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The singular points are  $x = \pm 1$ .

$$\boxed{x=1} \quad (x-1)p(x) = \frac{-2x(x-1)}{(1-x)(1+x)} = \frac{2x}{1+x} \text{ is}$$

analytic at  $x=1$ .

$$(x-1)^2 q(x) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)(x-1)^2}{(1-x)(1+x)} = \frac{-\alpha(\alpha+1)(x-1)}{1+x} \text{ is}$$

analytic at  $x=1$ .

So  $x=1$  is a regular singular point.

$$\boxed{x=-1} \quad (x+1)p(x) = \frac{2x}{1-x} \text{ is analytic at } x=-1.$$

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So  $x=-1$  is a regular singular point.

Discussion assume  $x=0$  is a regular singular point

$$\text{of } y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0.$$

Then

$$x p(x) = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2 + \dots \text{ is analytic at } x=0$$

$$x^2 q(x) = q_0 + q_1 x + \dots \text{ is analytic at } x=0.$$

Suppose

$$y = x^r (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots) = a_0 x^r + a_1 x^{r+1} + \dots$$

is a solution with  $a_0 \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} q(x)y &= x^r (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots) \frac{1}{x^2} (q_0 + q_1 x + \dots) \\ &= x^{r-2} (a_0 q_0 + \dots) \end{aligned}$$