

**Integral Equations, Calculus of Variations and their Applications**  
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**Mod 06 Lecture Number 25**  
**Neumann series and Resolvent kernel**

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Hello friends Welcome to my lecture on Neumann Series and resolvent kernel There will be two lectures on this topic This is first of the two lectures on Neumann Series and resolvent kernel Here we will discussing how to find the

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**Solution of Volterra Integral Equation of the second kind by Resolvent Kernel**

Consider a Volterra integral equation of the second kind

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y(t)dt. \quad \dots(1)$$

where  $K(x,t)$  is a continuous function in  $a \leq x \leq b, a \leq t \leq x$  and  $f(x)$  is continuous function in  $a \leq x \leq b$ .

We seek the solution of integral equation (1) in the form of an infinite power in series  $\lambda$ .

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solution of the Volterra integral equation of the second kind by finding the resolvent kernel

Let us consider a the Volterra integral equation of the second kind which is given by  $y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y(t)dt$ . We assume here  $K(x,t)$  is a continuous function in the interval  $a \leq x \leq b$ ,  $a \leq t \leq x$ . So in the  $t-x$  plane the region over which  $K(x,t)$  is a continuous function is given by these inequalities  $f(x)$  is the continuous function on the closed interval  $a, b$ . We seek the solution of this equation in the form of an infinite series in powers of  $\lambda$ .

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we may write equation (1) as,

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t_1)y(t_1)dt_1. \quad \dots(2)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $t$  in (2), we get

$$y(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_a^t K(t,t_1)y(t_1)dt_1. \quad \dots(3)$$

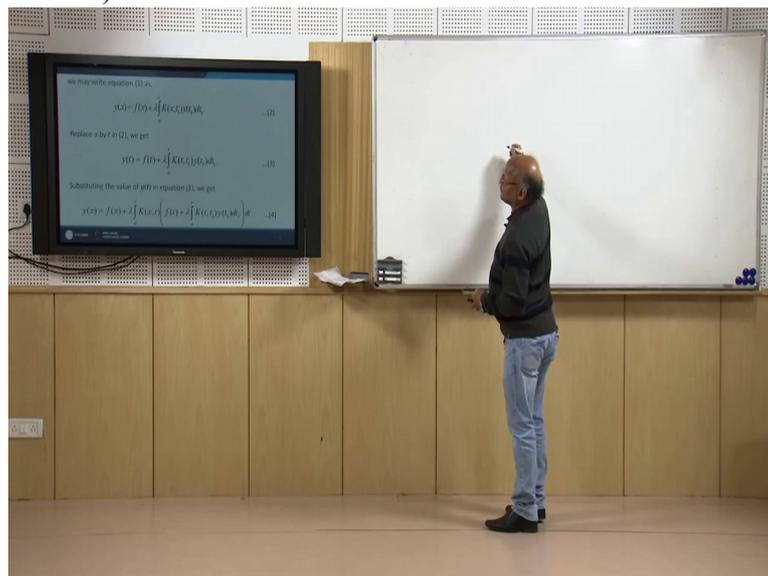
Substituting the value of  $y(t)$  in equation (1), we get

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) \left( f(t) + \lambda \int_a^t K(t,t_1)y(t_1)dt_1 \right) dt. \quad \dots(4)$$

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The equation integral equation Volterra integral equation of second kind

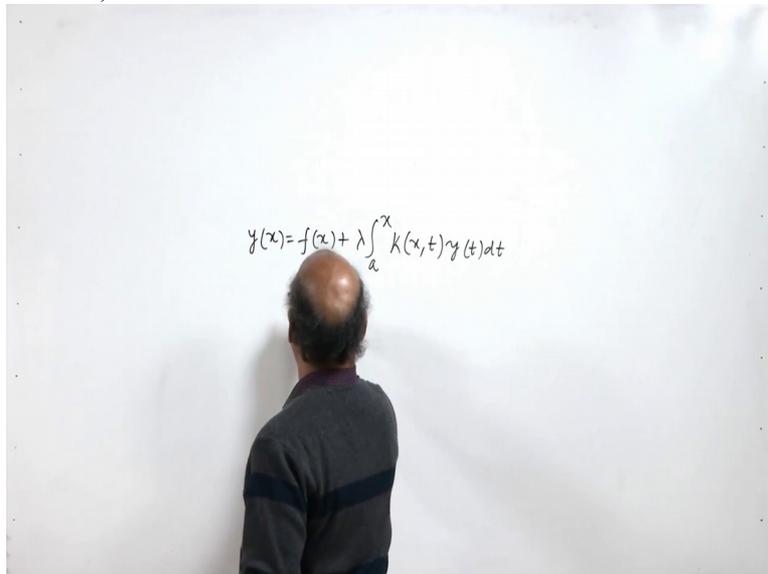
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let us write as  $y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y(t)dt$ . This is the equation given to us

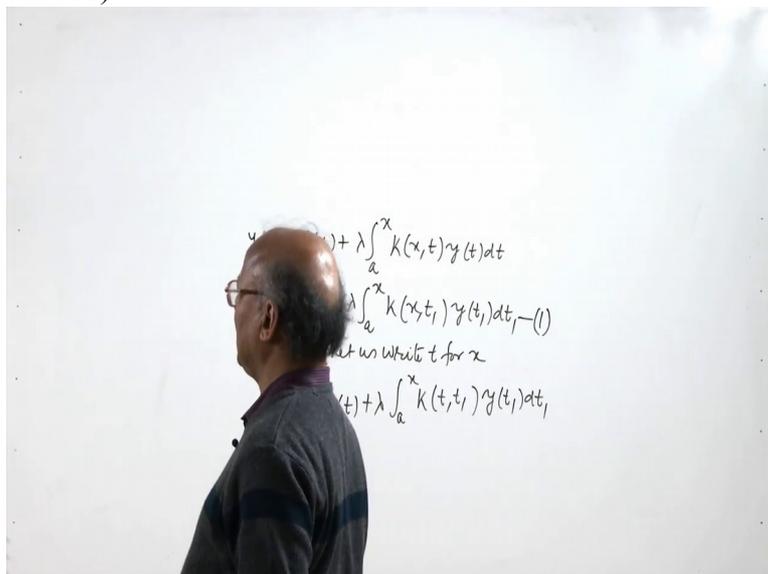
We can also write it as

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$y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(x,t)y(t)dt$  Now in this equation in the first equation you replace  $x$  by  $t$  then what do we have So this equation in 1 let us write  $t$  for  $x$  then let us write  $t$  for  $x$  in equation 1 here  $y(t)$  equal to  $f(t)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(t,t)y(t)dt$  So we get  $y(t)$  equal to  $f(t)$  plus  $\lambda$

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integral  $a$  to  $t$

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here we will have  $t$   $K$   $t$   $t_1$  by  $d$   $t_1$  Now let us substitute this value of  $y$   $t$  in equation 1

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So this is our equation 1

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In equation 1 we substitute the value of  $y(t)$  so then what do we have

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$y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(x,t)$   $y(t)$  is replaced by  $f(t)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral  $a$  to  $t$   $K(t,t_1)$   $y(t_1) dt_1 dt$

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or

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)f(t)dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1)y(t_1)dt_1dt. \quad \dots(5)$$

we may write equation (3) as

$$y(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_a^t K(t,t_2)y(t_2)dt_2. \quad \dots(6)$$

Replacing  $t$  by  $t_1$  in (6), we have

$$y(t_1) = f(t_1) + \lambda \int_a^{t_1} K(t_1,t_2)y(t_2)dt_2. \quad \dots(7)$$

Substituting the above value of  $y(t_1)$  in (5), we have



$y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral from  $a$  to  $x$  of  $K(x,t)y(t)$  is replaced by  $f(t)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral from  $a$  to  $t$  of  $K(t,t_1)y(t_1)$   $dt_1$   $dt$  Or we can write it as  $y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral from  $a$  to  $x$  of  $K(x,t)f(t)$   $dt$  plus  $\lambda$  square integral from  $a$  to  $x$  of  $K(x,t)$  and then integral from  $a$  to  $t$  of  $K(t,t_1)y(t_1)$   $dt_1$   $dt$  Now let us write equation 3

