

**Integral Equations, Calculus of Variations and their Applications**  
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**Singular Integral Equation II**

Hello friends, I welcome you to my second lecture on singular integral equations. So here we shall consider the general form of the form of Abel singular integral equation. The general form of the Abel singular integral equation is given by  $f(x) = \int_a^x \frac{y(t) dt}{\{h(x) - h(t)\}^\alpha}$  over  $h(x) - h(t)$  raise to the power  $\alpha$  and where  $\alpha$  lies between 0 and 1. In the previous lecture we had considered the Abel integral equation to be  $f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{y(t) dt}{x - t}$  over  $x - t$  raise to the power  $\alpha$ .

So here this is the general form where  $h(t)$  is a strictly monotonically increasing and differentiable function in the open interval  $a, b$  and that  $h'(t) \neq 0$  in the open interval  $a, b$ . So when you take  $h(t) = t$  here then  $h(t)$  is more strictly monotonically increasing and also differentiable and  $h'(t) = 1$ , so all the conditions here are satisfied. So when you take  $h(t) = t$ , this form reduces to the Abel singular integral equation and therefore we call it as the general form of the Abel singular integral equation.

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**General form of the Abel singular integral equation:**


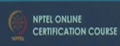
It is given by

$$f(x) = \int_a^x \frac{y(t) dt}{\{h(x) - h(t)\}^\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad \dots(1)$$

where  $h(t)$  is a strictly monotonically increasing and differentiable function in  $(a, b)$  and  $h'(t) \neq 0$  in  $(a, b)$ .

To solve the above equation, we consider the integral

$$\int_a^x \frac{h'(u) f(u) du}{\{h(x) - h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}},$$



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So we shall see how we can solve this general form of the Abel singular integral equation? What we do is to solve the above equation let us consider this integral. Integral  $a$  to  $x$ ,  $h$

prime u, f u d u over h x minus h u to the power 1 minus alpha and substitute for f u from the equation 2. So in this integral the value of f u is substituted.

So integral a to x, h prime u into f u d u divided by h x minus h u in power 1 minus alpha will become, the value of f u will be integral a to x, y t d t divided by h x minus h u minus h t raise to the power alpha d u. So let us substitute the value of f u from the given integral equation. In this integral a to x, h prime u, f u d u by h x minus h u to the power 1 minus alpha. Then we get this integral.

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and substitute for  $f(u)$  from equation (1). Then, we obtain

$$\int_{u=a}^{u=x} \frac{h'(u)}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}} \left\{ \int_{t=a}^{t=u} \frac{y(t)}{\{h(u)-h(t)\}^\alpha} dt \right\} du$$

$$= \int_{t=a}^{t=x} y(t) \left\{ \int_{u=t}^{u=x} \frac{h'(u) du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha} \{h(u)-h(t)\}^\alpha} \right\} dt$$

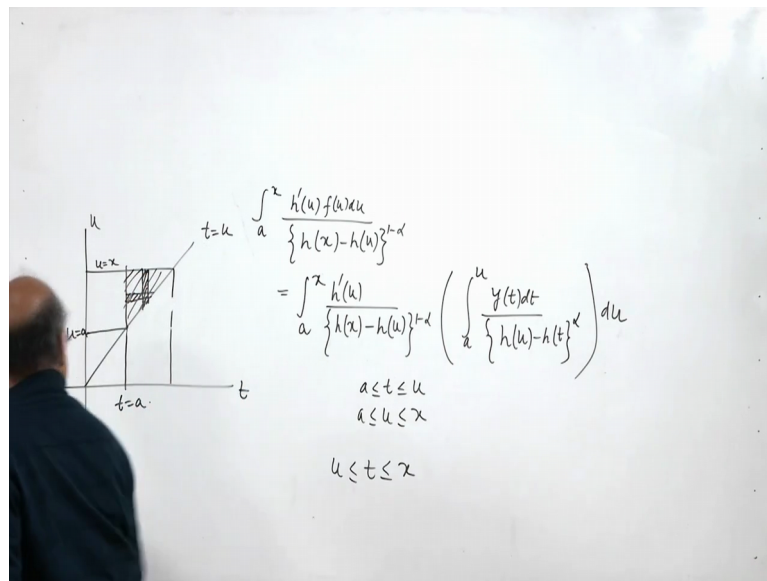
Let

$$I = \int_{u=t}^{u=x} \frac{h'(u) du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha} \{h(u)-h(t)\}^\alpha}.$$

