

**Advanced Mathematical Techniques in Chemical Engineering**

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**Eigenvalue Problem in Continuous Domain**

Good morning to everyone. So, we will be looking into, if you remember, whatever we have done in the last class, we have just looked into the theorems in the continuous domains, and the development will be... Basically, we are we our aim is in this portion of the syllabus is in order to solve the partial differential equations; and we will be looking into the only linear and homogenous partial differential equations.

In the last few classes, we have looked into - how we can classify and categorize the partial differential equations into parabolic, elliptical, and hyperbolic form; not only that, we have also looked into the several boundary conditions those are associated in order to solve a partial differential equations; and we categorized different types of boundary conditions as well.

Now, in this class, what we will be looking into? We will be formulating the standard eigenvalue problem in continuous domain; earlier, we have looked into - how these problems can be formulated in discrete domain, whenever we talked about the matrices; and that eigenvalue, eigenvector method was utilized in order to solve a system of algebraic equations or system of ordinary differential equation. We will be developing the theory for the continuous domain in order to solve the partial differential equation.

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Consider the equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{at } x=0, \quad y=0 \\ \text{at } x=1, \quad y=0 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Homogeneous} \\ \text{Boundary} \\ \text{Conditions} \end{array}$$

$y=0$  is a solution to this Problem.

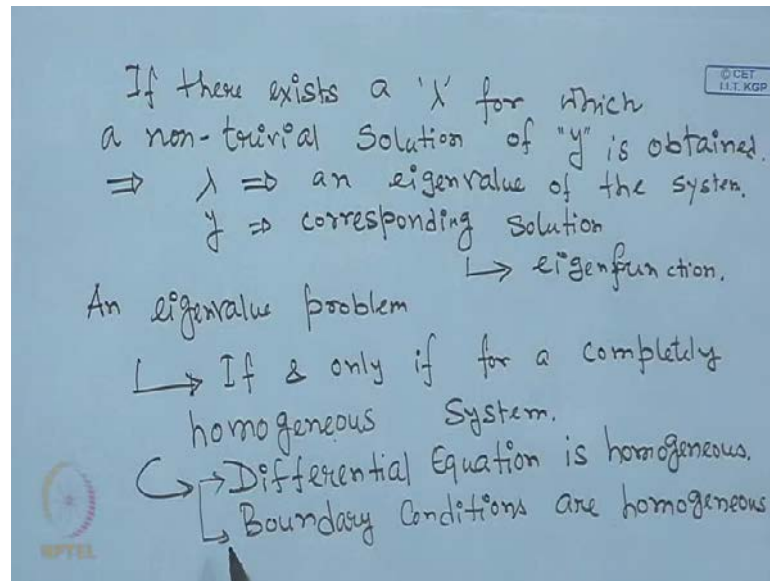
↓ Trivial Solution

We are looking for non-trivial solution.

So, let us look into a particular form of equation. Consider the equation in the form,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0$ . Let us consider a second order ordinary differential equation of this particular form, subject to the boundary conditions, at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0; at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0. So, therefore, we have selected a homogeneous equation with homogeneous boundary conditions.

So, now clearly, in this equation since, the equation and the governing equation and the boundary conditions are clearly satisfied by the solution  $y$  is equal to 0. So, therefore,  $y$  is equal to 0, is a solution to this problem; but this solution is not a solution that we are looking for; this solution is known as a trivial solution. So,  $y$  is equal to 0 is of course, a solution, but it is a trivial solution and we are not looking for that; what we are looking for, is that, we are looking for non-trivial solution.

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So, we are basically looking for a solution, non-zero solution, for different values of lambda, so what are the values of lambda, so that, these will be giving you a non-trivial solution. So, **if that exists**, if there exists a lambda that is a scalar, for which a non-trivial solution of y is obtained, then we call lambda as an eigenvalue of the system; **corresponding y is or** corresponding y or the solution is known as the eigen function.

So, one has to be very clear that one can formulate an eigenvalue problem, if and only if, the boundary conditions are homogeneous. We can formulate an eigenvalue problem, if and only if, for a completely homogeneous system. What do you mean by the homogeneous system? By homogeneous system, we mean that the differential equation is homogeneous; the boundary conditions are also homogeneous.

If the differential equation and the boundary conditions, both are homogeneous, then we call that system as homogeneous system. Now, for a completely homogeneous system, there exists an eigenvalue problem; so, eigenvalue problem means, first we have to check whether the boundary conditions are homogeneous, as well as the governing equations are homogeneous; then only, we call that problem an eigenvalue problem. And, **if we** if the governing equation and the boundary conditions satisfy these two basic criteria or property, then we should go ahead for the solution for the eigenvalues and corresponding eigen functions.

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Assume,  $\lambda$  is real.

(1)  $\lambda = 0$

(2)  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  ( $\lambda$  is negative)

(3)  $\lambda = +\alpha^2$  ( $\lambda$  is positive)

(i)  $\lambda = 0$  DE  $\rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$  at  $x=0, y=0$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1$   $0 = C_1 \cdot 0 + C_2$   
 $y(x) = C_1 x + C_2$   $C_2 = 0$   
 $y = C_1 x$  at  $x=1, y=0$

Now, for this particular problem, let us solve this equation and see what are the eigenvalues we are getting and also, the corresponding eigen functions. So, we assume lambda as the constant, lambda is real; if lambda is real, then there are three possible values lambda can assume: number 1 - lambda is equal to 0, so that is possibility one; Second part is lambda is negative; let us say, it is minus alpha square, so, this simply indicates lambda is negative; and third is lambda positive, this simply indicates lambda is positive.

