#### Welcome to SIMIODE EXPO 2024 9 - 11 February 2024



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### Welcome Back

We hope Days 1 and 2 of EXPO 2024 proved

interesting, worthwhile, useful, and enjoyable.

Lots more to come today . . .

- Please respond to conference survey you will receive after conference, thank you.
- Presentation and Discussion on Insight Maker software
- Applications of differential equations
- ► Factoring method to motivate DE solutions way cool
- Classroom activities
- Cancellation 5:00 PM "Investigating DE in Control Theory"
- ▶ Last sessions of the day 5:30 5:55 PM Good Stuff

#### Comments

- ➤ Slightly trimmed recordings of your video are available under "Watch Recording" button to the right of each recorded session. These are ONLY available to conference attendees. We will be collecting and posting on SIMIODE YouTube channel all conference presentations, NOT discussion sessions.
- ▶ Again, we will ask you to help us learn more about what you liked (and did not like) about the conference and how we can improve through a Survey at the end of the Conference.
- ▶ Please enjoy the sessions today!

#### **ABSTRACT**

Mathematical modelling is an interlinking process between mathematics and real-world problems that can be applied as a means to increase motivation, develop cognitive competencies, and enhance the ability to transfer mathematical knowledge to other areas of science, such as engineering disciplines. This study was designed to investigate the effect of applying the modelling approach on problem-solving and mathematical performance of engineering undergraduates during a differential equations (DEs) course and compare the results with those of conventional teaching. A quasiexperimental method comprising a pretest-posttest design with a control group was applied in this study. Since the antecedent knowledge of calculus directly influences the ability of students to learn DEs, a placement test was first applied to both groups. A combination of results derived from the placement test and the modelling pretest was used as the covariate in the Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA), and the modelling and mathematical performances of both groups were eventually examined. The results of this study indicate that apart from the fact that teaching DEs based on the modelling approach can increase the ability to apply mathematical knowledge in the field of engineering, it also can significantly enhance their problem-solving and mathematical performances.

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## Teaching differential equations through a mathematical modelling approach: the impact on problem-solving and the mathematical performance of engineering undergraduates

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We turn to Dr. Leigh Noble, Technical Director SIMIODE, for words about conference and technology.