

**Differential Equations for Engineers.**  
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**Abel's Formula - Demonstration.**

We were discussing about the properties of solution of the second-order homogeneous linear ODE. So we have seen 3 properties, simple properties, one is linear combination of any 2 solutions we give  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , linear combination  $C_1 y_1$  plus  $C_2 y_2$  is also a solution, simple property, and 2<sup>nd</sup> one is, if you are given to solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , when can you say that they are linearly independent? So they are linearly independent if and only if Wronskian is nonzero.

We define a quantity called Wronskian of these 2 functions which is a function of  $x$  which should be nonzero for every point of  $x$ . And 3<sup>rd</sup> property is the Abel's formula that tells you that if the Wronskian is 0 at one point, implies Wronskian is 0 at everywhere. Same is the case is Wronskian is nonzero at one point, Wronskian is nonzero at every point implies  $y_1, y_2$ , the functions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  solutions are linearly dependent or independent according to Wronskian at one point is 0 or nonzero, okay.

We have also seen, we have also deduced 2<sup>nd</sup> solution from the Abel's formula, if you a priori know one solution  $y_1$ , if you are given one solution  $y_1$ , you can always find the 2<sup>nd</sup> solution  $y_2$ , okay as  $y_1$  into some integral from  $x_0$  to  $x$  into some exponential function divided by  $y_1$  square, okay. So since  $y_1$  is a, you are given  $y_1$  nonzero solution, one linearly independent function, solution, so the 2<sup>nd</sup> one  $y_2$  is also linearly independent because  $y_2$  by  $y_1$  is non, it is not constant, okay. That is what we have seen.

Before I give you the example, I will just briefly discuss what we do next. So we have some more properties, so we have one more property of the solutions, what you know is that if you are given one solution, so so far and you do not know how to find solutions, okay. I give you, if I give one solution, you can find the other solution, so one of the natural questions is how many solutions, linear second-order homogeneous equation will have, okay. This will always have, linear second-order homogeneous equation will always have only 2 linearly independent solutions.

1<sup>st</sup> of all you have to show that, you have to prove that it has only 2 solutions, it has 2 solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , 2 linearly independent solutions and there is no other solution, any

solution I write in terms of this  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . That means you have only 2 linearly independent solutions, okay. Only this I am stressing, only 2 linearly independent solutions for the second-order linear ODE. Same is the case for high order equations. Higher-order, Nth order equations will have N linearly independent solutions, okay, only N linearly independent solutions, independent solutions, okay.

So we will have only, only N linearly independent solutions you will have for the Nth order linear ODE, homogeneous linear ODE. So before I give you those 2 properties, let me give the example, if I give one solution  $y_1$ , how do you find the other solution, I will give you example. Example, example of the property 3, so Abel's formula.

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Example: Solve  $x(x-2)y'' + 2(x-1)y' - 2y = 0$ ,  $x \neq 0, 2$

Let  $y_1(x) = 1-x$ ,  $y_1'(x) = -1$ ,  $y_1''(x) = 0$

$-2(x-1) - 2(1-x) = 0$  ✓

$\Rightarrow y_1(x) \neq 0$ , is one linearly independent solution.

$y_2(x) = C$

Additional notes in the image:  $\frac{3}{x \neq 0, x \neq 2}$  and  $\frac{1}{x \in \mathbb{R}}$

We will take some simple example where you have this  $x$  into, solve, solve  $x$  into  $x$  minus 2  $y$  double dash +2 into  $x$  minus 1  $y$  dash minus 2 $Y$  equal to 0. Okay. So you see this, this is your A0 of  $x$ , A0 of  $x$ , what is your domain? So domain is  $x$  belongs to our because  $x$  cannot be equal to 0 and  $x$  cannot be equal to 2. So 0 and 2 are, this is 0, this is 2 are singular points, these are the points at which your differential equation is not defined. So  $x$  should not be equal to 0 and 2.

