

Advanced Topics in Geometry F1 (MTH.B506)

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Q and A

Q: Are there an (not necessarily linear) ordinary differential equation such that all solution of it are defined on whole \mathbb{R} ?

A: All solutions of the equation $\ddot{x} = -\sin x$ are defined on whole \mathbb{R} .

pendulum

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -\sin x \end{cases}$$

the conservation law of mechanical energy

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2 - \cos x = \text{const.}$$



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} \ddot{x} + \cos x \cdot \dot{x} = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} (\dot{x}^2) - \cos x = 0 \end{cases}$$