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**Question:** Find a particular solution of the differential equation, given that  $y = -1$  when  $x = 0$ .

$$(x - y)(dx + dy) = dx - dy \quad (0.1)$$

**Theoretical solution:**

$$(x - y - 1)dx = (-x + y - 1)dy \quad (0.2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\left(\frac{x - y - 1}{x - y + 1}\right) \quad (0.3)$$

$$\text{Let } x - y = t \quad (0.4)$$

$$1 - \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dt}{dx} \quad (0.5)$$

Substitute equations (0.4) and (0.5) in (0.3)

$$1 - \frac{dt}{dx} = -\left(\frac{t - 1}{t + 1}\right) \quad (0.6)$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{2t}{t + 1} \quad (0.7)$$

$$\frac{t + 1}{2t} dt = dx \quad (0.8)$$

Integrating on both sides

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2t}\right) dt = \int dx \quad (0.9)$$

$$\frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln |t| = x + c \quad (0.10)$$

Substitute  $t = x - y$

$$\frac{x - y}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln |x - y| = x + c \quad (0.11)$$

Given,  $x=0, y=-1$ . On substitution in (0.11),  $c = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\ln |x - y| = x + y + 1 \quad (0.12)$$

**Method of finite differences :** The finite difference method is rooted in the fundamental concept of approximating derivatives using finite differences.

The derivative of  $y(x)$  can be approximated as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y(x+h) - y(x)}{h} \quad (0.13)$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + h \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \quad (0.14)$$

Where  $h$  is a small value very close to zero.

Substitute (0.3) in (0.14)

$$y(x+h) = y(x) - h \left( \frac{x-y-1}{x-y+1} \right) \quad (0.15)$$

Let  $(x_0, y_0)$  be a point on the curve.

Let some  $x_1 = x_0 + h$ . Then,

$$y_1 = y_0 - h \left( \frac{x-y-1}{x-y+1} \right) \quad (0.16)$$

On Generalizing the above equation, we have

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (0.17)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - h \left( \frac{x_n - y_n - 1}{x_n - y_n + 1} \right) \quad (0.18)$$

This curve is generated by applying the finite difference method to the given problem and taking the values of  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = -1$  and  $h = 0.001$  and running the iterations for 500 times

