Exercise 14

Convert each of the following Fredholm integral equation in 9–16 to an equivalent BVP:

$$u(x) = x^4 + \int_0^1 K(x,t)u(t)\,dt,\ K(x,t) = \begin{cases} 6t, & \text{for } 0 \le t \le x \\ 6x, & \text{for } x \le t \le 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution

Substitute the given kernel $K(x,t)$ into the integral.

$$u(x) = x^4 + \int_0^x 6tu(t)\,dt + \int_x^1 6xu(t)\,dt \tag{1}$$

Differentiate both sides with respect to x.

$$u'(x) = 4x^3 + \frac{d}{dx}\int_0^x 6tu(t)\,dt + \frac{d}{dx}\int_x^1 6xu(t)\,dt$$

Apply the Leibnitz rule to differentiate the second integral.

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4x^3 + 6xu(x) + \int_x^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} 6xu(t)\,dt + 6xu(1)\cdot 0 - 6xu(x)\cdot 1 \\ &= 4x^3 + \int_x^1 6u(t)\,dt \\ &= 4x^3 - 6\int_1^x u(t)\,dt \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Differentiate both sides with respect to x once more.

$$\begin{aligned} u''(x) &= 12x^2 - 6\frac{d}{dx}\int_1^x u(t)\,dt \\ &= 12x^2 - 6u(x) \end{aligned}$$

The boundary conditions are found by setting $x = 0$ and $x = 1$ in equations (1) and (2), respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} u(0) &= (0)^4 + \int_0^0 6tu(t)\,dt + \int_0^1 6(0)u(t)\,dt = 0 \\ u'(1) &= 4(1)^3 - 6\int_1^1 u(t)\,dt = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the equivalent BVP is

$$u'' + 6u = 12x^2,\ u(0) = 0,\ u'(1) = 4.$$