

**Mathematics - III**  
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**Lecture - 6**  
**Euler-Cauchy Equation**

Welcome to the Lecture series on differential equations for under graduate students. Today's lecture is on Euler-Cauchy equations. Till now we have learnt how to solve second order linear differential equations with constant coefficients, that is  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  were constant not the function of  $x$ . Of course we had learnt both the methods, that is for right hand side  $r(x)$  to be 0 and not to be 0, that is both the cases homogeneous equations and non homogeneous equations. Now, we will learn the method to solve linear differential equations, where the coefficients  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are not constants. So, first we will discuss one special kind of equation, which has many engineering applications that is called Euler-Cauchy equation, what is an Euler-Cauchy equation?

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**EULER- CAUCHY EQUATION**

An Euler-cauchy equation is of the form

$$x^2 y'' + a x y' + by = 0$$

Let  $x = e^t$ , then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-t} \frac{dy}{dt} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^{-2t} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - e^{-2t} \frac{dy}{dt}$$
$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (a - 1) \frac{dy}{dt} + by = 0$$

An Euler-Cauchy equation is of the form  $x^2 y'' + a x y' + by = 0$ , where we see that, this is a second order linear differential equation, where the coefficient of  $y''$  is  $x^2$  coefficient of  $y'$  is  $a x$  and coefficient of  $y$  is  $b$ ; here  $a$  and  $b$  they are constants, but the coefficient of  $y'$  that

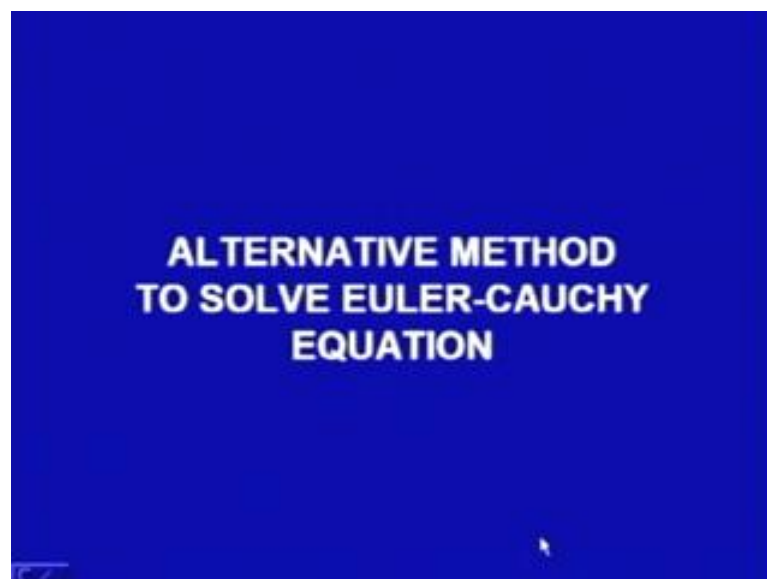
is a  $x$  and coefficient of  $y''$  that is  $x^2$ , they are not constant but the function of  $x$ .

We can change this equation to a linear differential equation with constant coefficient with certain substitutions and that substitution is in the variable  $x$ . So, let us see that substitution say  $x$  is equal to  $e^t$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  that is  $y'$  would be nothing but,  $e^{-t} \frac{dy}{dt}$ . And the second derivative  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  will be  $e^{-2t} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - e^{-2t} \frac{dy}{dt}$ .

Now if I substitute this  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in the  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $x$  as  $e^t$  over here in this equation, we will get this equation as  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (a-1) \frac{dy}{dt} + b = 0$ . Now, we see this is a second order linear differential equation, where the coefficients are constants  $a-1$  and  $b$  both are constants, so now we do know that how to solve this equation and we can get the solution; however, the solution of this equation will be a function of  $y$  as a function of  $t$ .

This will be, that is  $y$  is a function of  $t$  while we want a solution  $y$  as the function of  $x$ . So, what we get solution as  $y$  as the function of  $t$ , we will substitute there  $t$  as  $\log x$  and we will get the solution in the terms of  $x$ , there is one alternative method to get.

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That alternative method to solve Euler-Cauchy equation.

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$$\begin{aligned} & x^2 y'' + a x y' + by = 0 \\ y = x^m & \Rightarrow y' = mx^{m-1}, \quad y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2} \\ \text{Substitution:} & \\ & m(m-1)x^m + amx^m + bx^m = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow (m^2 + (a-1)m + b)x^m = 0 \quad \because x^m \neq 0 \quad \forall x \\ & \Rightarrow m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0 \\ & \text{Characteristic or Auxiliary equation} \end{aligned}$$

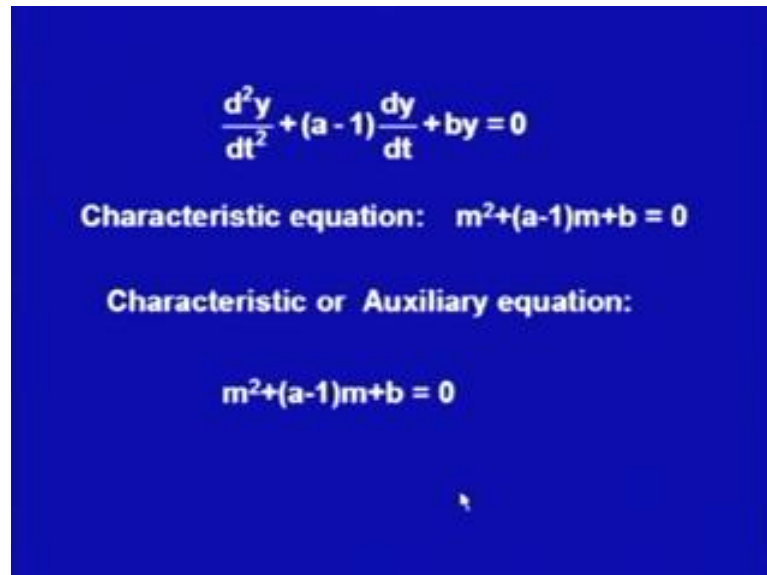
See, my equation is  $x^2 y'' + a x y' + by = 0$ , you see here that coefficient of  $y'$  is  $x$  and coefficient of  $y''$  is  $x^2$ , so if I put  $y = x^m$ , we would be able to think that it could satisfy this equation. We see that  $y'$  would be  $m$  times  $x$  to the power  $m-1$ ,  $y''$  would be  $m(m-1)$  times  $x$  to the power  $m-2$ .

So, if  $y = x^m$  is the solution of this equation, these things must satisfy this equation. So, let us substitute it. If we are substituting, we would get  $m(m-1)x^m + amx^m + bx^m = 0$ . Let us rewrite this equation again as  $m^2 + (a-1)m + b$  times  $x^m = 0$ . Now, if this  $x^m$  is a solution of this equation we want, that is, this should not be a trivial solution, that is, this should not be 0 for all  $x$ .

And if this is a solution, it must satisfy this equation that is, this must be 0. This will be 0 if either  $x^m = 0$  or  $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$ . This cannot be 0, hence this would be a solution only if  $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$ . So we would get that this would be a solution if it is satisfied, what it says this equation which we have got in  $m$ , this is called characteristic or auxiliary equation. Let us compare this method with the previous method there we have changed it to the

linear differential equation with constant coefficient, in that one what we have got that equation.

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$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (a - 1) \frac{dy}{dt} + by = 0$$

**Characteristic equation:  $m^2 + (a - 1)m + b = 0$**

**Characteristic or Auxiliary equation:**

**$m^2 + (a - 1)m + b = 0$**

We have got  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (a - 1) \frac{dy}{dt} + by = 0$ , to solve this we require the characteristic equation, what is the characteristic equation? Characteristic equation would be  $m^2 + (a - 1)m + b = 0$ . Now, let us compare what just now we have got the auxiliary equation, that was also  $m^2 + (a - 1)m + b = 0$ . So, we have got that characteristic equation for both these methods, we are getting the same and after that what we will get, we will get the solution as the roots of this one.

So, here if we are getting, we would get the solution as  $e^{mt}$  kind of things and here we would get  $x^m$  kind of thing and here we have to get the solution in the terms of  $x$  that is  $e^{xt}$ , I have to substitute as  $x$ . So, again we will get  $x^m$  and here also as  $x^m$ , so that says is both methods will give me the same kind of solutions, so see how we get the solution.

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$m^2+(a-1)m+b = 0$

Two roots:  $m_1$  and  $m_2$

Three cases:

1. Distinct real roots
2. Double real roots
3. Complex conjugate roots

The equation is  $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$ , this is a quadratic equation in  $m$ . So, of course it will have two roots of this equation and the solution would be depending on those two roots, and those two roots are depending upon what we are getting the two roots, so they would be 3 cases, the 2 roots  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  and we will have 3 cases.

The case 1, when I do have both these  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  they are distinct and real, the 2nd case would be that is when this  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are real, but they are equal that is double real root and the 3rd situation will have when this both  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are complex numbers. So of course, they would be in pair that is the complex conjugate roots, let us discuss the general solution in each case one by one.

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**CASE I**  
**DISTINCT REAL ROOTS**

$$m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$$

distinct real roots  $m_1$  and  $m_2$

Two Solutions:  $y_1 = x^{m_1}$        $y_2 = x^{m_2}$

So, the case 1 distinct real roots, when this equation  $m$  square plus  $a$  minus  $1$   $m$  plus  $b$  is equal to  $0$ , has two distinct real roots  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , then the two solutions we would have as  $x$  to the power  $m_1$  and  $x$  to the power  $m_2$ , these two solutions would be linearly independent.

