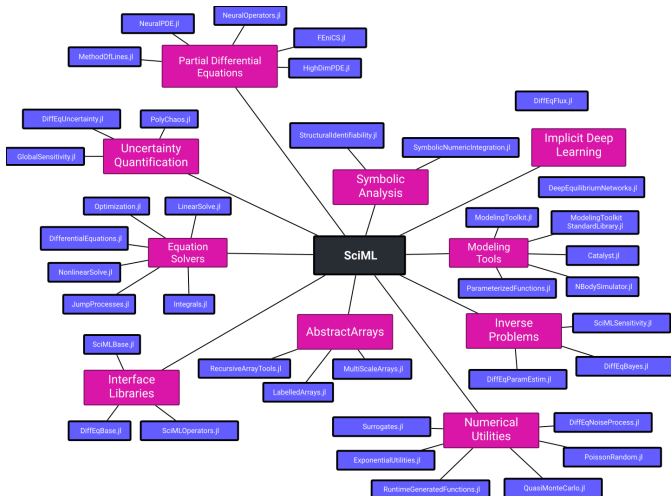
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Classic 3-dimensional "chaotic" ODE system:

$$x' = \sigma(y - z)$$

$$y' = x(\rho - z) - y$$

$$z' = xy - \beta x$$

$$\sigma = 10, \rho = 28, \beta = 8/3$$

$$x(0) = 1, y(0) = 0, z(0) = 0$$

$$t \in [0, 30]$$



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```
using DifferentialEquations

function parameterized_lorenz!(du, u, p, t)
    du[1] = p[1] * (u[2] - u[1])
    du[2] = u[1] * (p[2] - u[3]) - u[2]
    du[3] = u[1] * u[2] - p[3] * u[3]
end

u0 = [1.0, 0.0, 0.0]
tspan = (0.0, 30.0)
p = [10.0, 28.0, 8 / 3]
prob = ODEProblem(parameterized_lorenz!, u0,
                    tspan, p)
sol = solve(prob)
```




Lorenz Equations Phase Portrait

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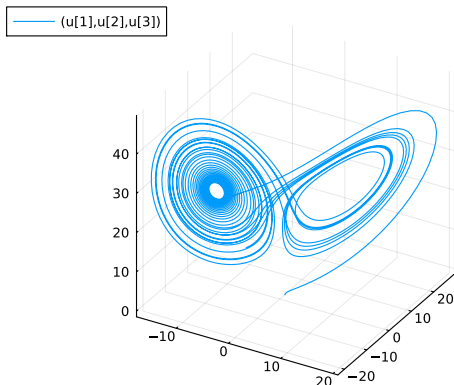
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using Plots

```
plot(sol, idxs = (1, 2, 3))
```





Event Handling

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```
condition(u, t, integrator) = u[3] - 28.0
affect!(integrator) = nothing
cb = ContinuousCallback(condition, affect!,
    nothing, save_positions = (true, false))
_prob = ODEProblem(prob.f, u0, prob.tspan, p)
_sol = solve(_prob, Vern9(),
    save_everystep = false,
    save_start = false, save_end = false,
    callback = cb,
    abstol = 1e-16, reltol = 1e-16)
scatter(_sol, idxs = (1, 2),
    markersize = 3, msw = 0)
```



Poincare Map

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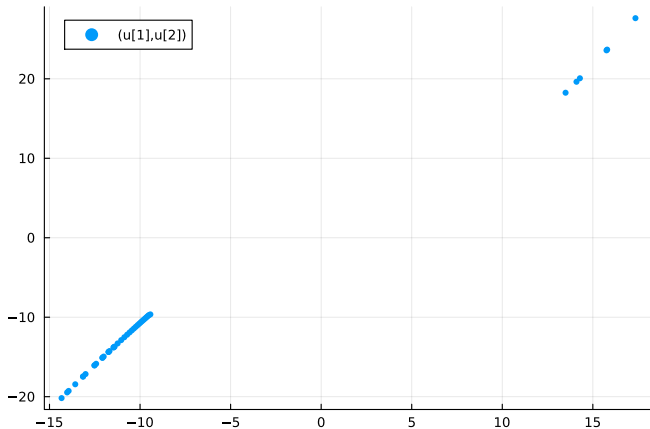
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Simplest stochastic differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned}dN_t &= rN_t \, dt + \alpha N_t \, dB_t, \\ N(0) &= N_0\end{aligned}$$

