

# TOPIC:Resolvent kernel for Fredholm Integral Equation.

Fredholm integral equation is

$$\phi(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^b k(x,y)\phi(y)dy$$

has a solution of the form

$$\phi(x) = f(x) - \lambda \int_a^b R(x,y;\lambda)\phi(y)dy$$

Here Resolvent kernel is given by

$$R(x,y;\lambda) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{n-1} K_n(x,y)$$

Example: Find the Resolvent kernel of  $K(x,t)=(1+x)(1-t)$ . Here  $a=-1$  and  $b=0$ .

Solution: By definition of iterated kernel, we have

$$K_1(x,t)=K(x,t)=(1+x)(1-t)$$

$$\text{As } K_n(x,t)=\int_{-1}^0 K(x,s)K_{n-1}(s,t)ds$$

$$K_2(x,t)=\int_{-1}^0 K(x,s)K_1(s,t)ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{-1}^0 (1+x)(1-s)(1+s)(1-t)ds \\ &= (1+x)(1-t) \int_{-1}^0 (1-s^2)ds \\ &= (1+x)(1-t) \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } K_3(x,t) &= \int_{-1}^0 K(x,s)K_2(s,t)ds \\ &= (1+x)(1-t) \frac{2}{3} \int_{-1}^0 (1-s^2)ds \end{aligned}$$

$$=(1+x)(1-t) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

In general,  $K_n(x,t) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} (1+x)(1-t)$

$$R(x, y; \lambda) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{n-1} K_n(x, y)$$

$$= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} (1+x)(1-t)$$

$$= - (1+x)(1-t) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$