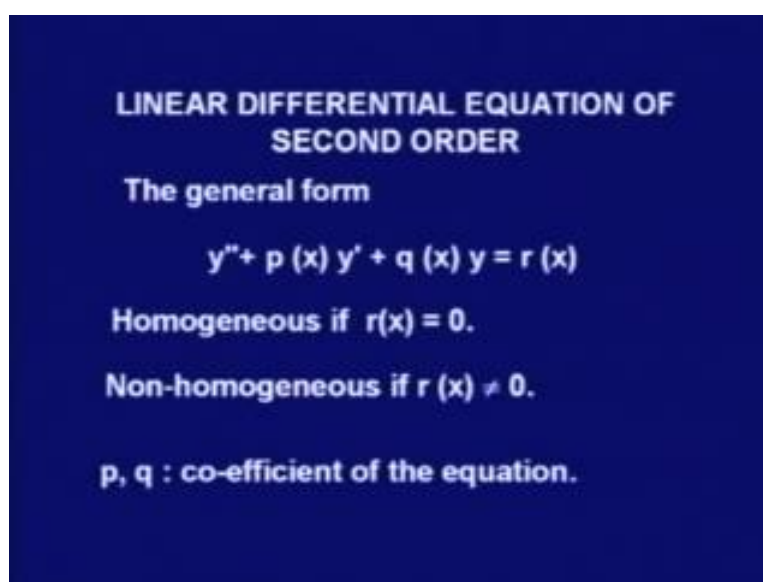


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**Lecture - 4**  
**Linear Differential Equations of Second Order-Part-1**

Welcome to lecture series and differential equations for under graduate students, today's topic is Linear Differential Equation of Second Order, till now we had learnt about the first order differential equations and their solutions. Now, we will go for higher order, so we will start with second order and we will start with linear differential Equation of second order.

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**LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF  
SECOND ORDER**

**The general form**

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x)$$

**Homogeneous if  $r(x) = 0$ .**

**Non-homogeneous if  $r(x) \neq 0$ .**

**$p, q$  : co-efficient of the equation.**

What are they? The general form is  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x)$ , here  $y$  is the unknown function,  $y'$  is first derivative of  $y$  and  $y''$  is second derivative of  $y$ . We are seeing here is that is the highest order occurring in this equation is this second order, so this is the second order equation. More over we are finding it out that  $y$ ,  $y'$  and  $y''$ , they are occurring in first degree only and separately, none of the terms contain the two things simultaneously, so this is a linear equation. Now, right hand side  $r(x)$  and the coefficients  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  they are function of  $x$  only, so we have this as a, so any equation effect can be written in this form this is called the linear differential equation of second order.

Here if this right hand side is 0, then we call this a homogeneous equation, if  $r(x)$  is any function of  $x$  we call it non homogeneous; moreover this  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  they are called coefficients of the equation; let us see some example of the second order equation.

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**EXAMPLE**

**Homogeneous linear equation**

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 6y = 0$$

**Non-homogeneous linear equation**

$$y'' + 4y = e^{-x} \sin x$$

**Non-linear differential equations:**

$$x(y''y + y'^2) + 2y'y = 0$$

$$y'' = \sqrt{y'^2 + 1} \qquad y''^2 - y'^2 - 1 = 0$$

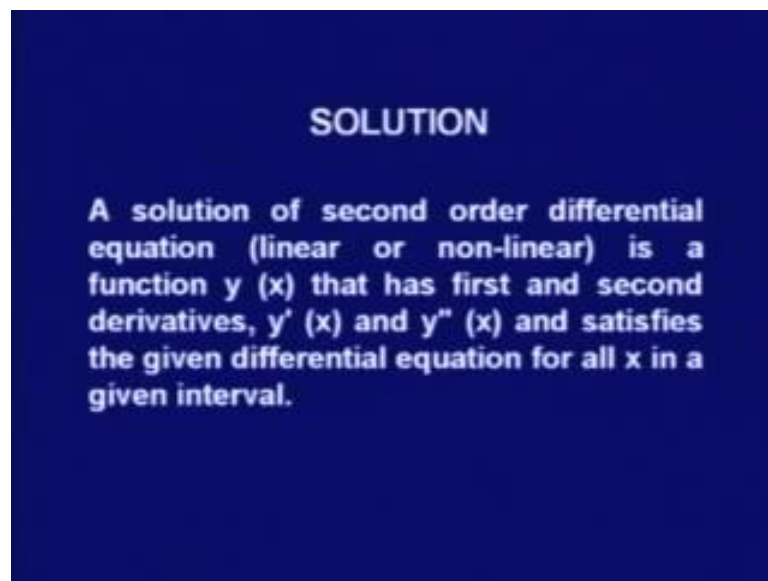
First see homogenous linear equation,  $1 - x^2$   $y'' - 2xy' + 6y = 0$ , we see here is that  $y$ ,  $y'$  and  $y''$  they are occurring in first degree and separately. The coefficients are  $1 - x^2$ ,  $2x$  and  $6$  they are none of them are containing  $y$  and the right hand side is 0, so this is a homogenous linear equation, of course this is not in a standard form.

Let us see another example non homogenous linear equation,  $y'' + 4y = e^{-x} \sin x$ . Again we see here that  $y$  and  $y''$  they are occurring in first degree and separately and the right hand side is a function of  $x$  which is not 0, so this is non homogenous and linear. Let us see some example of non linear differential equations see here the first example,  $x(y''y + y'^2) + 2y'y = 0$ . We see here that  $y''$  and  $y$  they are occurring in the same term, again  $y'$  is having the second degree, and here again we do have  $y'$  and  $y$  that is occurring in the same terms, so this is non linear.

Now, let us see another example  $y'' = \sqrt{y'^2 + 1}$ , this is not in rational form, so see if I rationalize it I do get  $y''^2 - y'^2 - 1 = 0$ . We find it here out that of course, this

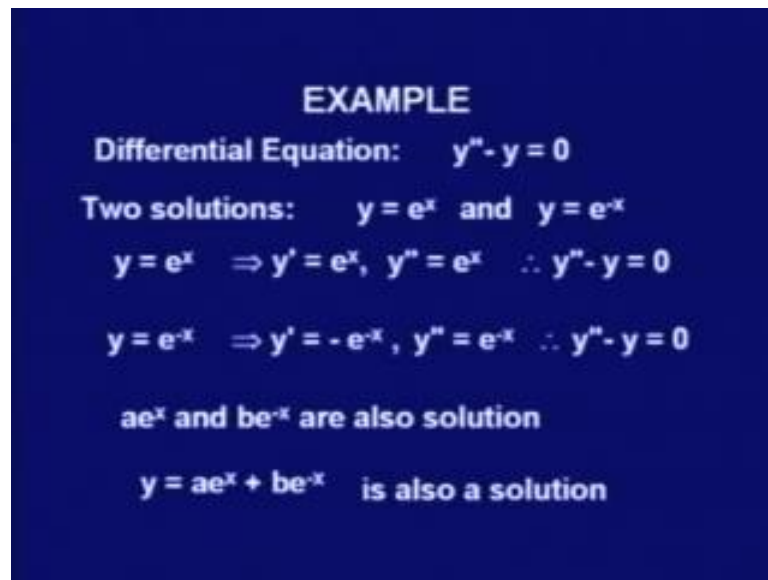
equation is of second order, but both  $y'$  and  $y''$  are occurring in the second degree, so this is not a linear equation. So, both of these are examples of non-linear equations. Now, we will try to learn about first about the homogeneous linear equations, so let us first revisit some of the definitions which we already have done in the first order and in general. We will revisit in the terms of these homogeneous linear differential equations of second order.

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So, first definition we will see of solution, a solution of second order differential equation is a function  $y(x)$  that has first and second derivatives as  $y'(x)$  and  $y''(x)$ . And satisfies the given differential equation for all  $x$  in a given interval that function we will call a solution, let us see one example.

