

**Mathematical methods and its applications**  
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**Lecture – 15**  
**Methods for finding particular integral for higher-order**  
**linear differential equations with constant coefficients**

Hello friends. Welcome to my lecture on Methods for Finding Particular Integral for Higher-order Linear Differential Equations with Constant Coefficients.

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**Solution of non-homogeneous linear differential equations**

Let us consider a non-homogeneous linear differential equation of the form

$$L[y] = a_0(x)y^{(n)}(x) + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_{(n-1)}(x)y^{(1)}(x) + a_n(x)y(x) = r(x), \quad (1)$$

where  $a_0(x) \neq 0$ .

We shall study how to find the general solution of (1) when the general solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation  $L[y] = 0$  is known.

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We shall begin with a non-homogenous linear differential equation which can be expressed as a naught x into nth derivative of y with respect to x plus a 1 x and minus 1 of the derivative of y with respect to x. Then n minus 1 x then d y by d x by 1 x means d y by d x plus a and x by x equal to r x where a naught x is not equal to 0. So, this is nth order linear differential equation which is non homogenous. We shall be finding general solution of this, assuming that the coefficients of the derivatives a naught x a 1 x a n minus 1 x and then a n x they are constants. So, we shall see how to find the general solution of equation 1, when the general solution of the corresponding homogenous equation is known.


So, we have in our previous lecture we have seen how to find the general solution of the homogenous nth order linear differential equation, So, so we shall see that, once we

know the solution general solution of the nth order homogenous linear equation, then how to find the general solution of the nth order arbitrary non homogenous linear differential equation, So, let us see what we do is we have the following result.

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We have the following result:

**Theorem 1.**  
 If  $\{y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_n(x)\}$  is a basis and  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + \dots + c_n y_n(x)$  is the general solution of the corresponding homogeneous linear equation  $L[y] = 0$  and if  $y_p(x)$  is any particular solution of the non-homogeneous equation (1) then the general solution of equation (1) is given by

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + \dots + c_n y_n(x) + y_p(x). \quad (2)$$


We actually due to this result for the case of n equal to 2, second order linear differential equation with constant coefficients. Now we are doing it for nth order differential equation, it is a that that result can easily be generalized. So, we have a this theorem is actually generalization of that result. So, if  $y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_n(x)$  is a basis means it is a fundamental set of solutions of equation of the homogenous equation associated with equation 1, if this is equation 1. So,  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  and so on,  $y_n(x)$  are actually n independent solutions of the homogenous equation here.

So, they form a fundamental set and fundamental set is also called as a basis of solutions. So, let  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  and so on,  $y_n(x)$  be a basis and  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + \dots + c_n y_n(x)$  is the general solution of the corresponding homogenous linear equation  $L[y] = 0$ . Then if  $y_p(x)$  is any particular solution of the non-homogenous equation 1. The general solution of equation 1 can be expressed as sum of the general solution of the associated homogenous linear equation that is  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  and so on,  $c_n y_n(x) + y_p(x)$ . So, this is the result.

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**Proof.**  
 Since  $y_p(x)$  is a particular solution, we have

$$L[y_p(x)] = a_0 y_p^{(n)}(x) + a_1 y_p^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_{n-1} y_p^{(1)}(x) + a_n y_p(x) = r(x), \quad (3)$$

subtracting equation (3) from (1), we obtain

$$a_0 (y^{(n)}(x) - y_p^{(n)}(x)) + a_1 (y^{(n-1)}(x) - y_p^{(n-1)}(x)) + \dots + a_{n-1} (y^{(1)}(x) - y_p^{(1)}(x)) + a_n (y(x) - y_p(x)) = 0, \quad (4)$$

denote  $y(x) - y_p(x) = z$ .



Let us see how we prove it the proof is very simple. So, since  $y_p(x)$  is a particular solution of equation 1 it will satisfy equation 1. So,  $L[y_p(x)]$  will be equal to  $a_0 y_p^{(n)}(x) + a_1 y_p^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_{n-1} y_p^{(1)}(x) + a_n y_p(x) = r(x)$ .

Now, let us subtract this equation 3 from equation 1. So, when you subtract this equation 3 from equation 1, what we will get is the following. We will have a naught. So, these  $a_0 y^{(n)}(x) - a_0 y_p^{(n)}(x) + a_1 y^{(n-1)}(x) - a_1 y_p^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_{n-1} y^{(1)}(x) - a_{n-1} y_p^{(1)}(x) + a_n y(x) - a_n y_p(x) = 0$ . Denote let us denote  $y(x) - y_p(x) = z$ .