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Check for linear independence:

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} x^{m_1} & x^{m_2} \\ m_1 x^{m_1-1} & m_2 x^{m_2-1} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= m_2 x^{m_1+m_2-1} - m_1 x^{m_1+m_2-1}$$
$$= (m_2 - m_1) x^{m_1+m_2-1} \neq 0 \text{ if } m_1 \neq m_2$$

General solution:  $y = c_1 x^{m_1} + c_2 x^{m_2}$

We can check this linear independence using the Wronskian, do you remember the Wronskian, Wronskian of the two solutions  $y_1$   $y_2$  was given as determinant, containing the solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  and their derivatives that is the determinant  $x$  to the power  $m_1$

$x$  to the power  $m_2$  and the second row  $m_1 x$  to the power  $m_1 - 1$  and  $m_2$  times  $x$  to the power  $m_2 - 1$ .

What will be the value of this determinant, this would be simply  $m_2$  times  $x$  to the power  $m_1 + m_2 - 1$ , minus  $m_1$  times  $x$  to the power  $m_1 + m_2 - 1$ , that is  $m_2 - m_1$  into  $x$  to the power  $m_1 + m_2 - 1$ . Now, this  $x$  is not 0 and since  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are distinct, they are not equal this will not be 0 for  $m_1$  not equal to  $m_2$ , that is when they are distinct these two solutions  $x$  to the power  $m_1$  and  $x$  to the power  $m_2$  they would be linearly independent. Hence the general solution would be  $c_1 x$  to the power  $m_1$  plus  $c_2 x$  to the power  $m_2$  this we have discussed the case 1.

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**CASE II: DOUBLE ROOT**

$$m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$$

double root:  $m = \frac{1-a}{2}$

$$y_1 = x^m = x^{\frac{1-a}{2}}$$

$$y_2 = \ln(x) y_1 = \ln(x) \cdot x^{\frac{1-a}{2}}$$

General solution:  $y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln x) x^{\frac{1-a}{2}}$

Now, go to the case 2, Double Root that says is that when we do have this equation  $m^2 + a - 1m + b$ , this has same real root that what will be that root, that root would be  $\frac{1-a}{2}$ , so the one solution we would get as  $x$  to the power  $m$  as  $x$  to the power  $\frac{1-a}{2}$ . Now to get the second linearly independent solution from here, we will use the technique of variation of parameter that is we will take the second solution  $y_2$  as  $u$  times  $y_1$  and then we will find out what is  $u$ . So, by doing that technique we would get actually  $y_2$  as  $\ln x$  times  $y_1$  that is  $u$  we have got  $\ln x$ , so the second solution would be  $\ln x$  into  $x$  to the power  $\frac{1-a}{2}$ .

And the general solution would be then  $c_1 x^{1/2} + c_2 \log x$  into  $x$  to the power  $1/2$ ,  $1$  minus  $a$ . So, when this characteristic equation has double root we do get the general solution is of the form  $c_1 x^{1/2} + c_2 \log x$ ,  $x$  into to the power  $1/2$  minus  $a$ .

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**CASE III  
COMPLEX CONJUGATE ROOTS**

$$m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$$

Roots:  $m_1 = s + it, m_2 = s - it$

Two Solutions:

$$y_1 = x^s \cos(t \ln x) \quad y_2 = x^s \sin(t \ln x)$$

General solution:

$$y = x^s [c_1 \cos(t \ln x) + c_2 \sin(t \ln x)]$$

Now, the 3rd case complex conjugate roots, when this equation  $m$  square plus  $a$  minus  $1$   $m$  plus  $b$  is equal to  $0$ , has complex roots they would appear in the pairs, that is let us say once first root is  $s + it$ , then the second root would be of the form  $s - it$ . If these are the roots then the general solution are the two solutions we would get as first as  $x$  to the power  $s \cos t \log x$  and the second solution as  $x$  to the power  $s \sin t \log x$ .

Again, we can find it out this is the similar kind of thing as we have done with the differential equation with constant coefficients, these will be linearly independent again you can check it using the Wronskian. And the general solution will be of the form  $x$  to the power  $s c_1 \cos t \log x$  plus  $c_2 \sin t \log x$  where, this your  $s$  is the real part in the complex root and  $t$  is the imaginary part in the constant in the conjugate this complex roots. So, we have discussed these 3 cases, let us do some examples to understand this method and how to solve this Euler-Cauchy equations.



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**EXAMPLES**  
Solve the Euler – Cauchy equation  
 $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$   
**SOLUTION**  
 $y = x^m, y' = mx^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$   
 $m(m-1)x^m - 4mx^m + 6x^m = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (m^2 - 5m + 6)x^m = 0$   
Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$   
Roots:  $m = 2, 3$        $y_1 = x^2, y_2 = x^3$   
General solution:  $y = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3$

Let us do the 1st example, solve the Euler-Cauchy equation  $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$ , we will substitute  $y$  as function of  $x$  to the power  $m$ . So, we will substitute  $y$  as  $x$  to the power  $m$  thus  $y'$  would be  $m$  times  $x$  to the power  $m - 1$  and  $y''$  would be  $m(m - 1)$  times  $x$  to the power  $m - 2$ .

If we substitute this in this given equation, we get  $m(m - 1)x^m - 4mx^m + 6x^m = 0$ . Now, rewriting these terms we get  $m^2 x^m - 5m x^m + 6x^m = 0$ , so we will get the auxiliary equation or the characteristic equation as  $m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$ , we say the factors would be  $(m - 2)(m - 3)$ , so the roots would be  $m = 2$  and  $3$  we do have two real roots which are not equal that is real distinct roots.

So, the two solutions would be  $y_1$  as  $x^2$ ,  $y_2$  as  $x^3$ , so the general solution would be of the form  $c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^3$ , this is a solution of this differential equation,  $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$ , we can check that this would be the solution. So, if let us say the checking this for  $x^2$ , if I take  $x^2$  as the solution, what will  $y''$  that will be  $2$ .

So, I will get here  $2x^2$  and  $y'$  would be  $2xy$ , I would be getting  $-8x^2 + 6x^2$ , so that is satisfying this equation, similarly we can check with  $x^3$  or we can check with this general solution, let us do one more example.

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**EXAMPLE 2**

**Find the general solution of  $x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$**

**SOLUTION**

$y = x^m, y' = mx^{m-1}, y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$

**Auxiliary Equation:  $m^2 - 1 = 0$**

**Double real roots:  $m = 1, 1$**

**Two linearly independent solutions:**

$y_1 = x, \quad y_2 = x \ln(x)$

**General solution:  $y = c_1x + c_2x \ln x$**

Example 2, find the general solution of  $x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$ , again we will go with the same kind of function that is  $y = x^m$ .  $y'$  as  $m$  times  $x$  to the  $m-1$ ,  $y''$  as  $m$  into  $m-1$  times  $x$  to the power  $m-2$ . Substituting this in this equation and finding out the auxiliary equation, we would get from here we could see that is auxiliary equation should be  $m^2 - 1 = 0$ .

So, I would be getting the auxiliary equation as  $m^2 - 1 = 0$ , of course, it has two roots  $m = 1$  and  $1$  that is double root  $m = 1$  and  $1$ . Now, this is the 2nd case so, what will be my two solutions the one solution  $y$  would be  $x$  and another solution would be  $x \ln x$ , we can again check by putting these solutions that they are solutions and so, the general solution would be  $c_1x + c_2x \ln x$ . Now, let us discuss one more example.

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**EXAMPLE 3**

**Solve the Initial Value Problem**

$x^2y'' + xy' + 9y = 0, \quad y(1) = 2, \quad y'(1) = 0$

**SOLUTION**

$y = x^m, \quad y' = mx^{m-1}, \quad y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$

$[m(m-1) + m + 9] x^m = 0$

**Auxiliary Equation:**  $m^2 + 9 = 0$

**Roots:**  $m = \pm 3i$

**Two linearly independent solutions:**

$y_1 = \cos(3 \ln x), \quad y_2 = \sin(3 \ln x)$

Example 3, solve the initial value problem  $x^2y'' + xy' + 9y = 0$ , with initial conditions  $y(1) = 2$  and  $y'(1) = 0$ . So, first we will solve this equation again by the same method that is  $y = x^m$ ,  $y' = mx^{m-1}$ ,  $y'' = m(m-1)x^{m-2}$ . Substituting this we would get,  $m(m-1) + m + 9 = 0$ , so we will get the auxiliary equation as  $m^2 + 9 = 0$ . Now, we see that this will have complex roots, so that is  $m^2 = -9$ , so I would have the roots as  $\pm 3i$ . Now, if I compare it with our original one that is  $s + it$ , so here the real part is 0 and the  $t$  is 3 and we are having the two roots  $\pm 3i$ , so what will be our two solutions, our two linearly independent solutions would be  $\cos(3 \log x)$  and  $\sin(3 \log x)$ .

Substituting this we would get,  $m(m-1) + m + 9 = 0$ , so we will get the auxiliary equation as  $m^2 + 9 = 0$ . Now, we see that this will have complex roots, so that is  $m^2 = -9$ , so I would have the roots as  $\pm 3i$ . Now, if I compare it with our original one that is  $s + it$ , so here the real part is 0 and the  $t$  is 3 and we are having the two roots  $\pm 3i$ , so what will be our two solutions, our two linearly independent solutions would be  $\cos(3 \log x)$  and  $\sin(3 \log x)$ .