Integral the limits of integration for u are from u equal to a to u equal to x, h prime u over h x minus h u raise to the power 1 minus alpha. And the integration limits for t are t equal to here it should be u because we have replaced by x by u. So t varies from a to u and then y t over h u minus h t raise to the power alpha d t d u. Now let us check the order of integration here. So what we will do? A is less than or equal to t less than or equal to u, a t is equal to a here and then u varies from a and u goes up to x.

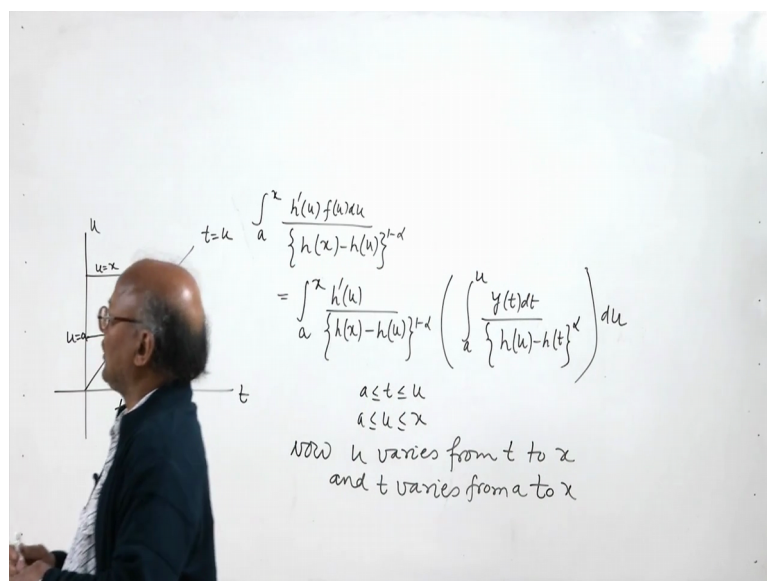
So u equal to a here and u equal to x here. So what we have? T varies from a to t equal to u. On this line t is equal a, so on this line t varies from a to u, okay. And u varies from a to x. So I think this is the figure. So this is we have this region. Now let us take a vertical (la) strip here. So when I take a vertical strip then for the vertical strip u will vary from t to u equal to x.

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So now u varies from u varies from t to x and (vari) t varies from, because t is a here. So t varies from a to and here it is x, so a to x.

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And then what we have is this integral where t varies from a to x y t, u varies from t to x. So h prime u d u divided by h x minus h u to the power 1 minus alpha, h u minus h t to the power alpha. So this is the correct figure where t we are taking on the horizontal axis, u on the vertical axis and the region shaded is the region over which we are integrating. So let us not take i to be equal to integral u equal to t to u equal to x, h prime u d u over h x minus h u to the power 1 minus alpha, h u minus h t to the power alpha.


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and substitute for  $f(u)$  from equation (1). Then, we obtain

$$\int_{u=a}^{u=x} \frac{h'(u)}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}} \left\{ \int_{t=a}^{t=u} \frac{y(t)}{\{h(u)-h(t)\}^\alpha} dt \right\} du$$