So your domain can be this or they saw this or this, okay. So when you say  $x$  is not equal to 0 or 2, that is what is the case, okay. So let us take any, any of those domain. Let us take either this or 2 or 3, any one of this. It should be given that this differential equation at either one of these domains, 3 domains, okay. So you can also, you can also verify by just trial and error, by trial basis, you can verify certain simple functions and solutions because you are given one

solution, why should I give one solution, you can also find sometimes, it has some simple solutions, for example sometimes simple  $x$ , simple  $E^x$ ,  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $x^2$ ,  $x^3$ , like that you can find some simple form.

If it is a solution you can simply verify that it is a solution, so that means you know one solution, okay. I do not have to give one solution, so you can also verify by trial and, by trial, by, by commonsense you can see some simple functions as a solution. If it satisfies the equation, that means you know one solution, okay. In this case I give you  $y_1 = x$ , this is the difficult, it may not be difficult but you can verify that  $1 - x$  if we put it here, okay, let  $y_1 = x$  is this, what is  $y_1'$ , which is  $1$ .

What is  $y_2''$ , double dash of  $x$ , that is  $0$ . If you put it here, this is  $0$ ,  $y_1 = x$  is, now if you put these 3 into the equation,  $2$  into  $x - 1$  into  $1 - 2$  into  $y = 1 - x$ . It is going to be, this is actually  $0$ . Right. So this is going to be  $0$ , this is actually  $0$ . So that means, it is verified. So this is the solution. So this is one solution, okay. This is one solution that implies  $y_1 = x$  which is not equal to  $0$  completely the solution, is, is one solution, one linearly independent, nonzero solution implies linearly independent, okay, independent solution.

So you can see that  $1 - x = 0$  at  $x = 1$ .  $1$  at  $x = 1$ , so it is not your domain of the differential equation, should not be your domain, domain of the differential equation. So your domain, either this or this, okay, that point  $1$  should not be your domain of the differential equation, okay, we will see at the end, okay. So this is what is your  $y_1$ , assume that  $y_1 = 0$ , wherever it is defined, it is completely nonzero for all values of  $x$  at which the differential equation is defined.

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Example: Solve  $x(x-2)y'' + 2(x-1)y' - 2y = 0$ ,  $x \neq 0, 2$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Let  $y_1(x) = 1-x$ ,  $y_1'(x) = -1$ ,  $y_1''(x) = 0$

$$-2(x-1) - 2(1-x) = 0 \checkmark$$

$\Rightarrow y_1(x) \neq 0$ , is one linearly independent solution.

$y_2(x) = C(1-x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{(1-t)^2} e^{-\int_{x_0}^t \frac{2(1-s)-1}{1-s} ds} dt$ ,  $x_0 \neq 1$

Exercise: Simplify  $y_2(x)$  and see that it is also a solution.

$\Rightarrow \frac{y_2(x)}{y_1(x)} - \frac{y_2(x_0)}{y_1(x_0)} = W(x_0) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{y_1(t)} e^{-\int_{x_0}^t P(s) ds} dt$

$\Rightarrow y_2(x) = C y_1(x) + W(x_0) y_1(x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{y_1(t)} e^{-\int_{x_0}^t P(s) ds} dt \checkmark$

$y_2(x) = W(x_0) y_1(x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{y_1(t)} e^{-\int_{x_0}^t P(s) ds} dt \checkmark$

Since  $\frac{y_2(x)}{y_1(x)} \neq \text{constant}$ ,  $y_1, y_2$  are L.I. solutions.