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**EXAMPLE**

Differential Equation:  $y'' - y = 0$

Two solutions:  $y = e^x$  and  $y = e^{-x}$

$y = e^x \Rightarrow y' = e^x, y'' = e^x \therefore y'' - y = 0$

$y = e^{-x} \Rightarrow y' = -e^{-x}, y'' = e^{-x} \therefore y'' - y = 0$

$ae^x$  and  $be^{-x}$  are also solution

$y = ae^x + be^{-x}$  is also a solution

Let us take a differential equation  $y'' - y = 0$ , this is a second order equation, we can see that  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$ , these two are the solution of this equation. Why they would be solution, if I substitute  $y$ ,  $y'$  and  $y''$  in this equation they should satisfy the equation, so let us see it one by one. First take the  $y = e^x$ , it is says  $y'$  would be also  $e^x$ , as well  $y''$  will also be  $e^x$ .

So, we are getting  $y''$  and  $y$  they are same, so we will satisfy the equation  $y'' - y = 0$ , so this is a solution. Similarly, we can check with  $e^{-x}$ , what will be it is derivative  $-e^{-x}$ , second derivative  $e^{-x}$ , again we are getting the second derivative and the function they are same. So, their difference would give me 0 that is again it is satisfying our equation, so both are solution of this differential equation.

Moreover we can see, if I take  $a$  to the times  $e^x$  and  $b$  to the times  $e^{-x}$ , they are also solution of the same equation, you can check it here. Moreover if I take a linear combination of these two solutions, that is  $a$  times  $e^x$  plus  $b$  times  $e^{-x}$ , this will also be a solution of this equation, let us try to see this function.

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**CHECK**

$$y'' - y = 0$$
$$y = ae^x + be^{-x},$$
$$\Rightarrow y' = ae^x - be^{-x},$$
$$y'' = ae^x + be^{-x}$$

Hence

$$y'' - y = ae^x + be^{-x} - (ae^x + be^{-x}) = 0$$

Our equation is  $y'' - y = 0$ , what we want to check that  $a$  times  $e$  to the power  $x$  plus  $b$  times  $e$  to the power minus  $x$  is a solution, so we have to substitute the function and its derivative. What is first derivative,  $a$  times  $e$  to the power  $x$  minus  $b$  times  $e$  to the power minus  $x$ , second derivative  $a$  times  $e$  to the power  $x$  plus  $b$  times  $e$  to the power minus  $x$ , again we find out that the function and its second derivative they are same.

So, their difference would be 0 that is it is satisfying this given equation, so we have got actually what we have seen, if a function is a solution of a given differential equation it is constant, multiple, is also solution of it is this equation, moreover. If two functions are solution of a differential equation they are linear combination was also becoming a solution of differential equation, so this differential equation was homogenous. Now, from here we get our first result, that is the basic property of the fundamental theorem about the homogenous linear differential equation of second order.

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**FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM**

For a homogeneous linear differential equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

any linear combination of two solutions of this equation is again a solution. In other words

For a homogeneous linear differential equation,  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ , any linear combination of two solutions of this equation is again a solution.

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If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions of

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

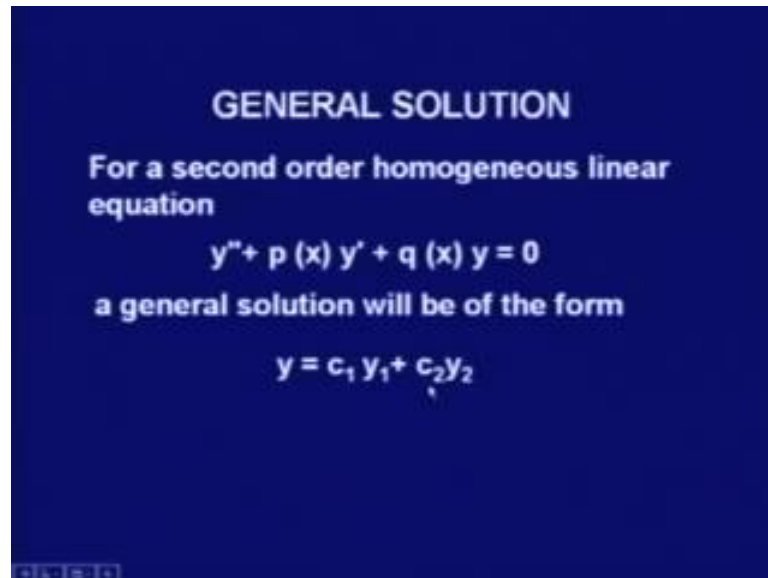
Then

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

is also a solution, where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are any arbitrary constants.

Or in other words, if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions of the given equation that is  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ . Then  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  that is the linear combination of both solutions will also be a solution, where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are any arbitrary constants.

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**GENERAL SOLUTION**

For a second order homogeneous linear equation

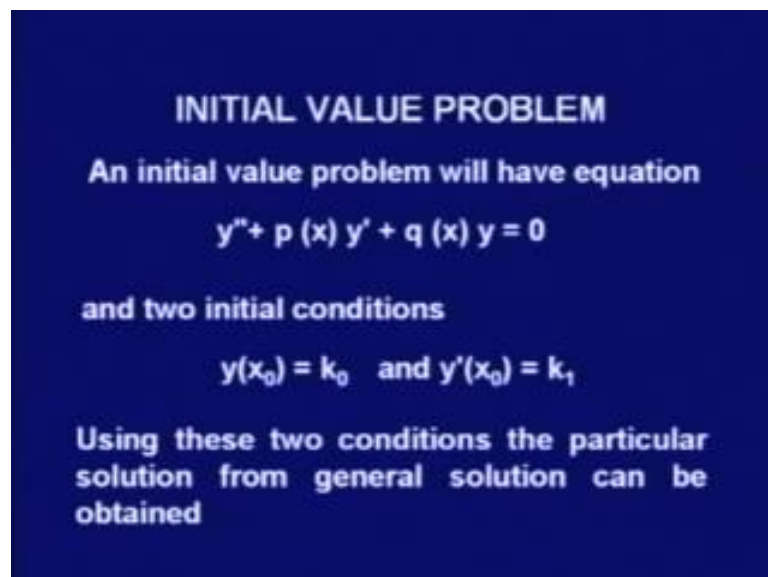
$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

a general solution will be of the form

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

From here we just come to the general solution, for a second order homogenous linear equation, the equation as again same in the standard form  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ . A general solution will be of the form  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ , where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions of this given homogenous equation, and  $c_1$   $c_2$  are any constants and moreover particular initial value problem.

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**INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM**

An initial value problem will have equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

and two initial conditions

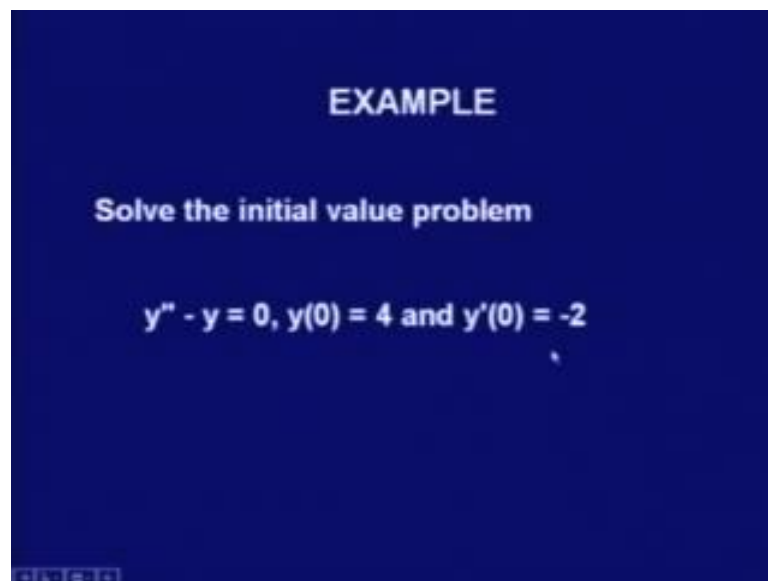
$$y(x_0) = k_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(x_0) = k_1$$

Using these two conditions the particular solution from general solution can be obtained

A initial value problem will have the equation that  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  and two initial conditions  $y(x_0) = k_0$  and  $y'(x_0) = k_1$

naught is equal to k 1. If you do remember in first order equation, we had only one initial condition, now it is a second order equation and we will have two initial condition that is the value of the function at a particular point and the derivative of the function at that particular point. The solution of these two conditions if I use in the general solution, we can obtain the solution of this particular problem or this particular solution of initial value problem.

