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10.
$$\int_a^b \frac{y(t) dt}{t-x} = f(x).$$

This equation is encountered in hydrodynamics in solving the problem on the flow of an ideal inviscid fluid around a thin profile $(a \le x \le b)$. It is assumed that $|a| + |b| < \infty$.

1°. The solution bounded at the endpoints is

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{\pi^2} \sqrt{(x-a)(b-x)} \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{\sqrt{(t-a)(b-t)}} \frac{dt}{t-x},$$

provided that

$$\int_a^b \frac{f(t)\,dt}{\sqrt{(t-a)(b-t)}} = 0.$$

 2° . The solution bounded at the endpoint x = a and unbounded at the endpoint x = b is

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{\pi^2} \sqrt{\frac{x-a}{b-x}} \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{b-t}{t-a}} \frac{f(t)}{t-x} dt.$$

3°. The solution unbounded at the endpoints is

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{\pi^2 \sqrt{(x-a)(b-x)}} \left[\int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{(t-a)(b-t)}}{t-x} f(t) dt + C \right],$$

where C is an arbitrary constant. The formula $\int_a^b y(t)\,dt = C/\pi$ holds.

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