So, let us consider these three cases separately and see what you get. First case will be lambda is equal to 0; if that is the case, let us see - what is the form of our differential equation. Now, the differential equation boils down to  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is equal to 0; and because lambda itself is 0, so we just integrate it, and let us look into the solution of this, we integrate this out; if we integrate this equation, the first integration results to  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to some constant  $C_1$  and second integration leads to  $y$  as a function of  $x$  is equal to  $C_1 x$  plus  $C_2$ .

Now, these two constants -  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  - should be evaluated from the two boundary conditions, whatever we have; let us write down the two boundary conditions: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0; that, if we put this boundary condition here, let us see what we get, 0 is equal to  $C_1 \times 0$  plus  $C_2$ . So, therefore,  $C_2$  is equal to 0; if  $C_2$  is equal to 0, the form of the equation has become, now,  $y$  is equal to  $C_1 x$ . Now, let us put the other

boundary condition that at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0; so if we utilize this boundary condition, let us see what we get.

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$y = C_1 x$  at  $x=1, y=0$   
 $0 = C_1 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$   
 $y = C_1 x + C_2 = 0$  is the solution.  
 $y=0$  is a trivial solution.  
 $\lambda \neq 0$   
 $(ii) \lambda = -\alpha^2$  (Negative)  
 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 y = 0$  {  $y = e^{mx}$  is the form of solution

If we put  $x$  is equal to 1 into  $y$  is equal at  $y$  is equal to 0; if we look into the solution, solution is,  $y$  is equal to  $C_1 x$  and at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0 gives me an equation  $C_1 \cdot 1 = 0$ . So that simply implies that  $C_1$  is equal to 0. So, what we get? If you look into solution, you will be getting  $y = C_1 x + C_2$ , both  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  turns out to be 0; therefore  $y$  is equal to 0 is the solution that we are getting. But this solution is a trivial solution, therefore, one should not so this trivial...

We are not looking for a trivial solution, we are looking for a non-trivial solution; so, therefore,  $\lambda$  cannot be equal to 0. So,  $\lambda$  is equal to 0 is ruled out, so we cannot use that anymore; so what is the let us look into the second option. Second option is  $\lambda$  is negative, so,  $\lambda$  is equal to minus  $\alpha^2$ ; so,  $\lambda$  is negative. Now, let us see, what is the form of our differential equation under this condition of  $\lambda$ ? Differential equation becomes  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 y = 0$ .

So, if you know the solution, form of this solution is  $e$  to the power  $mx$ . So, the form of the solution is in the form  $y$  is equal to  $e$  to the power  $mx$  is the form of solution; so if we do that, we just put  $y$  is equal to  $e$  to the power  $mx$  and let us see what you get. You will

be getting a polynomial of order 2 of  $m$  and that equation is known as the characteristic equation.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= e^{mx} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= m e^{mx} \\
 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= m^2 e^{mx} \\
 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 y &= 0 \\
 m^2 e^{mx} - \alpha^2 e^{mx} &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow m^2 - \alpha^2 &= 0 \quad [\text{characteristic equation}] \\
 m_{1,2} &= \pm \alpha \\
 y(x) &= C_1 e^{\alpha x} + C_2 e^{-\alpha x}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, if we put it that way, so  $dy/dx$ , if  $y$  is  $e$  to the power  $mx$ , then  $dy/dx$  is nothing but  $m e$  to the power  $mx$ . We differentiate it once more, so, it becomes  $d^2y/dx^2$  is equal to  $m^2 e$  to the power  $mx$ . Now, we put all these value in the differential equation, differential equation is  $d^2y/dx^2 - \alpha^2 y$  is equal to 0. If we put this here,  $m^2 e$  to the power  $mx$  minus  $\alpha^2 e$  to the power  $mx$ , so, it will be  $e$  to power  $mx$  is equal to 0.

Now,  $m$  being not equal to 0, so,  $e$  to the power  $mx$  is always positive; so,  $m^2$  minus  $\alpha^2$  is the solution; so,  $m$  will be having a solution - plus minus  $\alpha$ . So, therefore, the form of the solution will be in this form; so this is known as the characteristic equation. So, form of the **equation will be** solution will be  $C_1 e$  to the power  $\alpha x$  plus  $C_2 e$  to the power minus  $\alpha x$ . So,  $m$  will be having two roots,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ ; so form of the solution will be  $C_1 e$  to the power  $m_1 x$  plus  $C_2 e$  to the power  $m_2 x$ ; in  $m_1$ , we put plus  $\alpha$ ; in  $m_2$ , we put minus  $\alpha$ .

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$y(x) = C_1 e^{\alpha x} + C_2 e^{-\alpha x}$   
 at  $x=0, y=0$   
 $0 = C_1 + C_2$   
 $\checkmark C_1 = -C_2$   
 $y(x) = -C_2 e^{\alpha x} + C_2 e^{-\alpha x}$   
 $= -C_2 (e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x})$   
 at  $x=1, y=0$   
 $0 = -C_2 (e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha})$   
 $\bar{e}^{\alpha}, e^{\alpha}$   
 $C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0$   
 $y(x) = 0 \cdot e^{\alpha x} + 0 \cdot e^{-\alpha x} = 0$   
 TRIVIAL SOLUTION  
 So,  $\lambda = -\alpha^2 \Rightarrow$  is not possible

So, now, with this solution, we put the boundary conditions. So, let us write form of the solution as  $C_1 e^{\alpha x} + C_2 e^{-\alpha x}$ .

