

Math 2150

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Ex:

$$y'' - y = 0$$

ODE

$$y = y(x)$$

2nd order

Find a function to plug in for  $y$  to solve the eqn.

Let  $y = e^x$ .

Then  $y' = e^x$ ,  $y'' = e^x$ .

So,

$$y'' - y = e^x - e^x = 0$$

So  $y = e^x$  solves the ODE.

Def: An ODE is called linear if it is of the form

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = b(x)$$

that is, the coefficients of  $y^{(k)}$  terms only have  $x$ 's and constants in them

Ex:

$$x^2 y'' - 3y' + 2 \ln(x)y = 3x$$

$$a_2(x)$$

$$= x^2$$

$$a_1(x) = -3$$

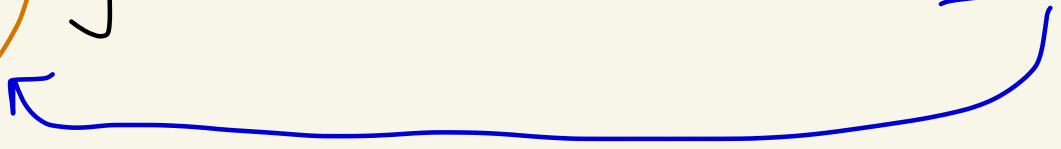
$$a_0(x) = 2 \ln(x)$$

$$b(x)$$

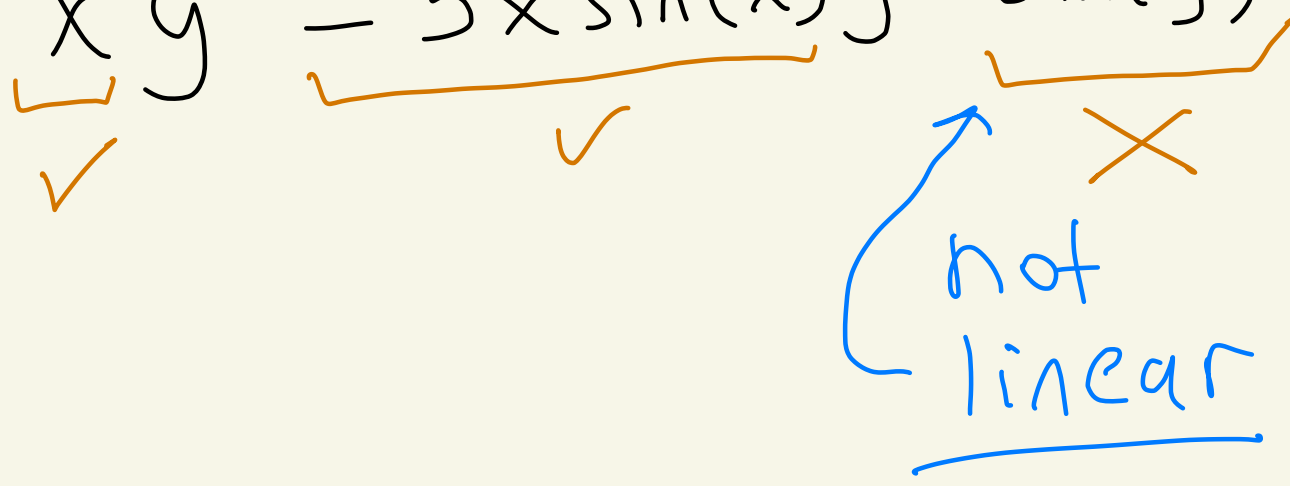
is a linear ODE.