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**General solution:**  
 $y(x) = c_1 \cos(3 \ln x) + c_2 \sin(3 \ln x)$

**Particular solution:**  
**Initial conditions:**  $y(1) = 2, \quad y'(1) = 0$

$y'(x) = -c_1 \sin(3 \ln x) \cdot \frac{3}{x} + c_2 \cos(3 \ln x) \cdot \frac{3}{x}$

$y(1) = c_1 = 2, \quad y'(1) = 3c_2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_2 = 0$

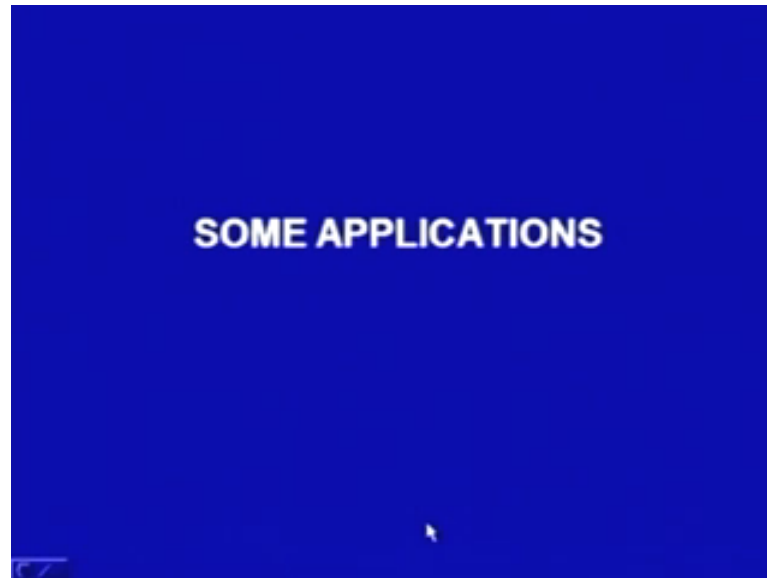
**Solution of IVP:**  $y(x) = 2 \cos(3 \ln x)$

So, the general solution, we would get as  $y = c_1 \cos 3 \log x + c_2 \sin 3 \log x$ , to get the particular solution for the initial value problem, what are the initial values? Initial values are given that the function at value one is 2 on the derivative at 1 is 0, so we get what is  $y'$  from here that would be  $-c_1 \sin 3 \log x \cdot \frac{3}{x} + c_2 \cos 3 \log x \cdot \frac{3}{x}$ . Now, if the first initial condition is that  $x$  is equal to 1, so here if I put  $x$  is equal to 1, what I will get  $\log 1$  would be 0, so I would be getting here  $\cos 0$  and  $\sin 0$ ,  $\cos 0$  would be 1 and  $\sin 0$  would be 0, so what we would be getting  $y$  at 1 we would be getting is  $c_1$  and that is given as equal to 2, so this is what we have got from the first initial condition.

In the second initial condition we do have  $y'$  at 1,  $y'$  at 1 that is here if I put  $x$  is equal to 1, we will get this term to be 0, and this term we would be getting as one and this we would be getting as 3, so what we would be getting  $y'$  at 1 as  $3c_2$  which is given as to be 0, which says is that  $c_2$  would be 0. So, we have got the two constant values that is  $c_1$  as 2 and  $c_2$  as 0, so what will be my particular solution here we will substitute the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , so the solution of initial value problem would be 2 times  $\cos 3 \log x$ . Now, you can check that you can put this solution in the given equation this will satisfy the equation, moreover this solution will also satisfy these two initial conditions.

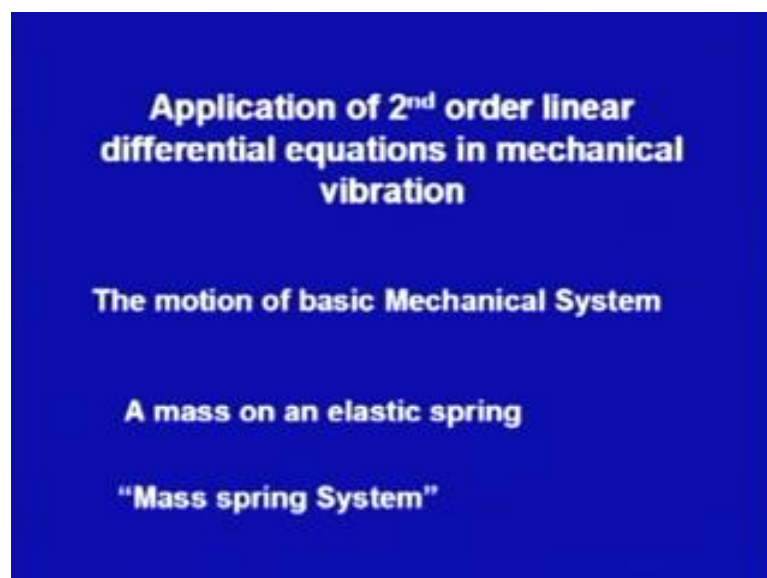
So, thus we have discussed the Euler-Cauchy equation of second order, we have learnt that its solution is depending on the roots of its auxiliary or the equation and with they would be arising 3 cases. Now let us do the practical life application of these equations.

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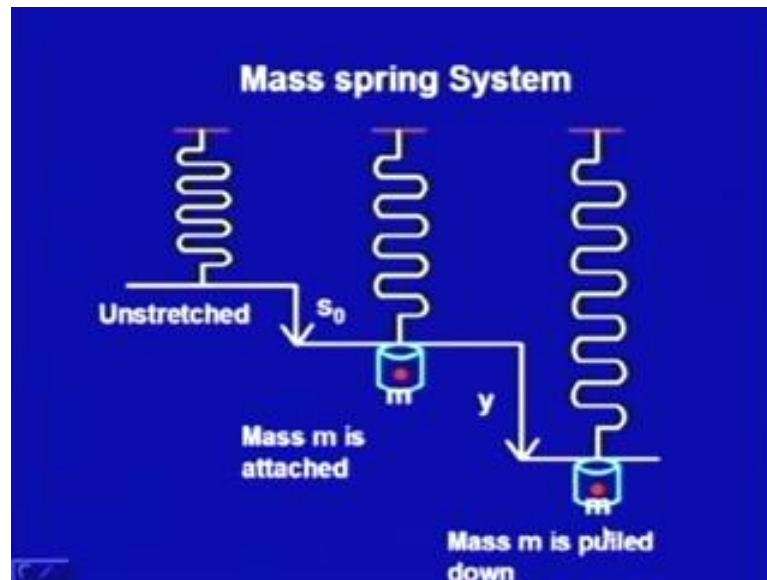
So, we now discuss some application. Linear differential equation with constant coefficients have many engineering applications, here we will discuss one such an application which is...

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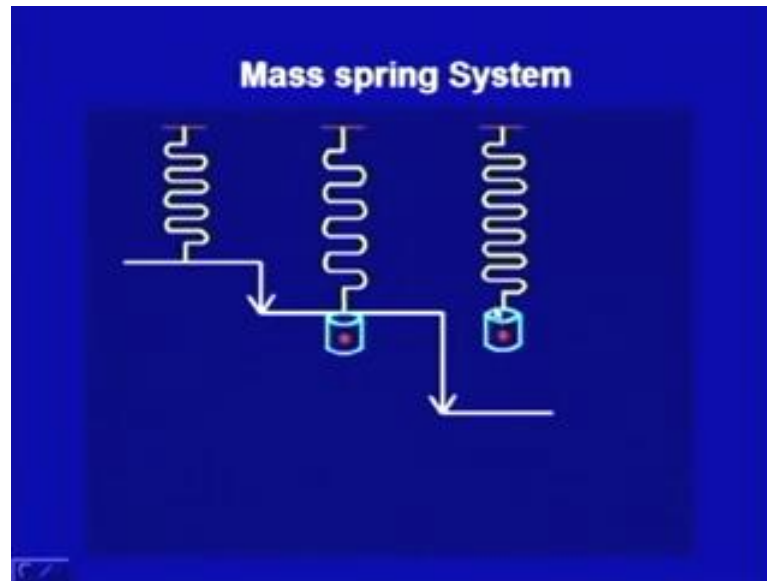
The second order linear differential equation in mechanical vibration, here what we are discussing very basic mechanical system, that is called a mass on an elastic spring. This is motion of basic mechanical system, this is mass on an elastic spring and this is called Mass Spring System, what is this system, let us first understand this system.

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We do have spring this is an Unstretched spring, if I hang a mass of size  $m$ , on this one you see this is Unstretched spring, I had this is here on the one side and on this side I have attached a mass of size  $m$ , this will stretch this string. So, let us say this stretching is  $s_0$ , now what I will do is that is after this is stretching this is at the static one, so if I pull this mass little bit downwards. And then release it, that is I pull this mass downwards if I am pulling it again this string will get more stretched one and then if I release it, what will happen?