Now to find your  $y_2$ , so what is your  $y_2$ ,  $y_2 \times x$  is some constant times, this constant is coming from my  $W(x_0)$ , so  $W(x_0)$  is constant into  $y_1(x)$ , that is  $1-x$ , so I simply substitute here in this formula.  $y_1(x)$  I substitute  $1-x$ , now I can integrate from  $x_0$  to  $x$ , what is your domain? So you have to take your domain  $x_0$  to  $x$ ,  $1-x_0$ ,  $y_1$  square of  $T$  that is  $1-x$  whole square, okay,  $2$  into  $E$  power minus integral  $x_0$  to  $T$ ,  $P(s)$ , what is  $P(s)$ ?  $P(s)$  is this divided by  $x$  into  $x$  minus... So you have  $2$  times  $x - 1$  divided by  $x$  into  $x - 2$ , okay.

This is what is the,  $x$  minus  $1$  you should write divided by  $s$  into  $x - 2$   $ds$ . Okay. This with  $dt$ , so this is your solution. So in order to make sense, this integral,  $T$  should not be equal to  $0$ , equal to  $1$ , okay. That means  $x_0$ , even if you take  $x_0$  equal to  $1$ ,  $1$  to  $x$ , this is, this integral is diverging. So you can see that  $1$  to some  $2$  for example,  $1$  by  $x - 1$  square  $dx$ , this is infinity.

Okay. So you can see that, this, this is infinity, so does not make sense. It is diverging integral, so, so you have to see that  $x$  should not be equal to 1 or, okay.

So that is what is your domain, so once your domain, our  $x$  and  $x_0$  should not be equal to 1. So that is how  $x$  is, you should not take the domain as either between, so this 0.1 also you should not, you should avoid. So your domain is either 1, 2, okay or 3 is this, 3 or 4. So you can take any one of these 4 domains, okay as your differential equations, your solution is  $y_1 x$  that is defined in the domain which is nonzero everywhere, so that you can find your 2<sup>nd</sup> solution like this, okay.

So it is just what is left is simply integrating this, finding this exponential function, this integral and then you divide with 1 by  $T$  square.  $x_0$  is not equal to 1, so if you are in this domain between 0 to 1, you can take it as half to  $x$ ,  $x_0$  as half. If you are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> domain, you can take say 1.5, say 1, 3 by 2 to  $x$ , okay. You can choose the way you like, okay. You should not take it as 1. Similarly if you are here, you can take  $x$  in the 3<sup>rd</sup> domain you can take  $x_0$  as 3, here you can take it as minus 1, okay.

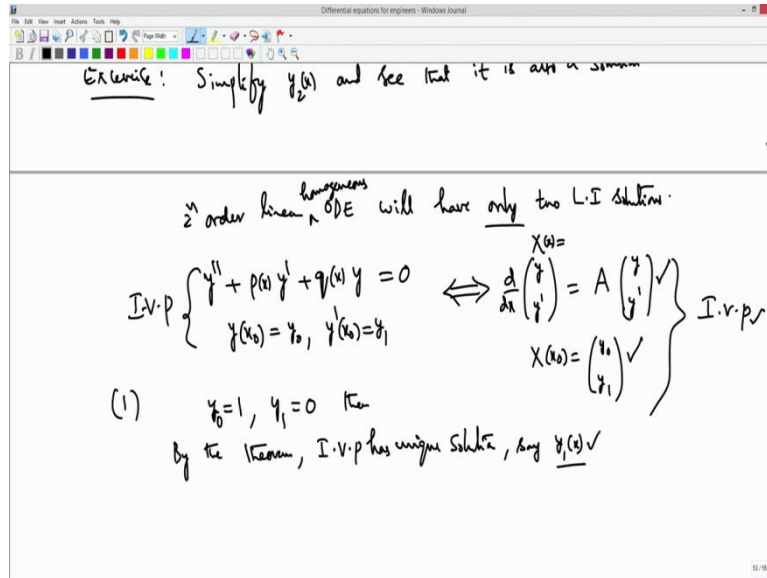
Whatever, so  $x_0$  you can choose, only it belongs to either of the domains, we just have to, there is only calculations are left. This is how you get your 2<sup>nd</sup> order, 2<sup>nd</sup> linearly independent solutions, okay. So I think this calculation will take more time, so you can try as an exercise. Calculate or evaluate or simplify, simplify  $y_2 x$  and see, see that it is independent, and and see that it is also a solution. That means you just verify, as an exercise you take it. So we can do some simpler problems later, okay.