Ex:  $y' - 13x^3y = 10$  linear

Ex:  $y^2 y'' + 10xy = x^3$  not linear

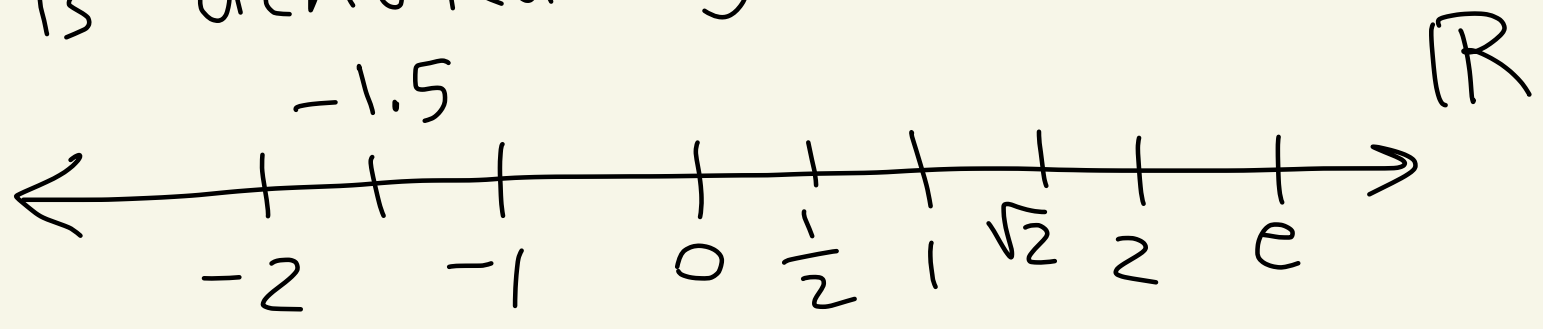


Ex:  $x^3 y^{(10)} - 5x \sin(x)y = \sin(y)$



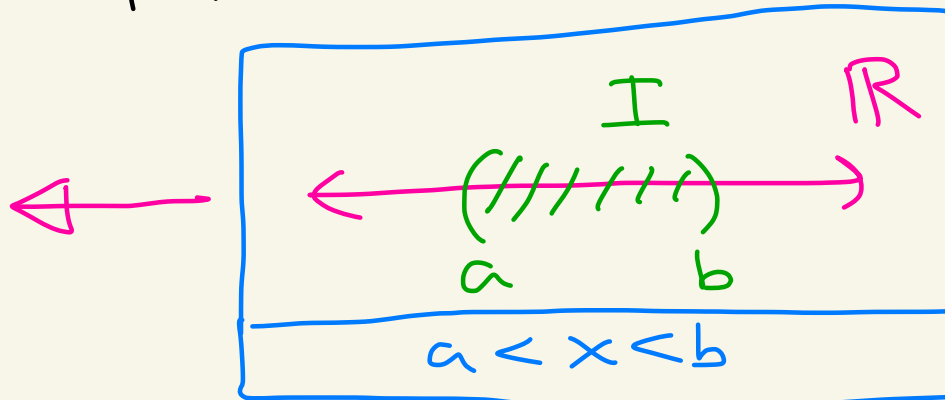
not linear

Def: The real number line is denoted by  $\mathbb{R}$

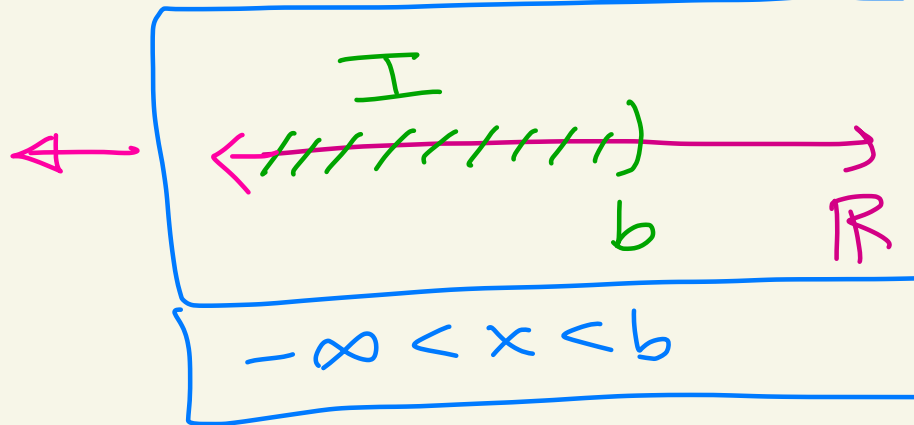


Def: An open interval  $I$  is an interval of the form

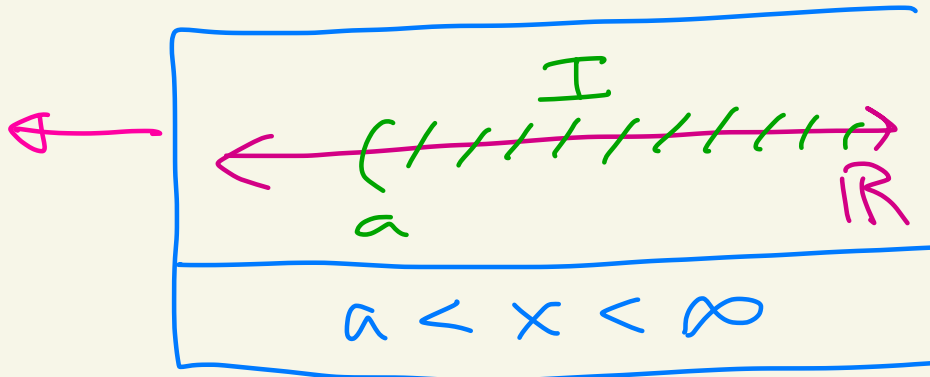
$$I = (a, b)$$



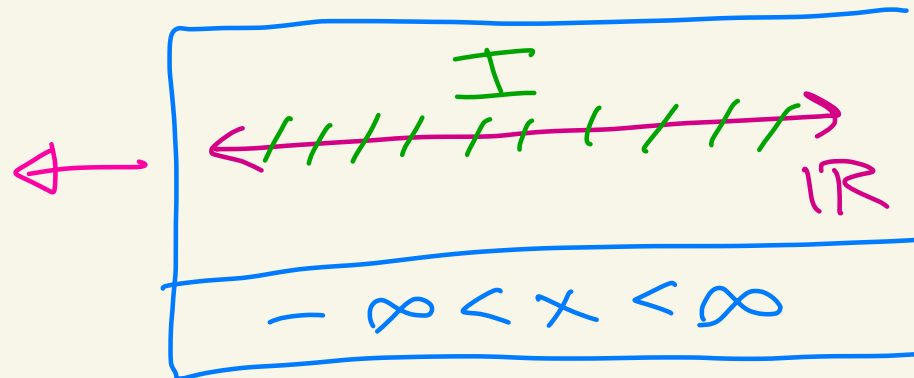
or  $I = (-\infty, b)$



or  $I = (a, \infty)$



or  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$



Def: A real-valued function  $f$  is a solution to an  $n$ -th order ODE on an open interval  $I$  if

①  $f, f', f'', \dots, f^{(n)}$  exist on  $I$

and ② when you plug  $f$  and its derivatives into the ODE it solves the equation for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

In addition, sometimes one is given what  $f(x_0), f'(x_0), \dots, f^{(n-1)}(x_0)$  must equal for some  $x_0$  in  $I$ . This extra condition turns the ODE into an initial-value problem

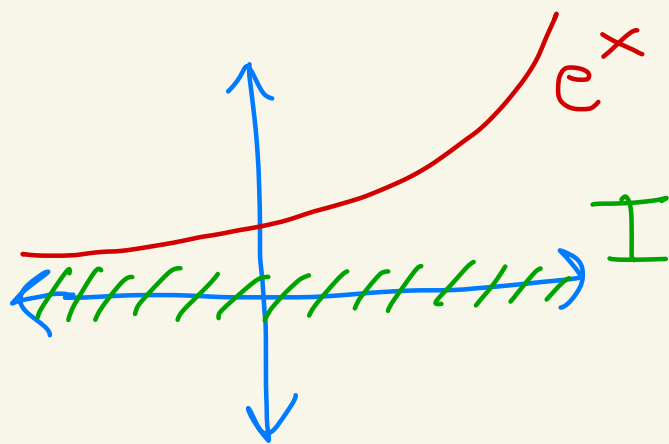
Ex: Let's show that  $f(x) = e^x$  is a solution to

$$y' - y = 0$$

order 1  
linear ODE

on the interval  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$

