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Lewis Fry Richardson FRS (11 October 1881-30 September 1953)

Lewis Fry Richardson was an English mathematician, physicist, meteorologist, psychologist and pacifist who pioneered modern mathematical techniques and weather forecasting, and the application of similar techniques to studying the causes of wars and how to prevent them. He is also noted for his pioneering work concerning fractals and a method for solving a system of linear equations known as modified Richardson iteration.

Richardson's interest in meteorology led him to propose a scheme for weather forecasting by a solution of differential equations, the method used nowadays, though he published *Weather prediction by numerical process* in 1922, suitable fast computing was unavailable.

In April 1912, soon after the loss of the ship Titanic, Richardson registered a patent for iceberg detection using acoustic echolocation in air. A month later he registered a similar patent for acoustic echolocation in water, anticipating the invention of sonar by Paul Langevin and Robert Boyle six years later.

Since 1997 the Lewis Fry Richardson medal has been awarded by the European Geosciences Union for "exceptional contributions to nonlinear geophysics in general".

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