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**EXAMPLE**

**Solve the initial value problem**

$y'' - y = 0, y(0) = 4$  and  $y'(0) = -2$

Again let us see this by example, again I have use the same equation  $y'' - y = 0$  and two initial conditions are  $y$  at 0 is 4 and the derivative at 0 is minus 2.



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**SOLUTION**

$y'' - y = 0$      $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$  are two solutions

The general solution:     $y = c_1e^x + c_2e^{-x}$

The initial conditions:     $y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 4$

$y' = c_1e^x - c_2e^{-x}$      $\therefore y'(0) = c_1 - c_2 = -2$

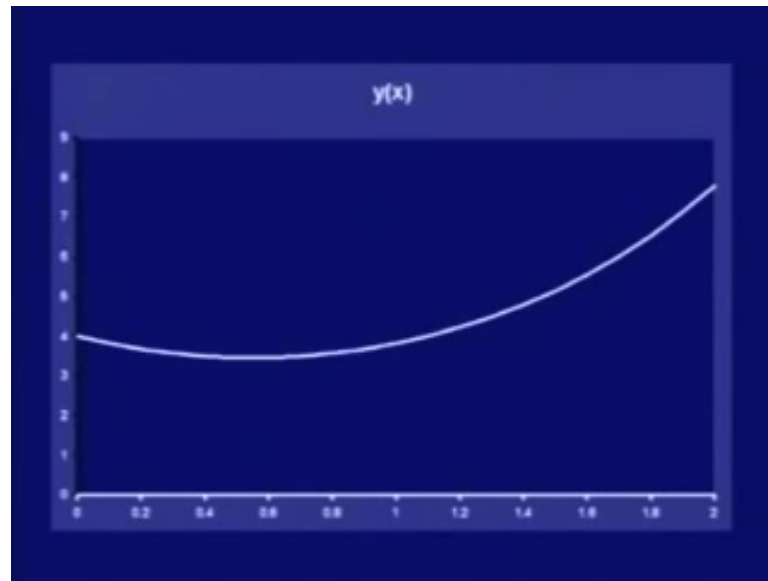
$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1, c_2 = 3$

Particular solution:     $y = e^x + 3e^{-x}$

See we had already known that this equation we had seen that e to the power x and e to the power minus x was two solutions, so the general solution will be of the form c 1 times e to the power x plus c 2 times e to the power minus x. Now, we will use the initial conditions that at 0, what will be at 0, 0 it would be c 1 1 plus c 2 that is c 1 plus c 2 and the condition given is y 0 is 4, so we have got the first equation that c 1 plus c 2 is equal to 4.

Second was that derivative at 0, what is the derivative of this, c 1 e to the power x minus c 2 e to the power minus x, now if I put at x is equal to 0 I would get it again as c 1 minus c 2 which is given as minus 2. So, what we have got, we have got these two equations into one is these are linear equations we can solve it, and what will be solution that c 1 is 1 and c 2 is 3. So, what is the particular solution we have got that y is equal to e to the power x plus 3 times e to the power minus x, that is I have put the values of c 1 and c 2 in the general solution, we can check see the graph of this function also.

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You see this is the graph of the function  $e$  to the power  $x$  plus 3 times  $e$  to the power minus  $x$ , we see that here at 0 the value of this function is 4 and the slope of this at this point if you see the slope would be this way, so that is the negative minus 2 slope. Now, let us do some more experimentation in this example.

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$$y_1 = e^x \text{ and } y_2 = 4e^x,$$

The general solution:  $y = c_1 e^x + 4c_2 e^x$

$$y' = c_1 e^x + 4c_2 e^x$$
$$y(0) = c_1 + 4c_2 = 4$$
$$y'(0) = c_1 + 4c_2 = -2$$

**Inconsistent equations**

using two initial conditions we cannot find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

Let us say I choose these two as a solution that is one solution  $e$  to the power  $x$ , we do know that a times  $e$  to the power  $x$  is also a solution, so I have chosen here 4 times  $e$  to the power  $x$  this will also be a solution. So, now I have chosen the two solutions  $y_1$  and

$y_2$  as  $e$  to the power  $x$  and  $4e$  times  $e$  to the power  $x$ , if I am choosing these two as a solution what will be the general solution, that would be  $c_1$  times  $e$  to the power  $x$  plus  $4c_2$  times  $e$  to the power  $x$ .

Now, I would like to find out the particular solution using those initial conditions, so I would find out what is  $y'$  that would be  $c_1 e$  to the power  $x$  plus  $4$  times  $c_2 e$  to the power  $x$ . Now, put initial condition at  $0$  it gives  $c_1$  plus  $4c_2$  and  $y'$  at  $0$  will give me again  $c_1$  plus  $4c_2$ , conditions given a  $y_0$  is  $4$ , so I have got the first equation  $c_1$  plus  $4c_2$  is equal to  $4$  and second equation  $c_1$  plus  $4c_2$  is equal to  $-2$ .

Now, you see I have got two equations, which are not consistent that means, I cannot find out the solution of these, I cannot find out  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  which satisfy these two equations. What it says given initial conditions I cannot find out the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  what is the problem, see here these choice of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .

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$$\frac{y_1}{y_2} = \frac{e^x}{4e^x} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{y_1}{y_2} = \frac{e^x}{e^{-x}} = e^{2x}$$

What is this ratio, if I take this ratio this ratio is coming out to be  $1/4$  a constant for all  $x$ , while as earlier what was our choice, was  $e$  to the power  $x$  and  $e$  to the power  $-x$  which was  $e$  to the power  $2x$ , that is it is a function for all  $x$ . Now, here is the point, when I am getting this as a constant I am not able to get the particular solution. But, when it was not a constant I was getting it as a the particular solution I was able to find it out, that is says is now we require to modify our definition of general solution.

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**BASIS OR FUNDAMENTAL SYSTEM**

- A general solution of an equation
$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$
is of the form  $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ with  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  not being proportional solution and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

These  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are called a basis or fundamental system of the given equation.

A general solution of an equation  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  is of the form  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  with  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  not being proportional solution and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary constants. Because, we have got problem when the  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are having ratio as constant that we are calling a proportional, so let us just define this proportional solution.

So, these  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  which we are obtaining us not being proportional they are called the basis of the fundamental system of given equation. So, now what we have got the general solution consist of linear combination of two solutions, and those two solutions has to form the basis or they must be the fundamental system of the given equation, now let us see more definitions about this.

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**PARTICULAR SOLUTION**

- A particular solution of
$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$
can be obtained if specific values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are assigned in
$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

So, particular solution, particular solution of differential equation  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  can be obtained, if it is specific values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are assigned in the general solution  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ .

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**PROPORTIONAL**

- The two solution  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are called proportional if
$$\frac{y_1}{y_2} = k, \quad \text{a constant.}$$

Now, let us define proportional, we call the two solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  as a proportional, if the ratio  $y_1$  by  $y_2$  is a constant. The other term which we are using for being proportional and not being proportional that are more standard in mathematics, they are linear independence and linear dependence.

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**LINEAR INDEPENDENCE**  
Two functions  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are called linearly independent if  
$$k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow k_1 = 0, k_2 = 0$$

**LINEAR DEPENDENCE**  
 $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are called linearly dependent if for some  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  not both zero  
$$k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2 = 0$$

So, let us first see linear independence, two functions  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are called linearly independent, if the linear combination  $k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2$  is 0, only if  $k_1 = 0$  and  $k_2$  is equal to 0. That is if the two functions are such that, I cannot obtain this linear combination to be equal to 0 unless I do take both the constants to be 0, they are called linearly independent.

The other term is linear dependence, the two functions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are called linearly dependent, if for some  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  not both zero this linear combination turns out to be 0. So, in our example if I just see,  $e^x$  and  $4e^x$  when I have taken  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  as that, then if I choose  $k_1$  as minus 4 and  $k_2$  as 1, I will get that where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  both are not 0.

