

Question: Solve the differential equation:

$$y dx + (x - y^2) dy = 0. \quad (1)$$

Solution: Rewriting the equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{y^2 - x}{y}. \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} + \frac{x}{y} = y \quad (3)$$

Now, it is in the form of Bernoulli differential equation,
Integration factor for above equation is

$$e^{\int \frac{1}{y} dy} = e^{\ln|y|} = |y| \quad (4)$$

Consider $y > 0$,
solution of the equation is,

$$x(I.F) = \int (I.F)y.dy \quad (5)$$

$$xy = \int y^2 dy \quad (6)$$

Now, on integrating we get,

$$xy = \frac{y^3}{3} + C \quad (7)$$

where C is constant of integration. Here we assume it as 0.

Numerical Approach:

I used a for loop for finding the x values iteratively using the given formula. I initialized y with a value and incremented it by h in each iteration, where h is the step size.

Using the Method of Finite Differences

The Method of Finite Differences is a numerical technique used to approximate solutions to differential equations. We know that:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(x+h) - y(x)}{h} = \frac{dy}{dx}. \quad (8)$$

For the given differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - x}{y}, \quad (9)$$

we approximate:

$$\frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} \approx \frac{y_n^2 - x_n}{y_n}. \quad (10)$$

This implies:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot \frac{y_n^2 - x_n}{y_n}. \quad (11)$$

Here, h is the step size, y_n is the approximation of $y(x)$ at the n -th step, and x_n is the corresponding x -value at the n -th step.

The iterative formula for updating y -values is:

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h \cdot \frac{y_{n-1}^2 - x_{n-1}}{y_{n-1}}, \quad (12)$$

The iterative formula for updating x -values is:

$$x_n = x_{n-1} + h. \quad (13)$$

Initial Conditions:

- $y = 0.02$ (since $y = 0$ leads to a division by zero)
- $x = 0$
- $h = 0.002$

Using Matplotlib, I plotted the computed points and the graph of the exact solution to verify that they approximately match.

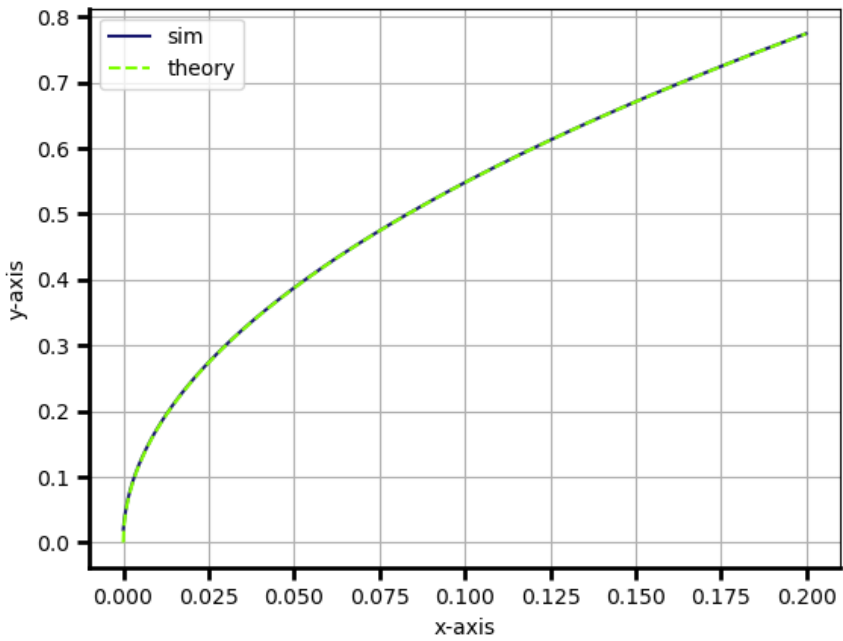


Fig. 0.1: verifying through graph of sim and theory values