Next, we write down the boundary conditions: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0; at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0, the homogeneous boundary conditions. Now, if you utilize the first boundary conditions, let us see what we get. We will be getting  $0$  is equal to  $C_1 e^{\alpha \cdot 0} + C_2 e^{-\alpha \cdot 0}$ ; so,  $C_1 + C_2 = 0$ ; so,  $C_1 = -C_2$ . So, the solution is, we put,  $C_1 = -C_2$ , so,  $-C_2 e^{\alpha x} + C_2 e^{-\alpha x}$ ; so  $-C_2$  we can take it common, so  $e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x}$ . Now, we put the other boundary condition and see, what is the fate of  $y$  of the constant  $C_2$ ? So, **one constant has to be** this constant has to be evaluated and one boundary condition is left.

So, we will be having  $0 = -C_2 (e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha})$ . Now, if you remember the variation of  $e^{\alpha}$  as a function of  $\alpha$ , **it will be...**  $\alpha$  is equal to 0; we have ruled out  $\alpha$  is equal to 0, because if  $\alpha$  is equal to 0, we are going to get a trivial solution. So, even for  $\alpha$  is equal to 0,  $e^{\alpha}$  is 1, from 1 onwards, for any positive value of  $\alpha$ , it will be ever increasing function; it will be always positive.

Similarly, **if you look into the...** So, this is the variation of  $e^{-\alpha}$ ; I am plotting the variation of  $e^{\alpha}$  and  $e^{-\alpha}$  as a

function of  $\alpha$ . So,  $e$  to the power  $\alpha$  is always positive; the minimum value is 1 and the maximum value will be always positive, and the higher values will be always positive. If you look into the value of  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha$ , for  $\alpha$  is equal to 0,  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha$  is 1, and it decreases exponentially for  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha$ , minus infinity it will be 0, but, so, it varies from 1 to 0; so, therefore  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha$  is always positive.

So, what I mean by this analysis is that,  $e$  to the power  $\alpha$  is ever positive,  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha$  is always positive; so, their combination is always a positive quantity. So, in order to satisfy this equation only option is that  $C_2$  is equal to 0; now, if  $C_2$  is equal to zero, from this, we will be getting  $C_1$  is equal to 0; so, what is the fate of my solution? The fate of my solution is 0 multiplied by  $e$  to the power  $\alpha$  x plus,  $C_2$  is 0, multiplied by  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha$  x, so the full solution becomes 0.

So, again we are landing up with a trivial solution, so, this is nothing but a trivial solution; and we are not looking for a trivial solution, we are looking for a non-trivial solution. So, therefore,  $\alpha$  so therefore  $\lambda$  cannot be a negative quantity, it is also not possible. So,  $\lambda$  is minus  $\alpha$  is also not possible. So, we have if we remember, we have three choices for real value of  $\lambda$ ;  $\lambda$  is 0, that is ruled out, because you are getting a trivial solution; then  $\lambda$  is negative, that is also ruled out, because you are getting a trivial solution. So, only option that we are leaving with is, only  $\lambda$  is positive; and let us see what we get.



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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \lambda \text{ is } +ve &\Rightarrow \lambda = \alpha^2 \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y &= 0 \\ \text{Form: } y &= e^{mx} \\ m^2 e^{mx} + \alpha^2 e^{mx} &= 0 \\ (m^2 + \alpha^2) e^{mx} &= 0 \\ m^2 &= -\alpha^2 \quad i = \sqrt{-1} \\ m_{1,2} &= \pm \sqrt{-\alpha^2} = \pm i\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Case number 3 - lambda is positive and it is equal to plus alpha square. So,  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y = 0$ . So, let us again look into the solution, the form of the solution is again  $y$  is equal to  $e$  to the power  $mx$ ; so, we just put the double differentiation of this equation here, so this becomes  $m^2 e$  to the power  $mx$  plus  $\alpha^2 e$  to the power  $mx$  is equal to 0.

So, what we get is,  $m^2$  plus  $\alpha^2$   $e$  to the power  $mx$  is equal to 0; and  $e$  to the power  $mx$  for non-zero value of  $m$  and  $x$ , it will be ever positive; so,  $m^2$  is equal to minus  $\alpha^2$ . So, what we get is that, what is the solution? The solution is of course,  $\pm \sqrt{-\alpha^2}$   $e$  to the power  $\pm \alpha x$ ; so it will be  $\sqrt{-1}$ , it will be nothing but  $i$ , imaginary quantity; so, it will be  $\pm i \alpha$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}y(x) &= C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} \\&= C_1 e^{i \alpha x} + C_2 e^{-i \alpha x} \\e^{i \alpha} &= \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha \\e^{-i \alpha} &= \cos \alpha - i \sin \alpha \\y(x) &= C_1 \sin(\alpha x) + C_2 \cos(\alpha x) \\ \text{at } x=0, \quad y &= 0 \\0 &= C_1 \sin 0 + C_2 \cos 0 \\0 &= C_2 \\y(x) &= C_1 \sin(\alpha x)\end{aligned}$$