But if I take  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$ , I will not be able to find out any constant other than 0, so that I can make this as a 0. So, we have got this the definition of linear independence and linear dependence, so let us reformulate our definition of basis or the fundamental system.

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**REFORMULATED DEFINITION OF BASIS**

A linearly independent pair of solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  for

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

is called a basis or fundamental system.

In our previous example  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$  form the basis.

A linearly independent pair of solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  for differential equation  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  is called a basis or fundamental system. So, the basis or fundamental system is linearly independent solutions of the second order differential equation. So, in our previous example  $e^x$  and  $e^{-x}$ , they form the basis or they are the fundamental system.

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How to obtain a Basis if one solution is known.

**Reduction of order Technique**

Let  $y_1$  be a non-zero solution of

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

Then another solution  $y_2$  linearly independent of  $y_1$

$$y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$$

Now, first we will discuss how to obtain a basis if one solution is known, this is a very important one, because the one solution we may be able to guess or we are knowing from

some other method. So, of course we would like to know what is the fundamental system, that means we would be interested in finding out the basis.

So, the technique which we are going to learn here is that is the reduction of order technique, see what is this technique. Let  $y_1$  be a non 0 solution of given equation  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ , then the second solution  $y_2$  which is linearly independent of  $y_1$  can be obtained as  $u(x)$  times  $y_1(x)$ , now question is how to get it.

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**How to get  $y_2$  ?**

**substitute  $y_2$  and its derivatives in given equation i.e.**  $y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$

$$y_2' = u'y_1 + uy_1' \quad y_2'' = u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1''$$

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

$$u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1'' + p(u'y_1 + uy_1') + quy_1 = 0$$

What we do is we simply put  $y_2$  and its derivative in the given equation, that is  $y_2$  which we are having is  $u(x)$  times  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2'$  is  $u'(x)y_1(x) + u(x)y_1'(x)$  and  $y_2''$  is  $u''(x)y_1(x) + 2u'(x)y_1'(x) + u(x)y_1''(x)$  of course,  $q(x)y_2$  plus  $2u'(x)y_1'(x)$  plus  $u(x)y_1''(x)$  will put all these in the given equation,  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ . So, we put one by one, we get  $u''(x)y_1(x) + 2u'(x)y_1'(x) + u(x)y_1''(x) + p(x)(u'(x)y_1(x) + u(x)y_1'(x)) + q(x)u(x)y_1(x) = 0$ , now let us call it the terms in  $u''(x)$ ,  $u'(x)$  and  $u(x)$ .



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$$\begin{aligned}
 u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1'' + p(u'y_1 + uy_1') + qy_1 &= 0 \\
 u''y_1 + u'(2y_1' + py_1) + u(y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1) &= 0 \\
 y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1 &= 0 \quad \text{Since } y_1 \text{ is a solution} \\
 u''y_1 + u'(2y_1' + py_1) &= 0 \quad \text{an equation in } u'' \text{ \& } u' \\
 \text{Let } u' = U, u'' = U' & \\
 \Rightarrow U' + \left( \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + p \right) U &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the equation is this now we are collecting the term, so the coefficient of  $u''$  is only  $y_1$  that is the first term, coefficient of  $u'$  is  $2y_1' + py_1$  plus  $py_1$  coefficient of  $u$  is  $y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1$ , now we are equating it to 0. Now, we see this coefficient of  $u$ , this is what is our given equation  $y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1 = 0$  and  $y_1$  is the solution, so it satisfies, it should satisfy the given equation that means, this equation should be 0.

Because,  $y_1$  is the solution of the given equation, that is says is what is remaining to us  $u''y_1 + u'(2y_1' + py_1) + u(y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1) = 0$ . Now, this is an equation in  $u''$  and  $u'$ , let us take  $u'$  as capital  $U$ , then  $u''$  would be capital  $U'$ . Now, do you write this given equation in the terms of this capital  $U$  and capital  $U'$ , writing in a standard form we will get  $U''y_1 + (2y_1' + py_1)U' + (y_1'' + py_1' + qy_1)U = 0$ .

Now, you see this is the first order equation in capital  $U$ , that is why we are calling this reduction of order technique. Now, we have got a differential equation of first order, for which we do know the methods to solve it, so we will solve it by using the variable separable method.

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**Separation of variable and integration**

$$U' + \left( \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + p \right) U = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dU}{U} = - \left( \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + p \right) dx$$
$$\ln U = -2 \ln y_1 - \int p dx \qquad U = \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p dx}$$
$$u = \int U dx = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p dx} dx$$

$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = u$  is not a constant

Since,  $U = u' \neq 0$

That is first separating the variables and then, integrating it, so separating the variables we get  $dU$  upon  $U$  is equal to minus  $2y_1'$  upon  $y_1$  plus  $p$  times  $dx$ . Now, integrating on both the sides we get  $\log U$  is equal to minus  $2 \log y_1$  minus integral  $p dx$ , taking antilog  $U$  is  $1$  upon  $y_1^2$  into  $e$  to the power minus integral  $p dx$ .

Now,  $U$  is nothing but,  $U'$ , so what will be this small  $u$  integral of capital  $U$  with respect to  $x$  that is integral of  $1$  upon  $y_1^2$   $e$  to the power minus  $p dx$  with respect to  $x$ . Now, we see that this function  $u$ , this is the ratio of  $y_2$  and  $y_1$  we have got the second solution as  $y_2$ , the first solution was  $y_1$ , this ratio is  $u$  this is not a constant why, we see that  $u'$  that is this capital  $U$ , this is  $1$  upon  $y_1^2$   $e$  to the power minus  $p dx$ .

Whatever be this  $p$  it may be the  $0$  even then, this exponential function is never  $0$ , that is says is I will never get this capital  $U$  or that is  $U'$  as  $0$ , since  $U'$  is not  $0$   $u$  will never be a constant, thus we are getting that  $y_2$  and  $y_1$  would be linearly independent.

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**EXAMPLE 1**

Find the general solution of differential equation

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$$

using the fact that  $y_1(x) = x$  is a solution of this equation

Let us see one example, find the general solution of differential equation  $1 - x^2$   $y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ , using the fact that  $y = x$  is a solution of this equation. I am going to use this just now which we have learnt that technique of reduction of order we have given that  $x$  is a solution.

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**SOLUTION**

First check,

$$y_1 = x, \quad y_1' = 1, \quad y_1'' = 0$$
$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$$
$$-2x + 2x = 0$$
$$y_2(x) = u(x)y_1(x)$$

So, first we will check whether it is a solution or not  $y_1 = x$ , so  $y_1'$  would be 1 and  $y_1''$  would be 0. If I substitute this in the given equation I would get that the first term is 0, second term will give me minus  $2x$ , third term also give me plus  $2x$  that

is it is 0 it is satisfying, so this is the solution. What will be the way to find out the second solution will use the technique u x times y 1 x.

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$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$$

$$y'' - \frac{2x}{1-x^2}y' + \frac{2}{1-x^2}y = 0 \Rightarrow p(x) = -\frac{2x}{1-x^2}$$

Second solution:  $y_2 = u(x) \cdot x$

$$u = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p(x) dx} dx$$

Q  $-\int p(x) dx = -\ln(1-x^2) \therefore e^{-\int p(x) dx} = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$

$$\therefore u = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p(x) dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{x^2(1-x^2)} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int \frac{1}{1-x^2} dx$$

Now, my given equation is 1 minus x square y double dash minus 2 x y dash plus 2 y is equal to 0 let us rewrite it in standard form, y double dash minus 2 x upon 1 minus x square y dash plus 2 upon 1 minus x square y is equal to 0. What I have done, I have just divided this equation by 1 minus x square to make it in the standard form, in a standard form the coefficient of y double dash has to be 1.

This stats that in standard form if I write, what will be the p here is minus 2 x upon 1 minus x square, now the second solution would be u x times x, that is the x was the first solution. Now, we can obtain this u by substituting this y 2 y 2 dash y 2 double dash in this given equation, but I am just leaving for you; I am just going to do the formulation just now we had obtained the formula for finding you, that is integral of 1 upon y 1 square e to the power minus p x d x.