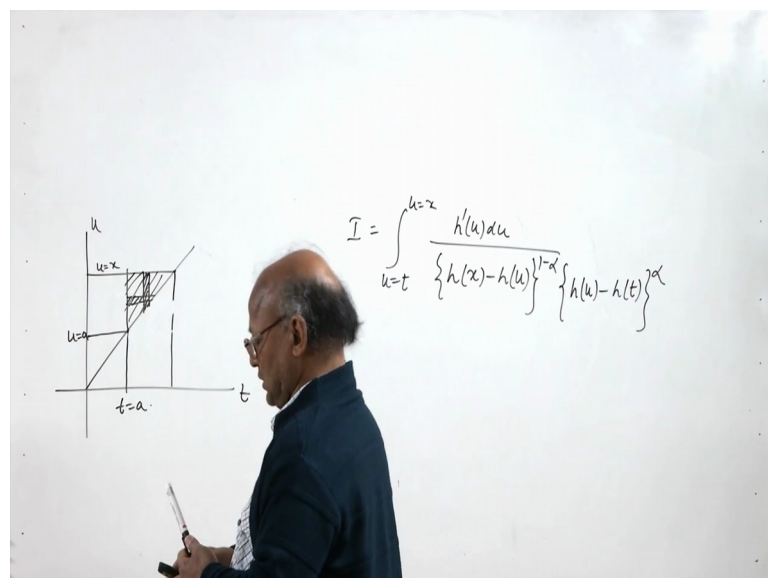
$$= \int_{t=a}^{t=x} y(t) \left\{ \int_{u=t}^{u=x} \frac{h'(u) du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha} \{h(u)-h(t)\}^\alpha} \right\} dt$$

Let

$$I = \int_{u=t}^{u=x} \frac{h'(u) du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha} \{h(u)-h(t)\}^\alpha}.$$


And then let us put  $h(x) - h(u)$  over  $h(x) - h(t)$  equal to  $s$ . Then from this substitution what we will get?  $h(u)$  will be equal to  $h(x) - h(t) + s$ , so that  $h'(u) du$  is equal to  $-(h(x) - h(t)) ds$ . Now by making the substitution what we will get is, so  $i$  will become  $i$  is equal to  $u$  equal to  $t$  to  $u$  equal to  $x$  and then we have  $h'(u) du$  divided by  $h(x) - h(u)$  to the power  $1 - \alpha$  and  $h(u) - h(t)$  to the power  $\alpha$ .

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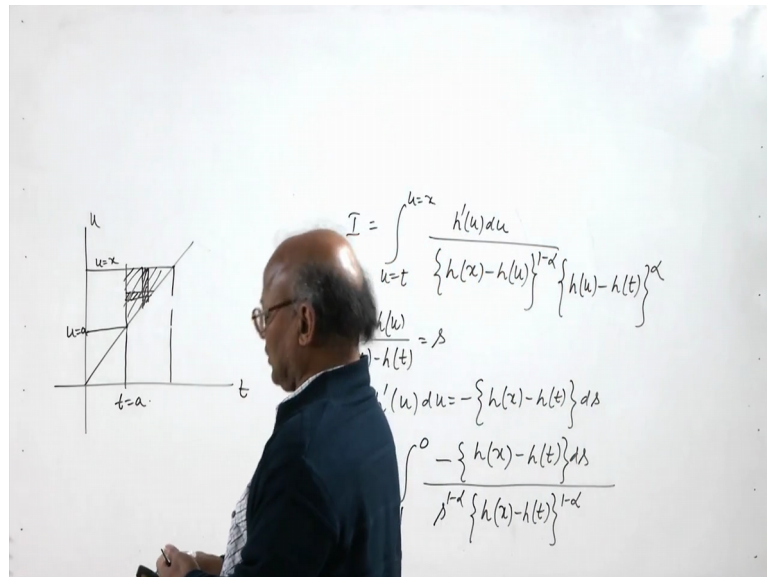


Now let us make the substitution.  $h(x) - h(u)$  divided by  $h(x) - h(t)$  equal to  $s$ , so that  $h'(u) du$  is equal to  $-(h(x) - h(t)) ds$ . Now with this substitution  $i$  becomes  $i$  equal to when  $u$  is equal to  $t$ . So we will have  $h(x) - h(t)$  divided by  $h(x) - h(t)$ . So



lower limit will be 1 and when u becomes equal to x, h x minus h x will give you 0. Then h prime u d u is minus h x minus h t d s divided by h x minus h u is s to the power 1 minus alpha, h x minus h t to the power 1 minus alpha.

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And h u is equal to h x minus h x minus h t into s. So h u minus h t will become h x minus h t into 1 minus s, so we will have h x minus h t into 1 minus s raise to the power alpha. What will happen is then this will be equal to so i will be equal to integral 0 to 1.