$$r = 1, \alpha = 1, N_0 = 1/2.$$

Solve with Euler-Maruyama, $h = dt = 1/16$



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code

```
using DifferentialEquations
r = 1, alpha = 1, N0 = 1 / 2
f(N, p, t) = r * N, g(N, p, t) = alpha * N
dt = 1 // 2^(4), tspan = (0.0, 1.0)
prob = SDEProblem(f, g, N0, tspan)
sol = solve(prob, EM(), dt = dt)
using Plots
plot(sol)
N_analytic(N0, p, t, W) =
    N0 * exp((r-(alpha^2)/2)*t+alpha*W)
ff = SDEFunction(f, g, analytic = N_analytic)
prob = SDEProblem(ff, N0, (0.0, 1.0))
sol = solve(prob, EM(), dt = dt)
plot(sol, plot_analytic = true)
```



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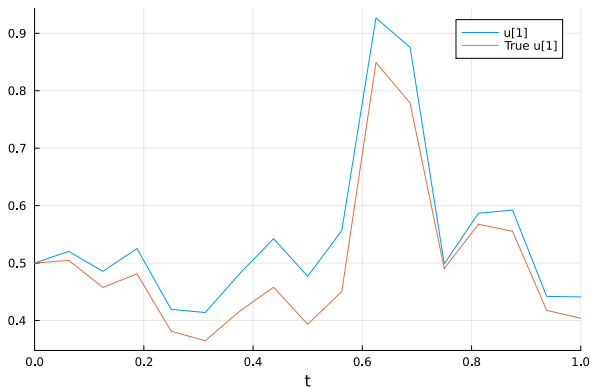
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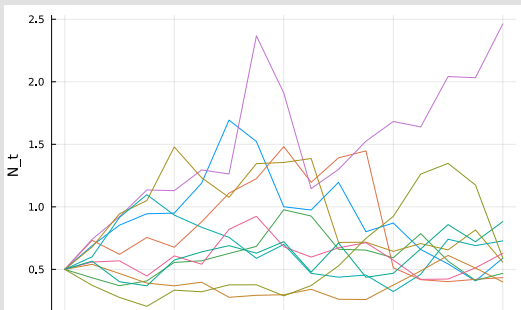
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```
ensembleprob = EnsembleProblem(prob)
sol10 = solve(ensembleprob, EM(), dt = 1//16,
              trajectories = 10, adaptive=false)
paths10 = [sol10.u[i].u for i in 1:10]
ts10 = sol10.u[1].t
```





Geometric Brownian Motion Means, Variances

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code