So, what is integral minus p x d x this is minus log 1 minus x square, hence e to the power minus p x d x would be 1 upon 1 minus x square, so what will be u I am substituting all these in the formula y 1 is x square, so it should be 1 upon. X square 1 minus x square it is integral with respect to x, integrating of course we have to do first the partial fractions 1 upon x square d x plus 1 upon 1 minus x square d x.

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1-x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) \\ \therefore y_2(x) = x u(x) &= -1 + \frac{1}{2} x \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) \\ \text{General solution} \\ y &= c_1 x + c_2 \left( -1 + \frac{1}{2} x \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Again one more partial fraction,  $\int \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1-x} dx$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx$ . Now, integrating these things we get  $-\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)$ , so what will be the second solution  $x$  times  $u(x)$ , that would be  $-1 + \frac{1}{2} x \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)$ .

Thus we have got the general solution as  $c_1 x + c_2 \left( -1 + \frac{1}{2} x \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) \right)$ . So, given one solution  $x$  we had obtained the second solution which is linearly independent of this solution, and we had obtained the general solution, let us try one more example here.

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**EXAMPLE 2**

Find the basis of solution for differential equation

$$x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$$

Find the basis of solution for differential equation  $x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$ , now here we have not been given any solution. So, what we will do I am just going to do is that is guessing one solution, and then obtaining the second solution as linearly independent of the one guessed solution.

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**SOLUTION**

$$x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$$

$y_1 = x$  is solution, check

$$y_1 = x, y_1' = 1, y_1'' = 0 \Rightarrow -x + x = 0$$
$$y'' - \frac{1}{x}y' + \frac{1}{x^2}y = 0 \Rightarrow p(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$$
$$u = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p(x)dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{x^2} e^{\ln x} dx = \int \frac{x}{x^2} dx$$
$$= \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x \Rightarrow y_2 = x \ln x$$

$\therefore$  basis of solution is  $\{x, x \ln x\}$ .

The given equation is this, for guessing one what we just think is that is here, if I take  $y$  as  $x$ , then I would get here  $xy'$  would be  $x$ , so this would be minus  $x$  and  $y''$  would be  $0$ , so this term would be ruled out and I will get that this should satisfy the

solution. So, let us check  $y = 1$  is equal to  $x$  and checking as a solution,  $y = 1$  is  $x$ ,  $y' = 0$  and  $y'' = 0$ , substituting I would get  $-x + x$  that is satisfying the given equation, so it is the solution.

Now, for second solution again I am going to use the formulation, so I have to write this equation in the standard form, that is I have to get the coefficient of  $y''$  as constant 1, so I have divide it by  $x^2$ . Now, this we could do if  $x \neq 0$ , so that means, this solution which we are going to obtain that would be only true when  $x \neq 0$ , so we are making it in a standard form, it gives me  $p(x) - 1$  by  $x$ .

Now, for you I am just using the formula, so  $\int p(x) dx$  is  $-\log x$ , so I would get it first solution  $\frac{1}{x^2} e^{-\int p(x) dx}$  that is  $\log x$ , this if I rewrite again, I would get  $\frac{1}{x^2} dx$  that is  $\int \frac{1}{x} dx$  which is  $\log x$ . So, I have got this second solution as  $x \log x$ , so what we have got the basis of solution  $x$  and  $x \log x$ .

So, of course, what I have done, I have guessed here one solution and obtain second linearly independent solution as  $x \log x$  that is giving me the basis. Now, we will learn how to obtain the general solution of a second order differential equation, that is we are not going to do the guessing job or anything and then, finding out the second solution by the technique which we have learnt. Now, we will do in general how to solve this one, so for that first we will do the second order homogenous linear equations with constant coefficients.

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$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$   
The standard form  $y'' + ay' + by = 0$   
How To solve?  $y = e^{\lambda x}$   
Substituting  $y, y'$  and  $y''$   
 $\lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} + a \lambda e^{\lambda x} + b e^{\lambda x} = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b) e^{\lambda x} = 0$   
 $e^{\lambda x} \neq 0 \forall x \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$   
Characteristic Equation

What are they a second order equation is,  $y$  double dash plus  $p(x)$   $y$  dash plus  $q(x)y$  is equal to 0, here this coefficients  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  they are function of  $x$ . Now, I want this coefficients to be constant not a function of  $x$ , that is if I change this  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  to the constants  $a$  and  $b$ , we would get the second order differential equation with constant coefficient.

So, the standard form for this would be  $y$  double dash plus  $a$   $y$  dash plus  $b$   $y$  is equal to 0, we have  $a$  and  $b$  are some constants, how to solve this equation, we will again go with the things which we already know. We have done the first order equations, there we know that linear equations have the solution of the form  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$ , so we will try with this kind of function.

So, what we will try, we will try that let us see or let us assume that the solution will be of the form  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$ , we will substitute  $y, y$  dash and  $y$  double dash in this given equation. What will be  $y$  dash that would be  $\lambda$  times  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$  and  $y$  double dash as  $\lambda^2$  times  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$ , so we are going to substitute this  $y, y$  dash and  $y$  double dash.

This equations, so what we are getting is  $y$  double dash  $\lambda^2$  times  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$  plus  $a$  times  $\lambda$  times  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$  plus  $b$  times  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$ . Now, take this  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$  as common, what we get  $\lambda^2$  plus  $a\lambda$  plus  $b$  times  $e$  to the power  $\lambda x$  is equal to 0. Now,



see what we have started we have started that  $e^{\lambda x}$  is a solution, if it is the solution this cannot be a 0 function.

And if it is this solution this must satisfy the equation that says is I must get this coefficient  $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b$  is equal to 0, so that  $e^{\lambda x}$  should be a solution of this given equation. This is called the characteristic equation, that is this equation, which we have worked in this is called the characteristic equation, so let us have a formal definition of this term also.

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**CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION**

The quadratic equation, thus obtained

$$\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$$

is called the Characteristic Equation or auxiliary equation of differential equation

$$y'' + a y' + by = 0$$

The quadratic equation thus obtained  $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$  is called the characteristic equation or auxiliary equation of the differential equation  $y'' + ay' + by = 0$ . What we have seen here, that if we are having a second order differential equation with constant coefficients, then a corresponding characteristic equation, we are getting as  $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$ . That is we are having it is a quadratic equation, its first coefficient is same as the constant one or the coefficients of this equation and this equation are same, this is called the characteristic equation.

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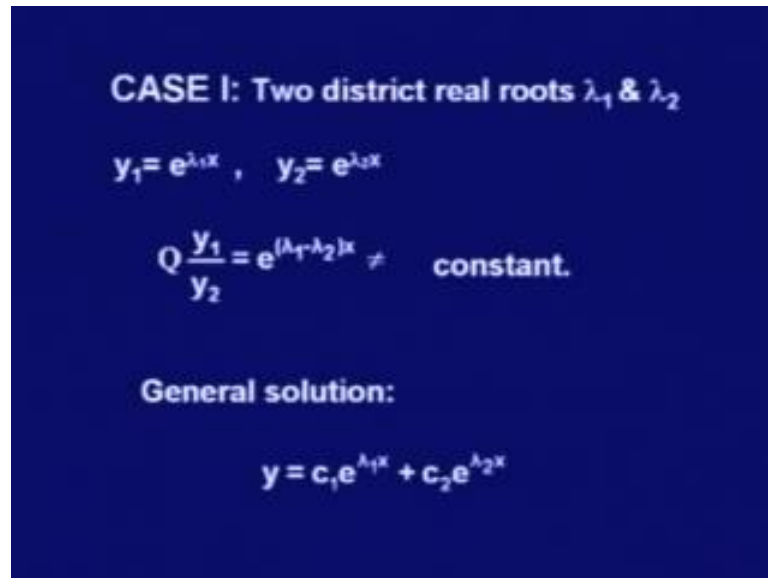
$$\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$$

- >Case I : two real roots if  $a^2 - 4b > 0$
- >Case II : a real double root if  $a^2 - 4b = 0$
- >Case III : complex conjugate roots if  $a^2 - 4b < 0$ .