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Substituting the value of  $y(t)$  in equation (1), we get

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as this equation 3 as we can write as

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or

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) f(t) dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) y(t_1) dt_1 dt. \quad \dots(5)$$

we may write equation (3) as

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Substituting the above value of  $y(t_1)$  in (5), we have



$y(t)$  equal to  $f(t)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^t K(t,t_2) y(t_2) dt_2$ . Instead of  $t_1$  we can replace  $t_2$  there. So we have  $y(t)$  equal to  $f(t)$  plus this. Now in this let us replace  $t$  by  $t_1$ . Then we shall have  $y(t_1)$  equal to  $f(t_1)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^{t_1} K(t_1,t_2) y(t_2) dt_2$ . And then we substitute this value  $y(t_1)$  in the equation (5). And after substitution

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$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) f(t) dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) \left( f(t_1) + \lambda \int_a^{t_1} K(t_1,t_2) y(t_2) dt_2 \right) dt_1 dt,$$

or

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) f(t) dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) f(t_1) dt_1 dt + \lambda^3 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) \int_a^{t_1} K(t_1,t_2) y(t_2) dt_2 dt_1 dt. \quad \dots(8)$$


what we get is  $y(x)$  is equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) f(t) dt$  plus  $\lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) f(t_1) dt_1 dt$  and this is the value of  $y(t_2)$ . This is the value of  $y(t_1)$  so  $f(t_1)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^{t_1} K(t_1,t_2) y(t_2) dt_2$  and simplifying we get  $y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) f(t) dt$  plus  $\lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) f(t_1) dt_1 dt$  and  $\lambda^3 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) \int_a^{t_1} K(t_1,t_2) y(t_2) dt_2 dt_1 dt$ .

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Proceeding likewise, we have

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)f(t)dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1)f(t_1)dt_1 dt + \dots$$

$$+ \lambda^n \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) \dots \int_a^{t_{n-2}} K(t_{n-2},t_{n-1})f(t_{n-1})dt_{n-1} \dots dt_1 dt + R_{n+1}(x), \quad \dots(9)$$

where

$$R_{n+1}(x) = \lambda^{n+1} \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1) \dots \int_a^{t_{n-1}} K(t_{n-1},t_n)y(t_n)dt_n \dots dt_1 dt. \quad \dots(10)$$


Proceeding in this manner we then have  $y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(x,t)f(t)dt$  and so on  $\lambda^2$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(x,t)$  integral  $a$  to  $t$   $K(t,t_1)$  integral  $a$  to  $t_{n-2}$   $K(t_{n-2},t_{n-1})f(t_{n-1})dt_{n-1} \dots dt_1 dt$  and so on  $\lambda^n$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(x,t)$  integral  $a$  to  $t$   $K(t,t_1) \dots$  integral  $a$  to  $t_{n-2}$   $K(t_{n-2},t_{n-1})f(t_{n-1})dt_{n-1} \dots dt_1 dt$  And this is  $R_{n+1}(x)$  which is the remainder term  $R_{n+1}(x)$  is  $\lambda^{n+1}$  integral  $a$  to  $x$   $K(x,t)$  integral  $a$  to  $t$   $K(t,t_1) \dots$  integral  $a$  to  $t_{n-1}$   $K(t_{n-1},t_n)y(t_n)dt_n \dots dt_1 dt$

Now let us consider this infinite series Let us consider the instead of this let us consider the corresponding infinite series

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Now, let us consider the following infinite series

$$f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)f(t)dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1)f(t_1)dt_1 dt + \dots \quad \dots(11)$$

In view of the assumptions, it follows that the series (11) converges uniformly and absolutely.

Further,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_{n+1}(x) = 0,$

and hence the function satisfying (9) is the continuous function given by the series (11) and it is a unique solution of (1).



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 Then in view of assumption in view of our assumption it follows that this series converges uniformly and absolutely and further limit  $n$  tends to infinity

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Proceeding likewise, we have

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)f(t)dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K(x,t) \int_a^t K(t,t_1)f(t_1)dt_1dt + \dots$$

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$R_{n+1}(x)$  is equal to zero

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which is satisfying this equation 9 is

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In view of the assumptions, it follows that the series (11) converges uniformly and absolutely.

Further,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_{n+1}(x) = 0,$

and hence the function satisfying (9) is the continuous function given by the series (11) and it is a unique solution of (1).



the continuous function which is given by the series 11 Because the series converges uniformly and absolutely so it will give us a continuous function So continuous function is given by this series 11 and moreover the solution of the integral equation is unique So the proof of these facts is exactly similar to the proof of the corresponding the Fredholm integral equation of the second kind So we are not repeating that proof here We have just used that one and from there it follows that the solution of the given Volterra integral equation is given by this infinite series and is a unique solution

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**Neumann series:**

We have

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y(t)dt.$$

As a zero order approximation to the required solution  $y(x)$ , let us take

$$y_0(x) = f(x).$$

Then the first order approximation is given by

$$y_1(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y_0(t)dt$$

and

$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y_1(t)dt$$


Now let us look at what is the Neumann series. Let us begin again with the Volterra integral equation of second kind  $y(x)$  is equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y(t)dt$ . To begin with the zero initial approximation or we can say zero order approximation to the required solution by  $x$ . Let us assume that the initial approximation which we take as  $y_0(x)$  is given by the known function  $f(x)$ . So  $y_0(x)$  let us take as  $f(x)$  and then the first order approximation of the given of the solution will be  $y_1(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y_0(t)dt$ .  $y_2(x)$  will be because once  $y_1(x)$  is calculated  $y_2(x)$  will be  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y_1(t)dt$ .

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$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)y_1(z)dz$$

$$= f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z) \left\{ f(z) + \lambda \int_a^z K(z,t)y_0(t)dt \right\} dz$$

$$= f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_a^z K(x,z)K(z,t)y_0(t)dt \right\} dz$$

On changing the order of the integration, we have

$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz \right\} f(t)dt$$


Now  $y_2(x)$  can be written as  $f(x)$  plus  $\lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)y_1(z)dz$ .

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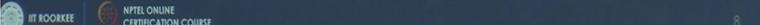
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and

$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)y_1(t)dt$$


Here this  $y_2(x)$  can be written as  $f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)y_1(z)dz$  and the value  $y_1(z)$  can be then put from here

So we have

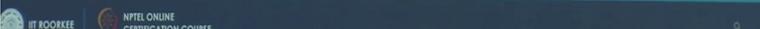
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$$= f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \int_a^z K(x,z)K(z,t)y_0(t)dt dz$$

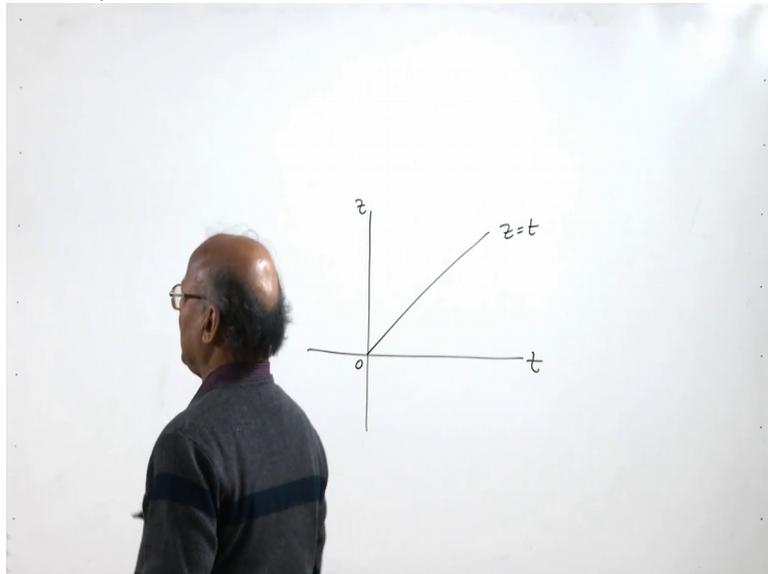
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$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz \right\} f(t)dt$$