So that is the solution of this characteristic equation and the two roots are  $i$  alpha and minus  $i$  alpha. So, let us see, how the solution of the differential equation is now, takes the form. So,  $y$  is equal to a function of  $x$ ; this is equal to  $C_1 e$  to the power  $m_1 x$  plus  $C_2 e$  to the power  $m_2 x$ , so, the form of the solution is  $C_1 e$  to the power  $i$  alpha  $x$  plus  $C_2 e$  to the power minus  $i$  alpha  $x$ ; and if you know, you can write **the then** the Euler's equation; thus,  $e$  to the power  $i$  alpha is nothing but cosine alpha plus  $i$  sin alpha. Now, if you write,  $e$  to the minus  $i$  alpha is nothing but cosine alpha minus  $i$  sin alpha. If you open up these two quantities and write it down in this equation, finally, you will be getting the solution in the form of periodic functions; this cosine and sin functions are periodic functions and it will be combination of the sin function and the cosine function.

So, final form of the solution becomes  $C_1 \sin \alpha x$  plus  $C_2 \cos \alpha x$ ; these imaginary quantities **i s**, etcetera, will be consumed in the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Now, let us put the boundary conditions: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0. So, let us see at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  equal to 0, so, put  $y$  is equal 0; then,  $C_1 \sin 0$  plus  $C_2 \cos 0$ ; our  $\sin 0$  is always 0,  $\cos 0$  is 1; **so, 0 is equal to...** So, 0 multiply  $C_1$  is 0, so, this be 1; so,  $C_2$  is equal to 0; so this boundary condition gives me the solution as  $C_2$  is equal to 0. So, what is the solution of  $y x$ ? It is nothing but  $C_1 \sin \alpha x$ .

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at  $x=1$ ,  $y=0$

$$0 = C_1 \sin \alpha$$

either  $C_1=0$  or  $\sin \alpha=0$

If  $C_1=0$   
A trivial solution  
So,  $C_1 \neq 0$

$\sin \alpha=0$

$$\alpha_n = n\pi \text{ where, } n=1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$$

I  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue

$$y = C_1 \sin(\alpha x)$$

$$y_n = C_1 \sin(n\pi x) \text{ } n^{\text{th}} \text{ eigenfunction.}$$

Now, let us put the other boundary condition and see what we get as the solution of this equation. Other boundary condition is: at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0, so, if you put  $y$  is equal to 0  $C_1 \sin \alpha$ . Now, there are two options of getting the solution; either  $C_1$  is equal to 0 or  $\sin \alpha$  is equal to 0; if **we get**, if we use  $C_1$  is equal to 0, then again, we are going to land up with a trivial solution.

So, if  $C_1$  is equal to 0, we get a trivial solution; so, that is ruled out. So, we are not looking for a trivial solution; we are looking for a non-trivial solution. So, therefore,  $C_1$  cannot be is equal to 0; so what is the option left? The option is left as  $\sin \alpha$  is equal to 0. If you look into the solution, generic solution of  $\sin \alpha$  is that the  $\alpha$  **in this solution** of this equation is,  $\alpha_n$  is equal to  $n\pi$ , where your  $n$  s, are varying from 1, 2, 3 up to infinity.

Now,  $n$  is equal to 0 is ruled out; because, if you put  $n$  is equal to 0, then  **$\alpha_n$  is**  $\alpha$  will be equal to 0; if  $\alpha$  is equal to 0, then again, we are going to get a trivial solution. So, for getting a non-trivial solution, the solution is  $\alpha_n$  is equal to  $n\pi$ , where the index  $n$  runs from 1 to infinity. Now, **for each  $\alpha$** , for each value of  $n$ , the corresponding values of  $\alpha$  are known as the eigen values. So, these are  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue of the system and what is the corresponding eigen function? **We denote the...** So, **what is**, if you look into the solution, what is the solution?

So, next, what we will do? We just change the boundary condition from Dirichlet boundary conditions. So, what do we have? We have the boundary conditions - homogeneous boundary conditions: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0, and at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0; these are the Dirichlet boundary conditions. Now, let us see, what is the form of eigen values and eigen functions in the case of a Neumann boundary condition.

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$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Subject to, at  $x=0$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  and at  $x=1$ ,  $y=0$

Both DE & BC.  $\Rightarrow$  Homogeneous.

For Real 'd': (i) ~~de~~  $\lambda = 0$   
(ii) ~~de~~  $\lambda = -d^2$  (-ve)  
(iii)  $\lambda = +d^2$  (+ve)

Case 1:  $\lambda = 0$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow y = C_1 x + C_2$$

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So, what is the difference between this problem and earlier problem? The governing equation remains the same, only the Dirichlet boundary condition at  $x$  is equal to 0 is

replaced by a Neumann boundary condition  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to 0; and at the other end, at  $x$  is equal to 1, the boundary condition remains the same; it is a Dirichlet boundary condition. So that is the difference between this problem and other problem, so it is a... But you please remember, notice that the ordinary differential equation and the boundary conditions, both are homogenous; only the nature of boundary condition has been changed at the surface or at the boundary  $x$  is equal to 0.

