

# 9.1.3

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## Question:

Solve the differential equation:

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^4 + 3y\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

## Solution:

Theoretical solution: TODO

Computational Solution: Euler's method

By the first principle of derivative,

$$y'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(x+h) - y(x)}{h} \quad (2)$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + h(y'(x)), h \rightarrow 0 \quad (3)$$

For a  $m^{\text{th}}$  order differential equation,

Let  $y_1 = y$ ,  $y_2 = y'$ ,  $y_3 = y'' \dots$ ,  $y_m = y^{m-1}$ , then we obtain the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \\ \vdots \\ y_{m-1}' \\ y_m' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \\ f(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Here,  $f$  is described by the given differential equation. The initial conditions  $y_1(x_0) = K_1$ ,  $y_2(x_0) = K_2, \dots, y_m(x_0) = K_m$ .

Using Euler's method (first principle of derivative),

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1(x+h) \\ y_2(x+h) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(x+h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x) + hy_2(x) \\ y_2(x) + hy_3(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(x) + hf(x, y_1, y_2 \dots y_m) \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The given differential equation can be represented as,

$$(y')^4 + 3yy'' = 0 \quad (6)$$

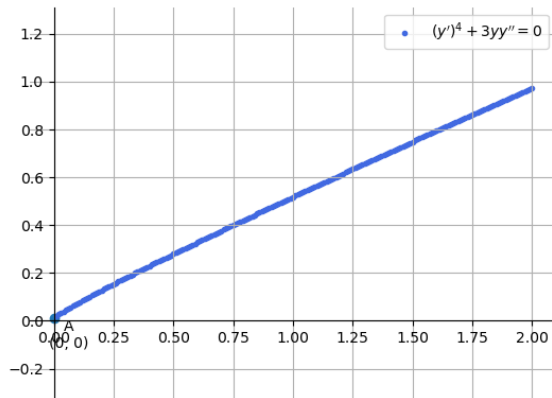


Fig. 0: Quadrilateral ABCD formed with given equations