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**Why** should you care?

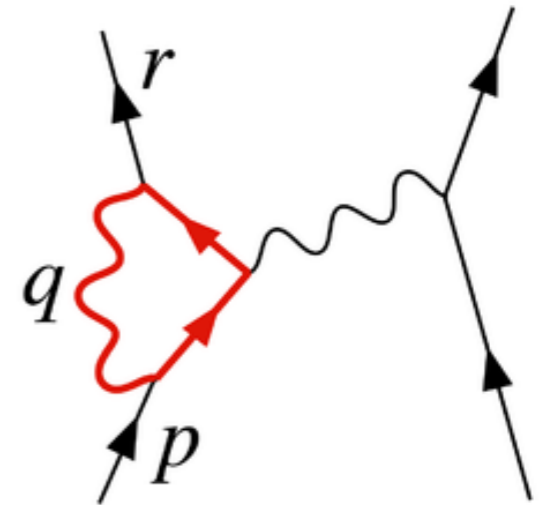
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Gravitation



Electrodynamic

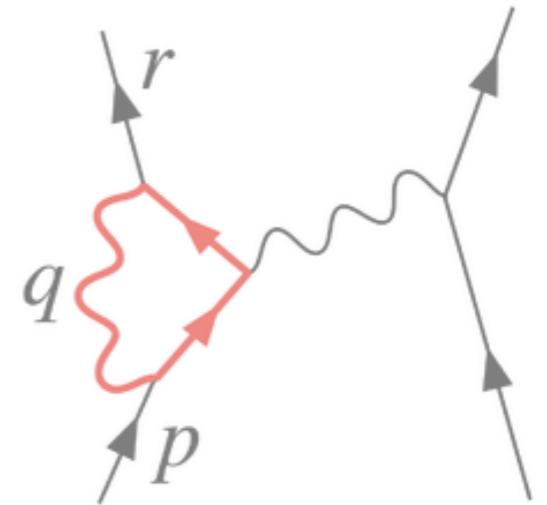
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**solved by differential equations**

Many complex systems are not continuous...



computer  
systems

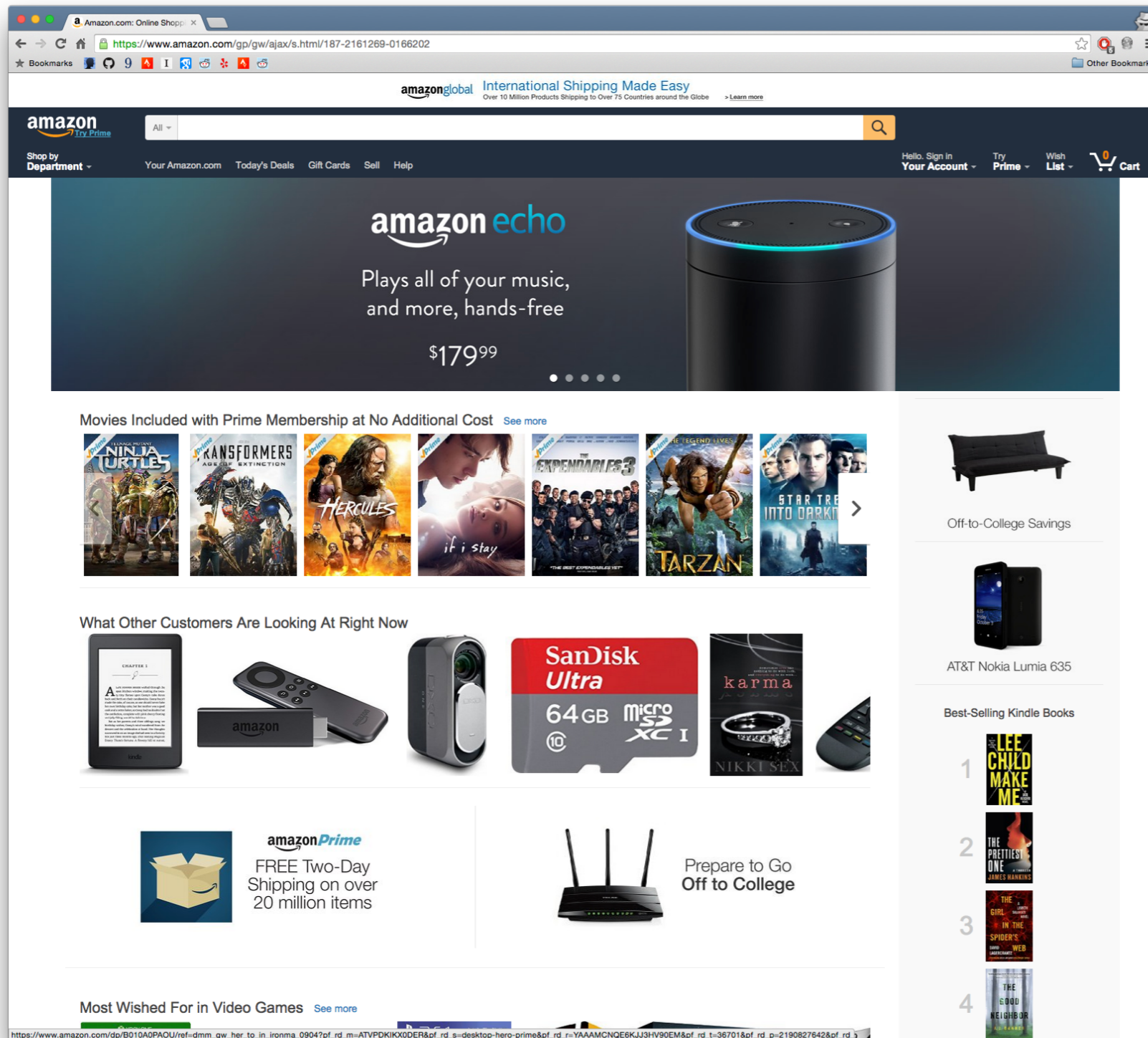
Somewhere inside Google datacenters



transportation systems

NYC subway system





software  
systems

amazon.com home page

Those systems are determined by  
**discrete events**

Customers requests

Telephone calls

Train arrivals

Incoming data

Equipment failures

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In this course, you'll learn how to

Model

Analyze

Design

Discrete Event Systems

Test

Optimize

some examples

Model

automata & petri nets

Analyze

average-, worst-case viewpoint

Design

out of a specification

Test

proof system properties

Optimize

minimize the system size

# There will be 3 lecturers in the course

Part I



Laurent Vanbever

Automata

Part II



Roger Wattenhofer

Stochastic process

Part III



Lana Josipović

Specification model

Week 1-4



Laurent Vanbever

Automata

Week 5-9



Roger Wattenhofer

Stochastic process

Week 10-13



Lana Josipović

Specification model

# Course organization

Lectures

Thursday 2pm-4pm

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Exercices

Thursday 4pm-6pm

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Materials

<https://disco.ethz.ch/courses/des/>