

Computationally solving differential equations

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Problem Statement

Solve the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

Solution

Theoretical Solution

The given differential equation is a second-order linear ordinary differential equation.

Let $y(0) = c_1$ and $y'(0) = c_2$. By definition of Laplace transform,

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt \quad (3.1)$$

Some used properties of Laplace transform include,

$$\mathcal{L}(y'') = s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) - sy(0) - y'(0) = s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) - sc_1 - c_2 \quad (3.2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\cos t) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\sin t) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \quad (3.4)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(cf(t)) = c\mathcal{L}(f(t)) \quad (3.5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s) \implies \mathcal{L}(e^{at} f(t)) = F(s - a) \quad (3.6)$$

Applying Laplace transform on the given differential equation, we get,

$$y'' + y = 0 \quad (3.7)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y'') + \mathcal{L}(y) = 0 \quad (3.8)$$

$$s^2 \mathcal{L}(y) - sc_1 - c_2 + \mathcal{L}(y) = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = \frac{sc_1 + c_2}{s^2 + 1} = c_1 \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} + c_2 \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \quad (3.10)$$

Taking laplace inverse on both sides, we get,

$$y = c_1 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \right) + c_2 \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \right) \quad (3.11)$$

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x \quad (3.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{(c_1)^2 + (c_2)^2} \sin \left(x + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{c_1}{c_2} \right) \right) & c_2 \neq 0 \\ c_1 \cos x & c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.13)$$

Computation Solution - Trapezoid Method

The given differential equation can be represented as

$$y'' + y = 0 \quad (3.14)$$

Let $y = y_1$ and $y' = y_2$, then,

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = -y_1 \text{ and } \frac{dy_1}{dx} = y_2 \quad (3.15)$$

$$\int_{y_{2,n}}^{y_{2,n+1}} dy_2 = \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} -y_1 dx \quad (3.16)$$

$$\int_{y_{1,n}}^{y_{1,n+1}} dy_1 = \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} y_2 dx \quad (3.17)$$

$$(3.18)$$

Discretizing the steps (Trapezoid rule),

$$y_{2,n+1} - y_{2,n} = -\frac{h}{2} (y_{1,n} + y_{1,n+1}) \quad (3.19)$$

$$y_{1,n+1} - y_{1,n} = \frac{h}{2} (y_{2,n} + y_{2,n+1}) \quad (3.20)$$

Solving for $y_{1,n+1}$ and $y_{2,n+1}$, we get,

$$y_{1,n+1} = y_{1,n} + \frac{h}{2} \left(2y_{2,n} - \frac{h}{2} (y_{1,n} + y_{1,n+1}) \right) \quad (3.21)$$

The difference equations can be written as,

$$y_{1,n+1} = \frac{(4 - h^2) y_{1,n} + 4hy_{2,n}}{(4 + h^2)} \quad (3.22)$$

$$y_{2,n+1} = \frac{(4 - h^2) y_{2,n} - 4hy_{1,n}}{(4 + h^2)} \quad (3.23)$$

Iteratively plotting the above system taking initial conditions as

$$x_0 = 0, y_{1,0} = 0, y_{2,0} = 1 \quad (3.24)$$

we get the plot of the given differential equation.

Computation Solution - Bilinear Transform Method

We have to apply laplace transformation on the given differential equation. From (3.10), we get,

$$Y(s) = \frac{sc_1 + c_2}{s^2 + 1} \quad (3.25)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{sc_1 + c_2}{s^2 + 1} \quad (3.26)$$

Applying Bilinear transform, with $T = h$, we get,

$$s = \frac{2}{T} \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}} = \frac{2}{h} \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}} \quad (3.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = \frac{2hc_1(z^2 - 1) + c_2h^2(z + 1)^2}{(h^2 + 4)z^2 + 2(h^2 - 4)z + (h^2 + 4)} \quad (3.28)$$

Note that this transformation is stable only when the poles of $Y(s)$ lie inside the unit circle centered at origin. The poles for the given Y is $s = \pm i$ which both lie on $|s| = 1$, thus this system is stable.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(z^2 + 2\frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4}z + 1 \right) Y(z) \\ = \frac{2hc_1(z^2 - 1) + c_2h^2(z^2 + 2z + 1)}{h^2 + 4} \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 Y(z) + 2\frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4}zY(z) + Y(z) \\ = \frac{(2hc_1 + c_2h^2)z^2 + (2h^2c_2)z + (h^2c_2 - 2hc_1)}{h^2 + 4} \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

