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NCERT Discrete

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Question GATE 23 ME 50:

The initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 0, y(0) = 1$ is solved numerically using the forward Euler's method with a constant and positive time step of δ .

Let y_n represent the numerical solution obtained after n steps. The condition $|y_{n+1}| \leq |y_n|$ is satisfied if and only if δ does not exceed

Solution:

By forward Euler's method formula

$$y(n+1) = y(n) + \delta f(x,y) \tag{1}$$

From question we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2y = f(x, y) \tag{2}$$

From (2) in (1)

$$y(n+1) = y(n) + \delta(-2y(n))$$
 (3)

$$y(n+1) = y(n)(1-2\delta)$$
 (4)

$$|y(n+1)| = |y(n)||1 - 2\delta| \le |y(n)|$$
 (5)

$$|1 - 2\delta| \le 1\tag{6}$$

$$\implies 0 \le \delta \le 1$$
 (7)

From this we can say that the maximum value of δ is $\boldsymbol{1}$