$f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz \right\} f(t)dt$  is  $y_2(x)$  and then we can simplify this so  $f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz \right\} f(t)dt$  Now let us change the order of integration here in the third term on the right So on changing the order of integration we have  $y_2(x)$  equal to  $f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z)f(z)dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz \right\} f(t)dt$

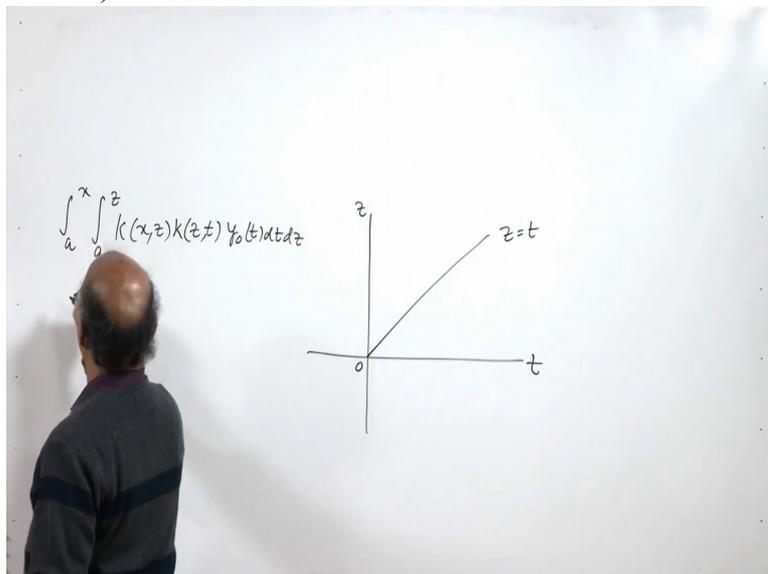
Now let us see how change the order of integration here So let us say this is t axis And this is z axis This is z equal to t

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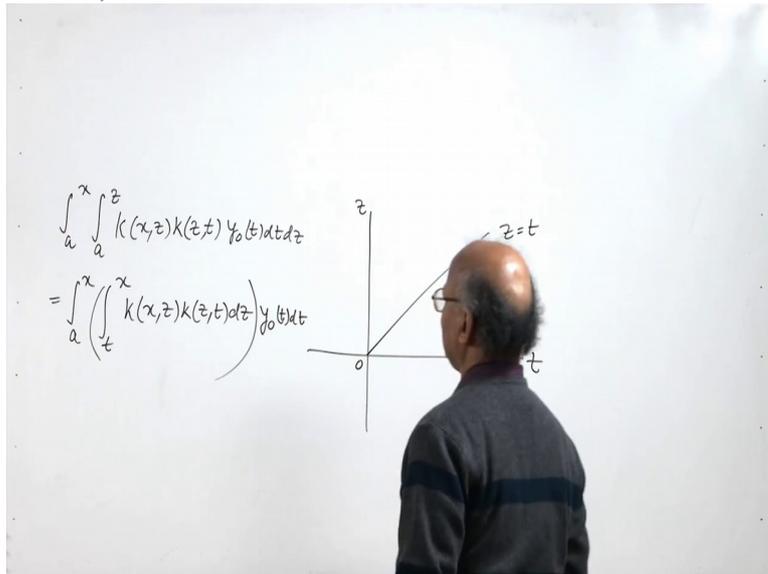
We have to we have to interchange the limits in the integral integral a to x a to z K x z into K z t y naught t d t d z

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We shall change to a to x t to x K x z into K z t d z y naught t d t So let us see how we

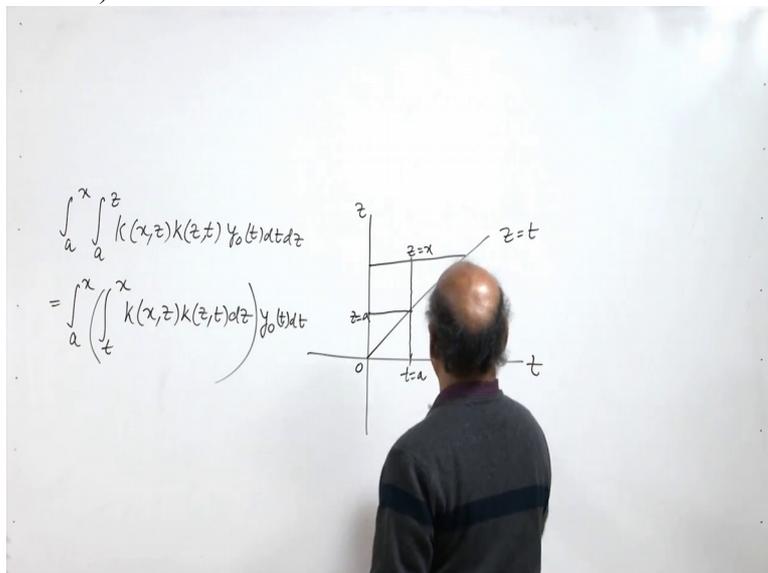
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make this change by using the change of order of integration So we will first see what is the area represented by the limits of integration where t varies from a to z and z varies from a to x

So let us say this is t equal to a So

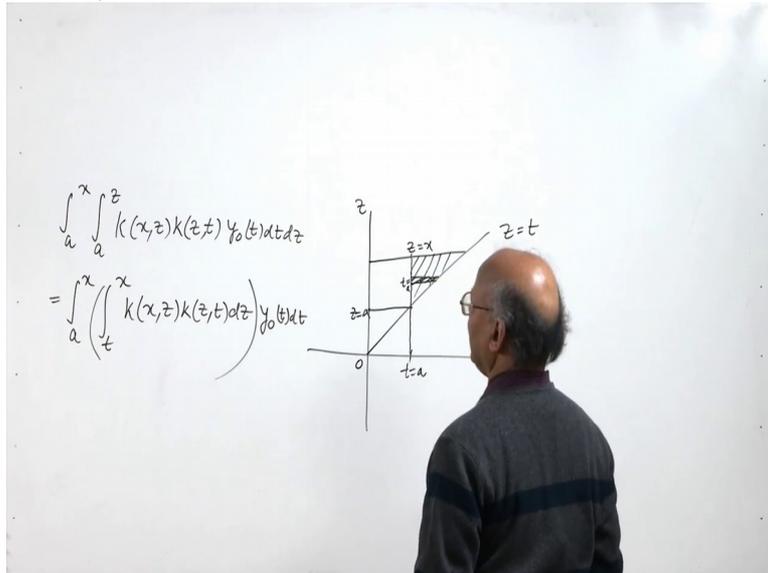
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t varies from a to t equal to z This is t equal to z line and then we have z varies from a So this is z equal to a Then z varies from a to x So this is t equal to a So t varies from a to t varies from a to z and z varies from a to x z varies from a to x This is the region over which we are integrating