Now, we see that this equation is a quadratic equation, so what will be the solution of our differential equation, they will depend upon what the solution of this quadratic equation we are getting. Solution of quadratic equation that we do not know we are also calling them the roots of this quadratic equation, we do know the roots of this quadratic equations depend upon the discriminant function.

A square minus 4 b, accordingly we get three cases and accordingly we will get the solutions on the different cases, so let us make those three cases. The case one, if my discriminant function a square minus 4 b is positive we will get two real roots, and the second case is if this discriminant function a square minus 4 b is 0 we will get real root double one that is I will get the same roots. And the case three if my a square minus 4 b is less than 0, we will get the complex conjugate roots; we will discuss these cases one by one and the solution therefore, for the given differential equation.

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**CASE I: Two distinct real roots  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$**

$y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x}$  ,  $y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x}$

Q  $\frac{y_1}{y_2} = e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)x} \neq \text{constant.}$

**General solution:**

$$y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

Case 1, there is a two distinct real roots lambda 1 and lambda 2, we will say that the two solutions we can make, because we have got the two roots lambda 1 and lambda 2, so we can make the two solutions. One e to the power lambda 1 x and second y 2 as e to the power lambda 2 x, we can see that these two solutions are linearly independent, they form the basis we can check it by the proportionality.

$y_1$  upon  $y_2$  is equal to e to the power lambda 1 minus lambda 2 x, now this we are getting is lambda 1 minus lambda 2, since they are distinct real roots, so lambda 1 minus lambda 2 this is not 0, that is says it will never be a constant. Thus they are linearly independent solution, so the general solution will be of the form  $c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$ .

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**CASE I: Two distinct real roots  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$**

$$y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x}, \quad y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x}$$
$$\therefore \frac{y_1}{y_2} = e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)x} \neq \text{constant.}$$

**General solution:**

$$y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

Case 1 two distinct real roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , so we do have the two solutions  $y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x}$  and  $y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x}$ , we see that these two solutions are linearly independent. We can check by the, taking the ratio of these two solutions since  $y_1$  upon  $y_2$  is  $e^{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 x}$ , now we do know that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are distinct they are not equal.

So,  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2$  will not be 0 that is this will not be a constant, so they are linearly independent, that is these two solutions form the basis are the fundamental system. Hence in this case the general solution of the given differential equation will be of the form  $c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$ .

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**CASE II: Real double root  $\lambda$**

$$a^2 - 4b = 0, \Rightarrow \text{so } \lambda = -a/2,$$
$$y_1 = e^{\lambda x} = e^{-ax/2} \quad y_2 = uy_1$$
$$y'' + ay' + by = 0$$
$$u = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int a dx} dx = \int \frac{e^{-ax}}{e^{-ax}} dx = x, \therefore y_2 = xy_1 = xe^{-ax/2}$$

**General solution:**  $y = c_1 e^{-ax/2} + c_2 x e^{-ax/2}$   
 $= (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{-ax/2}$

Let us discuss the case 2, that real double root lambda, when a square minus 4 b is 0, then the single root we do get lambda as minus a by 2, that means we get only one solution e to the power minus a x by 2. How to get other solution which is linearly independent of this, we will use again the technique which we do know that reduction of order technique.

So, we will use y 2 as u times y 1, now our equation is y double dash plus a y dash plus b y is equal to 0, this is in the standard form p is the constant a, so we will get u by the formula 1 upon y 1 square e to the power minus p x is a, so a times d x. Now, what is the integral that y 1 is we are getting is e to the power minus a x by 2, so when I substitute this y 1 and this a.

So, what we get e to the power minus a x upon e to the power minus a x that is integral with respect to x, this is constant, so it is integral is just the function x, that is we have got the second solution as x y 1 is equal to x times e to the power minus a x by 2. So, we have got the two solution in this case, first solution is e to the power minus a x by 2 and second solution is x times e to the power minus a x by 2. So, you will get the general solution as y times y is equal to c 1 times e to the power minus a x by 2 plus c 2 times x times e to the power minus a x by 2 or we can write it as c 1 plus c 2 x times e to the power minus a x by 2.

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**CASE III: Complex roots**

When  $a^2 - 4b < 0$ . The Roots:

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2 - 4b},$$
$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{a}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2 - 4b}$$

$\lambda_1 = s + it$  and  $\lambda_2 = s - it$

Now, let us see the 3rd case complex roots, when a square minus 4 b is less than 0, the roots would be complex numbers that is lambda 1 would be minus a by 2 plus half square root of a square minus 4 b. And the other root would be minus a by 2 minus half square root of a square minus 4 b, now since a square minus 4 b is negative, so this is square root is an imaginary number, let us say that imaginary number to be i t. So, let us say this lambda 1 and lambda 2 we are saying is s plus i t and s minus i t, where s is what is minus a i by 2 and t is square root of 4 b minus a square by 2, since I am using this imaginary minus 1 I am taking square root of minus 1, I am writing it as i.

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$$e^{\lambda_1 x} = e^{(s + it)x} = e^{sx} (\cos tx + i \sin tx)$$

and

$$e^{\lambda_2 x} = e^{(s - it)x} = e^{sx} (\cos tx - i \sin tx)$$
$$y_1 = e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \cos tx, \quad y_2 = e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \sin tx$$

where,

$$t = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4b - a^2}$$

General solution:

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \cos tx + c_2 e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \sin tx$$

Then what will be with the two solutions, the two solutions would have one as  $e^{\lambda_1 x}$  that is  $e^{s + it x}$ , which we could write as  $e^{sx} (\cos tx + i \sin tx)$ . This again we are using with De Moivre's theorem, we can write  $\cos tx + i \sin tx$ , similarly the second solution  $e^{\lambda_2 x}$  that is  $e^{s - it x}$ , we can get as  $e^{sx} (\cos tx - i \sin tx)$ , they would be linearly independent.

Actually we can get these are little bit learn the solutions, we can get a smaller one that is we can get a linear combination of these two solutions, which are again linearly independent. How to get that one, we do is that is we add these two solutions, if we add we do get is that  $2 e^{sx} \cos tx$  and if I divide it by  $2$  I would get  $e^{sx} \cos tx$ .

Similarly, if I subtract from second one to the first one I would get or from first one the second one I do get,  $2i e^{sx} \sin tx$  and of course, multiplied with  $e^{sx}$   $2$  times, so if I divide it by  $2$  I would get the two solutions as  $e^{-a/2} \cos tx$  and another is  $e^{-a/2} \sin tx$ , we can check again that they are linearly independent.

Because if I take the ratio what I will get  $y_1$  upon  $y_2$ , I will get  $\cos tx$  upon  $\sin tx$  that is  $\cot$  or  $\cotangent tx$  which is a function of  $x$  not zero or not a constant. Thus we are getting that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , they are linearly independent and what are these  $t$  is here is of course, half of a square root of  $4b - a^2$ . So, thus we will get general solution as  $c_1 e^{-a/2} \cos tx + c_2 e^{-a/2} \sin tx$ .

So, we have seen that, we have got for a linear differential equation with constant coefficient, characteristic equation which has two roots. And depending upon the discriminant function we are getting three types of solutions, so let us summarize this method, how we are going to solve this equation.

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**Summary of Steps**

To find the general solution of

$$y'' + a y' + by = 0$$

➤ Write down the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$$

So, to find the general solution of  $y'' + a y' + b y = 0$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constant, first we write the characteristic equation. The characteristic equation how we are writing, we are just writing is that is we write a second order quadratic equation in  $\lambda$ , where the coefficients are same as the coefficients of given differential equation, that is  $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$ .

