

Functions

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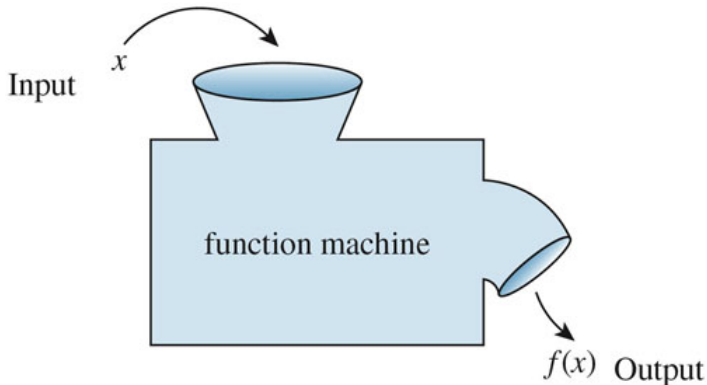
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ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-3, 3)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)-2*x+3, geom="line") +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)(1/2)*x+1)
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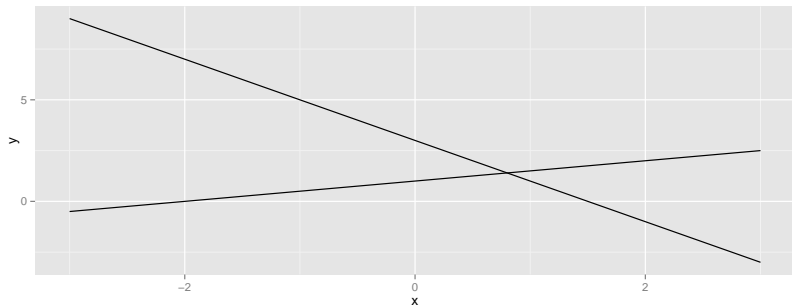


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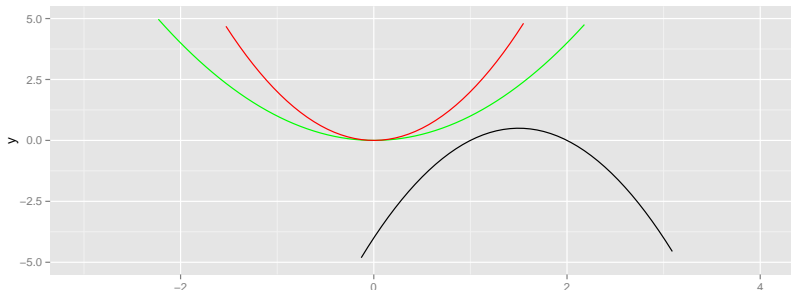
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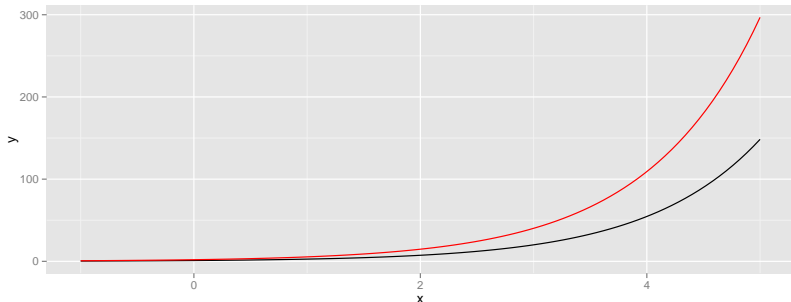
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ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-3,4)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)x^2, color="green") +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)2*x^2, color="red") +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)-2*x^2 + 6*x -4) +  
  ylim(c(-5, 5))
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Exponential

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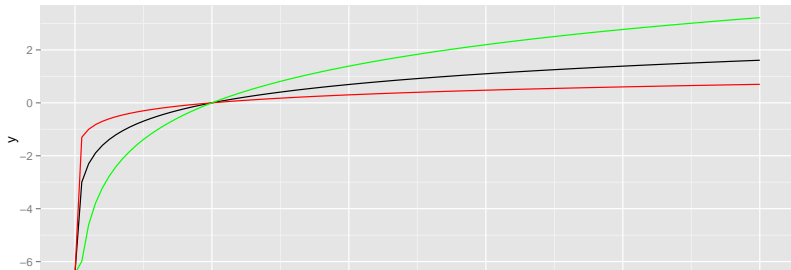
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ggplot(data.frame(x=c(-1, 5)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)exp(x)) +  
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ggplot(data.frame(x=c(0,5)), aes(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)log(x)) +  
  stat_function(fun=function(x)log10(x), color="red") +  
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