

# Today

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- Comment on pre-lecture problems
- Finish up with integrating factors
- The structure of solutions
- Separable equations

# Pre-lecture assignment comments

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Consider the initial value problem

Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = 4e^{2t}$ ,  $y(0) = A$ .

Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{9y}$ .

- a. Find the equation of the solution through the point  $(x, y) = (-3, 1)$ .

[help \(equations\)](#)

- b. Find the equation of the solution through the point  $(x, y) = (0, -3)$ .

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$y \rightarrow 0$  if  $A \in$

$y \rightarrow -\infty$  if  $A \in$

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- Given that  $\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 y(t)) = t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty$

- if you're given the equation  $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty = 0$

- you can rewrite it as  $\frac{d}{dt} (t^2 y(t)) = 0$

- so the solution is  $t^2 y(t) = C$  or equivalently  $y(t) = \frac{C}{t^2}$ .

arbitrary constant  
that appeared at an  
integration step



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← general solution  
(although that's not  
obvious)

← a particular solution

# Initial conditions (IC) and initial value problems (IVP)

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- An initial condition is an added constraint on a solution.
- e.g. Solve  $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty(t) = \sin(t)$  subject to the IC  $y(\pi) = 0$ .

(A)  $y(t) = -\frac{C + \cos(\pi)}{\pi^2}$

(B)  $y(t) = -\frac{1 - \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(C)  $y(t) = \frac{1 + \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(D)  $y(t) = -\frac{1 + \cos(t)}{t^2}$

(E) Don't know.

- An Initial Value Problem (IVP) is a ODE together with an IC.



# Method of integrating factors (Section 2.1)

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- What's the integrating factor?

$$t \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y(t) = 1 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = t$$

$$t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty(t) = 1 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = t^2$$

In class, I referred to these  $f(t)$  functions as the integrating factors. This is incorrect. They are functions that you can multiply the ORIGINAL equation by to get a perfect “product rule” form. But an integrating factor is defined as the function that you would multiply the “normalized” equation by to get the “product rule” form. By “normalized”, I mean after dividing through by the coefficient on  $dy/dt$ . So for the first example above, the integrating factor would be  $I(t)=t^2$  and the equation you multiply it through is  $dy/dt + 2/t y = 1/t$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + g'(t)y(t) = 0 \quad \rightarrow f(t) = e^{g(t)}$$

# Method of integrating factors (Section 2.1)

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- General case - all first order linear ODEs can be written in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = q(t)$$

- The appropriate integrating factor is  $e^{\int p(t)dt}$ .
- The equation can be rewritten  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{\int p(t)dt} y \right) = e^{\int p(t)dt} q(t)$  which is solvable provided you can find the antiderivative of the right hand side.

$$e^{\int p(t)dt} y(t) = \int e^{\int p(t)dt} q(t) dt + C$$

$$y(t) = e^{-\int p(t)dt} \int e^{\int p(t)dt} q(t) dt + C e^{-\int p(t)dt}$$

# The structure of solutions

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- When the equation is of the form (called homogeneous)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + p(t)y = 0$$

- the solution is

$$y(t) = C\mu(t)^{-1}$$

- where

$$\mu(t) = \exp\left(\int p(t)dt\right)$$

- is the integrating factor.

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- the solution is  $y(t) = k(t) + C\mu(t)^{-1}$
- where  $k(t)$  involves no arbitrary constants.
- Think about this expression as  $y(t) = y_p(t) + y_h(t)$
- Directly analogous to solving the vector equations  $A\bar{x} = 0$  and  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ .

# Examples

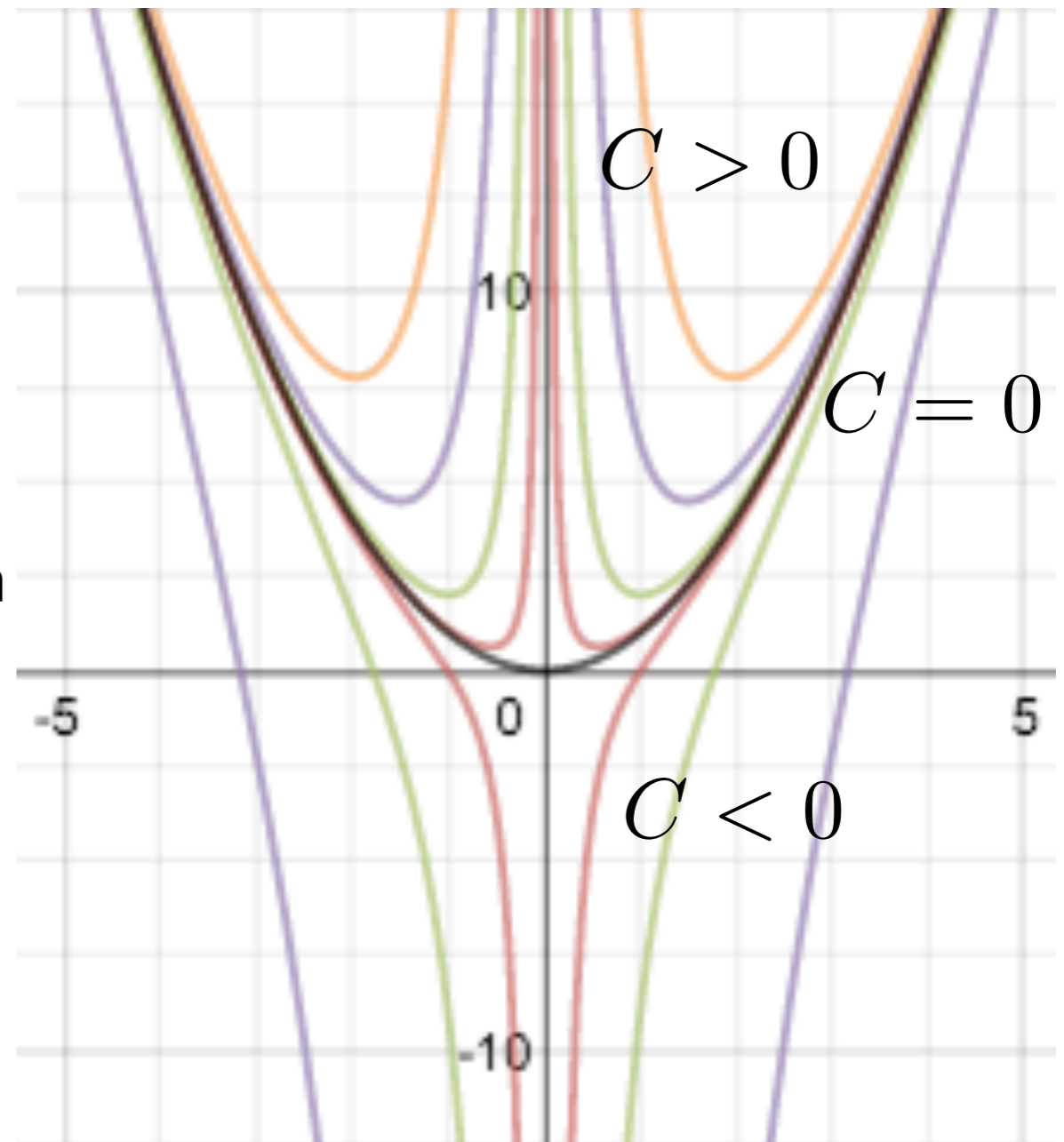
- Find the general solution to

$$t \frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 4t^2$$

- and plot a few of the integral curves.
- Integral curve - the graph of a solution to an ODE.

$$y(t) = t^2 + C \frac{1}{t^2}$$

- Steps: divide through by  $t$ , calculate  $I(t)$ , take antiderivatives, solve for  $y$ . Or shortcut.