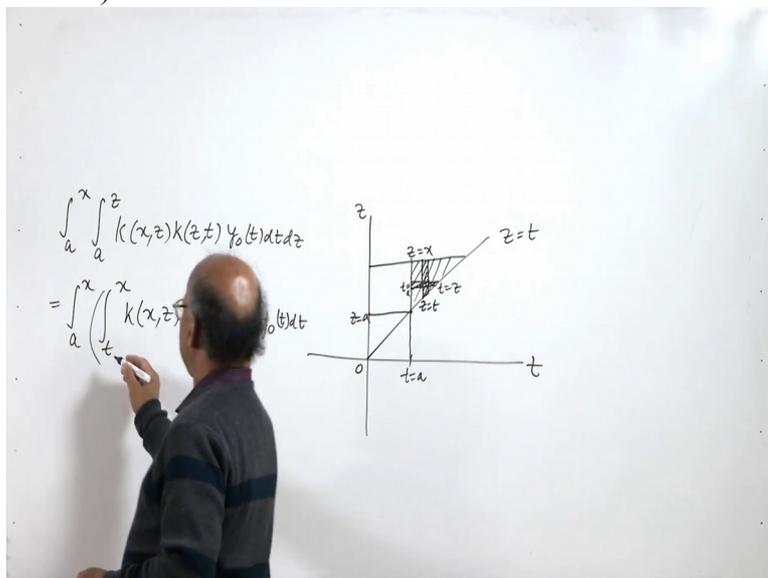
Now t varies from a to x Here t is a and t varies from

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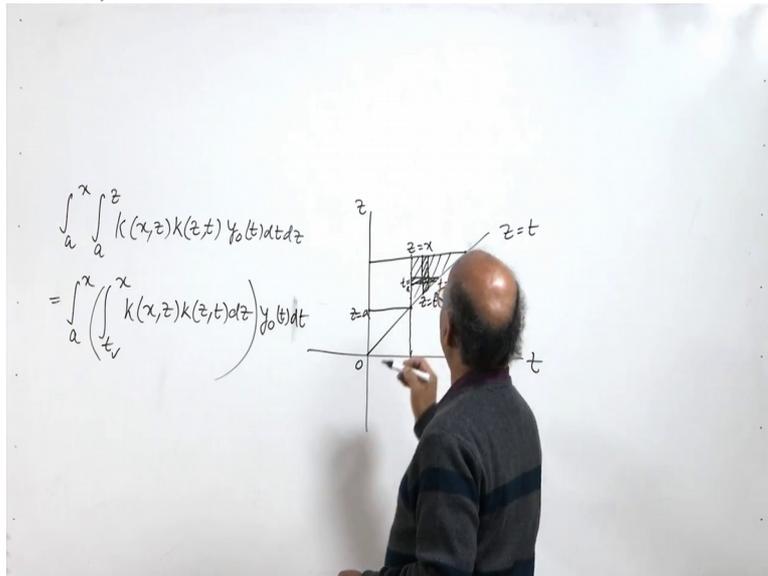
a to t varies from a to z So this is t equal to z and z varies from a to x So this means that we are taking a horizontal strip here We are taking horizontal strip here in the region shaded region now let us take a vertical strip So when we take a vertical strip in this region what are the limits of integration z varies from z varies from t to z equal to x So z varies

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from t to x and t varies from a to t equal to x Because this point t equal to x so t varies from a to x and z t varies from this is d t oh oh so z varies from t to x z varies from t to x

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and t varies from a to x So this is how we change the order of integration and then we write it as lambda square integral a to x

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$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x) &= f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z) y_1(z) dz \\
 &= f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z) \left\{ f(z) + \lambda \int_a^z K(z,t) y_0(t) dt \right\} dz \\
 &= f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z) f(z) dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \int_a^z K(x,z) K(z,t) y_0(t) dt dz
 \end{aligned}$$

On changing the order of the integration, we have

$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,z) f(z) dz + \lambda^2 \int_a^x \left\{ \int_t^x K(x,z) K(z,t) dz \right\} f(t) dt$$

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t to x K x z K z t d t and y naught t is equal to f t So then

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$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)f(t)dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K_2(x,t)f(t)dt,$$

where

$$K_2(x,t) = \int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz$$

continuing this process

$$K_3(x,t) = \int_t^x K(x,z)K_2(z,t)dz$$

and in general

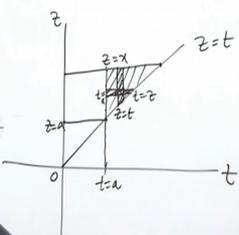
$$K_{n+1}(x,t) = \int_t^x K(x,z)K_n(z,t)dz, \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$K_1(x,t) = K(x,t)$$


we write it as  $y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t)f(t)dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K_2(x,t)f(t)dt$  So  $K_2(x,t)$  is this integral is written like this

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$$\int_a^x \int_a^z k(x,z)k(z,t) y_0(t) dt dz$$

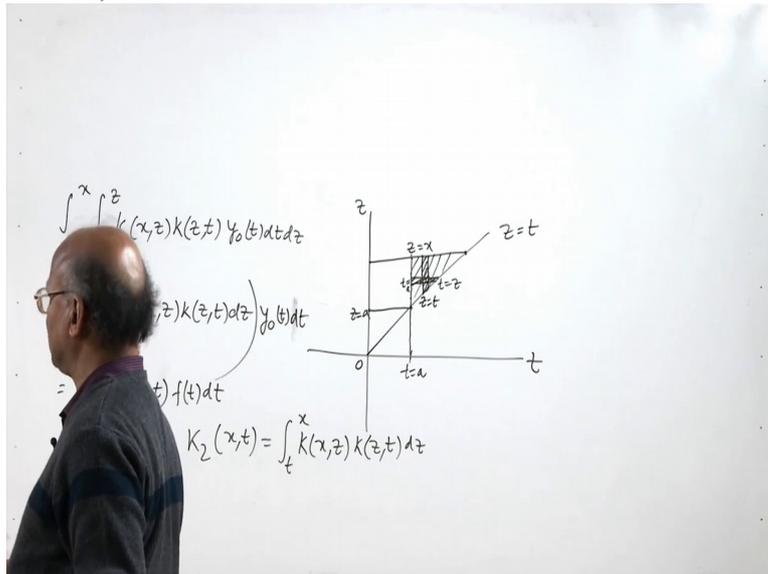
$$= \int_a^x \int_{t=t}^x k(x,z)k(z,t) dt dz$$

$$= \int_a^x k_2(x,t) f(t) dt$$

where  $K_2(x,t)$  is  $\int_t^x K(x,z)K(z,t)dz$

Now we can carry on this process further So continuing this process

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we will have

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$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x,t) f(t) dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K_2(x,t) f(t) dt,$$

where 
$$K_2(x,t) = \int_t^x K(x,z) K(z,t) dz$$

continuing this process

$$K_3(x,t) = \int_t^x K(x,z) K_2(z,t) dz$$

and in general

$$K_{n+1}(x,t) = \int_t^x K(x,z) K_n(z,t) dz, \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$K_1(x,t) = K(x,t)$$

to define  $K_3(x,t)$  and  $K_3(x,t)$  will be defined as  $\int_t^x K(x,z) K_2(z,t) dz$  and in general  $n+1$  of the iterated kernel  $K_{n+1}(x,t)$  is defined as  $\int_t^x K(x,z) K_n(z,t) dz$  where at  $n$  equal to 1  $K_1(x,t)$  is taken as the given kernel  $K(x,t)$ . So these kernels  $K_n(x,t)$  are called as iterated kernels. So  $K_1(x,t)$  is the given kernel  $K(x,t)$  and  $K_{n+1}(x,t)$  is given by this integral  $\int_t^x K(x,z) K_n(z,t) dz$ . These functions

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The functions  $K_n(x, t)$  are called iterated kernels.