①  $f(x) = e^x$   
 $f'(x) = e^x$



Both  $f$  and  $f'$  exist on  $I$ .

② If you plug in  $y = f = e^x$   
and  $y' = f' = e^x$  then

$$y' - y = e^x - e^x = 0$$

works  
for  
all  $x$   
in  $I$

So,  $f$  solves  $y' - y = 0$  on  $I$ .

Ex: Consider the ODE

$$y'' - 4y = 0$$

on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$

Let  $f(x) = ce^{2x}$  where  $c$  is any constant.

Let's show  $f$  solves the ODE on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} f(x) = ce^{2x} \\ f'(x) = 2ce^{2x} \\ f''(x) = 4ce^{2x} \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} f(x) \\ f'(x) \\ f''(x) \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{these are} \\ \text{all defined} \\ \text{on} \\ I = (-\infty, \infty) \end{array}$$

$\textcircled{2}$  Plugging these into the ODE  
we get  $(y = f, y' = f', y'' = f'')$



$$y'' - 4y = 4ce^{2x} - 4(ce^{2x}) = 0$$

So,  $y = ce^{2x}$  solves  $y'' - 4y = 0$   
on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Note:  $c$  can be any number  
So we just found an infinite  
# of solutions to  $y'' - 4y = 0$   
on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Some are:  $\underbrace{2e^{2x}}_{c=2}$ ,  $\underbrace{10e^{2x}}_{c=10}$ ,  $\underbrace{-\frac{1}{2}e^{2x}}_{c=-\frac{1}{2}}$ , ...