This is how you can find, if you are given one solution, you can find the other solution or you simply by commonsense, you, verifying that one solution, you can guess, you can guess and verify it so that you know one solution and implies you can find the other solution and that, then these 2 solutions, 1<sup>st</sup> solution when you guess, it should be, because that  $y$  is 0 is always a solution, I do not want 0, okay. For this 0 is always satisfying,  $y$  equal,  $y_1$  equal to 0 is always one solution.

So if I, you should know one nonzero solution, so linearly independent solution, only linearly independent solution so that you can find other linearly independent solution from this formula, Abel's formula, okay. That is how we derive this. This is exactly the formula you have. So  $y_2$ ,  $y_2$  is this, final  $y_2$ , okay. From this I directly road, okay, this is how you can

calculate. So there is another way of doing it, that you can also do that, okay. So we will do that later on.

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So while doing problems we can do that, so, now we will move onto the properties, what is the other properties we are left with, that the second-order, second-order linear ODE will have only, I am stressing this only 2 solutions, 2 linearly independent solutions. Okay. So how do I show this? 1<sup>st</sup> of all I show that it has 2 linearly independent solutions, okay. So let, how do show this? So what I do is, I take the second-order equation 1<sup>st</sup> of all, so y double dash equation is pX y dash plus q x y equal to 0.

So this is your second-order homogeneous ODE, homogeneous ODE. This should be homogeneous, homogeneous ODE, we will have only 2 linearly independent solutions. So how do I find 1<sup>st</sup> solutions? So I am not actually calculating the solutions I say that it has a solution, I give, I guarantee that there is a solution, okay, so how do I say that? I have fix my initial values, y at x0, the initial value at x0 equal to y0, y dash at x0 equal to y1. So y0 and y1 are constants, you are given.

So this we have seen, we can easily put it as an equivalent system as y and y dash d dx equal to some matrix A, matrix A involving only p and q, okay, into x is y and y dash. So what is your vector, this, this is your vector x, x is this. So at x, x0, actually, your y at x0, that is y0, y dash at x0, that this y1. So this is what is given. So if this is given, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> order linear ODE for the vector x, y1. So this is equivalent. This first-order system of equations, okay, this is the second-order equations.

Second-order equation I put it as the 1<sup>st</sup> order equations for the vector, 2 by 1 vector, y and y dash, okay, with this (15:09). So you can see that what I do is, I choose my y0 equal to 1, y1 equal to 0. Okay. Then by uniqueness theorem, by the, by the theorem, without proof I have given existence and uniqueness theorem, okay. And this, this equation, this initial value problem, this is also initial value problem, this vector value, initial value problem, this is scalar value initial value problem.

Initial value problem for the scalar function y x, this is the initial value problem for the scalar function, for the vector function, vector valued function x. Okay. For the vector valued function x of x, okay. Because y is the function of x, this vector should be x of x. So from the theorem you know that you have a solution, this has unique solution. IVP has unique solution, either of this, either you choose these or this one, okay. It has a unique solution, this is one.

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$$\text{I.V.P. } \begin{cases} y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \\ y(x_0) = y_0, y'(x_0) = y_1 \end{cases} \iff \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} y \\ y' \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \end{matrix} \right\} \text{I.V.P.}$$

$$X(x_0) = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(1)  $y_0 = 1, y_1 = 0$  then  
By the theorem, I.V.P. has unique solution, say  $y_1(x) (\neq 0)$ .

(2)  $y_0 = 0, y_1 = 1$ , then  
By the theorem, I.V.P. has unique soln, say  $y_2(x) (\neq 0)$ .

Claim:  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  are L.I. solutions.  $W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) & y_2'(x_0) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow W(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in I \Rightarrow y_1, y_2$  are L.I. solutions.