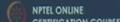
By mathematical induction, we have

$$y_n(x) = f(x) + \sum_{m=1}^n \lambda^m \int_a^x K_m(x, t) f(t) dt .$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the Neumann series

$$y(x) = f(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^m \int_a^x K_m(x, t) f(t) dt$$

$$= f(x) + \int_a^x \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^m K_m(x, t) \right\} f(t) dt .$$



$K_n(x, t)$  are called as iterated kernels

Now by mathematical induction we can now write as the nth approximation to the solution  $y(x)$  as  $y_n(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus sigma  $m$  equal to 1 to  $n$  lambda to the power  $m$  a to  $x$   $K_m(x, t) f(t) dt$

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$$y_2(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x K(x, t) f(t) dt + \lambda^2 \int_a^x K_2(x, t) f(t) dt,$$

where  $K_2(x, t) = \int_t^x K(x, z) K(z, t) dz$

continuing this process

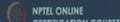
$$K_3(x, t) = \int_t^x K(x, z) K_2(z, t) dz$$

and in general

$$K_{n+1}(x, t) = \int_t^x K(x, z) K_n(z, t) dz, \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$K_1(x, t) = K(x, t)$$



You can see here  $y_2(x)$  is  $f(x)$  plus lambda times a to  $x$  this is  $K_1(x, t)$  because  $K(x, t)$  is  $K_1(x, t)$   $K_1(x, t)$  into  $f(t) dt$  plus lambda square times integral a to  $x$   $K_2(x, t) f(t) dt$  So this is second approximation to the solution So nth approximation to the solution will be

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The functions  $K_n(x, t)$  are called **iterated kernels**.  
 By mathematical induction, we have

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As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the Neumann series

$$y(x) = f(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^m \int_a^x K_m(x, t) f(t) dt$$

$$= f(x) + \int_a^x \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^m K_m(x, t) \right\} f(t) dt .$$

given by this expression Now as n goes to infinity we get the Neumann series y x equal to f x plus sigma m equal to 1 to infinity lambda to the power m integral a to x K m x t f t d t Now

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$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x R(x, t, \lambda) f(t) dt .$$

where

$$R(x, t, \lambda) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{m-1} K_m(x, t) ,$$

and is called the **resolvent kernel**.  
 Hence the solution of the given integral equation may be written as

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x R(x, t, \lambda) f(t) dt.$$

since sigma m equal to 1 to infinity lambda to the power m K m x t is uniformly convergent The term by term integration is allowed So we can interchange the integration and summation here

And therefore we can write f x plus integral a to x sigma m equal to 1 to infinity lambda to the power m K m x t f t d t Now which is further written as y x is equal to f x plus lambda integral a to x R x t lambda f t d t where R x t lambda is integral sigma m equal to 1 to

infinity lambda to the power m minus 1  $K_m(x, t)$  and this is called as this  $R(x, t, \lambda)$  is called as the resolvent kernel

And then so the solution of the given integral equation may be written as

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$y(x)$  equal to  $f(x)$  plus integral  $a$  to  $x$   $R(x, t, \lambda)$  into  $f(t) dt$

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$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x R(x, t, \lambda) f(t) dt .$$

where

$$R(x, t, \lambda) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{m-1} K_m(x, t) ,$$

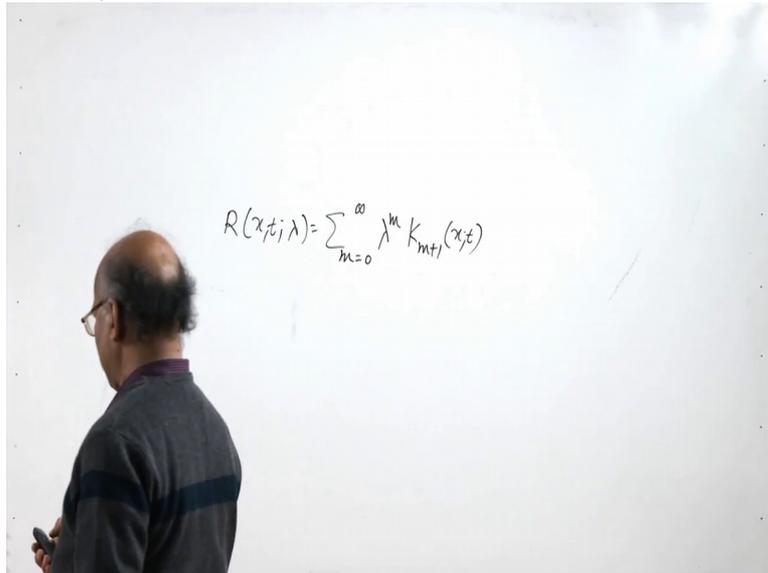
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 Hence the solution of the given integral equation may be written as

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x R(x, t, \lambda) f(t) dt.$$

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This is the solution of the given Volterra integral equation of the second kind So we will find for the given Volterra equation of second kind we shall find the value of  $R(x, t, \lambda)$  and then integrate it over the interval  $a$  to  $b$   $a$  to  $x$  and then we will get the solution of the given integral equation  $R(x, t, \lambda)$  can also be written as  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \lambda^m K_m(x, t)$  So

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$R(x,t;\lambda)$  is equal to by replacing  $m-1$  by  $m$  we get here

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$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^x R(x,t;\lambda) f(t) dt$$

where

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Hence the solution of the given integral equation may be written as

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sigma  $m$  equal to zero to infinity lambda to the power  $m$   $K_{m+1}(x,t)$  So let us see how we will use this method to solve a Volterra integral equation of the

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**Example:**  
Find the resolvent kernel for the Volterra-type integral equation

$$y(x) = e^{x^2} + \int_0^x e^{x^2-t^2} y(t) dt.$$

and hence find its solution.

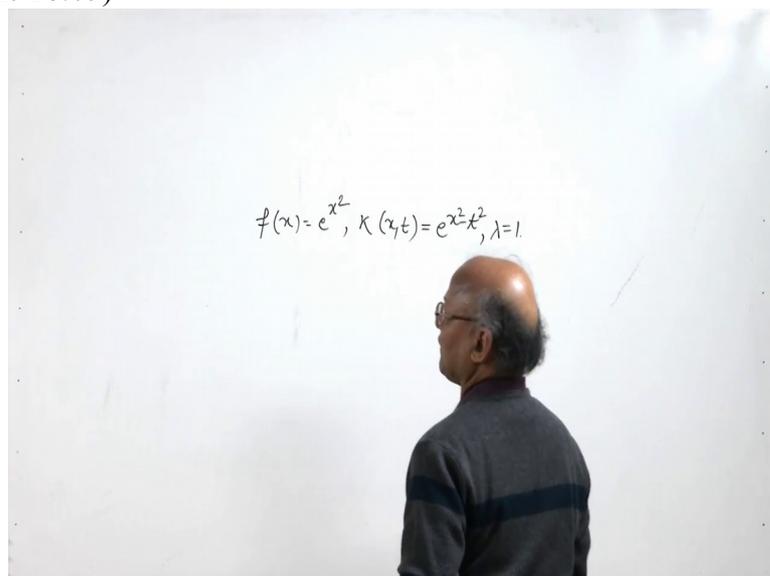
**Solution:**  $R(x,t;\lambda) = e^{x^2-t^2} e^{-\lambda t}$  and  $y(x) = e^{x^2+x}$ .

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second kind

So let us begin with this integral equation of second kind Volterrann type  $y(x)$  equal to  $e^{x^2}$  plus integral from zero to  $x$  of  $e^{x^2-t^2} y(t) dt$ . So if you compare it with the standard Volterra integral equation of the second kind we see that  $y(x)$  is equal to  $e^{x^2}$  plus the integral from zero to  $x$  of  $e^{x^2-t^2} y(t) dt$ . So  $f(x)$  is equal to  $e^{x^2}$ ,  $K(x,t)$  equal to  $e^{x^2-t^2}$  and  $\lambda$  equal to 1.

