

Exercise 12

In Exercises 9–12, show that the given function $u(x)$ is a solution of the corresponding Fredholm integro-differential equation:

$$u'''(x) = 1 + \sin x - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (x-t)u(t) dt, \quad u(0) = 1, \quad u'(0) = 0, \quad u''(0) = -1, \quad u(x) = \cos x$$

[TYPO: The integrand should either be $u(t)$ or $(\frac{\pi}{2} - t)u(t)$. The latter will be used in the solution.]

Solution

Substitute the function in question on both sides of the integro-differential equation.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3}{dx^3}(\cos x) &\stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \sin x - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) \cos t dt \\ \sin x &\stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \sin x - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) \cos t dt \end{aligned}$$

Use integration by parts to solve the integral. Let

$$\begin{aligned} v &= \frac{\pi}{2} - t & dw &= \cos t dt \\ dv &= -dt & w &= \sin t \end{aligned}$$

and use the formula $\int v dw = vw - \int w dv$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin &\stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \sin x - \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) \sin t \Big|_0^{\pi/2} - \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin t (-dt) \right] \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \sin x - \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin t dt \right] \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \sin x - \left[(-\cos t) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \right] \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} 1 + \sin x - (0 + 1) \\ &= \sin x \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$u(x) = \sin x$$

is a solution of the Fredholm integro-differential equation.