So call this, say y1 x is the function, okay, this is your 1<sup>st</sup> solution. And whose value at x0 is initial value is y0, okay, y0 is 1, which is nonzero, okay. Right. That means if it is 0, if it is nonzero at one point, you have a solution, that means it should be linear, it is nonzero function, as a function it is nonzero. At one point it is nonzero means you know certain function is a solution and you know that it is nonzero at one point, that means the function is nonzero function which is a solution. So you have, you know that y1 at x0, y1 is the solution of this let IVP, so y1 and x0 is y0. y0 you have chosen as 1, that means it is nonzero, okay.

$y_1(x)$  is nonzero, so you have a nonzero solution which is nonzero, okay. I can clearly say that this is not completely 0, this is nonzero solution. Now the 2<sup>nd</sup> step is, you choose  $y_0$  equal to 0,  $y_1$  equal to 1, then, then again by the same theorem, by the existence uniqueness theorem, initial value problem, this linear initial value problem has unique solution, say  $y_2(x)$  which is also not completely 0 because what is the reason, now you look at, you may not be able to see from here.

Or here also you can say  $y_2$  at  $x_0$  is  $y_0$  that is 0, you cannot say anything. Now look at  $y_2(x_0)$ , that is  $y_1$ , that  $y_1$  is actually 1. So the derivative is nonzero for certain function, that means the function should, the function cannot be 0 function. If it is a 0 function, derivative is also 0 everywhere. So that means it cannot be 0 function. So that is how it is nonzero. So you have 2 nonzero functions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , okay, I have 2 solutions by choosing initial values. Suitable initial values, choosing suitable initial values  $I$ , I obtain 2 solutions. I know that they exist, so you have 2 such solutions, okay.

So I will show that these are 2 linearly independent solutions. The  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are, now I claim is  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$  are linearly independent solutions. How? From property 3. At one point, so let  $y_1$  at  $x_0$ ,  $y_2$  at  $x_0$ ,  $y_1'$  at  $x_0$ ,  $y_2'$  at  $x_0$ . What is this one? This is exactly Wronskian at  $x_0$ . This determinant is a Wronskian. What is this one, this is equal to 1, 0, 0, 1 which is 1. This is nonzero. As the Wronskian at one point is nonzero implies Wronskian is nonzero for every  $x$  in the domain. That implies the solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  for which you calculate this Wronskian are linearly independent solutions.

So that is how we can always construct, so from these calculations we can see that, I can give you, given a second-order linear homogeneous ordinary differential equation, you have, I say that you have 2 linearly independent solutions, okay. But these are the only 2 solutions, no other solution exists. If as all were all there is a solution, I always write that solution as, in terms of these 2 solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . That can also be done by just another simple calculation.



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$\Rightarrow W(x) \neq 0, \forall x \in I \Rightarrow y_1, y_2$  are L.I. solutions.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE will not have more than two L.I. solutions.  
 Let  $\phi(x)$  be a solution of the ODE  
 $\phi(x_0) = \alpha, \phi'(x_0) = \beta$   
 Consider  $\psi(x) = \alpha y_1(x) + \beta y_2(x)$ , then  $\psi(x_0) = \alpha = \phi(x_0)$   
 $\psi'(x_0) = \beta = \phi'(x_0)$   
 $\Rightarrow \phi(x) = \psi(x)$  by the theorem

Let, so these are the only 2 solutions, these are the only linearly independent solutions. Actually precisely I cannot say, write like this, I cannot write like this, you cannot have more than 2 linearly independent solutions, okay. This equation, ODE, second-order ODE, second-order ODE, second-order ODE will not have more than 2 linearly independent solutions, okay. Still you do not know how to calculate. If I give you, so, so far if I give you one solution  $y_1$ , you can find the other linearly independent solution, okay.