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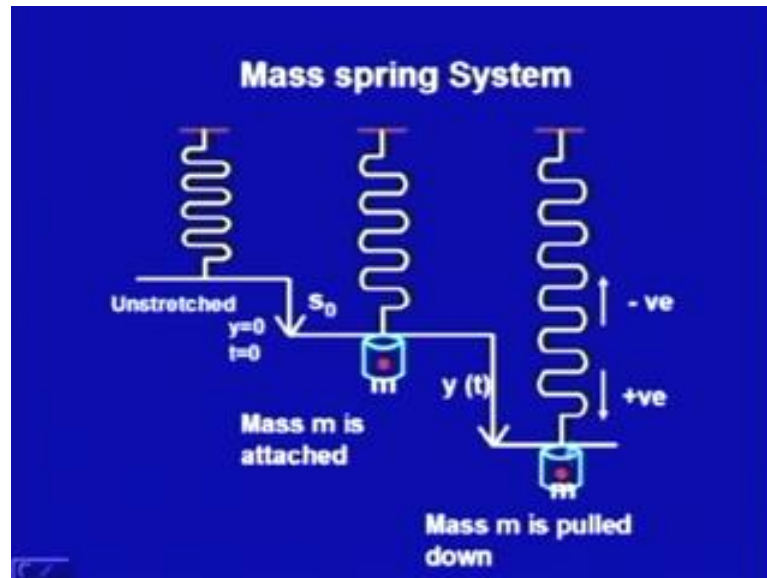
This will go up and then it will go under the motion like this one, that is where we are having is that once I had pulled it down and then left it, It will go in a motion we want to discuss or we want to find out this basic motion of this spring. So, we would see, that is how we are going to model this system, model this system means we will find out what are the differential equations which are governing this motion. Let us see how we are going to do.

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So, we are going to setting up this model for this Mass Spring System.

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Here we have taken a spring, which would be going to be the whether it will be compressed or it would be stretched it will resist it, that is this is simple spring. It is attached with one hook on the one side and the second side we have put a mass of size  $m$ . Now, that will give it is the stretching and this stretching, let say is that is this stretch is  $s_0$ , here this is in the this is not in the motion, once I had put this mass over there this will just hang on. This position I am taking as the initial position, this initial position and then this mass been pulled down if it been pulled down, it will again stretch it and then when we are releasing it will go to the motion, so now we will make certain basic assumptions for setting up this motion.

The first setting up is that we take that motion should be strictly vertical, that is we are not talking about this kind of motion, we will talk about only a strictly vertical motion. We are taking that direction towards the down side as positive and direction towards the upside as the negative. This is the static condition that is from here, initially we are starting that is when the mass has been hanged that is this initial stretch of  $s_0$  we have taken and then we are pulling it down and then releasing it. So, after time  $t$  wherever this thing is, that is suppose it is here, then this is the displacement from the initial condition  $y$  is equal to 0 to at  $y(t)$  at time  $t$ . Now how this system is being governed let us see this system would be governed Newton's second law.



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**Newton's Second Law**

**Mass x Acceleration = Force**

**Mass = m**

**Displacement at time t = y (t)**

**Velocity = y' (t)**

**Acceleration = y'' (t)**

**Force**

What is the Newton's second law that says is mass into acceleration is equal to force. What is the mass, mass is being given as m. Acceleration since we have seen in the last one that is y is the displacement we do know if y is the displacement at time t is y t, then velocity would be y dash t that is the derivative of y with respect to t at time t that would be the velocity and acceleration would be the second derivative y double dash t. So, we have got the mass we have got the acceleration, now what is the force? Let us see the force, the force which is governing this complete system.

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**Modeling Mass spring System**

**Unstretched**  $y=0$   $t=0$

**System in static equilibrium**

$k = \text{spring constant}$

**Hooke's Law:**

$$F_0 = -ks_0$$

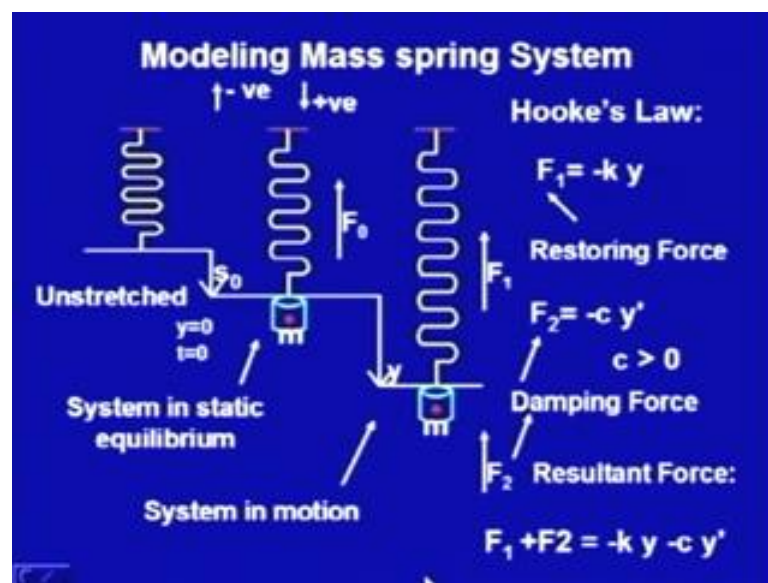
$W = mg$

$$F_0 + W = -ks_0 + mg = 0$$

Let us see, when this is Unstretched spring, when a mass  $m$  is being attached it has been stretched, when it has been stretched it says is there is a force acting upwards say  $F_{\text{naught}}$  which is balancing it. So, this force  $F_{\text{naught}}$  would be under upward side and this is not moving, that is it is balancing the weight of this mass, what will be the weight of this mass.

By the Hooke's law this force  $F_{\text{naught}}$  would be actually minus  $k s_{\text{naught}}$  that is this is against that is whatever the stretching this  $k$  here is called the spring constant. And we are taking this because this is on the upward side this is balancing the weight, weight is  $m$  into  $g$  now this system is in the static equilibrium, that it is not moving, that says is we are having is  $F_{\text{naught}}$  plus  $w$  that is minus  $k s_{\text{naught}}$  plus  $m g$  this should be 0, this is not giving any motion, this force is 0.

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Now, when it goes under the motion that says is when we are pulling it and then releasing it, when we are pulling it one more force that is it is being stretched again and what is this stretching one, this is stretching from this initial condition  $y$  we have taken 0, now this stretching extra stretching is of  $y$  that will generate another force  $F_1$  and what this would be again by Hooke's law this would be minus  $k y$ . Again the sign would be minus, since this force is upwards and the  $k$  is the spring constant and  $y$  is this stretching at the time  $t$ , this is called the Restoring force.

Moreover every system does has a damper, if the damping is not there, that is there should be some force which is governing this motion then this motion will go on forever we will learn this little bit after. Let us say that damping force is  $F_2$  this will again be in the upward direction, this damping force is going to govern the velocity, so that it would reduce it. So, a very good approximation of this  $F_2$  is minus  $c y'$  that is  $y'$  that is the velocity and minus  $c$ , this  $c$  this is called the damping constant and again the sign is minus since this would force will also act upon on the upward side.

So, now the resultant force what would be this  $c$  we are also taking as positive this  $k$  is also positive, the resultant force would be  $F_1$  plus  $F_2$ , so the total force would be minus  $k y$  minus  $c y'$ , now we are ready to get the model of this system.

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**MODEL OF SYSTEM**

**Mass x Acceleration = Force**

$$my'' = -cy' - ky$$

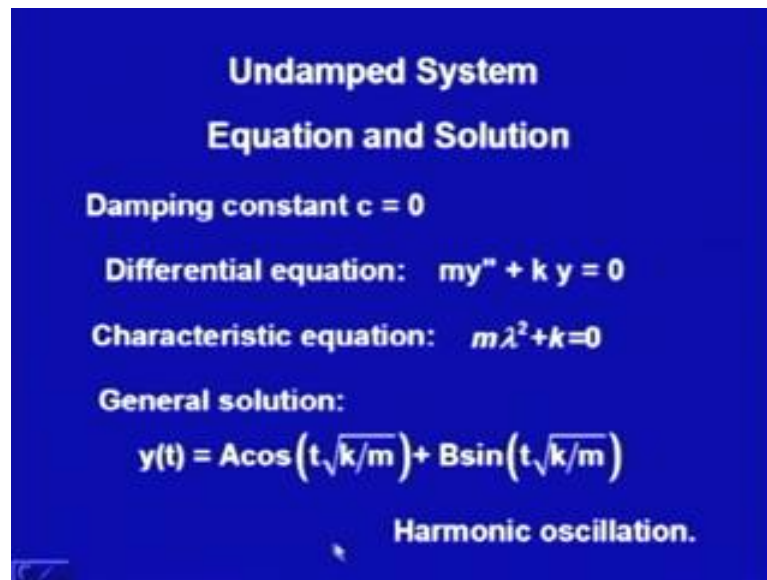
$$my'' + cy' + ky = 0$$

**Second order linear differential equation  
with constant coefficients.**

That is by second law of Newton's second law, Mass into Acceleration is equal to Force mass is  $m$ , acceleration is  $y''$ , the force we have find it out is minus  $c y'$  minus  $k y$ , that is we have got a differential equation  $m y'' + c y' + k y = 0$ . This is a second order linear differential equations with constant coefficients since all these are constants.

So, this is governing this mass spring system this equation and this is a homogeneous one. So, we just say is that is what we do get how to get the solution of this and how this motion we are trying to understand. So, first we will discuss the case of Undamped system.