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Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be its roots

$$= \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$$

➤ If  $a^2 - 4b > 0$

i.e. if  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  are distinct real numbers

The general solution:

$$y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

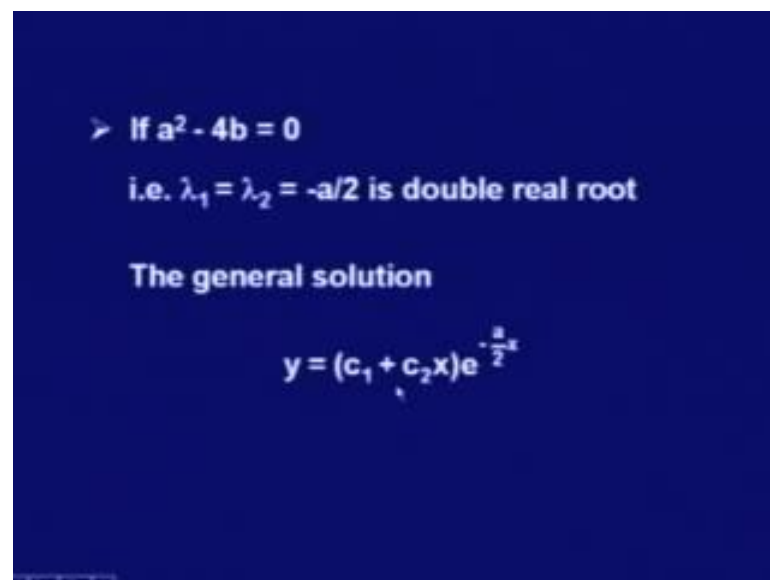
Then, we check it is roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , what they would be they are  $\frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$  and  $\frac{-a - \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$ .



minus  $4b$  by  $2$ . So, of course depending upon the value of  $a^2 - 4b$  we do have different cases, so in case  $a^2 - 4b$  is positive, we will get the two roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , they would be two distinct real numbers.

And the general solution would be  $c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$ , where of course my  $\lambda_1$  would be  $-\frac{a}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b}$  and  $\lambda_2$  would be  $-\frac{a}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - b}$ , depending upon what is the value of this we would get is  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

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> If  $a^2 - 4b = 0$   
i.e.  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -a/2$  is double real root

The general solution

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{-\frac{a}{2}x}$$

Then, if this  $a^2 - 4b$  is  $0$  that is the second part would be  $0$ , I would get  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  both has  $-\frac{a}{2}$ , in this case the two solutions we get as  $e^{-\frac{a}{2}x}$  and  $x e^{-\frac{a}{2}x}$ . Or in chart here we are just saying is that is, then the general solution will be of the form  $c_1 + c_2 x$  times  $e^{-\frac{a}{2}x}$ , where  $a$  is of course, the coefficient of  $y'$  in the given differential equation.

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> If  $a^2 - 4b < 0$

i.e. the roots  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  are complex conjugate

The general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \cos \beta x + c_2 e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \sin \beta x$$

where  $\beta = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4b - a^2}$

Third case was that if  $a^2 - 4b$  is less than 0, we get the roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  as the conjugate pair and the general solution is of the form  $c_1 e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \cos \beta x + c_2 e^{-\frac{a}{2}x} \sin \beta x$ . Where  $a$  is the coefficient of  $y'$  in the given equation and  $\beta$  is nothing but, half times square root of  $4b - a^2$ . So, now let us to understand or to clear these steps, let us do some examples for solving second order linear differential equations with constant coefficients.

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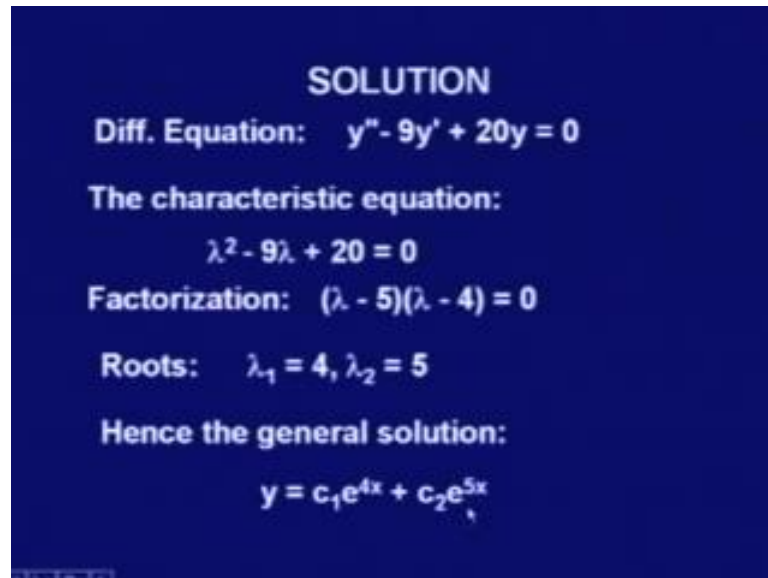
**EXAMPLE 1**

Find the general solution of

$$y'' - 9y' + 20y = 0$$

First example, find the general solution of  $y'' - 9y' + 20y = 0$ .

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**SOLUTION**

Diff. Equation:  $y'' - 9y' + 20y = 0$

The characteristic equation:

$$\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 20 = 0$$

Factorization:  $(\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 4) = 0$

Roots:  $\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 5$

Hence the general solution:

$$y = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{5x}$$

See given differential equation is  $y'' - 9y' + 20y = 0$ , so corresponding characteristic equation would be  $\lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 20 = 0$ , to find its roots will just do the factorization here. So, factorization gives me  $(\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 4) = 0$ , thus roots are 4 and 5 they are real and distinct, so this is the first case.

What will be the general solution, general solution would be  $c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{5x}$ , so what we have got, the general solution of the differential equation  $y'' - 9y' + 20y = 0$ , the general solution is  $c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{5x}$ , let us do one more example.

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**EXAMPLE 2**  
**Solve the initial value problem**  
$$y'' + y' - 6y = 0$$
$$y(0) = 10, y'(0) = 0$$

Solve the initial value problem  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$  with the initial condition  $y(0) = 10$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ , how you are going to do is.

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**SOLUTION**  
**Diff. Equation:**  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$   
**The characteristic equation:**  
$$\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$$
  
**Factorization:**  $(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0$   
**Roots:**  $\lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = 2$   
**The general solution:**  $y(x) = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{2x}$

The given differential equation is  $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$ , so the characteristic equation  $\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$  factorize it, we get  $(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0$  that is says the roots are  $-3$  and  $2$ . Again what we are getting is real and distinct roots, so the general solution would be  $c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{2x}$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}y(x) &= c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{2x} \\y'(x) &= -3c_1 e^{-3x} + 2c_2 e^{2x} \\ \text{Initial Conditions: } & y(0) = 10, y'(0) = 0 \\ \therefore y(0) &= c_1 + c_2 = 10 \\ y'(0) &= -3c_1 + 2c_2 = 0 \\ \therefore c_1 &= 4, c_2 = 6 \\ \text{The solution: } & y(x) = 4e^{-3x} + 6e^{2x}\end{aligned}$$

Now, for the initial problem initial value problem the particular solution, general solution is  $c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{2x}$ , this gives  $y'$  as  $-3c_1 e^{-3x} + 2c_2 e^{2x}$ , the initial condition is  $y$  at 0 is 10 and  $y'$  at 0 is 0. So, we will put  $x$  is equal to 0 in the first one, we get is here  $c_1 + c_2$  this is given as 10, in the second  $y'$  if I put  $x$  is equal to 0 what I get  $-3c_1 + 2c_2$  this is given as 0.

Now, this is linear equations into one knows we can solve it and what we will get, we will get the solution as  $c_1$  is equal to 4 and  $c_2$  is equal to 6, this is the unique solution. So, will get only single solution, particular solution for the initial value problem and that is  $c_1$  we are putting as 4  $c_2$  we are putting as 6 we are getting is 4 times  $e^{-3x} + 6e^{2x}$ . So, we have got this is the particular solution of our initial value problem, see some more examples, so that we can practice all the way in which all those three cases we can complete.

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**EXAMPLE 3**  
**Solve the initial value problem**  
$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$$
$$y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

Solve the initial value problem  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$  with the initial conditions  $y(0) = 2$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ .

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**SOLUTION**

**Differential Equation:**

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$$

**The characteristic equation:**

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (\lambda - 2)^2 = 0$$

**double root:  $\lambda = 2$**

**General solution:**

$$y(x) = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{2x}$$

Let us solve it with differential equation is  $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$ , so the characteristic equation that will be  $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0$ . You see this is the whole square of  $\lambda - 2$ , that is says I do get the double root  $\lambda = 2$ , so the one solution I would get  $e^{2x}$ , what should be the other solution if you do remember, we have got  $x$  times  $e^{2x}$ .

