
MODULE 1: NUMERICAL METHODS

Numerical solution of ordinary differential
equations of first order and first degree,
Numerical solution of algebraic and
transcendental equations

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1 Numerical solution of ordinary differential equations of first order and first degree

1.1 Taylor's series method

Method 1.1. Consider a differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad (1)$$

The Taylor's Series Solution is:

$$y = y(x_0) + (x - x_0)y'(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!}y''(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!}y'''(x_0) + \dots \quad (2)$$

Problem 1.1.1. Solve the following differential equation using Taylor's Series Method at $x = 0.1$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y^2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

Solution

Sol. Given that: $y' = x - y^2$, $x_0 = 0$, $y_0 = 1$

$$\therefore y' = x - y^2, \quad y'(0) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = 1 - 2yy', \quad y''(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y''' = -2y'y' - 2yy'', \quad y'''(0) = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{IV} = -2y'y'' - 2y'y''' - 2yy''', \quad y^{IV}(0) = -4$$

By Taylor's Series Method:

$$y = y_0 + (x - x_0)y'(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!}y''(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!}y'''(x_0) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 + (x - 0)(-1) + \frac{(x-0)^2}{2!}(1) + \frac{(x-0)^3}{3!}(-2) + \frac{(x-0)^4}{4!}(-4)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4}$$

at $x = 0.1$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 - 0.1 + \frac{0.1^2}{2} - \frac{0.1^3}{3} + \frac{0.1^4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0.904$$

1.2 modified Euler's method

2 Examples

Method 2.1. This is a theorem.

proposition 2.2. This is a proposition.

Principle 2.3. This is a principle.

2.1 Pictures



Figure 1: Sydney, NSW

2.2 Citation

This is a citation[?].

References