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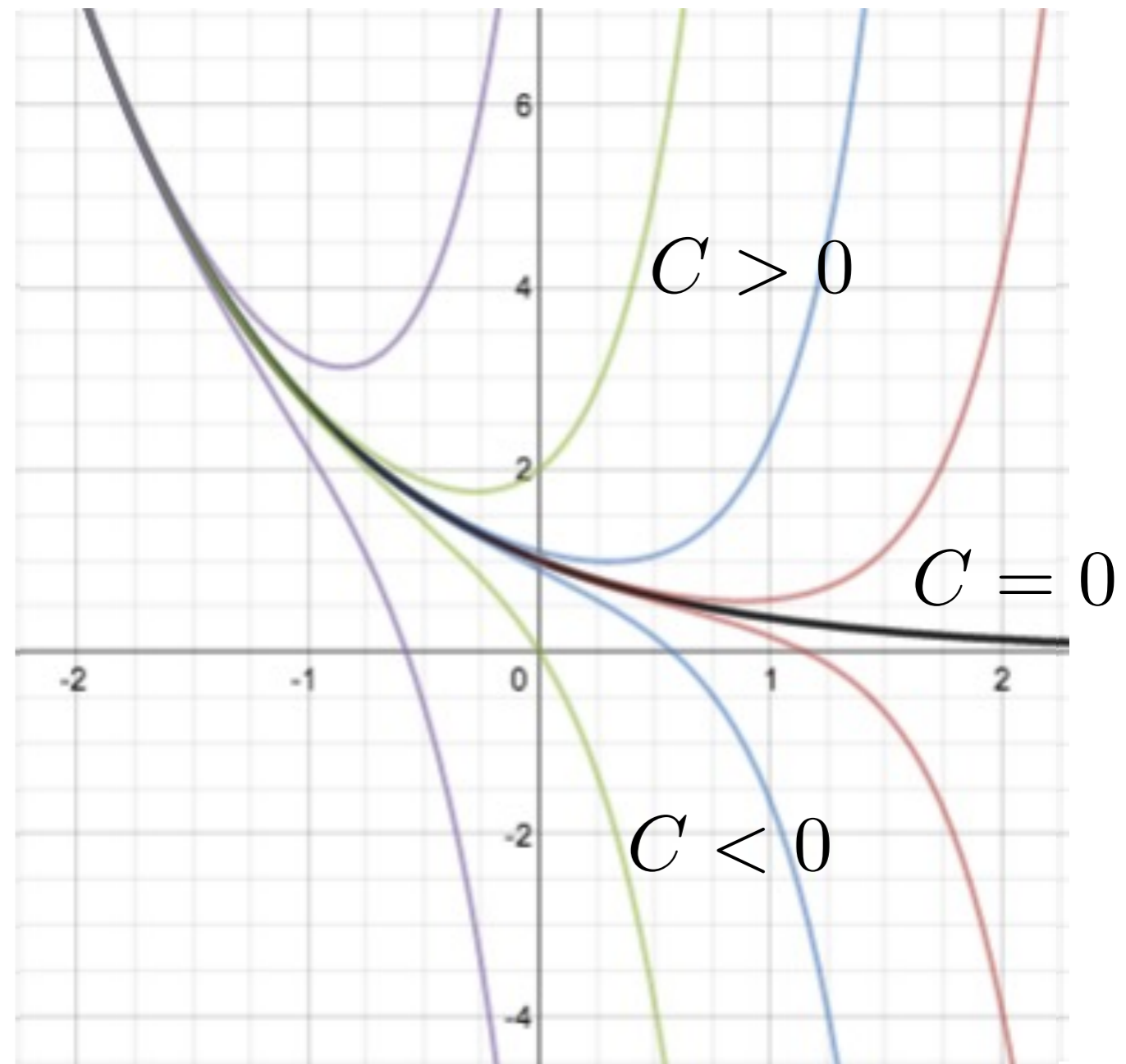