Now h x minus h t to the power 1 minus alpha and h x minus h t to the power alpha will cancel with h x minus h t and we shall have d s divided by s to the power 1 minus alpha and 1 minus s to the power alpha which can be written as 0 to 1, s to the power alpha minus 1, 1 minus s to the power minus alpha which is nothing but integral 0 to 1 s to the power alpha minus 1, 1 minus s to the power 1 minus alpha minus 1 d s. So we get it as beta function alpha 1 minus alpha.

And this is gamma alpha gamma 1 minus alpha divided by gamma 1. Gamma 1 is equal to 1, so it is gamma alpha gamma 1 minus alpha. But 0 is less than alpha less than 1 so this is sin alpha pie divided by pie.

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Let us put  $\frac{h(x)-h(u)}{h(x)-h(t)} = s,$

then  $h(u) = h(x) - \{h(x)-h(t)\}s$

$\Rightarrow h'(u)du = -\{h(x)-h(t)\}ds.$

By making this substitution, we get

$$I = \frac{\pi}{\sin \alpha \pi}.$$

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So we get the value of  $I$  as  $\pi$  over  $\sin \alpha \pi$ . This is  $\pi$  over  $\sin \alpha \pi$ . And so thus we have this integral  $\int_a^x h'(u) f(u) du$  over  $h(x) - h(u)$  to the power  $1 - \alpha$  as integral over  $t$  equal to  $a$  to  $t$  equal to  $x$ ,  $y(t) \pi$  over  $\sin \alpha \pi$   $dt$ . So integral over  $a$  to  $x$ ,  $y(t) dt$  is equal to  $\sin \alpha \pi$  over  $\pi$  integral  $\int_a^x h'(u) f(u) du$  over  $h(x) - h(u)$  to the power  $1 - \alpha$ .

Now we will differentiate both sides with respect to  $x$  by the Leibniz rule and when we differentiate the integral over  $a$  to  $x$ ,  $y(t) dt$  with respect to  $x$  by the Leibniz rule then we get  $y(x)$  here. So  $y(x)$  equal to  $\sin \alpha \pi$  over  $\pi$ ,  $d/dx$  of the integral  $\int_a^x h'(u) f(u) du$  over  $h(x) - h(u)$  to the power  $1 - \alpha$ . We do not apply the Leibniz rule inside the integral here because it will lead us to the divergent integral.

So  $y(t)$  is equal to replacing  $x$  by  $t$  we get  $y(t)$  equal to  $\sin \alpha \pi$  over  $\pi$ ,  $d/dt$  of integral  $\int_a^t h'(u) f(u) du$  over  $h(t) - h(u)$  to the power  $1 - \alpha$ .

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Hence 
$$\int_a^x \frac{h'(u)f(u)du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}} = \int_{t=a}^{t=x} y(t) \frac{\pi}{\sin \alpha\pi} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^x y(t)dt = \frac{\sin \alpha\pi}{\pi} \int_a^x \frac{h'(u)f(u)du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{\sin \alpha\pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_a^x \frac{h'(u)f(u)du}{\{h(x)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}} \right]$$

or 
$$y(t) = \frac{\sin \alpha\pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_a^t \frac{h'(u)f(u)du}{\{h(t)-h(u)\}^{1-\alpha}} \right].$$

Now let us take an example on this. Similarly the integral equation, there is another general form of the Cauchy integral equation where we have  $f(x)$  equal to the lower limit is variable. In the previous case upper limit was variable, lower limit was a constant. Here upper limit is a constant, lower limit is a variable. So  $f(x)$  is equal to  $x$  to  $b$ ,  $y(t) dt$  over  $h(t) - h(x)$  to the power  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

So here again  $a < x < b$  and  $h(t)$  is a monotonically increasing function and  $h'(t)$  is positive. So this has the solution  $y(t)$  equal to  $-\frac{\sin \alpha\pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \int_t^b \frac{h'(u)f(u)du}{h(u) - h(t)^{1-\alpha}}$ . This solution we can arrive at by (sim) simply following the steps of the solution of the previous general form.