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**Examples:**

- (1).  $y''' - 6y'' + 12y' - 8y = 12e^{2x} + 27e^{-x}$ .
- (2).  $y''' - 2y'' + 4y' - 8y = 8(x^2 + \cos 2x)$ .
- (3).  $y^{(4)} + 10y''' + 9y = 96 \sin 2x \cos x$ .

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$y''' - 6y'' + 12y' - 8y = 12e^{2x} + 27e^{-x}$   
Associated homogeneous equation is  
 $y''' - 6y'' + 12y' - 8y = 0$  ①  
The auxiliary equation is  
 $m^3 - 6m^2 + 12m - 8 = 0$   
Since  $m=2$  satisfies this equation,  
( $m-2$ ) is a factor of the cubic polynomial in  $m$   
 $(m-2)(m^2 - 4m + 4) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (m-2)^3 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2, 2, 2$

The general solution of ① is  
 $y = (c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2)e^{2x}$   
We now find a particular  
solution  $y_p(x)$  of the  
given equation.  
We know  
 $y(x) = P.I.$   
 $= \frac{1}{(D-2)^3} (12e^{2x} + 27e^{-x})$   
 $= \frac{1}{(D-2)^3} 12e^{2x} + 27 \frac{1}{(D-2)^3} e^{-x}$

So, first example we will do is a linear differential equation of third order with constant coefficients. So,  $y$  triple prime,  $y$  triple prime minus 6  $y$  double prime plus 12  $y$  dash minus 8  $y$  equals 12  $e$  to the power 2  $x$  plus 27  $e$  to the power minus  $x$ .

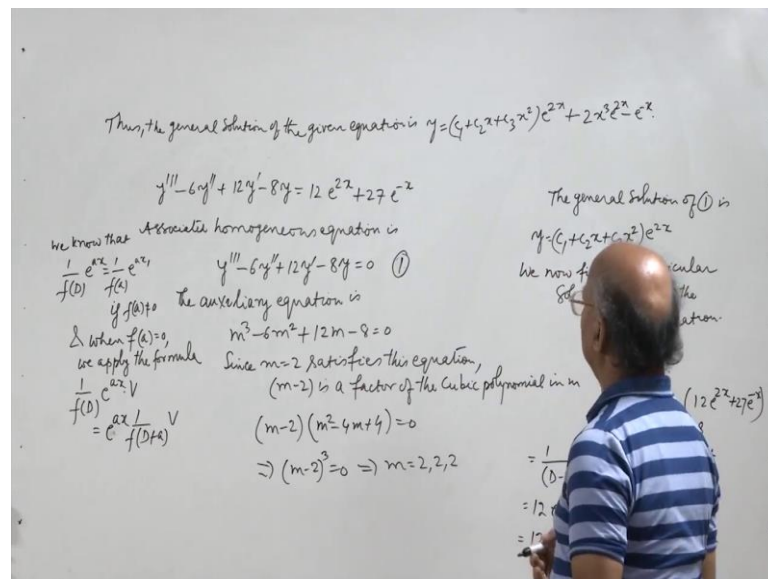
Let us first write the general solution of the associated homogenous linear equation, So, associated homogenous equation is,  $y$  triple prime minus 6  $y$  prime, plus 12  $y$  prime, 6  $y$  double prime minus 12  $y$  plus 12  $y$  prime minus 8  $y$  equal to 0. So, this is the associated homogenous linear differential equation of third order, in order to solve this equation, we

write the corresponding auxiliary equation. The auxiliary equation is  $m^3 - 6m^2 + 12m - 8 = 0$ . Now we can notice that this is a cubic equation in  $m$ . So, we shall have to find a value of  $m$  which satisfies this equation; obviously,  $m = 1$  does not satisfy, but  $m = 2$  satisfies this equation since  $m - 2$  is a factor of the cubic polynomial in  $m$ .

So, we will have  $m - 2$ , this is a factor of this equation,  $m - 2$  and then we have  $m^2 - 4m + 4$ . We can easily check this that the other factor is  $m^2 - 4m + 4$ . And this gives you  $(m - 2)^3 = 0$ . So, we have  $m = 2$ , so this value of  $m$  that is 2 across thrice. So, it is a case of repeated roots and therefore, the general solution of equation 2 this is equation 2 or rather I would write it as equation 1, general solution of equation 1 is  $y = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 e^{2x}$ . Now we shall find a particular solution of the given equation, so we shall now find a particular solution  $y_p(x)$  of the given equation.