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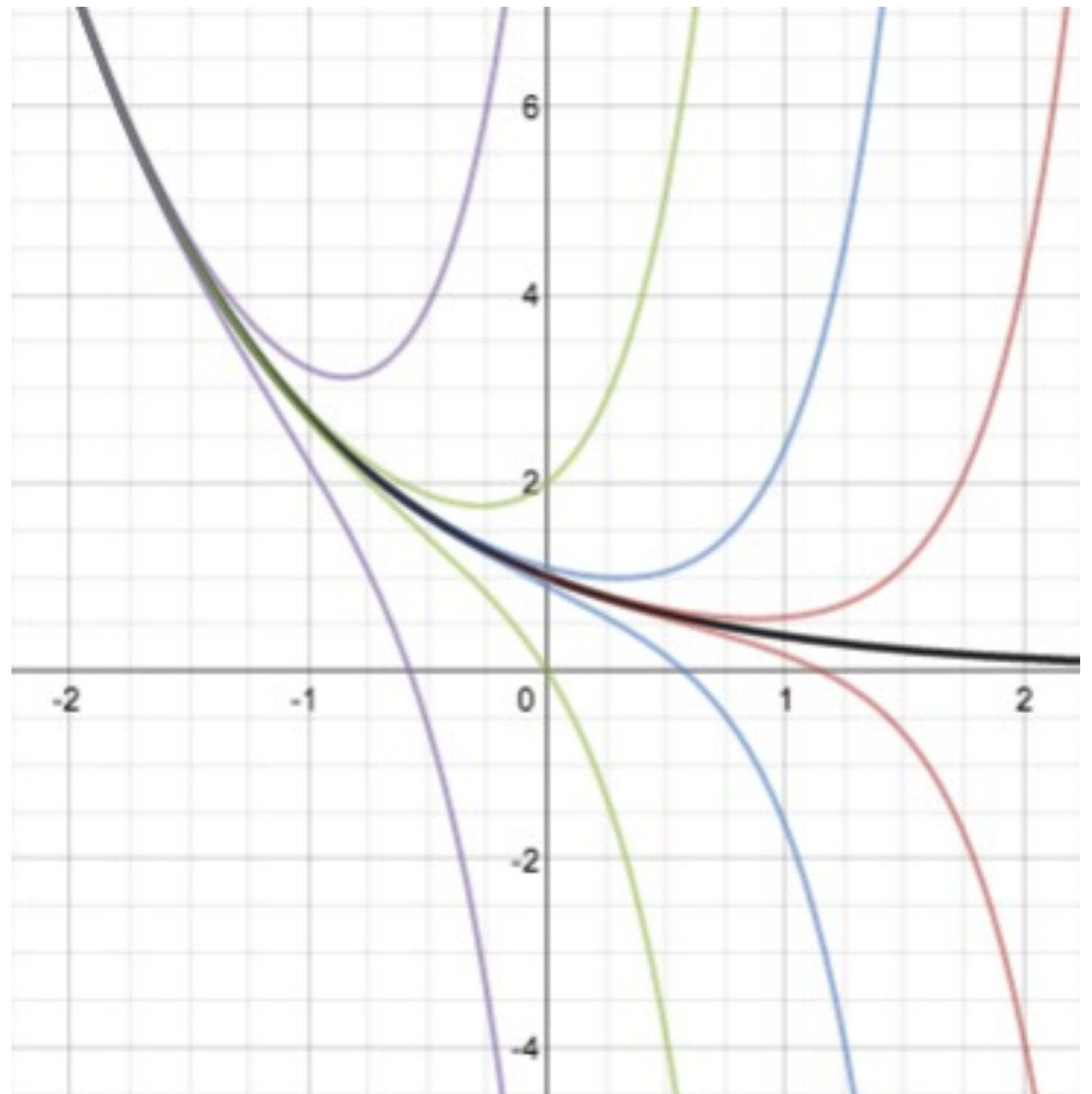
