

Solving differential equation

NCERT-12.8.3.2

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Question:

Find the area between the curves $y = x$ and $y = x^2$.

Exact Integral Solution:

The point of intersection of the line with the parabola is $x_i = h + k_i m$, where, k_i is a constant and is calculated as follows:-

$$k_i = \frac{1}{m^T V m} \left(-m^T (V h + u) \pm \sqrt{[m^T (V h + u)]^2 - g(h) (m^T V m)} \right)$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$f = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$u = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2a \end{pmatrix} \text{ here } 4a = 1 \text{ so } 2a = \frac{1}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Substituting the input parameters in k_i ,

we get: $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ The area between the curves can be found using the definite integral:

$$A = \int_0^1 (x - x^2) dx \quad (5)$$

Calculating the integral term by term:

$$A = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \approx 0.1667 \quad (7)$$

By using trapezoidal rule:

The area between the curves $y = x$ and $y = x^2$ can be calculated using the trapezoidal

rule by integrating the difference between the curves. The area can be expressed as:

$$A = \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad (8)$$

where the curves intersect at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$

Trapezoidal rule formula:

The trapezoidal rule approximates the integral using the formula:

$$A \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right] \quad (9)$$

where:

- 1) $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$ is the width of each subinterval.
- 2) $f(x) = x - x^2$.
- 3) $a = 0, b = 1$.
- 4) n is the number of subintervals.

Taking trapezoid shaped strips of small area and adding them all up.. Say we have to find the area of $y(x)$ from $x = x_0$ to $x = x_n$, discretize points on the x axis $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ such that they are equally spaced with step-size h . Sum of all trapezoidal areas is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_1) + y(x_0)) + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_2) + y(x_1)) + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_3) + y(x_2)) + \dots + \frac{1}{2}h(y(x_n) + y(x_{n-1})) \\ &= h \left[\frac{1}{2}(y(x_0) + y(x_n)) + y(x_1) + y(x_2) + \dots + y(x_{n-1}) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

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Let $A(x_n)$ be the area enclosed by the curve $y(x)$ from $x = x_0$ to $x = x_n$

$$A(x_n + h) = A(x_n) + \frac{1}{2}h[y(x_n + h) + y(x_n)] \quad (12)$$

we can repeat this till we get a required area

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h[y_{n+1} + y_n] \quad (13)$$

We can write y_{n+1} in terms of y_n as $y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot y'_n$ Substituting in the equation we get:

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + \frac{1}{2}h[(y_n + h \cdot y'_n) + y_n] \quad (14)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + hy_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2y'_n \quad (15)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (16)$$

In the given question $y_n = x_n - x_n^2$ and $y'_n = 1 - 2x_n$

General difference equation will be given by:

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + hy_n + \frac{1}{2}h^2y'_n \quad (17)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n + h(x_n - x_n^2) + \frac{1}{2}h^2(1 - 2x_n) \quad (18)$$

$$A_{n+1} = A_n - hx_n^2 + (h - h^2)x_n + \frac{h^2}{2} \quad (19)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (20)$$

Using ($n = 4$) subintervals as an example:

$$h = \frac{1 - 0}{4} = 0.25 \quad (21)$$

The points are:

$$x_0 = 0, \quad x_1 = 0.25, \quad x_2 = 0.5, \quad x_3 = 0.75, \quad x_4 = 1 \quad (22)$$

Function values:

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(0.25) = 0.1875, \quad f(0.5) = 0.25, \quad f(0.75) = 0.1875, \quad f(1) = 0 \quad (23)$$

Applying the trapezoidal rule formula:

$$A \approx \frac{0.25}{2} [0 + 2(0.1875 + 0.25 + 0.1875) + 0] \quad (24)$$

$$A \approx \frac{0.25}{2} \times 1.25 = 0.15625 \quad (25)$$

Comparison with Exact Area:

The exact area calculated earlier was:

$$A_{\text{exact}} = \frac{1}{6} \approx 0.1667 \quad (26)$$

The area calculated using the trapezoidal rule with ($n = 4$) is:

$$A_{\text{trapezoidal}} \approx 0.15625 \quad (27)$$

The approximation improves as the number of subintervals increases. Therefore, the trapezoidal rule provides a close estimate of the integral as the step size decreases.