So,  $y_p(x)$  we know,  $y_p(x)$  is nothing, but the particular integral  $p.i.$  And this is equal to  $\frac{1}{D^3 - 6D^2 + 12D - 8} (12e^{2x} + 27e^{-x})$ . Now this is equal to  $\frac{1}{(D - 2)^3} (12e^{2x} + 27e^{-x})$ .

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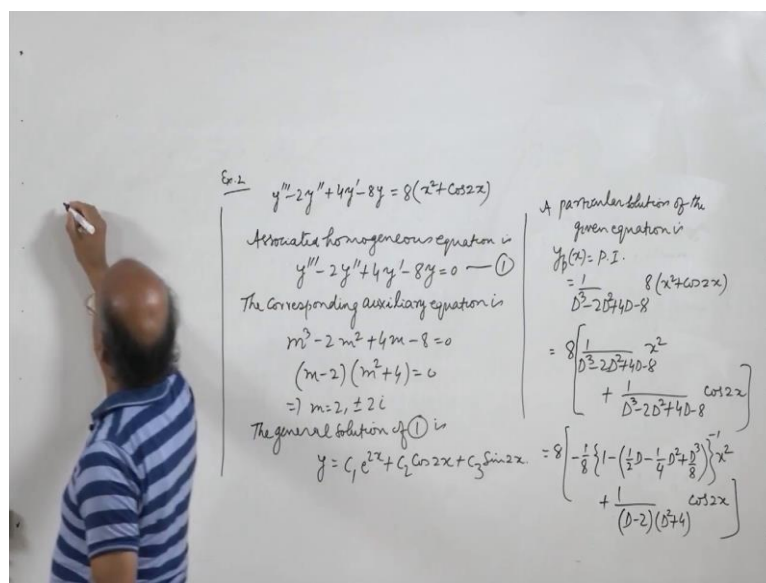
Now let us apply the formula we know that  $\frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax}$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{f(a)} e^{ax}$  if  $f(a)$  is non 0, and when  $f(a)$  becomes 0, we apply the formula

1 over f d e to the power a x into v. Where v is any function of x as 1 over equal to e to the power a x 1 over f d plus a operating on v. So, we apply this formula.

Now, here we see that this 12 is a constant, when we replace b by 2 here d minus 2 becomes 0. So, we shall apply the formula 1 over f d for a x into v equal to 8 for x 1 over f d plus a d. So, this is e to the power 2 x 1 over d plus 2 minus 2. So, we have d cube operating on 1, and here we shall have 27 d will be replaced by minus 1. So, we will have minus 3 to the power 3. Now here know one d reference represents d over d x. So, 1 over d represents integral with respect to x. So, we have to integrate one thrice with respect to x. So, once we when we integrate it ones we get x, when we integrate it again we get x square by 2 and when we integrate it again we get x cube by 6. So, 12 e to the power 2 x x cube by 6 and here we have this is e to the power minus x we have to write. So, this we have minus 20. So, this is minus 27. So, minus e to the power minus x we have.

So, this is 2 x cube; 2 x cube e to the power 2 x minus e to the power minus x. And thus the general solution is y equal to solution of the homogenous equation that is c 1 plus c 2 x plus c 3 x square e to the power 2 x plus y b x. Which is 2 x cube e to the power 2 x minus e to the power minus x. So, this is the general solution of the equation given in example one. Now let us see how we will solve equation 2.

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So, let us look at equation 3, equation example 2. This is  $y''' - 2y'' + 4y' - 8y = 8x^2 + \cos 2x$ . So, we will again find the general solution of the associated homogenous linear differential equation, So, associated homogenous equation is  $y''' - 2y'' + 4y' - 8y = 0$ .

Now, in order to find the general solution of this we write the corresponding auxiliary equation, the corresponding auxiliary equation is  $m^3 - 2m^2 + 4m - 8 = 0$ . Now it is easy to solve because we see that its factors are  $(m - 2)(m^2 + 4) = 0$ . So, we get  $m = 2$  and  $\pm 2i$ . So, one root is real which is 2 and the other 2 roots are complex conjugate they are  $2i$  and  $-2i$ . So, the general solution is general solution of the equation 1, corresponding that here  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = 2$ . So, we have  $e^{\alpha x}$  that is  $e^0$  that is 1. So, we have  $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$ . This is the general solution of the associated homogenous equation or you can say this is the complementary function of the given equation.