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**Undamped System  
Equation and Solution**

**Damping constant  $c = 0$**

**Differential equation:  $my'' + ky = 0$**

**Characteristic equation:  $m\lambda^2 + k = 0$**

**General solution:**

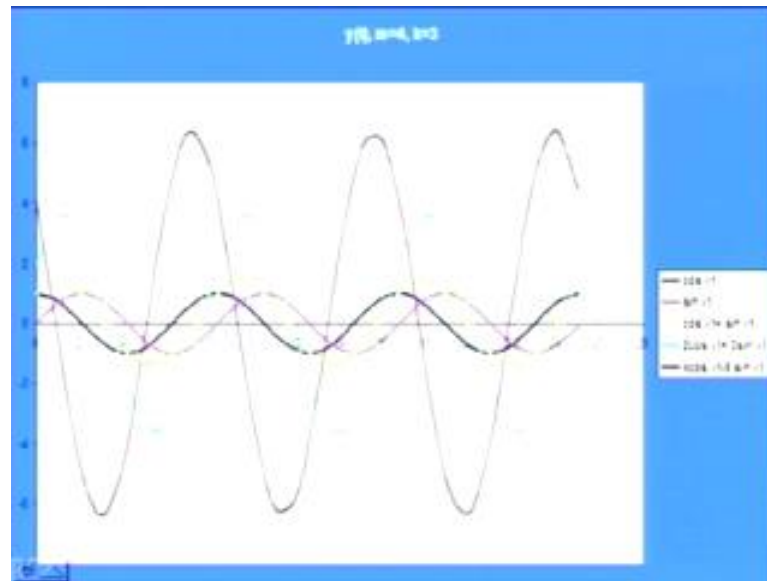
$$y(t) = A\cos\left(t\sqrt{k/m}\right) + B\sin\left(t\sqrt{k/m}\right)$$

**Harmonic oscillation.**

Undamped system that is there is no damping is present, that is the damping constant  $c$  would be 0, that is what we would get our equation, our equation would be ((Refer Time: 27:54))  $my'' + ky = 0$ , that is the term involving  $c y'$  since  $c$  is 0, that is not present there, now here  $m$  and  $k$  both are positive. So, we would get what will be our characteristic equation for this linear differential equation, that is  $m\lambda^2 + k = 0$ .

Its root would be of course, since both  $k$  and  $m$  are positive its root would be complex one and those roots would be  $\pm i\sqrt{k/m}$ , so the general solution would be of the form,  $A\cos t\sqrt{k/m} + B\sin t\sqrt{k/m}$ ,  $t$  here I am taking is the time  $t$  that is I am having the equation in  $y$  and  $t$ . This is the general solution. Now, let us see that is what this general solution is let us see in the graph, this is called Harmonic Oscillation why?

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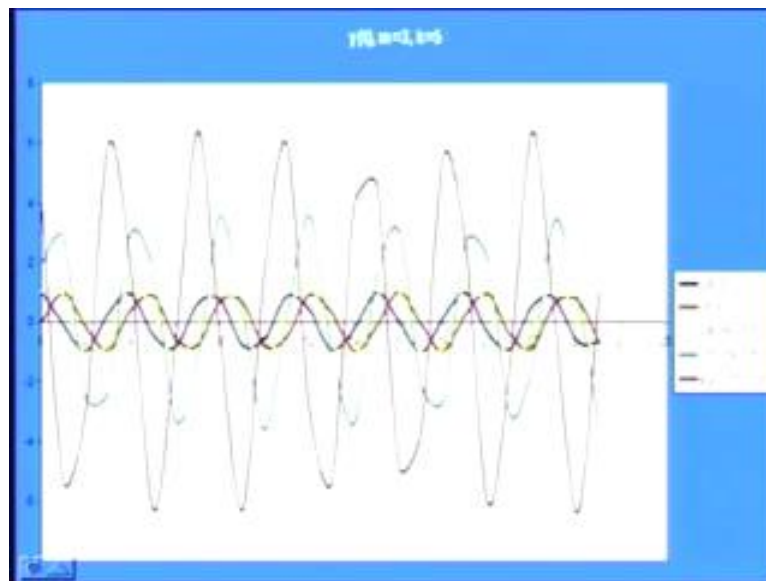
You see here, we are having is that is for different values of  $a$  and  $b$ , so let us say  $a$  is equal to 1 and  $b$  is equal to 0, for here I have taken  $m$  as 4 and  $k$  as 3 that is the spring constant as 3 and mass as 4. Then what we are having is that is this motion first this black line, you see this is just going like this one, now you see what we are having is its starting the motion is being started that is displacement is going on, it goes up at a distance then it goes down with the same distance, then it goes up again with the same distance.

And you see the time it is taking between the cycles that is from here to here, here to here, here to here the cycle is also same. And it is also taking that the displacement that is the distance it is covering, the displacement it is making that is also equal, that is what I said is when we are not having a damper, the motion will go on forever, so this will go on forever with equal magnitude.

Similarly, if I take my  $a$  to be 0 and  $b$  is to be 1, then you see is that again I am getting this harmonic motion this pink kind of line, again you are having is that the cycle is same the magnitude is also same whether the upwards or the downwards and this will go on. Similarly, if at the different values if  $a$  and  $b$ , I have taken as 1 we are getting is that is the magnitude is differing here and but cycle is different cycle different magnitude, but it is going on.

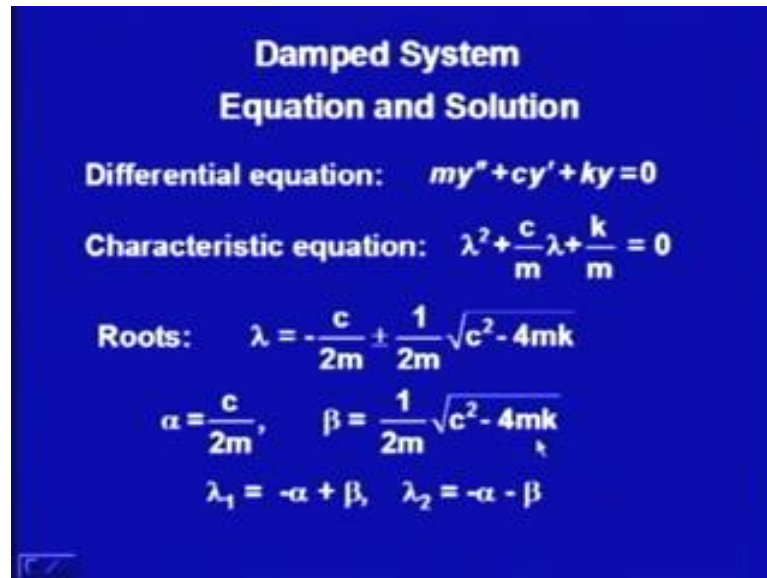
Similarly, with other values as  $a$  as 2 and  $b$  as 3 we are getting it again, that is the magnitude is getting hard one and the cycle is again in the similar manner, smaller one. And then if I had  $a$  as 4 and  $b$  as minus 5, we have got that the magnitude is again little bit higher and the cycle is something little bit smaller, and we are getting, that this will go on this is never going to down that is the motion will go on forever. So, let us see another example over here

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Here I have changed that mass to be 3 and spring constant  $k$  is 5, that is its more resistant string, again you see the similar kind of pattern we are having, again I have taken this  $a$   $b$  as the similar kind of thing this is  $a$  is equal to 1  $b$  is equal to 0; that is this first one. We are getting is this, this motion then if  $a$  is equal to 0 and  $b$  is equal to 1 we are getting this motion and so on we are having again we are having is this motion is going on with the equal cycle in one motion and with the equal magnitude whether upwards or downwards. That is what we are calling it as harmonic oscillation and without damping this motion will go on forever, forever time.

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**Damped System  
Equation and Solution**

Differential equation:  $my'' + cy' + ky = 0$

Characteristic equation:  $\lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0$

Roots:  $\lambda = -\frac{c}{2m} \pm \frac{1}{2m}\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$

$\alpha = \frac{c}{2m}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2m}\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$

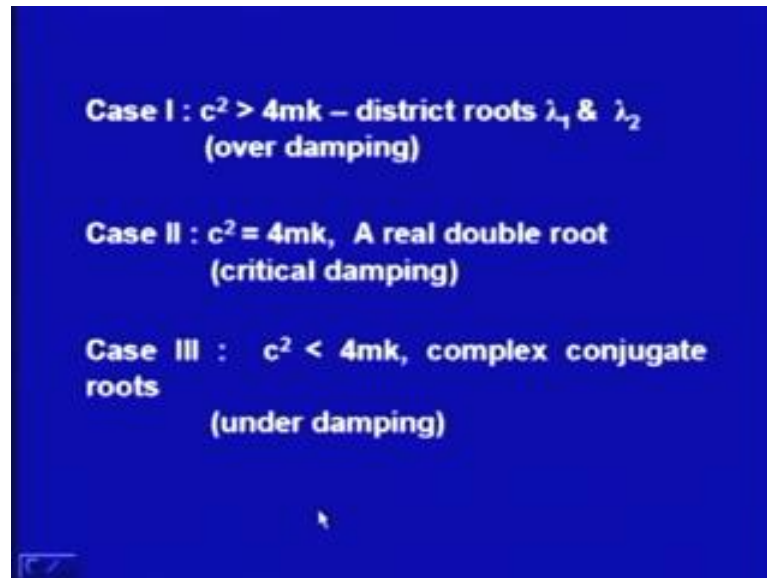
$\lambda_1 = -\alpha + \beta, \quad \lambda_2 = -\alpha - \beta$

Let us see the damped system, that is when the damping is present, so first we see what is the equation and the solution and then will discuss this motion. So, the differential equation would be  $m y'' + cy' + ky = 0$ , here this  $m$  is the mass,  $c$  is the damping constant and  $k$  is the spring constant. This equation will have the characteristic equation as  $\lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0$ , since this is a quadratic equation it will have two roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

And those roots would be of the form  $-\frac{c}{2m} \pm \frac{1}{2m}\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$ , that is we will have one root as  $-\frac{c}{2m} + \frac{1}{2m}\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$ , another root we would have  $-\frac{c}{2m} - \frac{1}{2m}\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$ . Let us rewrite it as in the simplified manner, let us say this first thing as the  $\alpha$   $\frac{c}{2m}$  and the second part that is  $\beta$  as  $\frac{1}{2m}\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$ , then we would have the two roots,  $\lambda_1$  as  $-\alpha + \beta$  and  $\lambda_2$  as  $-\alpha - \beta$ .

