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Linear models are not suitable for many physical phenomena, since there are qualitative features of such phenomena which can not occur in the solutions of linear differential equations. Several typically nonlinear phenomena, including limit cycles, jump phenomenon, entrainment, and nonsymmetrical solutions, were discussed. A simple model of bowing a violin, which has a stable limit cycle, was studied in detail.

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