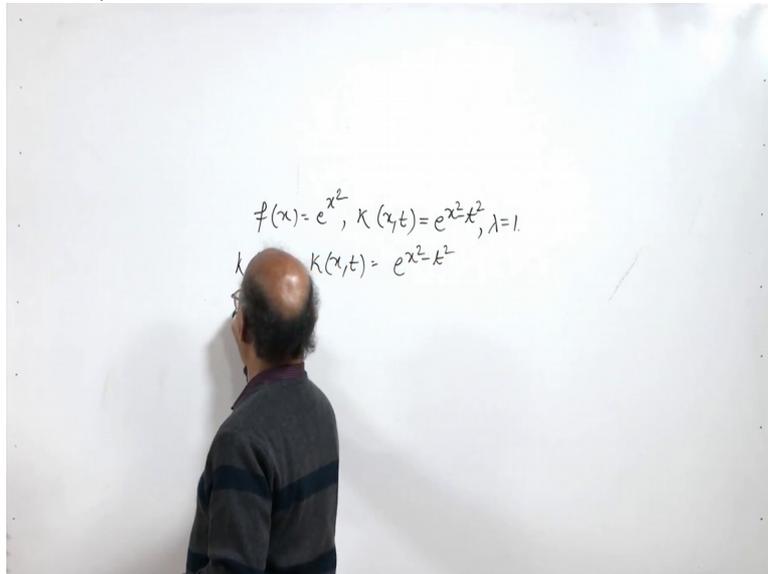
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So we will find the value of the resolvent kernel and for the resolvent kernel we need to know the iterated kernels

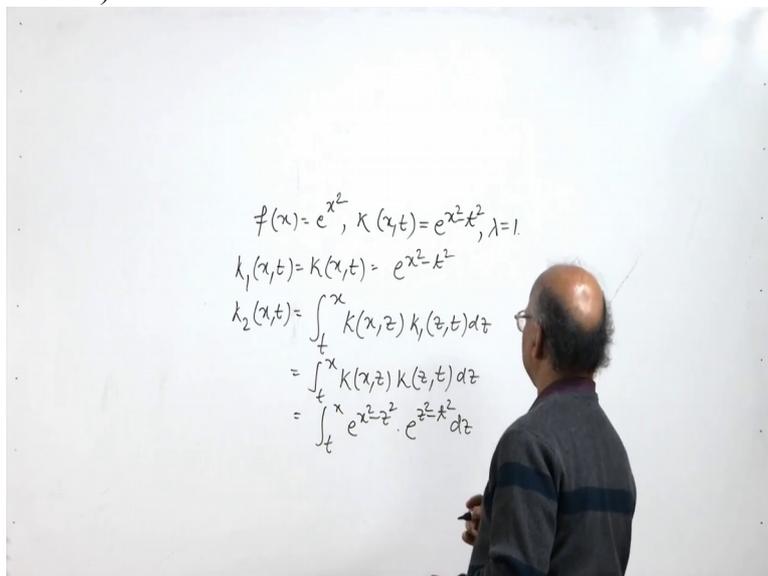
So the first iterated kernel  $K_1(x, t)$  is defined as  $K(x, t)$ . So we get  $e^{-x^2 - t^2}$ . Now let us find the next iterated

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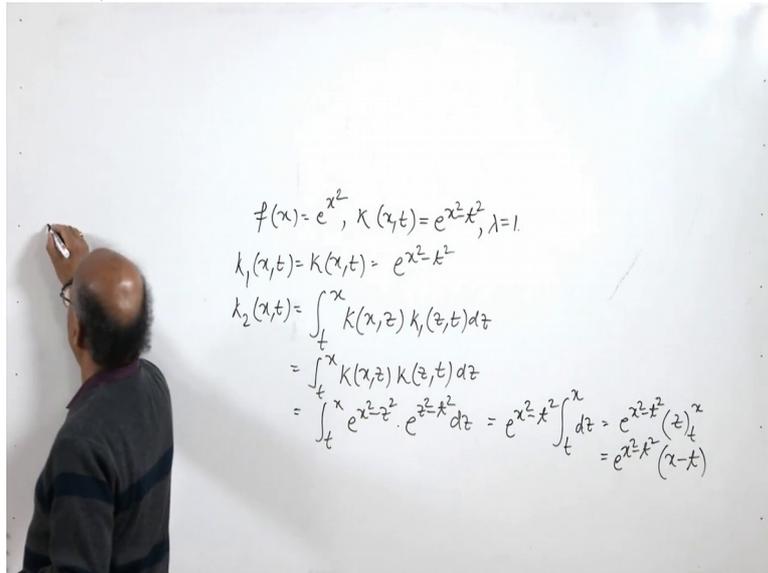
kernel  $K_2(x, t)$ . It will be given by  $\int_t^x K(x, z) K_1(z, t) dz$ . And which is equal to  $\int_t^x K(x, z) K(z, t) dz$ . This is equal to  $\int_t^x e^{-x^2 - z^2} e^{-z^2 - t^2} dz$ .

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$e^{-x^2 - z^2} e^{-z^2 - t^2} dz$ .  $e^{-x^2 - z^2 - z^2 - t^2} dz$ .  $e^{-x^2 - 2z^2 - t^2} dz$ .  $e^{-x^2 - t^2} e^{-2z^2} dz$ .  $e^{-x^2 - t^2} \int_t^x e^{-2z^2} dz$ .  $e^{-x^2 - t^2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}z) \right]_t^x$ .  $e^{-x^2 - t^2} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}x) - \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}t))$ . So I can write it as  $K_2(x, t) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (e^{-x^2 - t^2} (\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}x) - \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}t)))$ . And after integration we get  $e^{-x^2 - t^2} (x - t)$ . Now let us find  $K_3(x, t)$ .

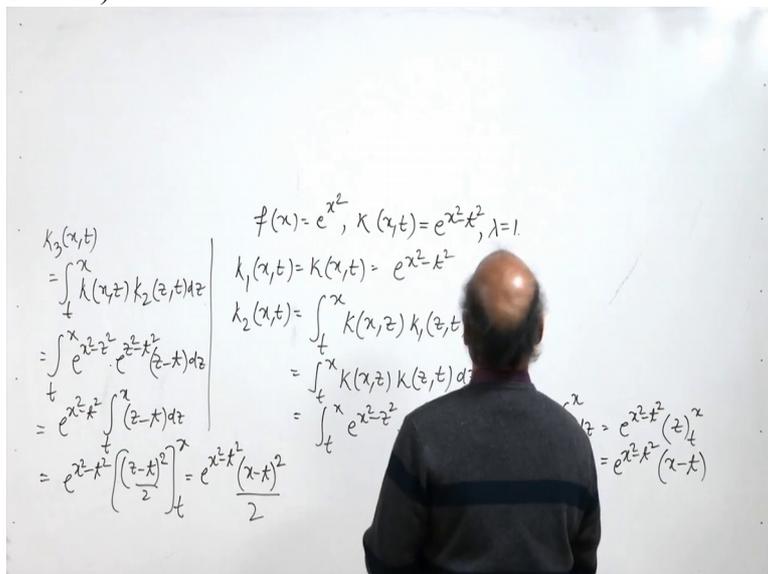
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So this is again  $K \times z$  into  $K_2 z t dz$  which is integral  $t$  to  $x$   $e$  to the power  $x$  square minus  $z$  square into  $K_2 z t$  will be  $e$  to the power  $z$  square minus  $t$  square and then  $z$  minus  $t dz$  And this is nothing but  $e$  to power  $x$  square minus  $t$  square  $t^2 x z$  minus  $t dz$  which is  $e$  to power  $x$  square minus  $t$  square  $z$  minus  $t$  whole square by  $2$  So this will give us