So, we note this down, both differential equation and boundary conditions, they are homogeneous; only the boundary condition has been changed. So, again there will be... We will solve this three cases completely, so, there will be three options for real  $\alpha$ ; for real values of  $\alpha$ , there will be three cases; case 1:  $\alpha$  is equal to 0; case 2:  $\alpha$  is negative. So, let us say, that was  $\lambda$  right, so, this one was  $\lambda$ , so we put  $\lambda$  is equal to 0;  $\lambda$  is minus  $\alpha$  square, so,  $\lambda$  is negative; and the third option is  $\lambda$  is equal to plus  $\alpha$  square, so it is positive.

Now, we examine all these three cases one after another. So, case 1 will be  $\lambda$  equal to 0, so, what we will be getting is that,  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$  is equal to 0. Now, we have already seen earlier, the solution of this equation is  $y$  is equal to  $C_1 x$  plus  $C_2$ . Next, we put the boundary conditions, utilize these two boundary conditions, and evaluate the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and see what we get.

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$y = C_1 x + C_2$   
 at  $x = 0, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$   
 $y = C_2$   
 Use at  $x = L, \quad y = 0$   
 $0 = C_2$   
 $\therefore C_2 = 0$   
 $y = 0$  is a solution  
 $\rightarrow$  Trivial Solution

① D.E. is valid at any point inside the control volume as well as on the boundary  
 ② B.C.s are valid only at boundaries  
 $\lambda \neq -\alpha^2$

Now, if you really do that, what we will be getting is that solution is,  $C_1 x$  plus  $C_2$  at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to 0. So, if we evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  of this equation, what we get is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is nothing but  $C_1$ ; so, at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to 0; use that boundary condition, so, what you get is,  $C_1$  is equal to 0. So, therefore, the solution is  $C_1$  is equal to 0, so you will be getting  $y$  is equal to  $C_2$ ; so, therefore, the solution is a constant solution. Now, use the other boundary condition, that is, at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $y$  is equal to 0; so, there is no variation of  $x$  with respect to  $y$ . Since  $y$  is constant, in order to satisfy this boundary condition, then you have  $y$  is equal to 0;  $C_2$  is equal to  $C_2$ .

So, if you remember that whatever I have told in the last class, that differential equation must be valid throughout the whole boundary, as well as throughout the whole control volume, as well as it is valid only at the boundaries; but the boundary conditions are valid only at the boundaries. So, let us note down this point and use it; so, differential equation is valid at any point inside the control volume, as well as on the boundary; on the other hand, the boundary conditions are valid only at boundaries, they need not be valid within the control volume.

So, therefore, my differential equation must be satisfying every point inside the control volume, as well as, it must be satisfying the boundary condition. **Now, if we...** So, we have seen that solution of the differential equation is a constant and that constant is equal to  $C_2$ ; but the differential equation must be equal to 0, at the boundary  $x$  is equal to 1. So, these two can go hand in hand, if and only if, we put  $y$  is equal to 0 is equal to  $C_2$ . So, therefore,  $C_2$  becomes 0; and if you look into the solution,  $C_1$  is 0,  $C_2$  is 0, so you will be getting  $y$  is equal to 0 is a solution; and if you remember, this is a trivial solution.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda \neq 0 \\ & \lambda = -\alpha^2 \} \text{ Trivial Solution.} \\ (ii) \quad & \lambda = +\alpha^2 = \text{Positive.} \\ & \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0 \\ & \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y = 0 \\ & m^2 + \alpha^2 = 0 \\ & m_{1,2} = \pm i\alpha \\ & y(x) = C_1 \sin(\alpha x) + C_2 \cos(\alpha x) \end{aligned}$$

So, what is our conclusion? Our conclusion is that **alpha where** lambda cannot be negative; lambda cannot be minus alpha square, so that is ruled out. So, what we have done till now? We have ruled out, that lambda cannot be equal to 0; lambda cannot be is equal to minus alpha square, because both of these leads to only trivial solution; and we are looking into the non-trivial solutions. So, the third option is now left; the lambda is positive and it is equal to plus alpha square.

So, let us again look into the solution  $d^2 y dx^2 + \lambda y$  is equal to 0, so, put lambda is equal to alpha square; so, you will be getting  $d^2 y dx^2 + \alpha^2 y$  is equal to 0. So, again  $e^{mx}$  is the form of the solution and we have already solved this equation earlier; I am not going to solve this equation once again here. So, if you look into the characteristic equation, the characteristic equation will be in the form of  $m^2 + \alpha^2$  is equal to 0, so you will be having two roots;  $m_{1,2}$  is nothing but plus minus  $i\alpha$ .

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at  $x=0$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  |  $y(x) = C_1 \sin \alpha x + C_2 \cos \alpha x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1 \alpha \cos \alpha x - C_2 \alpha \sin \alpha x$   
 $0 = C_1 \alpha \cdot 1 - C_2 \alpha \cdot 0$   
 $\Rightarrow C_1 \alpha = 0$   $\alpha \neq 0$   
 $C_1 = 0$   
 $y(x) = C_2 \cos(\alpha x)$   
 at  $x=1$ ,  $y = 0$   
 $0 = C_2 \cos \alpha$ ,  $C_2 \neq 0$   
 $\cos \alpha = 0$  For a non-trivial solution

So, therefore, the solution will be composed of sine functions and cosine functions, periodic functions. So, **y is equal**  $y$  as a function of  $x$  becomes  $C_1 \sin \alpha x$  plus  $C_2 \cos \alpha x$ ; that is the form of the solution. And, let us put the boundary conditions and evaluate  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ; the first boundary is: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to 0. So, if we put this boundary condition and let us see what is our solution.  $y$  as a function of  $x$  is nothing but  $C_1 \sin \alpha x$  plus  $C_2 \cos \alpha x$ . Now, we evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , **we evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$** ;  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  becomes  $C_1 \alpha \cos \alpha x$  minus  $C_2 \alpha \sin \alpha x$ , remembering that differentiation of  $\sin \alpha x$  is nothing but  $\alpha \cos \alpha x$ , and differentiation of  $\cos \alpha x$  nothing but  $-\alpha \sin \alpha x$ .