So, the general solution we will get as  $c_1$  plus  $c_2 x$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$ , now we have to solve the initial value problem, so we have to use initial conditions for that.

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$$\begin{aligned}y(x) &= (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{2x} \\y'(x) &= 2c_1 e^{2x} + 2c_2 x e^{2x} + c_2 e^{2x} \\ \text{Initial conditions: } & y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1 \\ \therefore y(0) &= c_1 = 2, \\ y'(0) &= 2c_1 + c_2 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow c_2 = -3, \\ \text{Particular solution:} & \\ y(x) &= (2 - 3x)e^{2x}\end{aligned}$$

We find out the  $y(x)$  and its derivative, what will be derivative of  $y(x)$ ,  $y(x)$  is  $c_1$  plus  $c_2 x$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$ , so its derivative is  $2c_1$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$  plus  $2c_2 x$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$  plus  $c_2$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$  the derivative of  $x$  is 1. Now, use at 0 the initial conditions are given at 0, that is  $y(0)$  is 2 and  $y'(0)$  is 1, when I put here in the first one  $x$  is equal to 0 I do get the only term  $c_1$ , so we get  $c_1$  is equal to 2.

When I put in  $y'(x)$  is equal to 0 I do get the two terms,  $2c_1$  and  $c_2$  this is given as 1 such  $2c_1$  plus  $c_2$  is 1, since  $c_1$  is 2, so  $c_2$  we would be getting as minus 3. So, what the particular solution we have got, now we will put these values  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in this given in this general solution, particular solution would be  $2 - 3x$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$ . So, we have got the particular solution of this initial value problem as  $2 - 3x$  times  $e$  to the power  $2x$ , let us see one more example.

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**EXAMPLE 4**

**Give the general solution of differential equation**

$$4y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0$$

Give the general solution of differential equation  $4y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0$  is equal to 0.

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**SOLUTION**

**Differential Equation:  $4y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0$**

**The characteristic equation:**

$$4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 10 = 0$$

**Roots:  $\lambda = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 160}}{8} = \frac{-4 \pm 12i}{8}$**

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3i}{2} \quad \lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3i}{2}$$

See how to solve it differential equation is  $4y'' + 4y' + 10y = 0$ , the characteristic equation would be  $4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 10 = 0$ . You see here, we are not having this in a standard form that is the coefficient of  $y''$  is not 1, the characteristic equation we write with the same coefficients as they are in the given differential equation.



So, we get  $4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 10$  to find out its roots, let us use the formula for finding out the roots that is  $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ . So, this we are having is  $\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 40}}{8}$ , that is  $\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-24}}{8}$ , now you do get is that is this is negative  $\sqrt{24}$ , so we will get actually the complex roots  $\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{24}i}{8}$  are more simplified manner.

We are getting is the first root as  $-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}i$  and the second root as  $-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}i$ , so we are getting the complex roots, they are always coming as a conjugate pairs. What will be our general solution, we see here  $s$  is  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and you see their  $s$  what we have got  $-\frac{1}{2}$  as the coefficient of  $y'$ , the coefficient of  $y'$  when we were having the equation in the standard form.

Here the equation is not, if I write it in the standard form that is the coefficient of  $y''$  as 1, then I would get it as  $a = 4$ , because I will divide it by 4, so I will get coefficient of  $y'$  as 1, so that is why it is  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and so on, so we do get the...

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**The general solution:**

$$y(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left( c_1 \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) \right)$$

or

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) + c_2 e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)$$

So, the general solution will be  $y(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} (c_1 \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right))$ , or we can write it as  $c_1 e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right) + c_2 e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{3}{2}x\right)$ .

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**EXAMPLE 5**

**Solve the initial value problem**

$$y'' + 2y' + 2 = 0,$$
$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2, \quad y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -2$$

Now, next example solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 2y' + 2 = 0$ , the given initial conditions are  $y$  at  $\pi$  by 4 is 2 and derivative of  $y$  that is  $y'$  at  $\pi$  by 4 is minus 2, see how to solve it.

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**SOLUTION**

**Differential Equation:  $y'' + 2y' + 2 = 0$**

**The characteristic equation:**

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

**Roots:  $\lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = -1 \pm i$**

**Hence general solution:**

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{-x} \cos x + c_2 e^{-x} \sin x$$

The given differential equation is  $y'' + 2y' + 2 = 0$ , the characteristic equation would be  $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = 0$ , its roots would be again will find out from the form directly  $\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2}$ . Again we see this discriminant function is negative, so we will get the

complex roots minus 1 plus minus i, that is the two roots we are getting as minus 1 plus i and minus 1 minus i. So, what will be the general solution, general solution will get  $c_1 e^{-x} \cos x$  plus  $c_2 e^{-x} \sin x$ . Now, for the particular solution, we have to find out the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  for that we have to use the initial condition.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) &= c_1 e^{-x} \cos x + c_2 e^{-x} \sin x \\
 y'(x) &= c_1 (-\cos x - \sin x) e^{-x} + c_2 (-\sin x + \cos x) e^{-x} \\
 y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= c_1 e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + c_2 e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} (c_1 + c_2) \\
 y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= -c_1 e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we will find out what is the  $y'$ ,  $y'$  is  $c_1 e^{-x} \cos x$  is derivative would be minus  $\cos x$  minus  $\sin x$   $e^{-x}$ , similarly it would be  $c_2$  minus  $\sin x$  plus  $\cos x$   $e^{-x}$ . Now, the initial conditions are being given at  $\pi/4$ , so what will be  $y$  at  $\pi/4$ , I will put the value of  $x$  as  $\pi/4$ , I will get  $e^{-\pi/4}$  and  $\cos \pi/4$  and here again  $\sin \pi/4$ .

We do know the value of  $\pi/4$  and  $\sin \pi/4$ , they are  $1/\sqrt{2}$ , so we do get it  $1/\sqrt{2} e^{-\pi/4} (c_1 + c_2)$  this is given as, and similarly we can find out  $y'$  at  $\pi/4$ , we do get here is that is because, we are getting is minus  $\cos x$  plus  $\cos x$  something and  $e^{-x}$  is as common. So, we would be getting it actually and the coefficients, we would be getting it as actually  $c_1 e^{-\pi/4} \sqrt{2}$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial Condition: } & y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2, \quad y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -2 \\ y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}(c_1 + c_2) \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}(c_1 + c_2) = 2\sqrt{2}, \\ y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= -c_1e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow c_1e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} = \sqrt{2} \\ &\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ y(x) &= c_1e^{-x}\cos x + c_2e^{-x}\sin x \\ \text{The Solution: } & y(x) = \sqrt{2}e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}e^{-x}(\cos x + \sin x) \end{aligned}$$

Now, put this in the given initial conditions, they have been given that  $y$  at  $\pi$  by 4 is 2 and  $y'$  at  $\pi$  by 4 is minus 2, so substitute in those find out the values that is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}(c_1 + c_2)$ , this is equal to  $e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}(c_1 + c_2) = 2\sqrt{2}$ . Similarly, the second one we would get that  $c_1 e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} = \sqrt{2}$ , so from here we are getting the value of  $c_1$  and that will put over here and we will get the value of  $c_2$ ,

And both we are getting as equal to  $\sqrt{2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}$ , so what will be our particular solution, we will put the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  into the general solution. General solution was  $e^{-x} \cos x$  plus  $e^{-x} \sin x$ , so you will put  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  both as  $\sqrt{2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}}$ , we get the solution as  $\sqrt{2} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-x} (\cos x + \sin x)$ .

So, we had learnt today about the second order linear differential equations, in that we had learnt that is what we mean by the solution, what we mean by the general solution, what we mean by the particular solution. And if one solution is known how to find out linearly independent and other solution, so that we can make the general solution and we had learnt that linear differential equations of second order with constant coefficients, how to find out the general solution. We will continue with this kind of equation in the next lectures also, today we have finishing up our lecture here.

Thank you.