Now, let us find the particular integral a particular solution of the given equation is  $y_p = x$  equal to  $p$  particular integral which is  $\frac{1}{D^3 - 2D^2 + 4D - 8}$ , operating on  $8x^2 + \cos 2x$ . So, I can write it as  $8 \times \frac{1}{D^3 - 2D^2 + 4D - 8}$  operating on  $x^2 + \frac{1}{D^3 - 2D^2 + 4D - 8}$  operating on  $8 \cos 2x$ . So,  $\frac{1}{D^3 - 2D^2 + 4D - 8}$  we have to expand in descending powers of  $D$ .

So, we will write  $8 \times \frac{1}{8}$  and then we write  $1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3$  shall write as  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$ . So,  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  operating on  $x^2$ . So, what we do is we have to write it in the ascending powers of  $D$ . So, we write  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  outside. So, that we have this expression  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  divided by  $8$ . So,  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  by our  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  plus  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  and here what we do is we replace  $D^2$  by  $-a$  square.

So,  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D + 4D^2 - 8D^3)$  so; that means, here we have  $D^2$  into  $D^2$  is replaced by  $-a^2$ ; so  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D - 4a^2 - 8D^3)$ . So,  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D - 4a^2 - 8D^3)$  there is  $\frac{1}{8} (1 - 4D - 4a^2 - 8D^3)$ . So, we





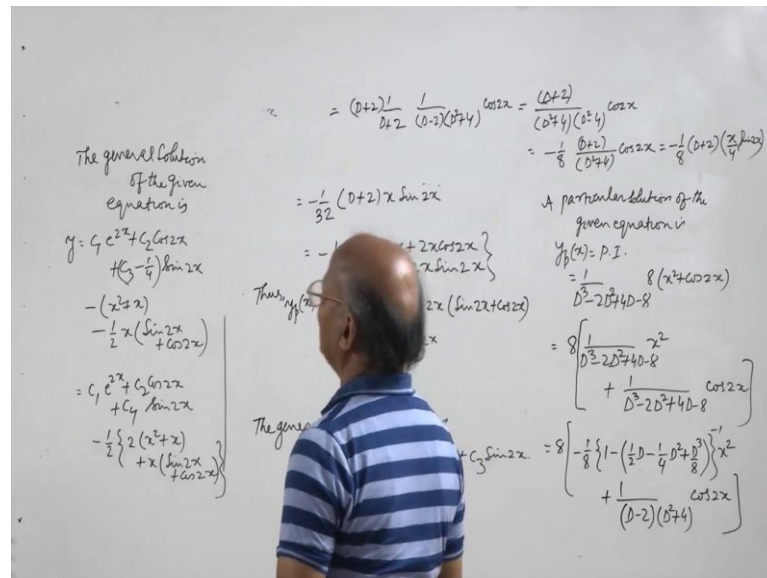
with this we get  $x^2 + x$ . So, now, let us find out  $\frac{1}{d^2 - 2}$  into  $d^2 + 4 \cos 2x$ .

Let us recall that; what we will do is we operate by  $d + 2$ , and  $\frac{1}{d + 2}$ ,  $d + 2$  and  $\frac{1}{d + 2}$  are inverse operators. So, their total effect is nil; so this  $\frac{1}{d^2 - 2}$  and then  $d^2 + 4$ . Now this is how much? This is  $d + 2$  I think I will reshuffle this  $d^2 + 4$ , and then  $d^2 - 4$ ,  $\cos 2x$ . Now  $d^2$  is in this factor  $d^2$  is replaced by minus a square we get  $-4 - 4 - 8$ . So, minus  $\frac{1}{8(d + 2)}$  over  $d^2 + 4 \cos 2x$ .