Now, putting  $x$  is equal to 0,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to 0, so what you will be getting is, 0 is equal to  $C_1 \alpha \cos 0$  is one minus  $C_2 \alpha \cdot 0$ . So, you will be getting  $C_1 \alpha$  is equal to 0;  $\alpha$  is not equal to 0, because if  $\alpha$  is equal to 0, you will be landing with a trivial solution again; and we are not looking for a trivial solution, that means,  $C_1$  is equal to 0; if  $C_1$  is equal to 0, let us see what we get as a solution. So, the solution we will be getting is,  $y$  as a function of  $x$ ; since  $C_1$  equal to 0, so you will be getting  $C_2 \cos \alpha x$ . So, that is the form of the solution we are getting, and this solution is a non-trivial solution.

Now, we have to check; we have to evaluate the eigenvalues and eigen functions. So, we have one more condition that is left behind, that is, the boundary condition at  $x$  is equal



to 1. So, at  $x$  is equal to 1, we have a Dirichlet boundary condition there, so we put  $y$  is equal to  $y$  at  $x$  as 0, and this becomes  $C_2 \cos \alpha$ ; we put  $x$  is equal to  $\alpha$ . Again, in this equation,  $C_2$  cannot be equal to 0, why? If  $C_2$  is equal to 0, then again, we are going back to a trivial solution and we are not looking for a trivial solution. So, what is the option left? The option left is  $\cos \alpha$  is equal to 0 for a non-trivial solution.

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$$\cos \alpha = 0$$

$$\checkmark \alpha_n = (2n-1) \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ where } n=1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

→  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue of this problem.

$$y_n(x) = n^{\text{th}} \text{ eigenfunction.}$$

$$= \cos(\alpha_n x)$$

$$\checkmark y_n(x) = \cos \left[ (2n-1) \frac{\pi}{2} x \right]$$

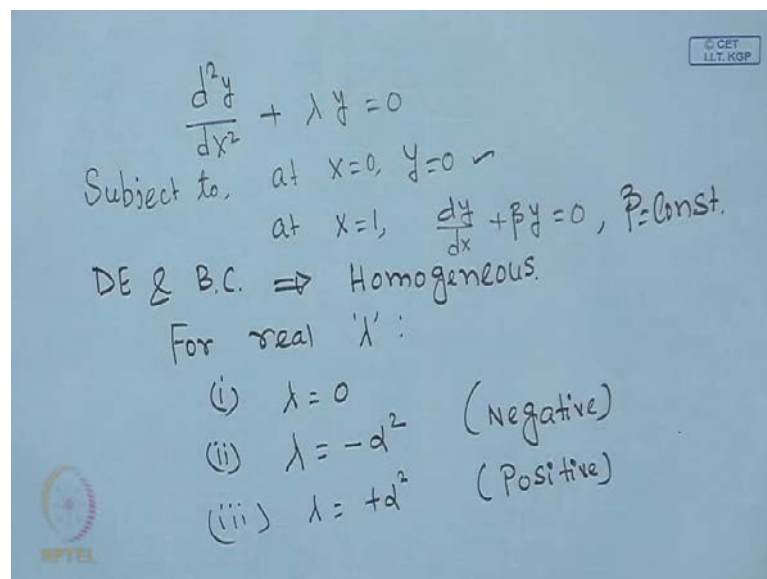
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If  $\cos \alpha$  is equal to 0, then let us look into what is the general solution for this equation. We have already studied the general solution of  $\sin \alpha$  equal to 0,  $\cos \alpha$  is equal to 0, in our 10, plus 2 standard. So, the general form of this equation is  $\alpha = n\pi$  is  $2n - 1$   $\pi$  by 2, where the index  $n$  runs from 1, 2 up to infinity. So, this is the general form of the solution; now, each of these values of  $\alpha$  for which  $\cos \alpha$  is equal to 0 is the eigenvalues for this particular problem. So,  $\alpha_n$  is equal to  $2n - 1$   $\pi$  by 2 is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue of this problem; and the corresponding solution is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigen function; so,  $y_n$  as a function of  $x$  is nothing but... This is  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigen function and this becomes  $\cos \alpha_n x$ . So, therefore, this becomes  $\cos 2n - 1$   $\pi$  by 2 into  $x$ .

So,  $\alpha_n$  is equal to  $2n - 1$   $\pi$  by 2 is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue and  $y_n = \cos 2n - 1$   $\pi$  by 2 times  $x$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigen function; so, this is the eigenvalue; this is the eigen function. So, if you look into the solution for this particular problem by changing the boundary condition from Dirichlet to Neumann, we land up with a different eigenvalue

and eigen function combination. Next, what do we do? We will change the boundary condition to the third kind of boundary, which are most, which are quite common in chemical engineering applications, that is a Robin mixed boundary condition. So, we change the boundary condition, we keep one boundary condition - Dirichlet; and like this particular case, we change the boundary condition to the other boundary condition to Robin mixed boundary condition and see, what are the eigenvalues and eigen functions, we are getting in this case.

