

# Differential Equations (MA 1150)

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## Homogeneous second order linear ODE

- Power series solution

- Cauchy-Euler Equations

## Non-homogeneous second order linear ODE

- The method of undetermined coefficients

## Section 1

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Connection:

ODE  $\longleftrightarrow$  Recurrence relation

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$\vdots$

$$f^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1) a_n(x - x_0)^{n-k}. \quad (4)$$

Moreover, all of these series have the same radius of convergence  $R$ .

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1.  $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0.$

2.  $x^2y'' - 3xy' + 5y = 0.$

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