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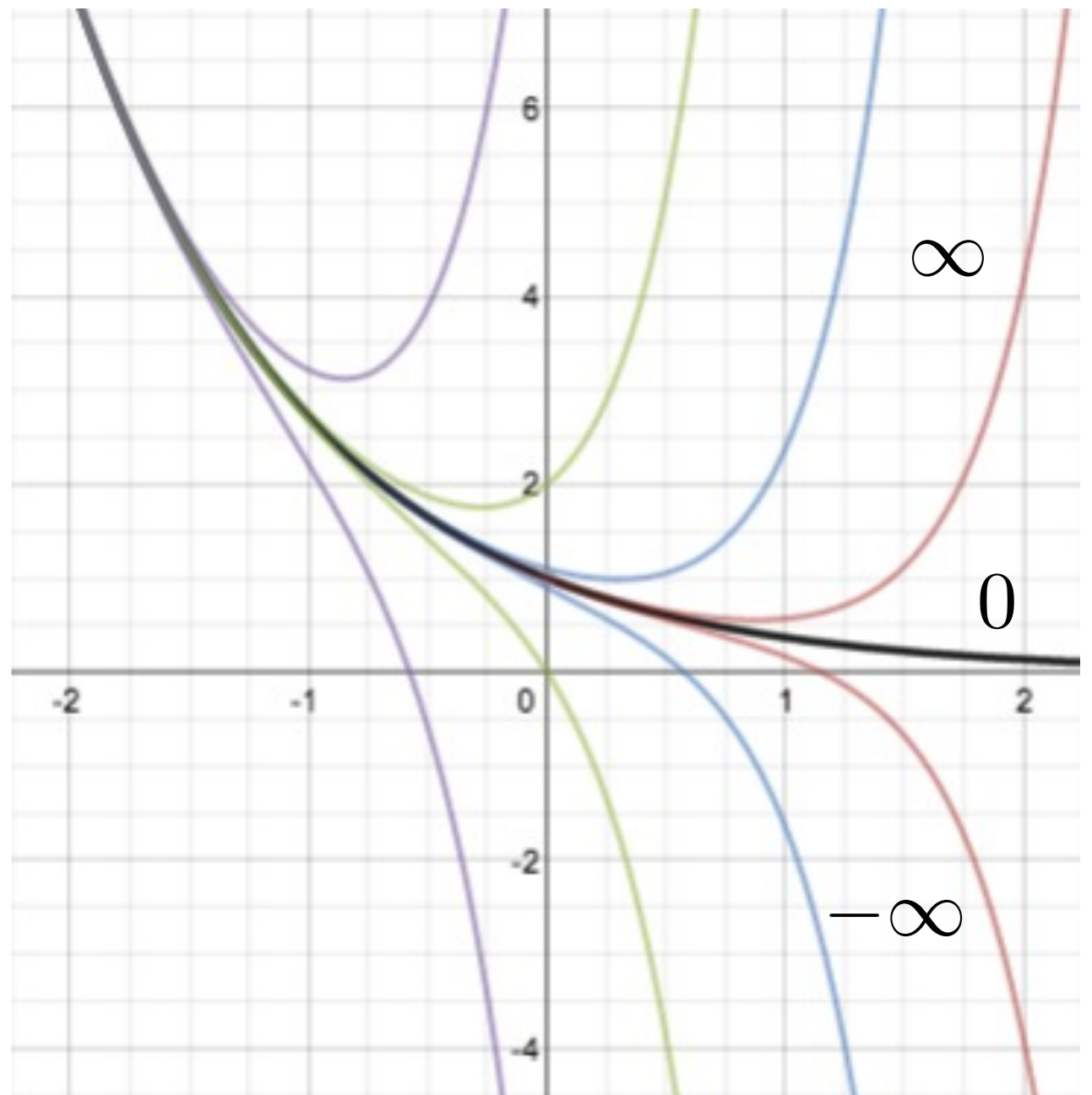
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