## EE24BTECH11022 - ESHAN SHARMA

**Question:** Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0$  and verify if the general solution is  $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$ .

## **Solution:**

## **Solution Using Laplace Transform:**

Given:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0\tag{0.1}$$

Taking the Laplace Transform of both sides:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{0\} \tag{0.2}$$

Using properties of the Laplace Transform:

$$s^{2}Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + Y(s) = 0$$
(0.3)

Substituting the initial conditions  $y(0) = C_1$  and  $y'(0) = C_2$ :

$$s^{2}Y(s) - sC_{1} - C_{2} + Y(s) = 0 (0.4)$$

$$(s^2 + 1)Y(s) = sC_1 + C_2 (0.5)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{sC_1 + C_2}{s^2 + 1} \tag{0.6}$$

The Region of Convergence (ROC) is the entire s-plane since  $s^2 + 1 \neq 0$  for all real s.

Taking the inverse Laplace Transform:

$$y(x) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{sC_1 + C_2}{s^2 + 1} \right\} \tag{0.7}$$

$$= C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x) \tag{0.8}$$

Thus, the general solution is:

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)$$
 (0.9)

## Using Difference Equation to Approximate Solution:

This method approximates the solution by discretizing the function.

From the definition of the second-order differentiation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \approx \frac{y(x_{i+1}) - 2y(x_i) + y(x_{i-1})}{h^2}$$
(0.10)

Substituting into the differential equation:

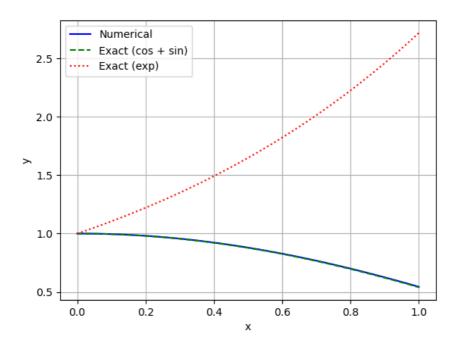
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0 ag{0.11}$$

$$\frac{y_{n+1} - 2y_n + y_{n-1}}{h^2} + y_n = 0 ag{0.12}$$

Simplifying:

$$y_{n+1} = 2y_n - y_{n-1} - h^2 y_n (0.13)$$

Let  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $y_0 = C_1$ ,  $y_1 = C_1 + hC_2$ . For small step size h, iteratively calculate  $y_{n+1}$ .



By comparing the plots, the numerical solution matches the exact solution, verifying the correctness. Additionally, the plot of the given question does not match our solution, so Option A is not correct.