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Lecture-5

Conversion of boundary value problem into integral equations

Example: Transform the BVP $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + xy = 1$, y(0) = y(1) = 0 into an integral equation.

Solution: We have

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_0^x = \int_0^x 1 \, dx - \int_0^x xy(x) dx$$

or

$$y'(x) = x - \int_{0}^{x} xy(x)dx + c$$
, (let $y'(0)=c$)

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Again integrating we get

$$y(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \int_0^x (x-t)ty(t)dt + cx \qquad \dots (1)$$

Now, putting x = 1

$$c = \int_{0}^{1} (1-t)ty(t)dt - \frac{1}{2} \quad .$$

Substituting the value of c in (1), we have

$$y(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \int_0^x (x-t)ty(t)dt + x \left(\int_0^1 (1-t)ty(t)dt - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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$$y(x) = \frac{x^{2}}{2} - \int_{0}^{x} (x-t)ty(t)dt + x \left(\int_{0}^{x} (1-t)ty(t)dt + \int_{x}^{1} (1-t)ty(t)dt \right) - \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$= \frac{x(x-1)}{2} + \int_{0}^{1} K(x,t)y(t)dt.$$
where
$$K(x,t) = \begin{cases} t^{2}(1-x), & 0 \le t < x \\ xt(1-t), & x \le t \le 1 \end{cases}$$
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Practice problem

1. Transform the BVP problem

 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = x, y(0) = 0, y'(1) = 0$

to an integral equation.

2. Transform the BVP problem

 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = x, y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1.$

to an integral equation.

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