

# 9.1.7

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## Question:

Solve the differential equation  $y''' + 2y'' + y' = 0$  with initial conditions  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1$ , and  $y''(0) = 1$

## Solution:

Variable	Description
$n$	Order of given differential equation
$y_i$	$i$ th derivative of the function in the equation
$c$	constant in the equation
$a_i$	coefficient of $i$ th derivative of the function in the equation
$\mathbf{V}(t)$	Vector containing all 1 and $y_i$ from $i = 0$ to $i = n - 1$
$\mathbf{V}'(t)$	Vector containing 1 and $y'_i$ from $i = 0$ to $i = n - 1$
$A$	the coefficient matrix that transforms each $y_i$ to its derivative
$h$	the stepsize between each $t$ we are taking
$t_o$	The start time from which we are plotting
$t_f$	The end time at which we stop plotting

TABLE 0: Variables Used

Theoretical Solution: We apply the Laplace transform to each term in the equation. The Laplace transforms for the derivatives of  $y(t)$  are:

$$\mathcal{L}y'(t) = sY(s) - y(0) \quad (0.1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}y''(t) = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) \quad (0.2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}y'''(t) = s^3Y(s) - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0) \quad (0.3)$$

Now, applying the Laplace transform to the entire differential equation:

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''' + 2y'' + y'\} = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{y'''(t)\} + 2\mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\} + \mathcal{L}\{y'(t)\} = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

$$(s^3Y(s) - s^2y(0) - sy'(0) - y''(0)) + 2(s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)) + (sY(s) - y(0)) = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

Substitute the initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = -1$ , and  $y''(0) = 1$ :

$$(s^3Y(s) - s^2 \cdot 1 - s \cdot (-1) - 1) + 2(s^2Y(s) - s \cdot 1 - (-1)) + (sY(s) - 1) = 0 \quad (0.7)$$

$$s^3Y(s) - s^2 + s - 1 + 2s^2Y(s) - 2s + 2 + sY(s) - 1 = 0 \quad (0.8)$$

Simplify the equation:

$$(s^3 + 2s^2 + s)Y(s) - (s^2 - s + 1) - (2s - 2) - 1 = 0 \quad (0.9)$$

$$(s^3 + 2s^2 + s)Y(s) - s^2 - s + 1 - 2s + 2 - 1 = 0 \quad (0.10)$$

$$(s^3 + 2s^2 + s)Y(s) - (s^2 + s) = 0 \quad (0.11)$$

Now, solve for  $Y(s)$ :

$$(s^3 + 2s^2 + s)Y(s) = s^2 + s \quad (0.12)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s^2 + s}{s(s+1)^2} \quad (0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{1}{s+1} \quad (0.14)$$

Now, take the inverse Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{s+1}\right) = e^{-t} \quad (0.15)$$

Thus, the solution to the differential equation is:

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \quad (0.16)$$

Radius of Convergence:

The power series of the required derivatives of  $y$  are:

$$y'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} \quad (0.17)$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} \quad (0.18)$$

$$y'''(x) = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2) a_n x^{n-3} \quad (0.19)$$

Substituting into the Differential Equation:

$$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n(n-1)(n-2) a_n x^{n-3} + 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1) a_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = 0. \quad (0.20)$$

Since the series must equal zero for all  $x$ , the coefficient of  $x^n$  must vanish then:

$$(n+3)(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+3} + 2(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + a_n = 0 \quad (0.21)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+3} = -\frac{2(n+2)(n+1) a_{n+2} + a_n}{(n+3)(n+2)(n+1)} \quad (0.22)$$

The Radius of Convergence depends on the growth of  $a_n$ . Using the ratio test we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{R} \quad (0.23)$$

The terms involve factorial like terms which generally leads to either exponential growth or decay in  $a_n$ . Since the differential equation has its coefficients as polynomials and not rational functions with poles it has no singularities in the finite plane which means the radius of convergence is infinite

$$R = \infty \quad (0.24)$$

Computational Solution:

Consider the given linear differential equation

$$a_n y_n + a_{n-1} y_{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 y_1 + a_0 y_0 + c = 0 \quad (0.25)$$

Where  $y_i$  is the  $i$ th derivative of the function then

$$\begin{pmatrix} y'_0 \\ y'_1 \\ y'_2 \\ \vdots \\ y'_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{-(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i y_i) - c}{a_n} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.26)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ y'_0 \\ y'_1 \\ y'_2 \\ \vdots \\ y'_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \frac{-c}{a_n} & \frac{-a_0}{a_n} & \frac{-a_1}{a_n} & \frac{-a_2}{a_n} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{-a_{n-1}}{a_n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}'_k = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}_k \quad (0.28)$$

Where  $\mathbf{y}_k$  is the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ y_{0,k} \\ y_{1,k} \\ y_{2,k} \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1,k} \end{pmatrix}$  at a  $k$ . At any  $n$ , by defining derivative:

$$y'_{n,k} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y_{n,k+1} - y_{n,k}}{h} \quad (0.29)$$

$$y_{n,k+1} = y_{n,k} + hy'_{n,k} \quad (0.30)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{0,k+1} = y_{0,k} + hy'_{0,k} \quad (0.31)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{1,k+1} = y_{1,k} + hy'_{1,k} \quad (0.32)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{2,k+1} = y_{2,k} + hy'_{2,k} \quad (0.33)$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad (0.34)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n-1,k+1} = y_{n-1,k} + hy'_{n-1,k} \quad (0.35)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}_{k+1} = \mathbf{y}_k + h(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}_k) \quad (0.36)$$

When  $k$  ranges from 0 to  $\frac{t_o - t_f}{h}$  in increments of 1, discretizing the steps gives us all  $\mathbf{y}_k$ . Record the  $y_{0,k}$  for each  $k$  we got and then plot the graph. The result will be as given below.

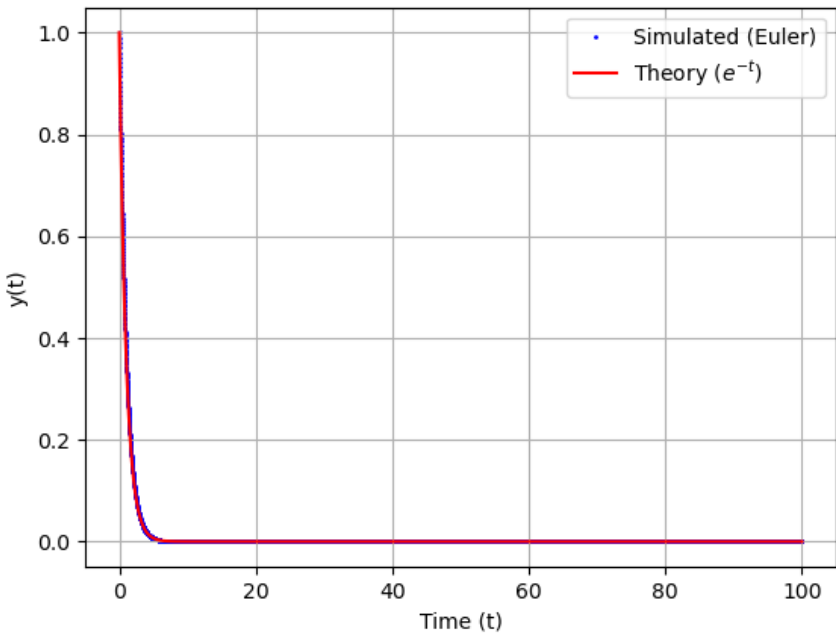


Fig. 0.1: Comparison between the Theoretical solution and Computational solution