Now, you see in the  $\beta$  we are having this term  $\sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$ , that is we are finding out square root of some quantity where the  $c$ ,  $m$  and  $k$  all they are constants. So, of course we will have our roots will be depending upon what is this inside this square root that is  $c^2 - 4mk$ , whether it is positive quantity, its 0 quantity or its negative quantity, accordingly we would have different roots. So, we will have actually with 3 cases.

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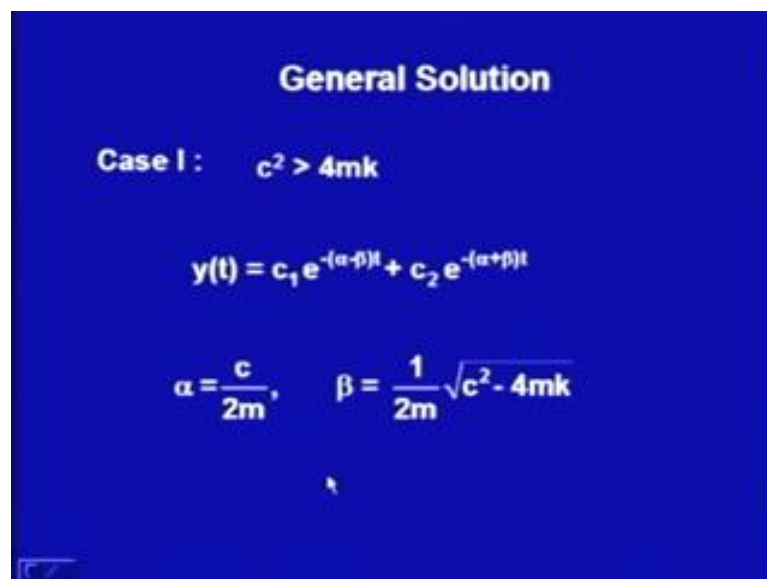
**Case I :  $c^2 > 4mk$  – distinct roots  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$   
(over damping)**

**Case II :  $c^2 = 4mk$ , A real double root  
(critical damping)**

**Case III :  $c^2 < 4mk$ , complex conjugate  
roots  
(under damping)**

The case 1 is, when  $c$  square is greater than  $4mk$ , in that case we will have two different roots, distinct real roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  this case is called over damping. Then 2nd case when  $c$  square is equal to  $4mk$  will have double real roots, this is called critical damping. We will learn all these terms why we are calling them and the 3rd case when  $c$  square is less than  $4mk$ , that is its imaginary part  $\beta$  would be imaginary and that is complex conjugate roots this we would call under damping. Let us discuss the solution in each case one by one.

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**General Solution**

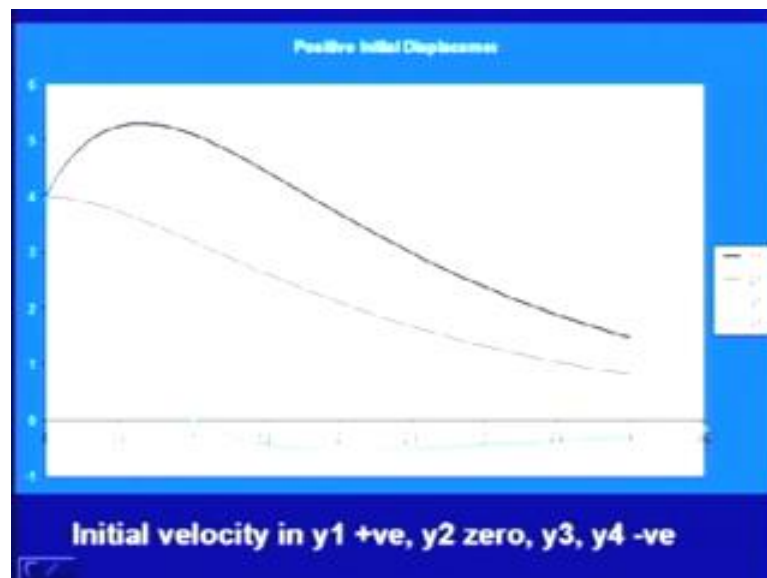
**Case I :  $c^2 > 4mk$**

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-(\alpha-\beta)t} + c_2 e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t}$$
$$\alpha = \frac{c}{2m}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2m} \sqrt{c^2 - 4mk}$$



So, general solution in case 1, case 1 is when  $c^2$  is greater than  $4mk$  that is we would have 2 roots as  $-\alpha - \beta$  and  $-\alpha + \beta$ , so the general solution we would have  $y(t)$  as  $c_1 e^{(-\alpha - \beta)t} + c_2 e^{(-\alpha + \beta)t}$ . Here if I, this  $\alpha$  is we do know is that  $c/2m$  and  $\beta$  is  $\sqrt{1/4m^2 c^2 - 4mk}$ . Where  $m$  is the mass,  $c$  is the damping coefficient and  $k$  is the spring constant. Now, for different values of  $c$ ,  $m$  and  $k$  we will get, so that the  $c^2 - 4mk$  is positive we will get the different roots and if I do give some initial conditions, so that we get some particular solution, so will discuss this case one by one.

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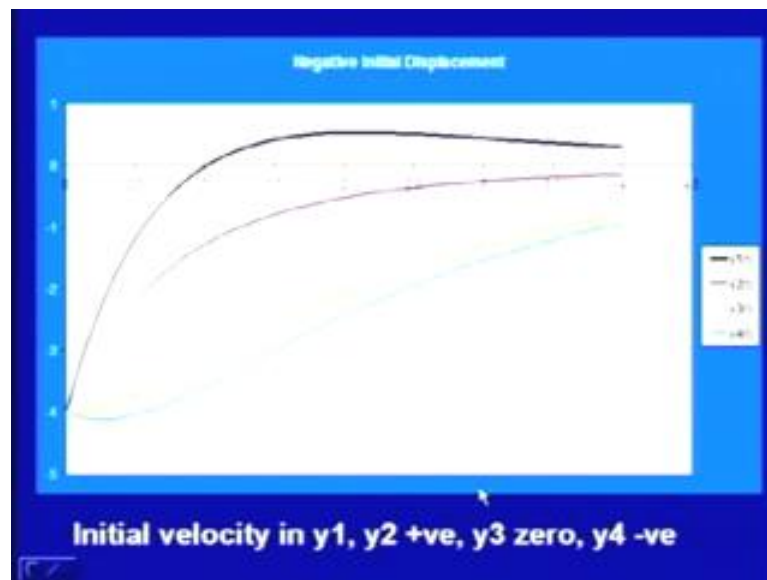
Here what I have taken, I have taken some values of  $c$ ,  $m$  and  $k$  such that  $c^2 - 4mk$  is positive and initial condition what I have taken is that  $y$  at  $0$  is  $4$ , that is it is positive initial displacement. Then we do have the another initial condition that would be governing  $y'$ , that is  $y'$  whether it is I have defined some values and I am classifying them into 3 parts that is my velocity, initial velocity  $y'$  is positive, negative or zero.

Let us see first case  $y_1$ , this  $y_1$  we are having is here as positive velocity, initial that is  $y'$  one positive, I have taken some value so in that case how this motion will go on. Initially it has been displaced that is pulled downwards  $4$  at  $4$ , then it has been released, it has generate it and with the damping, it was generated a velocity positive velocity, so we

are getting it as that is its going little bit up and then it is dying down because of damping.

If initial velocity is 0, then it is started dying down from the initially it is not gone up. When the initial velocity is negative, that is initial velocity is upwards, then we are having we would have the two cases, one is that is it is going down like this one and then it is dying down to the displacement is coming to be 0 or it may happen that it comes to 0 and then it goes to the negative one, that is we are having is this motion upwards, but again it will come up and it will go to the 0. So, if the damping is present ultimately we will have that our motion would stop and after sometime we would go to the 0 displacement.

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Now, if I take initial displacement to be the negative, that is if 0 is negative, so again I have taken a case when  $y_0$  is minus 4. Again with the second initial condition about the velocity again I have divided positive negative and 0. Now, if the displacement is negative and my velocity is also negative, that is the last case  $y_4$  this case. So, you see is that is it is first going down little bit and then coming up and it will ultimately reach to the 0, that is the displacement would be 0. If the initial velocity is 0, it is starting with the negative displacement and the displacement is going up that is its reducing and it will certainly reach to somewhere 0.

If initial velocity is positive, we could have again, the two cases one case is that it has started little bit, that is the displacement has gone very up like this one, that is reduced certainly and then the reduction power is little bit less and then we are moving over here. We may have this in this positive case, that is it may go to the 0 and then it cross this line then it goes to the positive displacement and then it is dying down. So, again we have got that, when damping is present we will not have this harmonic kind of oscillation that the motion goes on forever, rather we would be having is that after sometime the motion will die down and there displacement could be 0.

