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Abstract. The paper examines the existence of trajectories joining a pair of critical points, or more generally, a pair of compact invariant sets, of abstract dynamical systems. Concrete applications and examples among both finite and infinite dimensional differential equations are presented. The technique follows two stages, First ε -connecting orbits, namely, orbits which connect in finite time the ε -neighborhoods of the critical sets, are examined. Then, under natural conditions, a limit produces the desired connecting orbit.

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