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SPECIAL ISSUE ON VARIATIONAL, TOPOLOGICAL AND SET-VALUED METHODS FOR NONLINEAR DIFFERENTIAL PROBLEMS

This special issue follows the associated Special Session SS34 with the same name from The 13th AIMS Conference on Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations and Applications in Wilmington, USA (May 31 - June 4, 2023). The focus of this session was the qualitative analysis of nonlinear differential problems. In particular, the main purpose was to give an update on recent developments concerning ordinary and partial differential equations, variational-hemivariational inequalities, difference, and algebraic systems obtained by exploiting different methods of the nonlinear analysis such as critical point theory, fixed point theorems, topological degree, Morse theory, set-valued analysis, and so on.

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