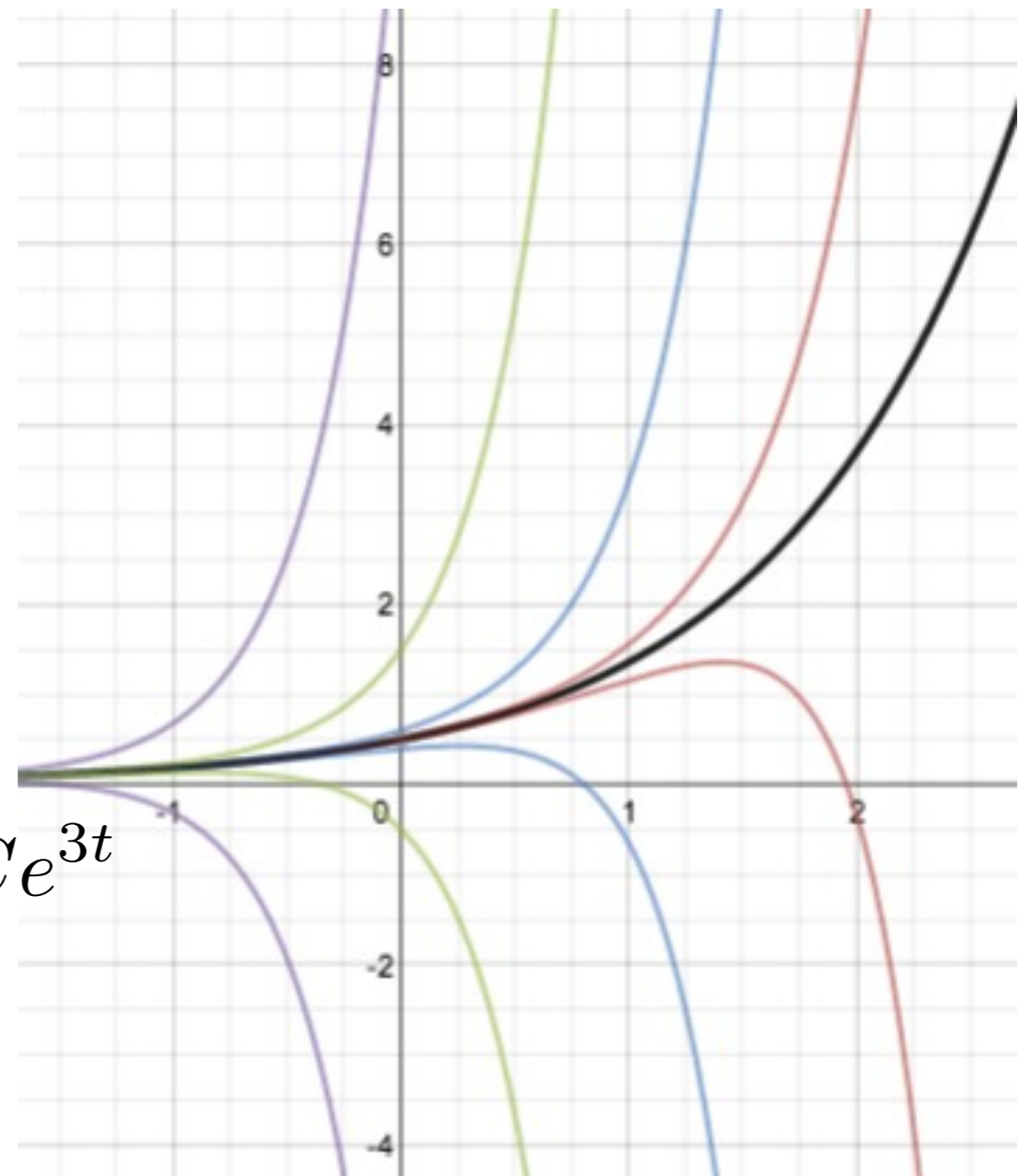
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