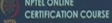
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Similarly, the integral equation

$$f(x) = \int_x^b \frac{y(t)dt}{\{h(t) - h(x)\}^\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

where  $a < x < b$  and  $h(t)$  is a monotonically increasing function, has the solution

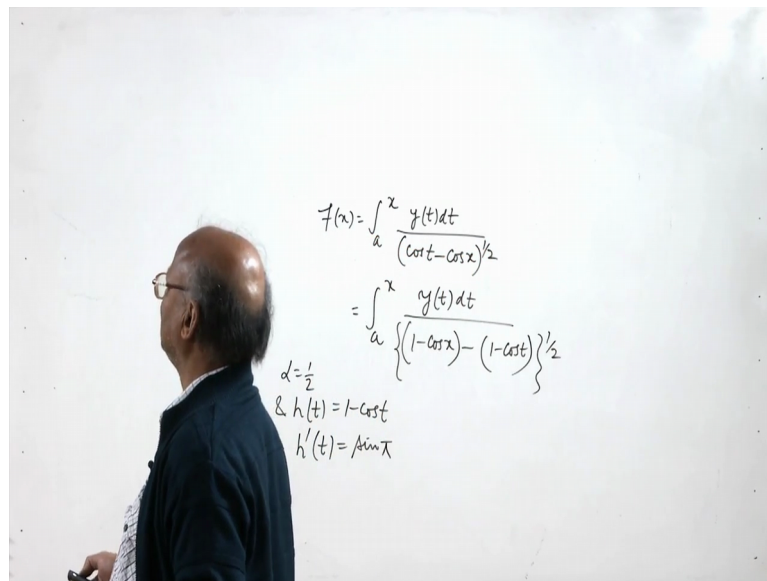
$$y(t) = -\frac{\sin \alpha \pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \int_t^b \frac{h'(u)f(u)du}{\{h(u) - h(t)\}^{1-\alpha}} \right\}.$$

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So let us take an example on this. So let us consider  $f(x)$  equal to  $\int_a^x y(t) dt$  over  $\cos t$  minus  $\cos x$  to the power half. So here  $f(x)$  is the given function,  $y(t)$  is the unknown function. So when you compare it with the general form of the Abel integral equation then what we get is  $\alpha$  is equal to half and  $h(x)$  equal to  $\cos x$ . So this will be  $h(t)$  equal to  $\cos t$  and  $\alpha$  is equal to half.

Now sorry not  $\cos t$ , we will write it as, because we have to consider the function  $h(t)$  in such a way that  $h(t)$  is monotonically increasing and its derivative is positive. So let us write it like this. So  $y(t) dt$  equal to  $y(t) dt$  upon  $1 - \cos x$  minus  $1 - \cos t$  raise to the power half. Then when we compare it with the given general form of the Abel integral equation,  $\alpha$  is equal to half and  $h(t)$  is equal to  $1 - \cos t$ . So we get here  $h'(t)$  equal to  $\sin t$ .

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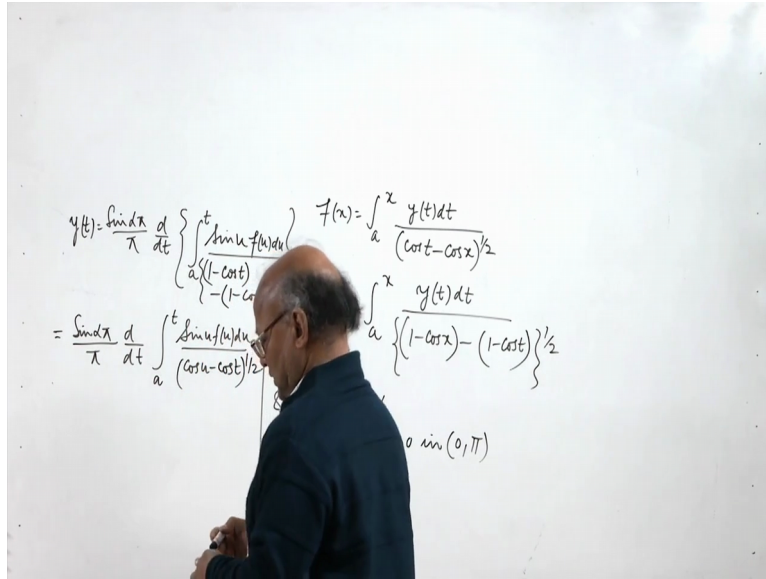


