

Exercise 11

Convert each of the following Volterra integral equation in 9–16 to an equivalent IVP:

$$u(x) = 1 + x^2 + \int_0^x (x-t)u(t) dt$$

Solution

Differentiate both sides with respect to x .

$$u'(x) = 2x + \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x (x-t)u(t) dt$$

Use the Leibnitz rule to differentiate the integral.

$$u'(x) = 2x + \int_0^x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x-t)u(t) dt + (0)u(x) \cdot 1 - (x)u(0) \cdot 0$$

$$u' = 2x + \int_0^x u(t) dt$$

Differentiate both sides with respect to x again.

$$u'' = 2 + \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x u(t) dt$$

$$u'' = 2 + u(x)$$

$$u'' - u = 2$$

The initial conditions to this ODE are found by plugging in $x = 0$ into the original integral equation,

$$u(0) = 1 + 0^2 + \int_0^0 (0-t)u(t) dt = 1,$$

and the formula for u' ,

$$u'(0) = 2(0) + \int_0^0 u(t) dt = 0.$$

Therefore, the equivalent IVP is

$$u'' - u = 2, \quad u(0) = 1, \quad u'(0) = 0.$$