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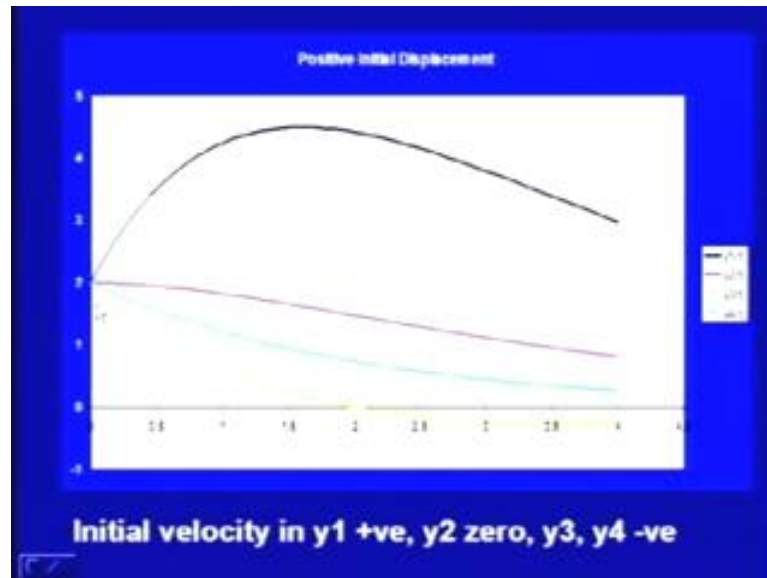
**General Solution**

Case II :  $c_2 = 4mk$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -\alpha$

$$y(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-\alpha t} \quad \alpha = \frac{c}{2m}$$

Now, let us discuss the 2nd case, that case 2 where  $c^2$  is equal to  $4mk$ , that is  $\beta$  would be 0 and we will have double root that is both  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , they are equal to minus  $\alpha$ , in this case we do know that the solution would be of the form  $c_1 + c_2 t$  times  $e$  to the power minus  $\alpha t$ ,  $\alpha$  is of course our  $c$  by  $2m$ , in this case if I take some values of  $c$  and  $m$  such that  $c^2$  is  $4mk$ .

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Again I have taken initial condition that my initial displacement  $y$  is positive and that is 2, again with the second initial condition about the velocity we have divided it into positive, negative and zero. So, when the displacement is positive and velocity is also positive, this is the second case where I am having  $c^2$  is equal to  $4mk$ , that is we are having double real root. Again it is going little bit up and then it is coming down, so of course, after some time it will come down, when initial velocity is 0, it is starting from here it is going down very slowly, but it is going down, then when the initial velocity is negative it is going down, first it goes down very fast, then it is going down slowly and it will go to the 0.

It may have another case where it is going down to the 0 and then it is going down to the negative displacement, then it will come up and it will go to the 0, that is again in this case also the motion will die down, that is the displacement would be 0, after sometimes the motion will stop.

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**General Solution**

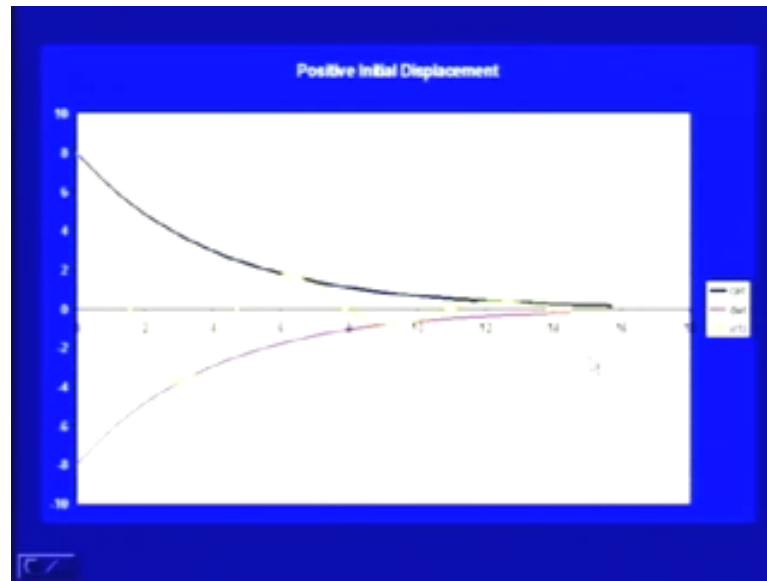
Case III :  $c^2 < 4mk$   $\beta$  is pure imaginary.

$$\beta = i\omega^* \quad \omega^* = \frac{1}{2m} \sqrt{4mk - c^2} (> 0)$$
$$y(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A \cos \omega^* t + B \sin \omega^* t)$$
$$y(t) = c e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega^* t - \delta)$$
$$c^2 = A^2 + B^2, \quad \tan \delta = B/A$$

Let us discuss the third case, case 3 is when  $c$  square is less than  $4 m k$ , that is the  $\beta$  is pure imaginary. Let us say  $\beta$  is  $i \omega^*$ , where this  $\omega^*$  is one upon  $2 m$  square root of  $4 m k$  minus  $c$  square that is this thing is positive, so  $\omega^*$  would be positive. In this case, the general solution will be of the form  $e^{-\alpha t} (A \cos \omega^* t + B \sin \omega^* t)$ . By the trigonometry, we do know that this thing we can rewrite as  $c e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega^* t - \delta)$ . Where this  $c$  is such that  $c^2$  is  $A^2 + B^2$  and this  $\delta$  is such that  $\tan \delta = B/A$ .

Now, we see this is the general solution, this is telling us the displacement at time  $t$ , this is having  $e^{-\alpha t}$  and  $\cos$  of something, now the  $\cos$  of any this  $\cos$  function we do know this lies between minus 1 and plus 1. So, what will have this motion will lie between minus  $c e^{-\alpha t}$  and plus  $c e^{-\alpha t}$ . Let us see what kind this motion would be look like.

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You see here, this is the line  $c e^{-\alpha t}$  to the power minus  $\alpha t$  and this is the line  $-c e^{-\alpha t}$  to the power minus  $\alpha t$ , again I have taken this some  $c$  and  $m$  such that  $c^2$  is less than  $4 m k$ , you see this motion is actually this one, this is going first it is starting with here initially and then it is going down. Then it is coming up and like this you see each time the magnitude of the motion, you are getting is getting lesser and lesser and afterwards it is going to be die down its coming to 0.

So, this is what is the motion, when we do have the under damping, you see is that is when we had over damping we had got the motions which are just going down, when we had critical damping again the motions were just down. And here what we are having is that motion is going down and up and down and up and then they are dying down, that is they are stopping. So this is what is called the under damping.

So, we have discussed the 3 cases of this differential equation, which is governing this motion of basic mechanical system, that is called the mass spring system. Now, it may happen that is this motion is being governed by some force, that is we are calling Forced Oscillation or Resonance.

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**Forced Oscillations: Resonance**

Differential equation:  $my'' + cy' + ky = r(t)$

$r(t) = \text{Input}$        $y(t) = \text{output}$

Example

$r(t) = F_0 \cos \omega t, F_0 > 0, \omega > 0$

Differential equation:  $my'' + cy' + ky = F_0 \cos \omega t$

What is this, this says is that this motion is been governed by a force or force is affecting the motion that means, till now what I was having that is this was the equation of the motion which was equal to 0, that is this was balanced by balanced equation. Now, what we are having is that this motion is governed by one force called  $r(t)$ , that is now we are having non homogeneous equation.  $m y'' + cy' + ky = r(t)$ .

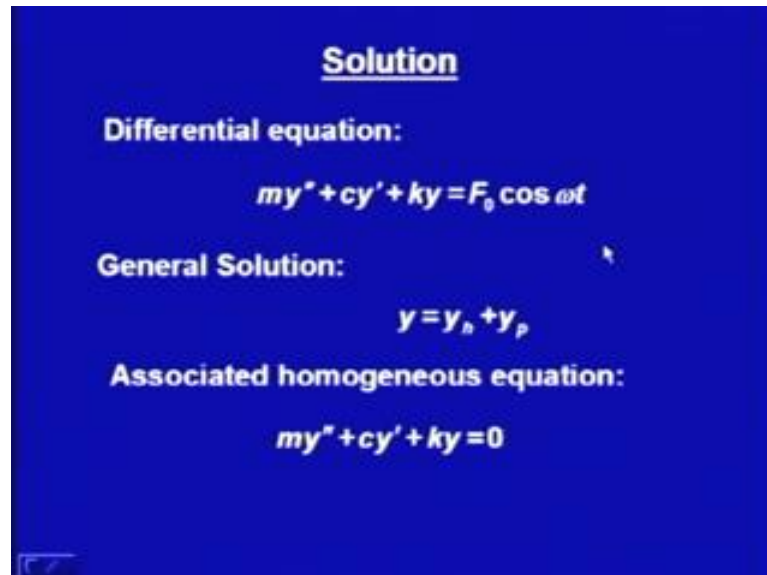
Now, what is  $r(t)$  which is governing this motion, this  $r(t)$  is called input and what will be the solution of this equation  $y$ , that would be called output. This is we are giving, that is sometimes we says is that, this is what is the input and or this what the force is being applied, and this output we are calling the response to this force which is governing this motion, so this is also called the response.

