

Differential and Integral Equation

Q - Reduce the following boundary value problem into an integral equation

$$u''(x) + \lambda u = 0$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(0) = 0, u(l) = 0$$

Solⁿ: The given equation is

$$u''(x) + \lambda u = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(0) = 0, u(l) = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Equation (1) can be written as

$$u''(x) = -\lambda u(x) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Integrating both sides (3) w.r. to x from 0 to x , we get

$$\int_0^x u''(x) dx = -\lambda \int_0^x u(x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow [u'(x)]_0^x = -\lambda \int_0^x u(x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow u'(x) - u'(0) = -\lambda \int_0^x u(x) dx \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{Let } u'(0) = C, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant --- (5)}$$

Then using (5) in (4), we get

$$u'(x) = C - \lambda \int_0^x u(x) dx \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Integrating both sides of (6) w.r.to x, we get

$$\int_0^x u'(x) dx = C \int_0^x dx - \lambda \int_0^x u(x) dx^2$$

$$\Rightarrow [u(x)]_0^x = Cx - \lambda \int_0^x u(t) dt^2$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) - u(0) = Cx - \lambda \int_0^x (x-t) u(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) - 0 = Cx - \lambda \int_0^x (x-t) u(t) dt \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Now putting $x = l$ in equation (7), we get

$$u(l) = Cl - \lambda \int_0^l (l-t) u(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = Cl - \lambda \int_0^l (l-t) u(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{\lambda}{l} \int_0^l (l-t) u(t) dt \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

putting this value in equation (7), we get.

$$u(x) = \frac{\lambda}{e} x \int_0^l (l-t) u(t) dt - \lambda \int_0^l (x-t) u(t) dt \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \int_0^l \frac{\lambda x (l-t)}{e} u(t) dt - \lambda \int_0^l (x-t) u(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\lambda x (l-t)}{e} u(t) dt + \int_x^l \frac{\lambda x (l-t)}{e} u(t) dt - \int_0^x \lambda (x-t) u(t) dt$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^x \left[\frac{x(l-t)}{e} - (x-t) \right] u(t) dt + \lambda \int_0^l \frac{x(l-t)}{e} u(t) dt$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^x \frac{x(l-t) - l(x-t)}{e} u(t) dt + \lambda \int_0^l \frac{x(l-t)}{e} u(t) dt$$

$$= \lambda \left[\int_0^x \frac{t(l-x)}{e} u(t) dt + \int_x^l \frac{x(l-t)}{e} u(t) dt \right]$$

$$= \lambda \int_x^l k(x,t) u(t) dt$$

$$\text{where } k(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t(l-x)}{e} & \text{if } 0 < t < x \\ \frac{x(l-t)}{e} & \text{if } x < t < l \end{cases}$$

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