

# 9.3.12.A

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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

Assume  $y = x$  is a solution to  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x$

Therefore it would satisfy the equation.

Consider the following equations

$$y = x \quad (0.2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \quad (0.3)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

Substituting them in L.H.S of the given equation is as follows

$$L.H.S = 0 - x^2 * 1 + x^2 \quad (0.5)$$

$$L.H.S = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

$$R.H.S = x \quad (0.7)$$

$$L.H.S \neq R.H.S \quad (0.8)$$

Hence, we can say that our assumption was wrong and therefore  $y = x$  is not a solution to the given equation.

## COMPUTATIONAL METHOD

First, Plot the graph of  $y = x$

Consider,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x \quad (0.9)$$

Now using the equations,

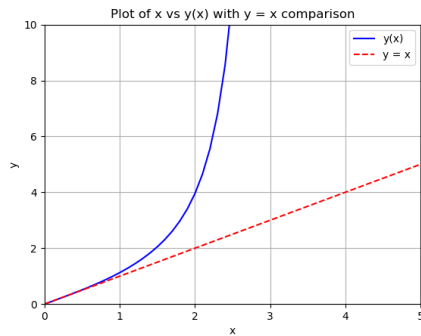
$$y(x+h) = y(x) + hy'(x) \quad (0.10)$$

$$y'(x+h) = y'(x) + hy''(x) \quad (0.11)$$

from first principle and assuming the initial conditions  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$  and  $h = 0.1$  we can find multiple values for  $y(x)$  by varying  $x$

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.