

Power series + non-linear DEs

EG $y'' = \cos(x+y)$ $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$

Determine first few terms of the power series for $y(x)$.
(around $x=0$)

- options
- (A) successive differentiation (by hand)
 - (B) plug in power series (by computer)

(A)

$$y'' = \cos(x+y) \quad y''(0) = \cos(0+y(0)) = \cos(0) = 1$$

$$y''' = -\sin(x+y)(1+y') \quad y'''(0) = -\sin(0)(1+y'(0)) = 0$$

$$y^{(4)} = -\cos(x+y)(1+y')^2 - \sin(x+y)y'' \quad y^{(4)}(0) = -\cos(0)(1+y'(0))^2 - \sin(0)y''(0) = -4$$

$$y^{(5)} = \dots \quad y^{(5)}(0) = \dots = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y(0) + y'(0)x + \frac{y''(0)}{2}x^2 + \frac{y'''(0)}{6}x^3 + \frac{y^{(4)}(0)}{24}x^4 + \frac{y^{(5)}(0)}{120}x^5 + \dots$$

$$= x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}x^4 - \frac{1}{20}x^5 + \dots$$

(B)

$$y = x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots$$

$$y' = 1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + 5a_5x^4 + \dots$$

$$y'' = 2a_2 + 6a_3x + 12a_4x^2 + 20a_5x^3 + \dots$$

compare

$$\cos(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} x^{2n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 - \dots$$

$$\cos(x+y) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2 + \frac{1}{24}(x+y)^4 - \dots$$

not needed here

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - xy - \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - x(x + a_2x^2 + \dots) - \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2a_2x^3 + \dots) + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 2x^2 - 2a_2x^3 + \dots$$

$$(x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots)^2 = x^2 + 2a_2x^3 + O(x^4)$$

compare with y'' :

$2a_2 = 1$	$a_2 = \frac{1}{2}$
$6a_3 = 0$	$a_3 = 0$
$12a_4 = -2$	$a_4 = -\frac{1}{6}$
$20a_5 = -2a_2$	$a_5 = -\frac{1}{10}a_2 = -\frac{1}{20}$