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Ex: Consider the initial value  
problem

$$y'' - 4y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 5, y'(0) = 10$$

initial  
conditions

We want to solve this on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$

We know  $y = ce^{2x}$  solves

$$y'' - 4y = 0.$$

Can we make it also satisfy  $y(0) = 5, y'(0) = 10$ ?

$$y = ce^{2x}$$
$$y' = 2ce^{2x}$$

$$y(0) = 5 \text{ becomes } z(0)$$

$$5 = ce^0$$

So need

$$5 = c \cdot \underbrace{e^0}_1$$

$$5 = c$$

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$$y'(0) = 10 \text{ becomes } z'(0)$$

$$10 = 2ce^0$$

$$10 = 2c$$

$$5 = c$$

So,  $y = \underbrace{5}_{c=5} e^{2x}$  will solve

$$y'' - 4y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 5, y'(0) = 10$$

on  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$

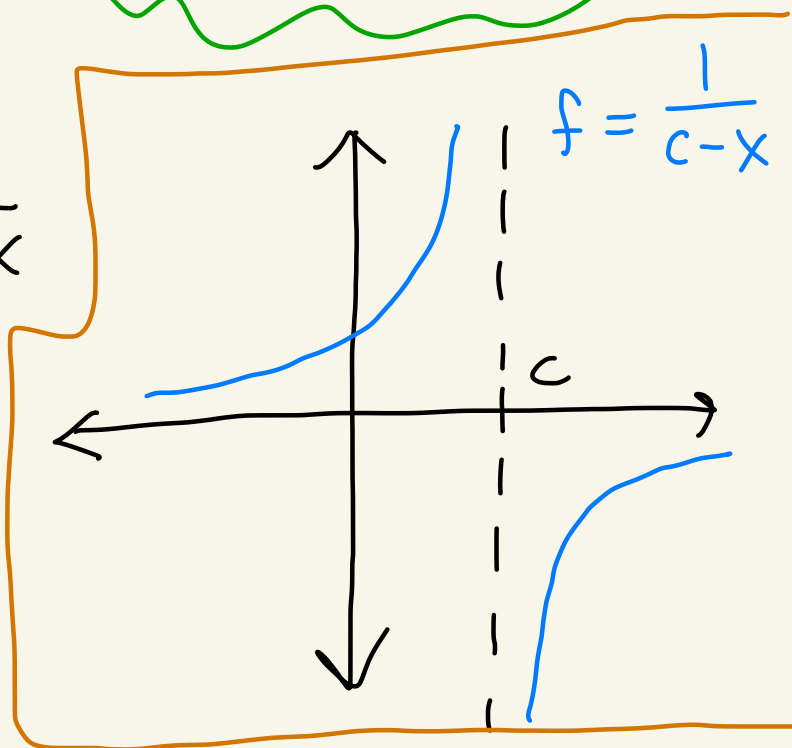
Ex: Consider the non-linear  
ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$$

same as:  
 $y' = y^2$

Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{c-x}$

where  $c$  is a  
constant.



Then,

$$f'(x) = -(c-x)^{-2} \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{(c-x)^2}$$

$f(x) = (c-x)^{-1}$

Then,  $(f(x))^2 = \left(\frac{1}{c-x}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{(c-x)^2}$

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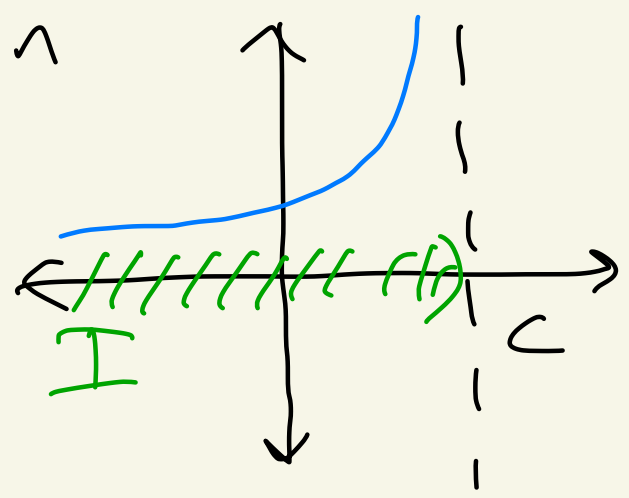
So,  $f'(x) = (f(x))^2$ .

Thus,  $f$  solves  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$ .

You can say that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{c-x}$

solves  $y' = y^2$  on

$I = (-\infty, c)$



OR you could say that  $f$  solves  $y' = y^2$  on  $I = (c, \infty)$ .

