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Question:

Find the solution of the following differential equation:

$$\left[x\sin^2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - y\right]dx + x\,dy = 0; \quad y = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ when } x = 1$$

Theoretical Solution:

From the question,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} - \sin^2 \frac{y}{x};$$

Let $t = \frac{y}{x}$, then,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x\frac{dt}{dx} + t$$

On substituting the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in the above equation,

$$x\frac{dt}{dx} = -\sin^2 t;$$
$$-\csc^2 t \ dt = \frac{dx}{x};$$

On integrating on both sides,

$$\int -\csc^2 t \ dt = \int \frac{dx}{x};$$

$$\cot t = \ln x + c;$$

$$\cot \frac{y}{x} = \ln x + c$$

On Substituting given initial conditions in the above equation, we get,

$$c = 1$$

$$\therefore y = x \cot^{-1} (\ln x + 1)$$

Solution by the method of finite differences:

The finite difference method is a numerical technique for solving differential equations by approximating derivatives with differences.

The first forward difference approximation of the derivative of f(x) at x is given by:

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

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On taking the given point on the curve as the initial conditions (x_0, y_0) , we can get,

$$x_1 = x_0 + h$$
;

And from the above equation, we can get

$$y_1 = y_0 + h\left(\frac{dy}{dx}|_{x=x_0}\right)$$

we know that our derivative is given by:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} - \sin^2 \frac{y}{x}$$
;

On substituting the expression of the derivative in equation (1), we get

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \left(\frac{y_0}{x_0} - \sin^2 \frac{y_0}{x_0} \right)$$

On assuming a value for h which is close to zero and by substituting the values of x_0 and y_0 in the above equations we get the point (x_1, y_1) .

what we have essentially done above is, obtaining a point which is very close to the initial point along the direction of derivative at that point.

similarly we get,

$$x_n = x_{n-1} + h$$

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h \left(\frac{y_{n-1}}{x_{n-1}} - \sin^2 \frac{y_{n-1}}{x_{n-1}} \right)$$

we can obtain points on the curve by using the above expressions for y_n and x_n

: we can plot the curve by the points obtained.

