

NCERT 9.4.3

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Question: Find the solution for the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 1$

I. MATHEMATICAL APPROACH

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$$

On rearranging the terms,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{1-y} &= dx \\ \int \frac{dy}{1-y} &= \int dx \\ -\log|y-1| + c_1 &= x + c_2\end{aligned}$$

On simplification

$$\begin{aligned}-\log|y-1| &= x + c \\ |y-1| &= \pm e^{-x} \\ y &= 1 \pm e^{-x}\end{aligned}$$

For the numerical approach we are assuming that the function passes through origin
Thus is the function y is,

$$y = 1 - e^{-x}$$

II. LAPLACE TRANSFORM

Take the Laplace transform of both sides,

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dx}\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{1-y\}$$

Using the Laplace transform properties,

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dx}\right\} = sY(s) - y(0), \quad \mathcal{L}\{1\} = \frac{1}{s}, \quad \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\} = Y(s)$$

On rearranging,

$$\begin{aligned}
 sY(s) - y(0) &= \frac{1}{s} - Y(s) \\
 sY(s) + Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s} + y(0) \\
 Y(s)(s + 1) &= \frac{1}{s} + y(0) \\
 Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s(s + 1)} + \frac{y(0)}{s + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the inverse laplace transform

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}(Y(s)) &= y(x) \\
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s(s + 1)}\right) &= 1 - e^{-x} \\
 \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{y(0)}{s + 1}\right) &= y(0) e^{-x} \\
 y(x) &= 1 - e^{-x} + y(0) e^{-x}
 \end{aligned}$$

As $y(0) = 0$ The solution is

$$y(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$$

III. NUMERICAL APPROACH

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(x + h) - y(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h}$$

If h is sufficiently small,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{dy}{dx} h \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + (1 - y_n) h
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the value of y_{n+1} can be predicted if we know the value of y_n

For this question

- 1) The interval $[0, 5]$ is divided into 51 equal parts each of width 0.1 units
- 2) On starting from a known point (x, y) the value for $y(x + 0.1)$ is calculated. This procedure is repeated until the value of x reaches 5.
- 3) Knowing all the y values for the equally spaced x values in interval, the solution plot can be plotted.

The plot is given below