For example, let us take this  $r(t)$ , that is the force, which is governing the motion is of the form  $F_0 \cos \omega t$ , this  $\omega$  is something different. So,  $F_0$  is a constant and the force is of this form, you see I have taken this special form that is cosine function, if you do remember we have to solve this non homogeneous equation, where this both  $F_0$  and  $\omega$  are positive.

Then what will have the equation our differential equation would be  $m y'' + cy' + ky = F_0 \cos \omega t$ . Now, this is a non homogeneous equation, it has solution, which is having the solution of homogeneous equation and at particular solution, which is governed with this right hand side, that is called the

particular solution and then the general solution we do have as the homogeneous solution plus the particular solution.

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**Solution**

**Differential equation:**

$$my'' + cy' + ky = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

**General Solution:**

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

**Associated homogeneous equation:**

$$my'' + cy' + ky = 0$$

So, we do have this differential equation, its general solution is of the form  $y_h$  plus  $y_p$ , where  $y_h$  is the general solution of associated homogeneous equation  $my'' + cy' + ky = 0$  and  $y_p$  is the particular solution, now we will concentrate on this  $y_p$ . If you do see, that is what we are having here is that our  $r(t)$  is of the form  $F_0 \cos \omega t$ , that is we are having a special form. So, we will use this method of undetermined coefficient, do you remember that method we are having one table, which is telling us what is the choice of the particular solution  $y_p$ , that table is this one.



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Terms in $r(x)$	Choice of $y_p$
$ke^{\gamma x}$	$C e^{\gamma x}$
$kx^n (n=0,1,\dots)$	$K_n x^n + K_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + K_1 x + K_0$
$k \cos \omega x$ $k \sin \omega x$	$A \sin \omega x + B \cos \omega x$
$ke^{\alpha x} \cos \omega x$ $ke^{\alpha x} \sin \omega x$	$e^{\alpha x} (A \sin \omega x + B \cos \omega x)$

So here what we are having is, we are having a constant times cos omega x. So, my choice of particular solution should be of A times sin omega x plus B times cos omega x.

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Solution

Particular solution

$$y_p = a \cos \omega t + b \sin \omega t$$
$$\Rightarrow y_p' = -\omega a \sin \omega t + \omega b \cos \omega t$$
$$\Rightarrow y_p'' = -\omega^2 a \cos \omega t - \omega^2 b \sin \omega t$$

Let us so, we will have our particular solution as of the form a cos omega t plus sin b sin omega t, if this satisfies the equation then it will be a solution. So, we would have to find out y p dash as minus omega a sin omega t plus omega b cos omega t and y p double dash would be minus omega square a cos omega t minus omega square b sin omega t. We will substitute this in the given equation.

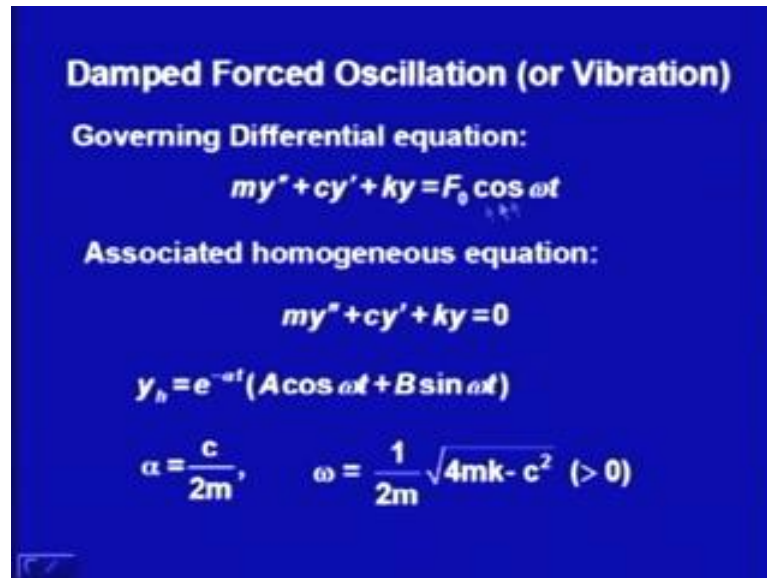
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Substitution: } my'' + cy' + ky &= F_0 \cos \omega t \\ [(k - m\omega^2)a + \omega cb] \cos \omega t \\ + [-\omega ca + (k - m\omega^2)b] \sin \omega t &= F_0 \cos \omega t \\ \Rightarrow (k - m\omega^2)a + \omega cb &= F_0, \\ -\omega ca + (k - m\omega^2)b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The equation is  $m y'' + cy' + ky = F_0 \cos \omega t$ , when I am substituting those  $y_p$ ,  $y_p'$  and  $y_p''$ , we would get the equation of the form,  $(k - m\omega^2)a + \omega cb$  and this whole is multiple of  $\cos \omega t$ . And then we do have a  $\sin \omega t$  and its coefficient as  $-\omega ca + (k - m\omega^2)b$ , which is equal to  $F_0 \cos \omega t$ . To determine this  $a$  and  $b$  we would equate this coefficients, so what it gives is that is the coefficient of  $\cos \omega t$  on the right side is  $F_0$  and on the left side is this one.

So, we get the first equation as  $(k - m\omega^2)a + \omega cb = F_0$ . And we do not have any term of  $\sin \omega t$  on the right side, so we will get this second equation as  $-\omega ca + (k - m\omega^2)b = 0$ . These are the two algebraic equations in two unknowns  $a$  and  $b$ , so we can solve it and we get the solutions, so we will get what is the particular solution, homogeneous equation will give me the solution of  $y_h$  and we will get the general solution.

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**Damped Forced Oscillation (or Vibration)**

**Governing Differential equation:**

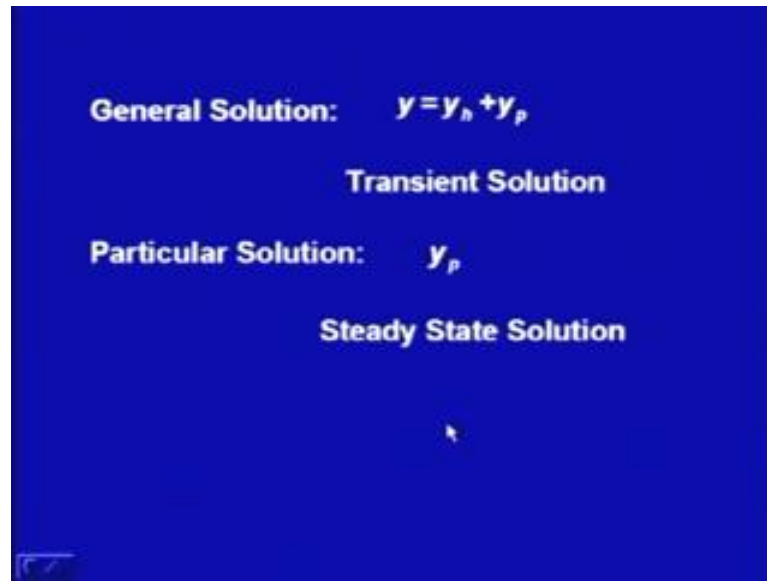
$$my'' + cy' + ky = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

**Associated homogeneous equation:**

$$my'' + cy' + ky = 0$$
$$y_h = e^{-\alpha t} (A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t)$$
$$\alpha = \frac{c}{2m}, \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2m} \sqrt{4mk - c^2} (> 0)$$

Now, we will discuss one special case, rather which is called the Damped Forced Oscillation or which is more generally known in the mechanical engineering as vibration. What is this one, this governing differential equation would be my double dash plus cy dash plus k y is equal to F naught cos omega t, I am just discussing that this is special one that is F naught cos omega t. Associated homogeneous equation would be my double dash plus cy dash plus k y is equal to 0. Its solution let us say, suppose that this equation has the complex roots, that is its characteristic equation has complex roots, then the solution would be e to the power minus alpha t a cos omega t plus b sin omega t, where this alpha would be c by 2 m and omega would be 1 upon 2 m square root of 4 m k minus c square. Now, this is what we are writing.

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**General Solution:**  $y = y_h + y_p$   
**Transient Solution**

**Particular Solution:**  $y_p$   
**Steady State Solution**

And then the Particular solution, we would be general solution would be of the form  $y_h$  plus  $y_p$ , this general solution is also known in this vibration case as the transient solution, and this particular solution  $y_p$  this is known as steady state solution. Why this is called transient solution, and this is a steady state solution, this we will learn a little later on and we would actually learn these things with the help of an example.

This example we will do in the next lecture, where we would really model a vibration model and we will see that is how the solution is coming at, how this vibration is taking place and why we call one thing as transient solution, this general solution and this particular solution as a steady state solution. How this is the response to the input function, all these things we will see in the help of example and that example we will go with the next lecture.

Today, we have learnt a special kind of equation called Euler-Cauchy equations, this is second order linear differential equations where the coefficients were not constant, but the function of  $x$ . We had learnt homogeneous Cauchy-Euler equations, how to solve them. We had learnt some application of linear differential equation with constant coefficient. We had learnt one special application in the simple mechanical system called the mass spring system.

And we had learnt, when thus there is no force is governing the motion, both the cases damp is that when there is no damping and when there is damping is present. So, we

have seen the damped oscillations and we have seen the un damped motion that is called harmonic oscillation. Now, next lecture we will learn one more system mechanical vibration.

Thank you.