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QUESTION

Which of the following differential equations has $y = x$ as one of its particular solution?

$$(A) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x \quad (0.1)$$

Solution: NUMERICAL METHOD

Consider,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x \quad (0.2)$$

Assuming the initial conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 1$.

Solve it by splitting into two parts homogeneous and particulate parts.

$$y = y_p + y_h \quad (0.3)$$

HOMOGENEOUS PART:

The associated homogeneous equation is:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0. \quad (0.4)$$

Assume a power series solution:

$$y_h = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n. \quad (0.5)$$

The derivatives are:

$$\frac{dy_h}{dx} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad \frac{d^2y_h}{dx^2} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2}. \quad (0.6)$$

Substitute into the homogeneous equation:

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} - x^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0. \quad (0.7)$$

Rewriting terms, we derive the recurrence relation:

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{n-2}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_{n-1}. \quad (0.8)$$

Apply the initial conditions

The initial conditions are: $y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_0 = 0$,
 $y'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow a_1 = 1$.

Using the recurrence relation:

$$a_{n+2} = \frac{n-2}{(n+2)(n+1)} a_{n-1}, \quad (0.9)$$

we compute the coefficients:

1) For $n = 0$: $a_0 = 0$

2) For $n = 1$: $a_1 = 1$

3) For $n = 2$: $a_2 = \frac{0-2}{(2+2)(2+1)} a_1 = \frac{-2}{12} = -\frac{1}{6}$

4) For $n = 3$: $a_3 = \frac{1-2}{(3+2)(3+1)} a_2 = \frac{-1}{20} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{120}$

5) For $n = 4$: $a_4 = \frac{2-2}{(4+2)(4+1)} a_3 = 0$

The pattern is:

$$a_{2k} = 0, \quad a_{2k+1} = \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!}. \quad (5.1)$$

Therefore, the homogeneous solution is:

$$y_h = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}. \quad (5.2)$$

PARTICULATE PART:

The nonhomogeneous term is x . Assume a particular solution of the form:

$$y_p = Ax + B. \quad (5.3)$$

Compute derivatives:

$$\frac{dy_p}{dx} = A, \quad \frac{d^2 y_p}{dx^2} = 0. \quad (5.4)$$

Substitute into the original equation:

$$0 - x^2 A + x(Ax + B) = x. \quad (5.5)$$

Simplify: $-x^2 A + Ax^2 + Bx = x$

Hence we get $B = 1$

Since A does not appear explicitly in the final equation, it is effectively irrelevant, and A can be chosen such that: $y_p = Ax + B = x$

This is done as to set a proper particulate equation as principle coefficient can not be zero

Therefore,

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + x \quad (5.6)$$

$$y(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120} + \dots \quad (5.7)$$

Clearly, $y = x$ is not the solution to the given equation.

COMPUTATIONAL METHOD

Logic used for programming:-

Method of finite differences: This method is used to find the approximate solution of the given differential equation by using the values of the function at discrete points.

From the definition of derivative of a function

First, Plot the graph of $y = x$

Consider,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x \quad (5.8)$$

From the definition of derivative of a function

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{y(x+h) - y(x)}{h} \quad (5.9)$$

by rearranging the terms, we get the function

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + h \times \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (5.10)$$

$$(5.11)$$

Let (x_0, y_0) be points on the curve,

$$x_1 = x_0 + h \quad (5.12)$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \times \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (5.13)$$

On generalising the above equations,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (5.14)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \times \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (5.15)$$

Assume the initial conditions at $x_0 = 0$ $y = 0$ i.e. $y_0 = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ and use $h = 0.1$

Initially, using $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in the above equations we can find varying values of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with respect to x . Next by using the values found and substituting y and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in the same equations we can find various values of y with respect to x .

Now we can plot those various points on the graph and join them to give a curve which is the solution of the given differential equation.

If the curve coincides with $y = x$, then $y = x$ would be a solution.

Clearly, they don't coincide hence $y = x$ is not a solution to the given differential equation.