Now, let us recall that  $\frac{1}{d^2 + a^2} \sin ax$  is equal to  $\frac{x}{2a} \cos ax$  and  $\frac{1}{d^2 + a^2} \cos ax$  is equal to  $\frac{x}{2a} \sin ax$ . So, what we will get  $\frac{1}{d^2 + 4} \cos 2x$  will be  $\frac{x}{4} \sin 2x$ . So, minus  $\frac{1}{8(d + 2)}$  and we shall get  $\frac{x}{4} \sin 2x$ , a equal to  $2$ . So,  $\frac{x}{4} \sin 2x$ . Now what we will do? So, this is equal to minus  $\frac{1}{32(d + 2)}$  operating on  $x \sin 2x$ . So, this is equal to minus  $\frac{1}{32}$ ,  $d$  of  $x$  and  $2x$ . When you  $d$  means  $d$  over  $x$   $d$  over  $x$  operating on  $x \sin 2x$  will give you  $\sin 2x + 2x \cos 2x$  and then we will get  $2x \sin 2x$ . So, let us get this  $2$ , let us put these values there. What we will get is thus  $y_p(x)$  is equal to  $8$  multiplied by minus  $\frac{1}{8}$  is minus  $1$ . So, we get minus  $x^2 + x$ . And then  $8$  times minus  $\frac{1}{32}$ ; so minus  $\frac{1}{4}$ , minus  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and then we have  $2x \sin 2x + \cos 2x$ . Then we have  $8$  times minus  $\frac{1}{32}$ . So, minus  $\frac{1}{4} \sin 2x$ .

Now, when we get this  $y_p(x)$  to the general solution of the homogenous equation, that the general solution of homogenous equation is  $c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x$ . Then minus  $\frac{1}{4} \sin 2x$  will get absorbed in this part of the general solution of  $c_3 \sin 2x$ . So, we shall not consider this.

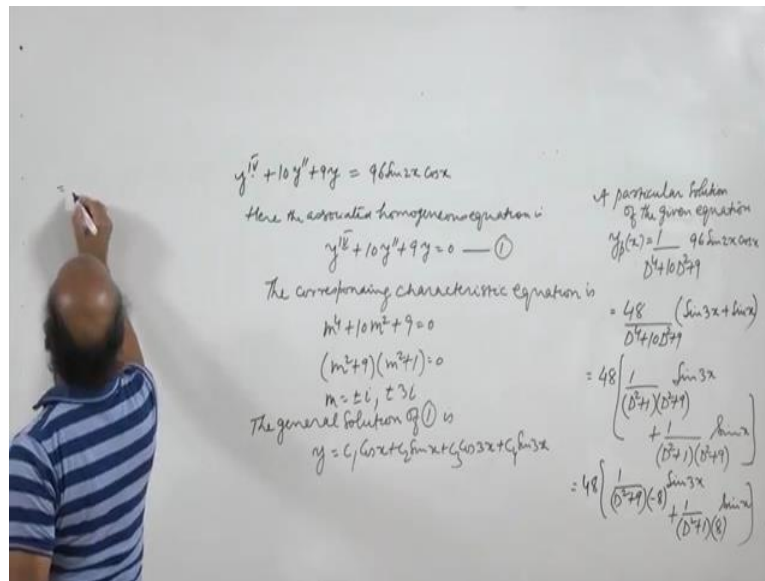
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And therefore, we shall write the general solution of equation 1 as, So, the general solution of the given equation is  $y$  equal to  $c_1 e^{2x}$ , plus  $c_2 \cos 2x$  plus  $c_3 \sin 2x$ ,  $c_3$  will be actually  $c_3 - 1/4$  we can write it as  $c_3 - 1/4 \sin 2x$ , and then we have  $-x^2/2 + x$  into  $x \sin 2x + \cos 2x$ . So,  $c_3 - 1/4$  can be replaced by a new arbitrary constant, and we write  $c_1 e^{2x}$  plus  $c_2 \cos 2x$  plus say suppose some other constant we can write  $c_4 \sin 2x$ . And then we can write combine this whole thing and write  $-x^2/2 + x$  square plus  $x$ . And then we can write plus  $x$  times  $\sin 2x$  plus  $\cos 2x$ .

So, this is the general solution of the equation given in example 2. Now will problem given in example 3 is a bit different one. So, let us try that one also let us see how we solve that third question.