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$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0$$

Subject to, at  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$  ✓

at  $x=1$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y = 0$ ,  $\beta = \text{Const.}$

DE & B.C.  $\Rightarrow$  Homogeneous.

For real ' $\lambda$ ' :

- (i)  $\lambda = 0$
- (ii)  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  (Negative)
- (iii)  $\lambda = +\alpha^2$  (Positive)

So, let us consider the same equation  $d^2 y / dx^2 + \lambda y = 0$ , but we change the boundary conditions in this case, subject to this **is**: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0. We keep the Dirichlet boundary condition here, as it is; we change the other boundary condition at  $x$  is equal to 1, **we use a Neumann boundary** we use a Robin mixed boundary condition, so, that will be  $dy/dx + \beta y = 0$ . Please check that, again we have a homogeneous system of equation, the differential equation and boundary conditions are all homogeneous.

What we simply did was, we keep this Dirichlet boundary condition as it is; we change **the boundary condition to** the other boundary condition, that is, at  $x$  equal to 1, we make it a Robin mixed boundary condition, where  $\beta$  is a constant.

So, therefore, what we get is **that we look into the again we** this  $\lambda$  can be for real values of  $\lambda$ . It can be three things;  $\lambda$  can be 0,  $\lambda$  can be negative and

third option is lambda is positive. Let us examine all the three cases in detail and see what kind of eigen values and what kind of eigen functions, we are getting in this particular case.

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(i)  $\lambda = 0$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y = C_1 x + C_2$   
 at  $x=0, y=0$   
 $y = 0 = C_2$   $C_2 = 0$   
 $y = C_1 x$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1$   
 at  $x=1, \frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y = 0$   
 $C_1 + \beta C_1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow C_1 (1 + \beta) = 0$   
 $1 + \beta \neq 0$   
 $C_1 = 0$   
 $y = 0$  TRIVIAL SOLN.

So, for lambda, case 1 is lambda is equal to 0 and again, the form of differential equation is  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is equal to 0 and we know the solution to this problem and the solution becomes  $y$  is equal to  $C_1 x$  plus  $C_2$ . Now, let us put the boundary conditions; the first boundary condition is: at  $x$  is equal to 0,  $y$  is equal to 0; if we put that you will be getting  $y$  is equal to  $C_1$  into 0; so it will be 0. So,  $y$  is equal to 0 is equal to  $C_2$ ; so  $C_2$  will be equal to 0. So, what is the solution? The solution is,  $y$  is equal to  $C_1 x$ .

Now, if we use the other boundary condition that is at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y$  is equal to 0. So, we put: at  $x$  is equal to 1,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  what?  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is  $C_1$ , and we put this here; so,  $C_1$  at  $x$  is equal to 1  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y$  is equal to 0, that is the other boundary condition. So, boundary conditions as defined on two boundaries, at  $x$  is equal to 0 and  $x$  is equal to 1.

So, this becomes  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is  $C_1$  plus  $\beta y$ ; so,  $\beta y$  evaluated at  $x$  is equal to 1; so, this will be  $\beta C_1$  times 1 should be is equal to 0; so,  $C_1$  into 1 plus  $\beta$  is equal to 0. Now,  $\beta$  is a constant; it is a positive constant, so therefore, 1 plus  $\beta$  is always positive; so, 1 plus  $\beta$  always positive, it cannot be equal to 0; so,  $\beta$  can be positive or it can be negative; so, therefore, 1 plus  $\beta$  is not equal to 0.

So, in order to satisfy this equation,  $C_1$  must be equal to 0; so if  $C_1$  is equal to 0, so what is the form of our solution? This is the solution we had; so,  $y$  is equal to  $C_1$  is 0, so  $y$  is equal to 0. So,  $y$  is equal to 0, we are getting as a final solution for this case as well; so, this is giving a trivial solution. And, we are not looking for a trivial solution, so therefore,  $\lambda$  cannot be equal to 0 in order to get a non-trivial solution. So, in order to get a non-trivial solution  $\lambda$  is not equal to 0, so what is the next option? The next option is,  $\lambda$  is negative and let us see what we get.

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(ii)  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 y = 0$$

Characteristic Eqn.

$$m^2 - \alpha^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m_{1,2} = \pm \alpha$$

$$y = c_1 e^{\alpha x} + c_2 e^{-\alpha x}$$

at  $x=0, y=0$

$$0 = c_1 + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$$

$$y(x) = c_1 (e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x})$$

So, case 2:  $\lambda$  is minus  $\alpha$  square and it is negative; so, our differential equation now becomes  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 y = 0$ . If you remember, the form of the solution to this equation is  $e$  to the power  $mx$ , and  $m$  square is equal to minus  $\alpha$  square is the characteristic equation. So, the solution will be composed of  $e$  to the power  $y$  is equal to  $e$  to the power  $\alpha x$  plus  $C_2 e$  to the power minus  $\alpha x$ .