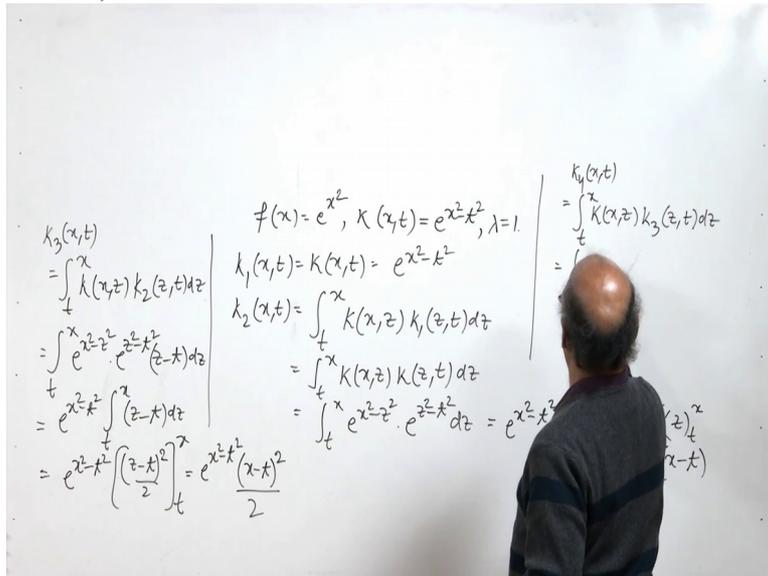
If we find  $K_4 \times t$

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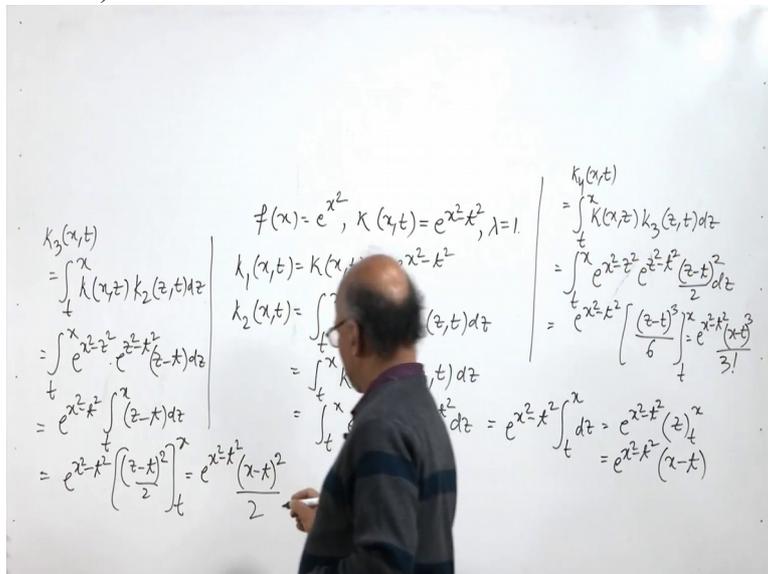
this will be integral  $t$  to  $x$   $K \times z$  into  $K_3 z t dz$  which is

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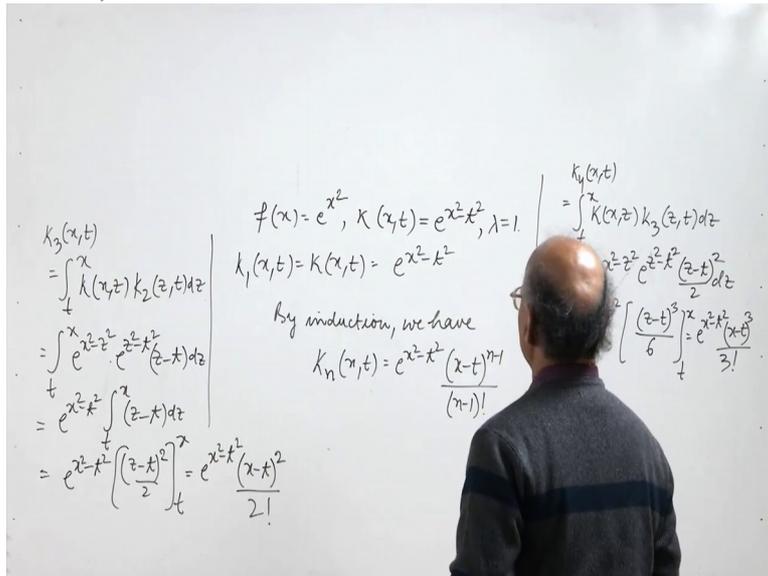
e to power x square minus z square e to power z square minus t square into z minus t whole square by 2 dz And this is e to the power x square minus t square and then we integrate so we get z minus t whole to the power 3 divided by 3 into 2 that is 6 So we get t 2 x here and this is e to the power x square minus t square into x minus t whole to the power 3 divided by 6 which we can write as 3 factorial Here this 2 can

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also be written as 2 factorial So generalizing so generalizing this result so by induction we have  $K_n(x,t) K_n(x,t)$  is equal to e to the power x square minus t square x minus t raised to the power n minus 1 over n minus 1 factorial

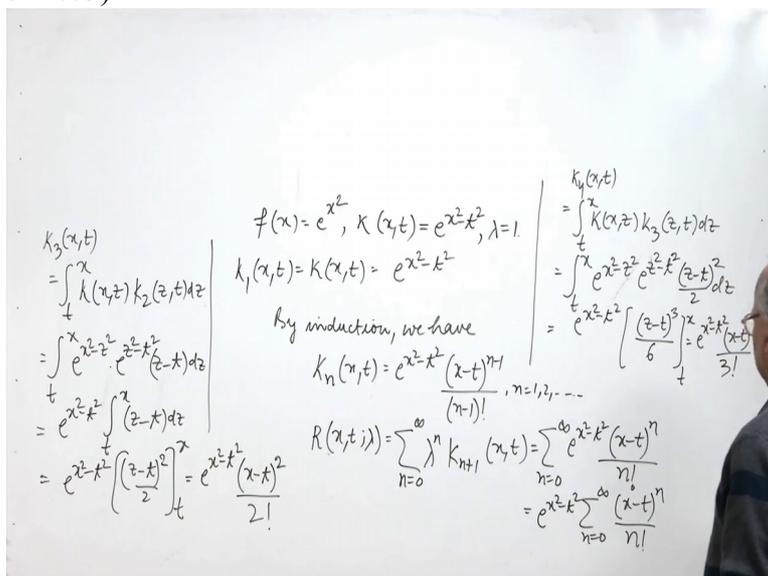
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Now let us find the resolvent kernel Having found the iterated kernels this is true for n equal to 1 2 and so on

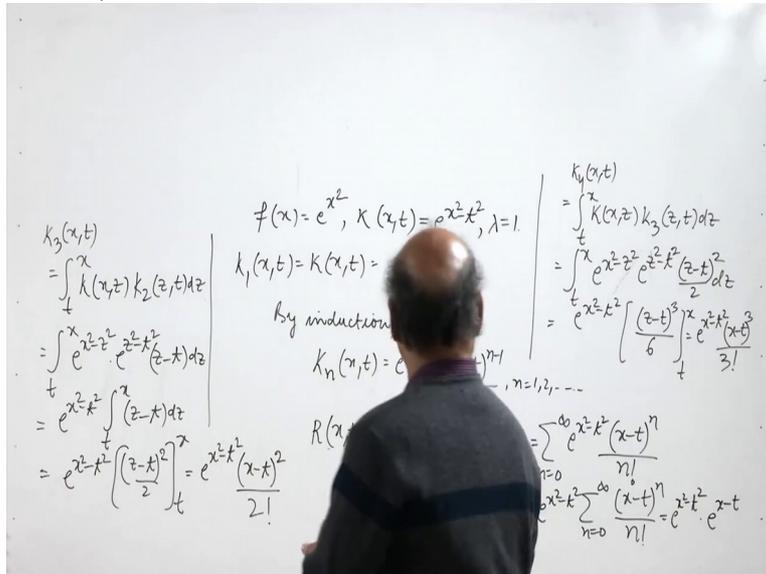
So having found the resolvent kernel let us now having find the iterated kernel let us find the resolvent kernel now So  $R(x,t, \lambda)$  is equal to  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n K_{n+1}(x,t)$  is given to be equal to 1 so this is summation n equal to zero to infinity  $\lambda^n K_{n+1}$  will be  $K_{n+1}(x,t)$  is  $e^{x^2-t^2} \frac{(x-t)^n}{n!}$  This is  $e^{x^2-t^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \frac{(x-t)^n}{n!}$

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raised to power n over n factorial so this is e to power x square minus t square into e to the power x minus t