So you are just now seeing theoretically that you have, you have 2 such, always 2 linearly independent solutions exist, I will say not more than 2, okay. So let  $\phi$  be,  $\phi(x)$  be, be a solution, be a solution. I give you... Suppose you have a solution of the ODE, so that is this, this ODE, okay. If that is the ODE, so if it satisfies that equation, ODE, then you calculate, if you know the solution, you can calculate its value at  $x_0$ . So you call this at some point if you know the solution function, you can also, you know the value, function value at  $x_0$ , initial value.

So let us say  $x_0$  is the point of the domain,  $\phi$  at  $x_0$  is say some Alpha.  $\phi'$  at  $x_0$  is some beta. This you can calculate if you know  $\phi(x)$ . Okay. Now what happens, now I write, now I define some  $\psi(x) = \alpha y_1(x) + \beta y_2(x)$ . I consider this, I consider this function. Then, because that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are 2 solutions, okay, like a, with earlier argument we had 2 solutions some other combination, linear combination is also a solution.

So  $\psi(x)$  is the solution of the linear ODE, linear homogeneous second-order ODE. And what is its value at  $x_0$ ,  $\psi$  at  $x_0$  is equal to  $\phi$  at  $x_0$ ,  $\alpha$ , right, this is  $\alpha$ . Because  $y_2$  at  $x_0$  is 0,  $y_1$  at  $x_0$  is one, that is how we have chosen, right. So this is  $\alpha$ , this is nothing but  $\phi$  at  $x_0$ , okay. Similarly  $\psi'$  at  $x_0$  is actually equal to  $\beta$  because  $y_1'$  at  $x_0$  is 0,  $y_2'$  at  $x_0$  is 1, so that gives you  $\beta$  which you, which is actually equal to  $\phi'$  at  $x_0$ .

So you have 2 solutions  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are 2 solutions whose initial values are same. Okay, initially they are same, so you have same initial values by the theorem, that is existence and uniqueness of the theorem, second-order linear equation or in fact any linear equation, linear equation, homogeneous equation. So you have initial value problem, that initial value problem for the linear equation or linear system of any order, you have only unique solution. So that means because they are usually, whenever it is defined, for all values of  $x$  is defined, so that implies  $\phi(x)$  should be equal to  $\psi(x)$  by the, by theorem.

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Let  $\psi(x)$  be a solution of the ODE

$$\psi(x_0) = \alpha, \quad \psi'(x_0) = \beta$$

Consider  $\psi(x) = \alpha y_1(x) + \beta y_2(x)$ , then  $\psi(x_0) = \alpha = \phi(x_0)$   
 $\psi'(x_0) = \beta = \phi'(x_0)$

$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = \phi(x)$  (by the theorem)

$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = \alpha y_1(x) + \beta y_2(x)$  ✓

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I will write theorem actually from the existence uniqueness theorem. So this implies, what is actually  $\psi$ ,  $\psi$  is  $\alpha$  times  $y_1$  plus  $\beta$  times  $y_2$   $x$ . So that means any solution  $\phi$  I can write in terms of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . That means there is no other linearly independent solution of the second-order linear homogeneous ODE. If at all there is one solution, that is actually combination of this  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . That means these are the only, let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are the only 2 linearly independent solutions. Not more than 2 linearly independent solutions you do not have, that is what it says.

So these are the properties of second-order homogeneous linear ODE, okay. So having known this, so now you know that, if you are having a second-order linear ODE, you have only, only 2 linearly independent solutions. So if I give you 1 solution, you can find the other linearly independent solution, okay. So in the next class we will choose different problems for which, starting with constant coefficients, constant coefficients will take and then we will try to find the solutions, okay, we will try to find the solutions.

If they are 2 linearly independent, once you find the 2 linearly independent solutions, because you know that there are the only 2 linearly independent solutions should have, you simply take a linear combination of those 2 solutions, that will give the general solution, okay. Take  $C_1$  into one solution plus  $C_2$  into another solution, you add them up, that should be the general solution of the second-order linear homogeneous equation, okay. So we will see later.