Now, let us put the first boundary condition; the first boundary condition is: at  $x$  is equal to 0, you have  $y$  is equal to 0. So, therefore, this will be 0,  $C_1$  plus  $C_2$ ; so  $C_1 e$  to the power 0 is one and  $e$  to the power minus 0 is also 1, so it will be  $C_1$  plus  $C_2$ . So, therefore, we will be getting  $C_2$  is equal to minus  $C_1$ , so the form of the solution becomes  $y$  as a function of  $x$ , so,  $C_1 C_2$  is equal to minus  $C_1$ ; so, take  $C_1$  common,  $e$  to the power  $\alpha x$  minus  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha x$ .

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at  $x=1$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y = 0$

$y(x) = C_1(e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x})$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1(\alpha e^{\alpha x} + \alpha e^{-\alpha x})$

$= C_1 \alpha (e^{\alpha x} + e^{-\alpha x})$

$C_1 \alpha (e^{\alpha x} + e^{-\alpha x}) \Big|_{x=1} + \beta C_1 (e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x}) \Big|_{x=1} = 0$

$C_1 \alpha (e^{\alpha} + e^{-\alpha}) + \beta C_1 (e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow C_1 [\alpha (e^{\alpha} + e^{-\alpha}) + \beta (e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha})] = 0$

$C_1 = 0$

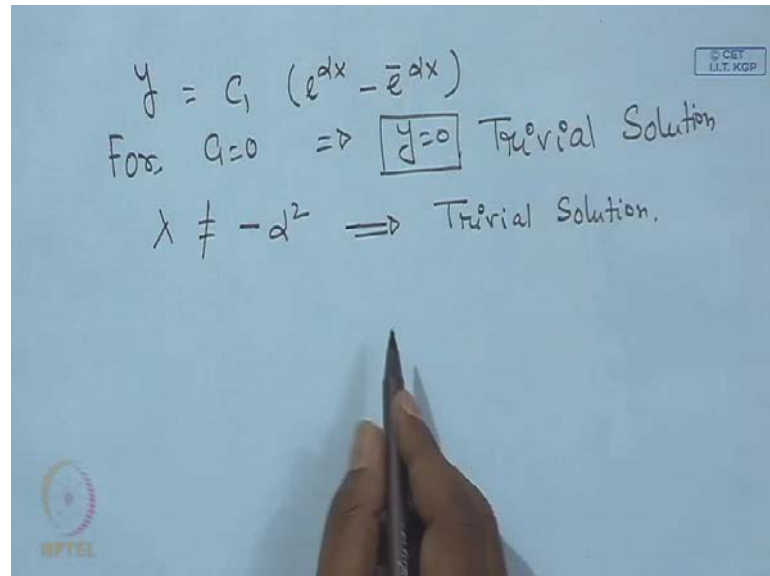
So, next what we do? We utilize the other boundary condition; the other boundary condition is at  $x$  is equal to 1, we have  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \beta y$  is equal to 0; so let us evaluate. So, if you look into the solution, the solution is  $y$  as a function of  $x$  is  $C_1 e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x}$ ; so we evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and see what we get.  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is  $C_1 \alpha e^{\alpha x} - \alpha e^{-\alpha x}$ ; so we can take  $\alpha$  common; so  $C_1 \alpha (e^{\alpha x} + e^{-\alpha x}) + \beta (e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x}) = 0$ .

Now, we put the boundary condition, at  $x$  is equal to 1; so  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  will be evaluated, at  $x$  is equal to 1  $e^{\alpha x} + e^{-\alpha x}$ ; the whole term is evaluated at  $x$  is equal to 1 plus  $\beta$  times  $y$ ,  $y$  is  $C_1 (e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x})$ , whole term evaluated at  $x$  is equal to 1 should be is equal to 0.

So, we evaluate that; so this becomes  $C_1 \alpha (e^{\alpha} + e^{-\alpha}) + \beta (e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha}) = 0$ . So, we can take  $C_1$  common; so this becomes  $\alpha (e^{\alpha} + e^{-\alpha}) + \beta (e^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha}) = 0$ . Now, as we have argued earlier, that we have looked into the variation of  $e^{\alpha}$  and  $e^{-\alpha}$  with respect to  $\alpha$ ; this is the variation of  $e^{\alpha}$ , and that is the variation of  $e^{-\alpha}$ .

minus alpha. So, therefore, e to the power alpha is always positive having a minimum value 1; e to the power minus alpha is always positive with a maximum value as 1.

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$$y = C_1 (e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x})$$

For  $Q=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y=0}$  Trivial Solution

$$\lambda \neq -\alpha^2 \Rightarrow \text{Trivial Solution.}$$

So, their combination is positive again, their combination is positive; beta is not equal to 0; the whole thing in the third bracket is a positive quantity that means so in order to satisfy this equation, we have C 1 is equal to 0. And let us see, if C 1 is equal to 0 and if we look into the solution, the solution was y is equal to C 1 e to the power alpha x minus e to the power minus alpha x. For C 1 is equal 0 of course, you will be getting y is equal to 0, which is nothing but a trivial solution.

So, therefore, we are going to get a trivial solution in this case as well. So, our conclusion is, our lambda cannot be a negative quantity, because it gives a trivial solution and we are looking for a non-trivial solution. So, I stop here, **at the in this class at this point**; I will take this point on in the next class and we will be completing this problem in the next class and then we will take a stop of what are the forms of eigenvalues and eigen functions if we change the boundary conditions slightly.

Thank you very much.