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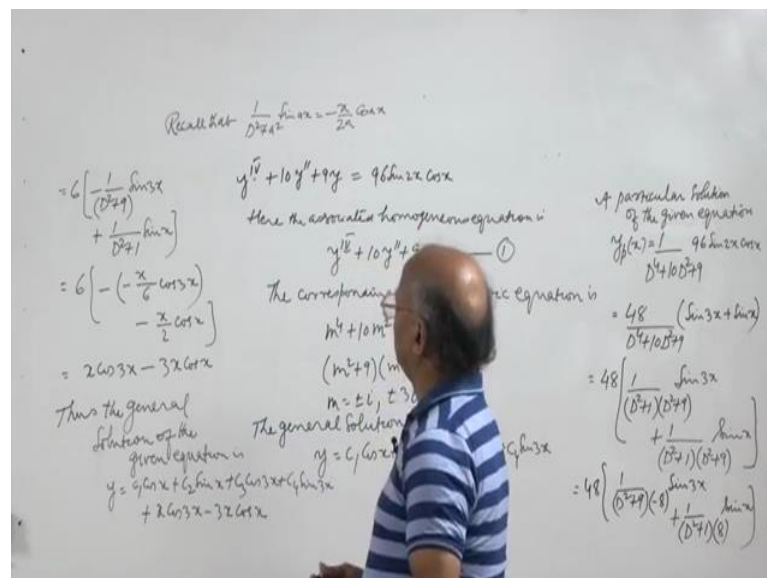


So, in third question is  $y$  4, 4th derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$   $10 y$  double dash plus  $9 y$ , is equal to  $96 \sin 2x \cos x$ . So, here the associated homogenous equation is  $y$  4, plus  $10 y$  double dash plus  $9 y$  equal to  $0$ . Let us write the corresponding characteristic equation or can say auxiliary equation. They are same things. So, the corresponding characteristic equation is  $m^4 + 10 m^2 + 9 = 0$ . Now it is it can be solved easily the factors are  $m^2 + 9$ , into  $m^2 + 1$ . You can take  $m^2$  equal to  $t$  then it, becomes second degree second degree is a quadratic equation in  $t$  and you can solve it.

So, replace  $t$  by  $m^2$  you get this now  $m$  is equal to plus minus  $i$  plus minus  $3i$  are it is roots. So, the general solution of the equation 1 is  $y$  equal to  $c_1 \cos x$  plus  $c_2 \sin x$  plus  $c_3 \cos 3x$ , plus  $c_4 \sin 3x$ . Let us now find particular integral or we can say particular solution of the given equation.  $\frac{1}{D^4 + 10D^2 + 9}$ , operating on  $96 \sin 2x \cos x$ . Now the formula that we have studied, there they will none of those formulas can be applied to get the particular integral here, because the formula that we have done is that  $\frac{1}{f(D)}$  operating on  $\sin ax$   $\frac{1}{f(D)}$  operating on  $\cos ax$  those formulas. So, here what you do is we write it as  $48$  times  $\frac{1}{D^4 + 10D^2 + 9}$ . Now  $2 \sin 2x \cos x$  can be written as  $\sin 3x + \sin x$   $\sin c + \sin d$  twice  $\sin c + d$  by  $2$  into  $\cos c - d$  by  $2$ . So, we have this and this.

Then can be written as so, 48 times let us apply this operator 1 over d 4 plus 10 d square plus 9 on each of the terms here. So, we will write it as factors let us write 1 over d square plus 1 d square plus 9 operating on sin 3 x 1 over d square plus 1 d square plus 9 operating on sin x. So, this is equal to 48, now 1 over d square plus 9, cannot be operated on sin 3 x because d square plus 9 becomes 0 when d square is plus by minus 3 square. So, 1 over d square plus 1 is operated on sin 3 x. So, 1 over d square plus 9 this d square is replaced by minus nine. So, we get minus 8 here and we get sin 3 x and we have 1 over d square plus 9, is operated on sin x first. So, d square is a plus by minus 1 square. So, we get 1 over d square plus 1 into 8 sin x.

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So, this is equal to 6 times 1 over minus 1 over d square plus 9, sin 3 x plus 1 over d square plus 1, operating on sin x. Now let us recall that 1 over d square plus a square, sin a x is minus x by 2 a cos x. So, this is equal to 6 times minus into minus x by 6 because a is 3 here, cos 3 x and here we get minus x by 2 cos x. So, this is x cos 3 x, minus 3 x cos x. And thus the general solution is y equal to c 1 cos x c 2 sin x c 3 cos 3 x c 4 sin 3 x plus x cos 3 x minus 3 x cos x. So, this is the solution of the general solution of the equation given in example 3.

With that I will like to conclude my lecture. In my next lecture we will discuss about the partial differential equations.

Thank you for your attention.