```
using DifferentialEquations.EnsembleAnalysis
summ10 = EnsembleSummary(sol10,
                          quantiles=[0.16, 0.84])
plot(summ10, error_style=:bars)
theor_means = 0.5*exp.((r-alpha^2/2) .* ts10)
scatter!(ts10, theor_means,
          xlabel="time",
          ylabel=" mean and 1 SD N_t")
savefig("means_vars_example2_1.pdf")
```




Geometric Brownian Motion Means, Standard Deviations

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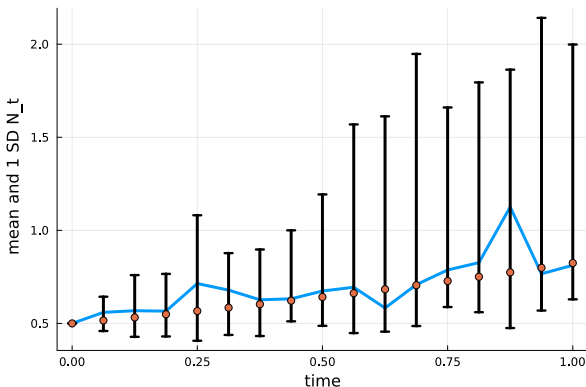
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Financial equations

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Financial Model 2.2, (4b)

Pepsi and Walmart Stock prices, 2006

$$\begin{aligned}dX_p &= -0.0545X_p \, dt + 0.5X_p \, dB_p(t) + 0.1X_w \, dB_w(t) \\dX_w &= +0.0125X_w \, dt + 0.1X_p \, dB_p(t) + 0.5X_w \, dB_w(t)\end{aligned}$$



RKMilCommute - An explicit Runge-Kutta discretization

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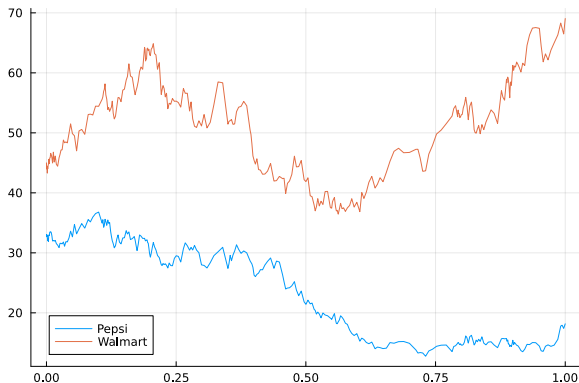
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Strong Order 1.0 Milstein method, adaptive step size.





Viscous Burgers Equation

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$$u_t + uu_x = \nu u_{xx}$$

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x)$$

An Exact Solution:

$$u(t, x) = \frac{2}{1 + e^{(x-t)/\nu}}$$



Parameters in Viscous Burgers Equation

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code

```
using OrdinaryDiffEq, ModelingToolkit,  
    MethodOfLines, DomainSets  
  
# Exact solution  
u_exact =  
    x, t) -> 2.0 ./ (1.0 .+ exp.((x.-t)/nu))  
xleft = -7.0; xright = 7.0; nu = 0.5;  
# Parameters, variables, and derivatives  
@parameters t x  
@variables u(..)  
Dt = Differential(t)  
Dx = Differential(x)  
Dxx = Differential(x)^2
```



Equation and BCs

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```
# 1D PDE and boundary conditions
eq = Dt(u(t, x)) + u(t,x) * Dx(u(t,x)) ~
    nu * Dxx(u(t, x))
bcs = [u(0, x) ~ exp(-(x .- 1.0).^2 ./ 2.0 ) .-
    exp(-(x .+ 1.0).^2 ./ 2.0 ),
    u(t, xleft) ~ 2.0, u(t, xright) ~ 0.0]
# Space and time domains
domains = [t in Interval(0.0, 10.00),
    x in Interval(xleft, xright)]
# PDE system
@named pdesys = PDESystem(eq, bcs, domains,
    [t, x], [u(t, x)])
```



Solving the Equation

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```
# Method of lines discretization
dx = 0.1
order = 2
discretization = MOLFiniteDifference([x => dx],
# Convert the PDE problem into an ODE problem
prob = discretize(pdesys, discretization)
# Solve ODE problem
using OrdinaryDiffEq
sol = solve(prob, Tsit5(), saveat = 1.0)
# Compare with exact solution
discrete_x = sol[x]
discrete_t = sol[t]
solu = sol[u(t, x)]
```



Plotting the Solution

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code

