# Different Differential Equations with the Same Solution 

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## Outline

- What happens: different differential equations, different solutions
- Why it happens: error analysis
- Relations to the Power Series Method
- Symplectic solvers
- Effectively symplectic solver
- Future Work


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Matlab's ode 45 on $[0,10]$, absolute error $10^{-6}: 85$ and 109 function evaluations.


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5th order PSM slightly better than RKO4 with two equations, twelfth order gives machine accuracy (or 100 intervals at eighth order).

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- But, the PSM can be made of arbitrary order, and has many other advantages...


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Computationally, each multiplication in Runge-Kutta requires Cauchy products in PSM:

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