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Question:
Solve the differential equation:

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

Solution:

Theoritical solution:
The given differential equation is a second-order nonlinear ordinary differential equation and cannot be theoritcally solved using known methods.
Computational Solution: Euler's method
By the first principle of derivative,

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

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + h\left(y'(x)\right), h \to 0 \tag{3}$$

For a m^{th} order differential equation,

Let

$$y_1 = y \ , \ y_2 = y' \ , \ y_3 = y'' \ , \ \dots \ , \ y_m = y^{m-1} \tag{4}$$

then we obtain the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \\ \vdots \\ y_{m-1}' \\ y_m' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \\ f(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

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

Representing the system in Euler's form (using first principle of derivative),

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1(x+h) \\ y_2(x+h) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(x+h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x) + hy_2(x) \\ y_2(x) + hy_3(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(x) + hf(x, y_1, y_2 \dots y_m) \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1(x+h) \\ y_2(x+h) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(x+h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x) \\ y_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(x) \end{pmatrix} + h \begin{pmatrix} y_2(x) \\ y_3(x) \\ \vdots \\ f(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \end{pmatrix} \tag{7}$$

Generalizing the system into an iterative format for plotting $y(x)$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{1,n+1}(x_n+h) \\ y_{2,n+1}(x_n+h) \\ \vdots \\ y_{m,n+1}(x_n+h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{1,n}(x_n) \\ y_{2,n}(x_n) \\ \vdots \\ y_{m,n}(x_n) \end{pmatrix} + h \begin{pmatrix} y_{2,n}(x_n) \\ y_{3,n}(x_n) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n, y_{1,n}, y_{2,n}, \dots, y_{m,n}) \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \tag{9}$$

The given differential equation can be represented as,

$$(y')^4 + 3yy'' = 0 \tag{10}$$

$$y'' = -\frac{(y')^4}{3y} \tag{11}$$

We see that $m = 2$, thus,

$$y_3 = y'' = -\frac{(y')^4}{3y} = -\frac{\left(y_2{}^4\right)}{3y_1} \tag{12}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -\frac{(y')^4}{3y} \end{pmatrix} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{1,n+1}(x_n+h) \\ y_{2,n+1}(x_n+h) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{1,n}(x_n) \\ y_{2,n}(x_n) \end{pmatrix} + h \begin{pmatrix} y_{2,n}(x_n) \\ -\frac{(y_{2,n})^4}{3y_{1,n}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{14}$$

Iteratively plotting the above system taking intial conditions as

$$x_0 = 0 \ , \ y_{1,0} = 0.01 \ , \ y_{2,0} = 1 \tag{15}$$

we get the following plot.

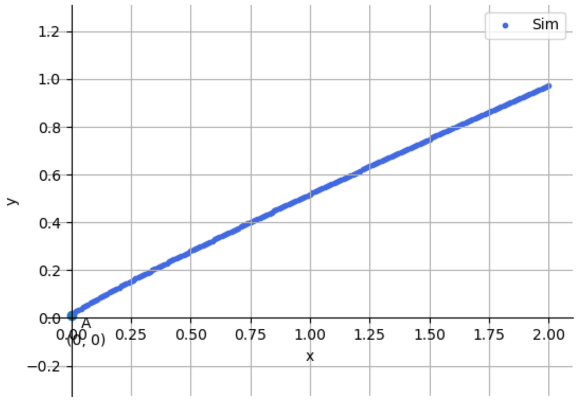

Fig. 0: Computational solution for $(y')^4 + 3yy'' = 0$