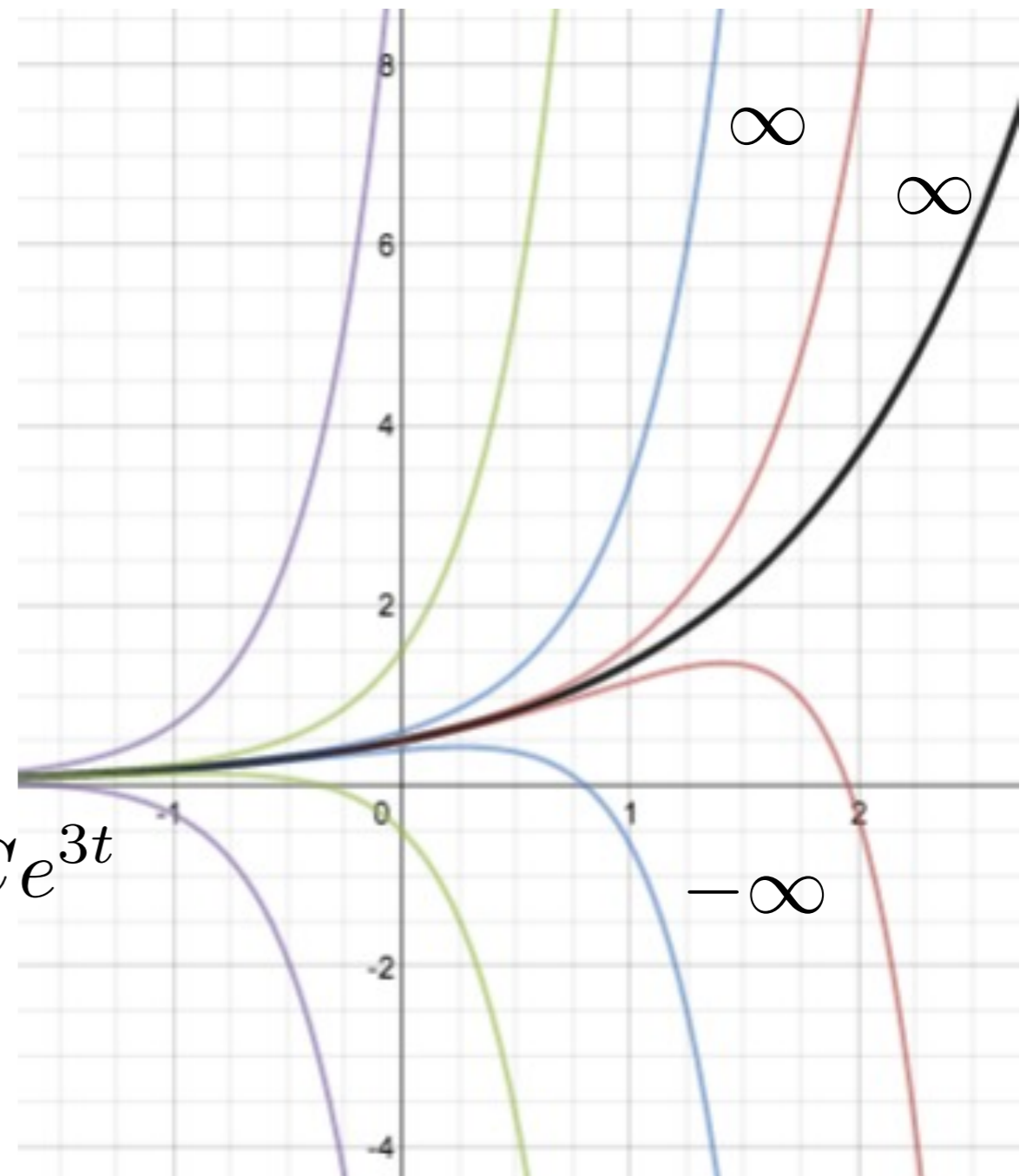
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