```
using Plots
plt = plot()

for i in eachindex(discrete_t)
    plot!(discrete_x, solu[i, :],
          label = "Numerical, t=$(discrete_t[i])")
    scatter!(
        discrete_x,
        u_exact(discrete_x, discrete_t[i]),
        label = "Exact, t=$(discrete_t[i])")
end
plt
```




Solution of Burgers Equation

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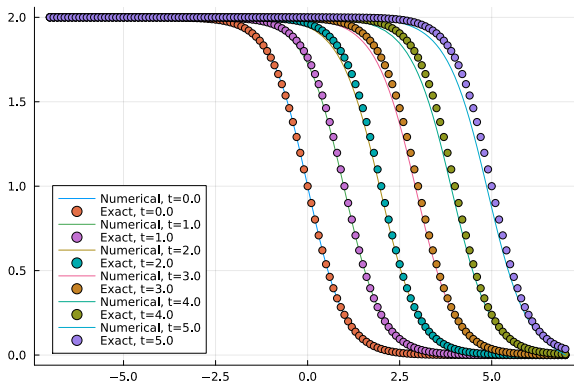
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Solution of N-wave initial condition

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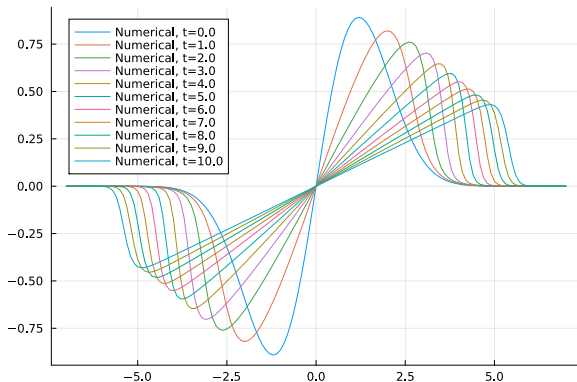
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Fisher (KPP) Equation

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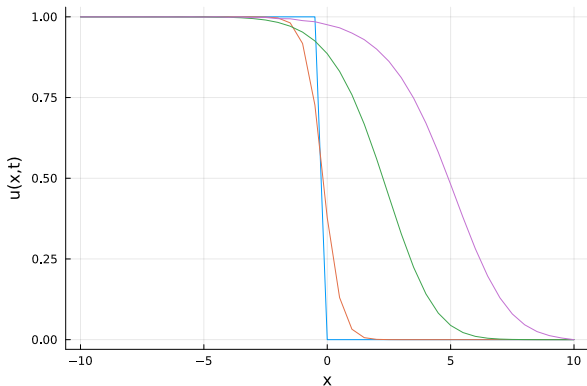
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$$u_t = \frac{D}{2}u_{xx} + ru(1-u)$$





Telegrapher Fisher Equation

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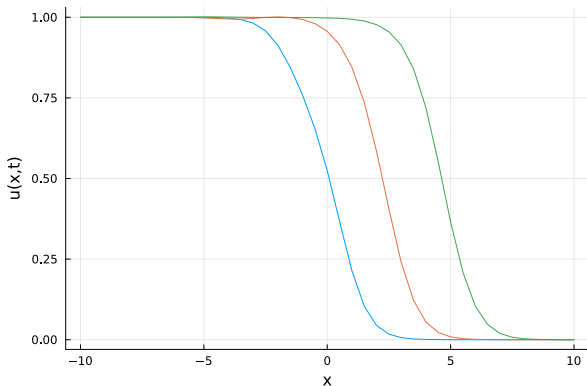
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$$u_{tt} + ((2a+2b)-4bu)u_t = s^2 u_{xx} + (-b^2-2ab)u + (b^2+2ab)u^2$$





Other PDE Solvers

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- NeuralPDE.jl is a package of neural network solvers for PDEs using physics-informed neural networks (PINNs).
- FEniCS.jl is a wrapper for the FEniCS finite element method library.
- ApproxFun.jl is a package for approximating functions in basis sets. (Spectral methods)
- Ferrite.jl is a library for finite element software.
- Gridap.jl is a package for grid-based approximation of PDEs
- Trixi.jl is a package for numerical simulation of hyperbolic conservation laws.
- VoronoiFVM.jl is a library for generating FVM discretizations.



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