Some properties of one sided z transform,

$$\mathcal{Z}(y[n+2]) = z^2 Y(z) - y[1]z - y[0] \quad (3.31)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(y[n+1]) = zY(z) - zy[0] \quad (3.32)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(\delta[n]) = 1, z \neq 0 \quad (3.33)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(y[n]) = Y(z) \implies \mathcal{Z}(y[n-n_0]) = z^{-n_0} Y(z) \quad (3.34)$$

By the time shift property (3.34),

$$\mathcal{Z}(\delta[n+2]) = z^2, z \neq 0 \quad (3.35)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(\delta[n+1]) = z, z \neq 0 \quad (3.36)$$

Rewriting equation (3.30), we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & z^2 Y(z) + 2 \frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4} z Y(z) + Y(z) + (-y[1]z - y[0]) \\
 & + 2 \left(\frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4} \right) (-zy[0]) = \frac{(2hc_1 + c_2 h^2) z^2}{h^2 + 4} \\
 & + \frac{2h^2 c_2 - (h^2 + 4) y[1] - 2(h^2 - 4) y[0]}{h^2 + 4} \\
 & + \frac{z(h^2 c_2 - 2hc_1 - (h^2 + 4) y[0])}{h^2 + 4}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.37}$$

$$\text{where } z \neq 0 \tag{3.38}$$

Region of convergence (**ROC**) is given by $z \neq 0$.

Taking z inverse transform on both sides of equation (3.37), we get the **difference equation** which is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & y[n+2] + 2 \left(\frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4} \right) y[n+1] + y[n] \\
 &= \frac{(2hc_1 + c_2h^2) \delta[n+2]}{h^2 + 4} \\
 &+ \frac{(2h^2c_2 - (h^2 + 4)y[1] - 2(h^2 - 4)y[0]) \delta[n+1]}{h^2 + 4} \\
 &+ \frac{(h^2c_2 - 2hc_1 - y[0]) \delta[n]}{h^2 + 4} \tag{3.39}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, δ is given by,

$$\delta[n - n_0] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = n_0 \\ 0 & n \neq n_0 \end{cases} \tag{3.40}$$

As $n > 0$,

$$\delta [n + 2] = \delta [n + 1] = 0 \quad (3.41)$$

The equation (3.39) is now given by,

$$y [n + 2] + 2 \left(\frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4} \right) y [n + 1] + y [n] = \frac{(h^2 c_2 - 2h c_1 - y [0]) \delta [n]}{h^2 + 4} \quad (3.42)$$

At this point we drop the notation $y [n]$ and replace it with y_n , and we replace $c_1 = y (0)$ and $c_2 = y' (0)$,

$$y_{n+2} + 2 \left(\frac{h^2 - 4}{h^2 + 4} \right) y_{n+1} + y_n = \frac{(h^2 y' (0) - 2h y (0) - y_0) \delta [n]}{h^2 + 4} \quad (3.43)$$

Note that for computationally plotting the above difference equation, we need $y_0 = y(0)$ as well as y_1 . To find $y_1 = y(0 + h) = y(h)$ we employ first principle of derivative,

$$y'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(x+h) - y(x)}{h} \quad (3.44)$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + hy'(x), h \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.45)$$

$$y_1 = y(h) = y(0) + hy'(0) \quad (3.46)$$

Iteratively plotting the above system taking initial conditions as

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1 \quad (3.47)$$

we get the plot of the given differential equation.

Plot

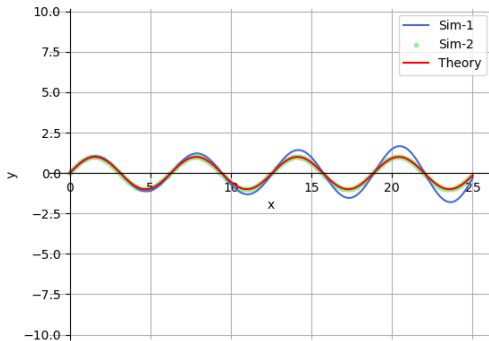


Figure 1: Here Sim-1 plot represents the plot given by Trapezoid Method, and Sim-2 which is given by Bilinear transform using the same value of h . This plot clearly shows the accuracy of the Bilinear transform method.