

(*problem:solve $x''[t] + w^2 x[t] = 0$ by using series approximation and compare with the exact solution. The initial conditions are $x[0]=1, x'[0]=0$ *)

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deq = x''[t] + w^2 * x[t] == 0;
initial = {x[0] == 1, x'[0] == 0};
s = 100;
ser = x[t] + O[t]^s
sereq = deq /. {x[t] -> ser, x'[t] -> D[ser, {t, 2}]}
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? Join

Join[list₁, list₂, ...] concatenates lists or other expressions that share the same head.
Join[list₁, list₂, ..., n] joins the objects at level *n* in each of the list_{*i*}. >>

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eqs = Join[{sereq}, initial]
unknowns = Table[Derivative[n][x][0], {n, 0, s - 1}]
knowns = Solve[eqs, unknowns]
ser = ser /. knowns[[1]] /. w -> 1

"series approximation"
sersol = Normal[ser]

(*Exact solution*)
sol1 = DSolve[{deq, x[0] == 1, x'[0] == 0}, x[t], t]

"Exact solution"
sol1 = sol1 /. w -> 1;
exsol = x[t] /. sol1[[1]]

"compare exact sol with series approximation"
Plot[{exsol, sersol}, {t, 0, 10}, PlotRange -> 1,
  PlotStyle -> {{Red, Dotted}, {Yellow, Dotted}}]
g1 = Plot[exsol, {t, 0, 10}]

g2 = Plot[sersol, {t, 0, 10}, PlotRange -> 1]
Show[g1, g2]
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