

The Ricci flow in a class of solvmanifolds

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Theorem ([L3], 2012)

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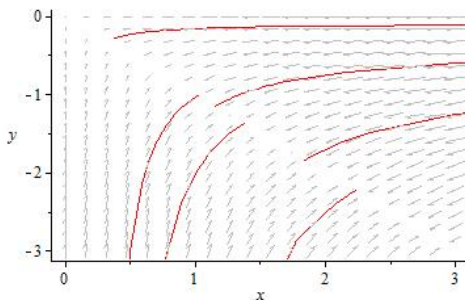
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Thank you for your attention!

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