Now the interval given is  $0$  to  $\pi$  where  $x$  lies between  $0$ ,  $a$  and  $b$ . Okay, so what we have here? this is  $\sin t$  and we know that  $\sin t$  is positive in  $0$  to  $\pi$  interval. So  $h(t)$  is monotonically increasing because  $h'(t)$  is positive and  $h'(t)$  is (eq) equal to  $\sin t$  which is positive in the  $0$  to  $\pi$  interval. So the solution of this (gen) Abel integral equation will be given by  $y(t)$  equal to  $\sin \alpha \pi$  over  $\pi$ ,  $d$  over  $d t$  of integral  $a$  to  $t$ ,  $h'(u)$ .

$h'(u)$  will be equal to  $\sin u$ , into  $f(u) du$  divided by  $h(t) - h(u)$ . So  $1 - \cos t - 1 + \cos u$ , so that is equal to  $\sin \alpha \pi$  over  $\pi$ ,  $d$  over  $d t$ , integral  $a$  to  $t$ ,  $\sin u f(u) du$  divided by  $\cos u$ . And this is power  $1 - \alpha$  here so  $1 - \frac{1}{2}$ . So we have  $\cos u - \cos t$  raise to the power  $\frac{1}{2}$ . So this is the solution of the given integral equation.

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For  $x$  is equal to integral  $a$  to  $x$ ,  $y(t) dt$  over  $\cos t$  minus  $\cos x$  raise to the power half,  $y(t)$  equal to  $1$  over  $\pi$ . This is  $\alpha$  is  $1/2$ , so  $\sin \pi/2$  over  $\pi$  we have. So  $\sin \pi/2$  is  $1$ , so we have  $y(t)$  equal to  $1$  over  $\pi$ ,  $d/dt$ , integral  $a$  to  $t$ ,  $f(u) \sin u du$  over under root  $\cos u$  minus  $\cos t$ .

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we get  $a=1/2$  and  $h(t) = 1 - \cos t$ .

Since  $h'(t) = \sin t > 0$  over  $(0, \pi)$ , it follows that  $h(t)$  is a strictly increasing function in  $(0, \pi)$ . Thus the solution is given by

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_a^t \frac{f(u) \sin u du}{\sqrt{\cos u - \cos t}} \right].$$



So let us consider another example on the general form of the Abel integral equation. Here we have the lower limit as a variable  $x$  and the upper limit is a constant. So  $f(x)$  is integral over  $x$  to  $b$ ,  $y(t) dt$  over  $t^2$  minus  $x^2$  to the power  $\alpha$ .  $\alpha$  is lying between  $0$  and  $1$  and  $0$  is less than or equals to  $a$  less than  $x$  less than  $b$ . Now when we compare it with the

general form of the Abel integral equation, we have  $f(x) = x^{-\alpha} \int_a^b y(t) dt - h(x)$  where  $h(x) = x^{-\alpha}$ .

So  $h(t) = t^{-\alpha}$  here. So  $h(t) = t^{-\alpha}$  is strictly monotonically increasing function in  $(a, b)$  because  $h'(t) = -\alpha t^{-\alpha-1}$  and so over the open interval  $(a, b)$  because  $\alpha > 0$  it is strictly decreasing (19:45).

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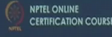
**Example 2** : Consider the integral equation

$$f(x) = \int_x^b \frac{y(t)dt}{(t^2 - x^2)^\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad 0 \leq a < x < b.$$