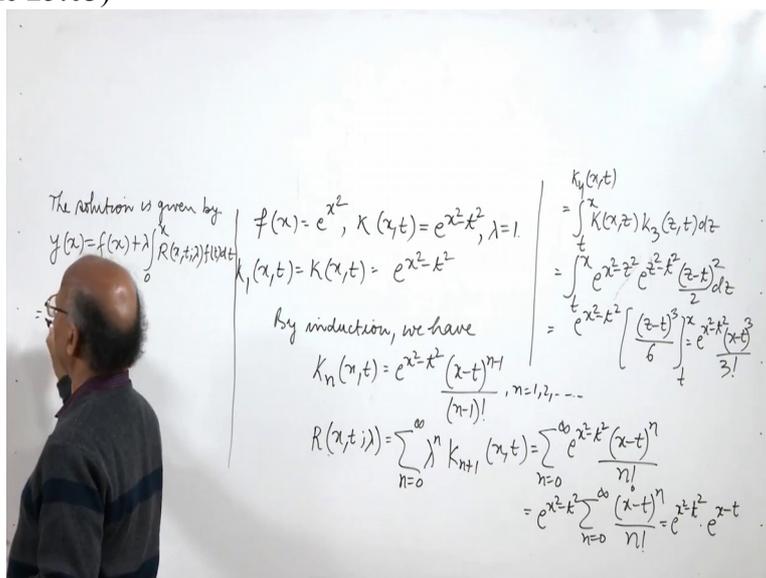
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sigma n equal to zero to infinity x to the power n by n factorial is e to the power x So we get the resolvent kernel R x t lambda Now let us find the solution of the Volterra integral equation

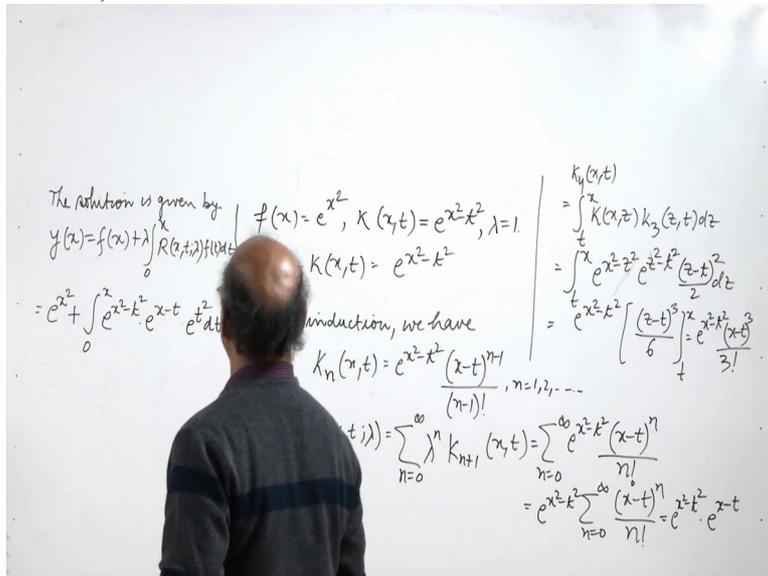
So the solution is given by y x equal to f x plus lambda times integral zero to x R x t lambda into f t d t Let's put the value here

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f x is given as e to the power x square plus lambda is 1 so integral zero to x R x t lambda is e to the power x square minus t square into e to the power x minus t into f t is e to the power t square

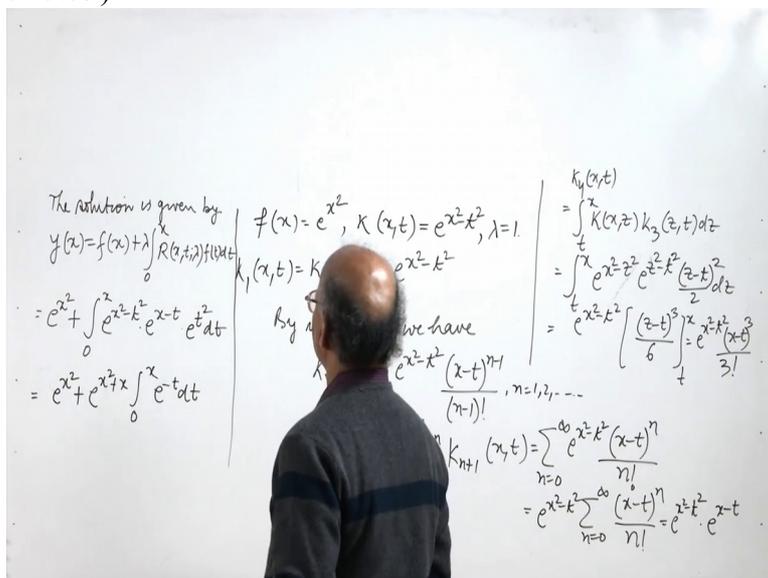
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d t So we shall have this e to the power t square into e to power x square minus t square will become e to the power x square

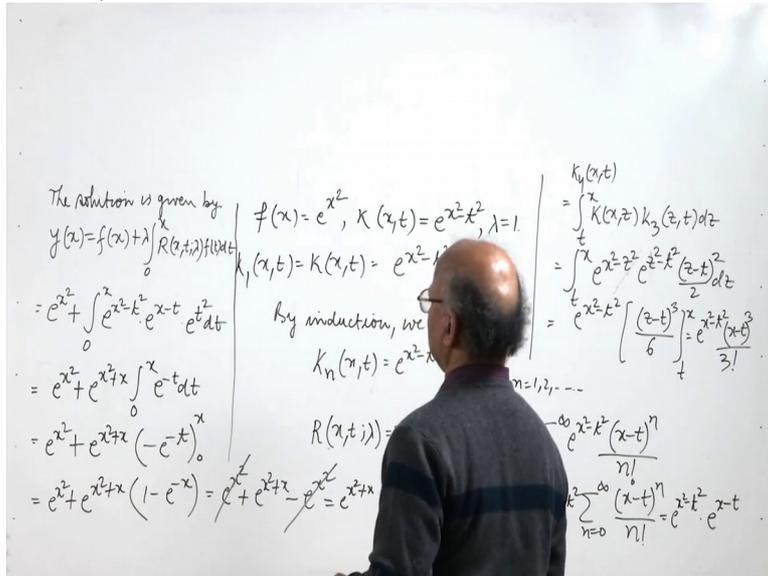
We can write it outside and then we have e to the power x minus t so e to power x can also be written outside we have e to power x square plus x integral zero to x e to the power minus t d t we are left with

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And this gives you e to the power x square e to the power x square plus x minus e to the power minus t zero to x This is e to the power x square this is 1 minus e to the power minus x  
 And what we get is e to the power x square plus e to the power x square plus x minus e to the power x square So this cancels with this and we get e to the power x square plus x

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So we get the solution of the given Volterra integral equation of the second kind as

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**Example:**  
 Find the resolvent kernel for the Volterra-type integral equation

$$y(x) = e^{x^2} + \int_0^x e^{x^2-t^2} y(t) dt.$$

and hence find its solution.

**Solution:**  $R(x,t;\lambda) = e^{x^2-t^2} e^{-\lambda x}$  and  $y(x) = e^{x^2+x}$ .

y x equal to e to the power x square plus x So this is how we find the solution of the given Volterra integral equation of the second kind by first finding the resolvent kernel and then substituting the value of the resolvent kernel in this equation

So for resolvent kernel we need to find the iterated kernels We begin with the first kernel iterated kernel which is  $K_1(x, t)$   $K_1(x, t)$  is the same as  $K(x, t)$  Then we find  $K_2(x, t)$  and  $K_3(x, t)$  and from their values we will be able to see what will be  $K_n(x, t)$  like So by induction process we then write the general value of  $K_n(x, t)$  and then that value of  $K_n(x, t)$  is put in the formula for  $R(x, t, \lambda)$  to get the value of the resolvent kernel So this is how we solve this problem This is what I have to discuss in this lecture Thank you very much for your attention