

Today

- Please email requests for problems to discuss on Monday.
- Midterm Tuesday!
- Office hours M 11-12:30, M2-2:45, T10:30-12.
- Translating from word problem to IVP.
- Solving a linear ODE: $y' = a - by$.

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