

$$36. \quad \int_a^x K(x-t)y(t) dt = f(x).$$

1°. Let K(0) = 1 and f(a) = 0. Differentiating the equation with respect to x yields a Volterra equation of the second kind:

$$y(x) + \int_{a}^{x} K'_{x}(x-t)y(t) dt = f'_{x}(x).$$

The solution of this equation can be represented in the form

$$y(x) = f'_x(x) + \int_a^x R(x - t) f'_t(t) dt.$$
 (1)

Here, the resolvent R(x) is related to the kernel K(x) of the original equation by

$$R(x) = \mathfrak{L}^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{p\widetilde{K}(p)} - 1 \right], \qquad \widetilde{K}(p) = \mathfrak{L}[K(x)],$$

where \mathfrak{L} and \mathfrak{L}^{-1} are the operators of the direct and inverse Laplace transforms, respectively.

$$\widetilde{K}(p) = \mathfrak{L}\big[K(x)\big] = \int_0^\infty e^{-px} K(x) \, dx, \qquad R(x) = \mathfrak{L}^{-1}\big[\widetilde{R}(p)\big] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{px} \widetilde{R}(p) \, dp.$$

 2° . Let K(x) have an integrable power-law singularity at x=0. Denote by w=w(x) the solution of the simpler auxiliary equation (compared with the original equation) with a=0 and constant right-hand side $f\equiv 1$,

$$\int_0^x K(x-t)w(t) dt = 1. \tag{2}$$

Then the solution of the original integral equation with arbitrary right-hand side is expressed in terms of w as follows:

$$y(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{a}^{x} w(x-t)f(t) dt = f(a)w(x-a) + \int_{a}^{x} w(x-t)f'_{t}(t) dt.$$

Reference

Polyanin, A. D. and Manzhirov, A. V., Handbook of Integral Equations, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1998.

Copyright © 2004 Andrei D. Polyanin

http://eqworld.ipmnet.ru/en/solutions/ie/ie0136.pdf