Comparing with the general form

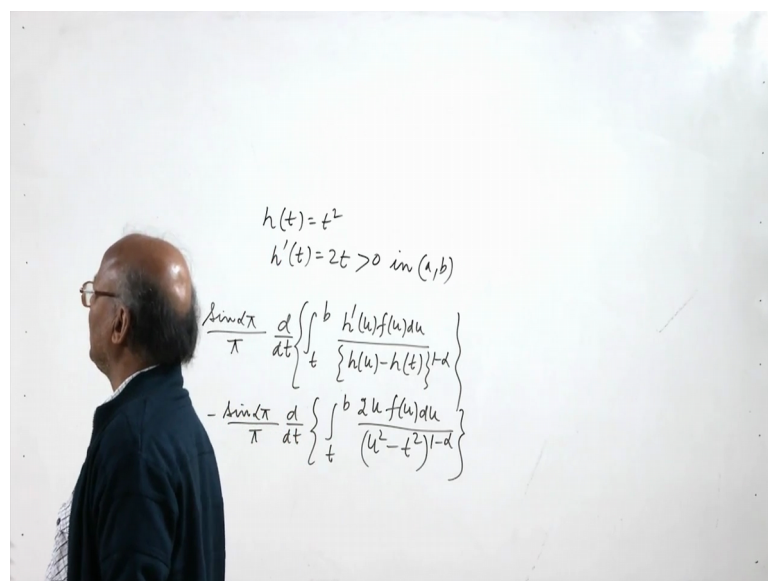
$$f(x) = \int_x^b \frac{y(t)dt}{\{h(t) - h(x)\}^\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

we have  $h(t) = t^2$  which is strictly monotonically increasing function in  $(a, b)$ .



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And therefore we can find its general solution. We can find the solution of this integral equation. The solution of this integral equation let us find by the formula this one. So y t is equal to minus sin alpha pie over pie, d over d t, integral t to b, h prime u f u d u divided by h u minus h t raise to the power 1 minus alpha. So this is minus sin alpha pie divided by pie, d over d t, integral over t to b, h prime u is 2 u, so 2 u f u d u divided by u square minus t square raise to the power 1 minus alpha.

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$$h(t) = t^2$$

$$h'(t) = 2t > 0 \text{ in } (a, b)$$

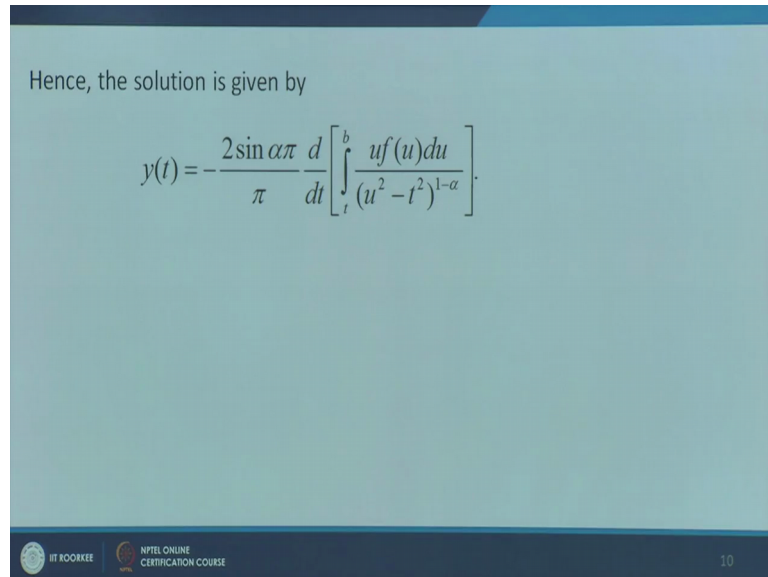
$$\frac{\sin \alpha \pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \int_t^b \frac{h'(u) f(u) du}{\{h(u) - h(t)\}^{1-\alpha}} \right\}$$

$$- \frac{\sin \alpha \pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \int_t^b \frac{2u f(u) du}{(u^2 - t^2)^{1-\alpha}} \right\}$$

So we get the solution of the integral equation as  $y(t)$  equal to minus  $2 \sin \alpha \pi$  over  $\pi$ ,  $d$  over  $dt$ , integral  $t$  to  $b$ ,  $u f(u) du$  over  $(u^2 - t^2)^{1-\alpha}$ .

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Hence, the solution is given by

$$y(t) = -\frac{2 \sin \alpha \pi}{\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_t^b \frac{u f(u) du}{(u^2 - t^2)^{1-\alpha}} \right].$$


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With that I would like to conclude my lecture. In the next lecture we shall discuss the Cauchy integral equations. Thank you very much for your attention.