

# Numerical Study of Higher Order Differential Equations Using Differential Transform Method

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**Abstract:** In this article the Differential Transform method is working for obtaining solutions for higher order differential equations. This proposed technique gives the series of solutions which can be easily converted to exact ones. The differential transform method was productively applied to higher order differential equations. The results of the study has established that the method is easy, effective and flexible. The result of the differential transform method is in good agreement with those obtained by using the already existing ones.

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## 1. Introduction

Nonlinear phenomena have significant effects in applied mathematics, physics and related to engineering; many such physical phenomena are modeled in terms of nonlinear differential equations [3,4,10]. A variety of numerical and analytical methods have been developed to obtain precise approximate and analytic solutions for the problems in the literature [3,7,8,10,11,12]. The classical Taylor's series method is one of the earliest analytic techniques to many problems, especially ordinary differential equations. However, since it requires a lot of symbolic calculation for the derivatives of functions, it takes a lot of computational time for higher derivatives. Here, we introduce the update version of the Taylor series method which is called the differential transform method (DTM)[4,5]. The (DTM) is the method to determine the coefficients of the Taylor series of the function by solving the induced recursive equation from the given differential equation. The basic idea of the (DTM) was introduced by Zhou [5]. In what follows we introduce a few notations for the (DTM).

## 2. The Differential Transform Method

The transformation of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  derivative of a function  $y(x)$  in one variable is defined as follows

$$Y(k) = \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \frac{d^k(y(x))}{dx^k} \right]_{x=0} \quad (1)$$

and the inverse transform of  $Y(k)$  is defined as

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y(k)x^k \quad (2)$$

The following are the important theorems of the one dimensional differential transform method

**Theorem 1:** If  $y(x) = m(x) \pm n(x)$  then  $Y(k) = M(k) \pm N(k)$

**Theorem 2:** If  $y(x) = \alpha m(x)$ , then  $Y(k) = \alpha M(k)$

**Theorem 3:** If  $y(x) = \frac{dm(x)}{dx}$ , then  $Y(k) = (k+1)Y(k+1)$

**Theorem 4:** If  $y(x) = m(x)n(x)$ , then  $Y(k) = \sum_{r=0}^k M(r)N(k-r)$

**Theorem 5:** If  $y(x) = x^l$ , then  $Y(k) = \delta(k-l) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k=l \\ 0, & \text{if } k \neq l \end{cases}$

**Theorem 6:** If  $y(x) = \frac{d^2g(x)}{dx^2}$  then  $Y(k) = (k+1)(k+2)G(k+2)$

**Theorem 7:** If  $y(x) = \frac{d^m g(x)}{dx^m}$  then  $Y(k) = (k+1)(k+2) \dots (k+m)G(k+m)$

**Theorem 8:** If  $y(x) = 1$  then  $Y(k) = \delta(k)$

**Theorem 9:** If  $y(x) = x$  then  $Y(k) = \delta(k-1)$

**Theorem 10:** If  $y(x) = e^{ax}$  then  $Y(k) = \frac{a^k}{k!}$

**Theorem 11:** If  $y(x) = (1+x)^m$  then  $Y(k) = \frac{m(m-1)(m-2) \dots (m-k+1)}{k!}$

**Theorem 12:** If  $y(x) = \sin(wx + \alpha)$  then  $Y(k) = \frac{w^k}{k!} \sin(k\pi + \alpha)$

**Theorem 13:** If  $y(x) = \cos(wx + \alpha)$  then  $Y(k) = \frac{w^k}{k!} \cos(k\pi + \alpha)$  where  $w$  and  $\alpha$  are constants

## 3. Applications

In this section, we apply the (DTM) to some ordinary differential equations

**Problem 1:** Consider the following initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2p \frac{dy}{dx} + p^2y = e^{px}, \quad p(\neq 0) \text{ is a real number, given that } y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1/p \quad (1)$$

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Apply DTM to (1), we obtain

$$(k + 2)(k + 1)Y - 2p(k + 1)Y(k + 1) + p^2Y(k) = \frac{p^k}{k!}$$

put  $k = 0$  then  $2Y(2) - 2pY(1) + p^2Y(0) = 1$

$$2Y(2) - 2p\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) + p^2(0) = 1$$

$$Y(2) = \frac{1+2}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Put  $k = 1$ , then  $6Y(3) - 2pY(2) + p^2Y(1) = p$

$$6Y(3) - 2p\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + p^2\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) = p$$

$$6Y(3) - p(3) + p = p$$

$$Y(3) = \frac{3p}{6}$$

And so on.

The solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y(k)x^k$$

$$y(x) = Y(0)x^0 + Y(1)x^1 + Y(2)x^2 + Y(3)x^3 + \dots$$

$$y(x) = 0.1 + \frac{1}{p}x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{3p}{6}x^3 + \dots$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{p}x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{p}{2}x^3 + \dots$$

Problem 2: Consider the following initial value problem

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + l^2y = e^{lx} + \sin lx$$

+  $\cos lx$ ,  $l(\neq 0)$  is areal number,

given that  $y(0) = 1, y(1) = l$  (2)

Apply DTM to (2), we obtain

$$(k+1)(k+2)Y(k+2) + l^2Y(k) = \frac{l^k}{k!} + \frac{l^k}{k!}\sin(k\pi) + \frac{l^k}{k!}\cos(k\pi)$$

Put  $k = 0$ , then  $2Y(2) + l^2Y(0) = 1 + 0 + 1$

$$2Y(2) + l^2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$Y(2) = \frac{2-l^2}{2}$$

Put  $k = 1$ , then  $6Y(3) + l^2Y(1) = l + l(0) + l(-1)$

$$6Y(3) + l^2\left(\frac{2-l^2}{2}\right) = l$$

$$Y(3) = \frac{l-l^2\left(\frac{2-l^2}{2}\right)}{6} = \frac{2l-2l^2+l^4}{4}$$

And so on.

The solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y(k)x^k$$

$$y(x) = Y(0)x^0 + Y(1)x^1 + Y(2)x^2 + Y(3)x^3 + \dots$$

$$y(x) = 1.1 + lx + \frac{2-l^2}{2}x^2 + \frac{2l-2l^2+l^4}{4}x^3 + \dots$$

Problem 2: Consider the following initial value problem

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + a^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin ax, a(\neq 0) \text{ is areal number,}$$

given that  $y(0) = 1, y(1) = a, y(2) = a^2$  (3)

Apply DTM to (3), we obtain

$$(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)Y(k+3) + a^2(k+1)Y(k+1) = \frac{a^k}{k!}\sin(k\pi)$$

Put  $k = 0$ , then  $6Y(3) + a^2Y(1) = 0$

$$6Y(3) + a^2 \cdot a = 0$$

$$Y(3) = -a^3$$

Put  $k = 1$ , then  $24Y(4) + a^2Y(2) = a \cdot 0$

$$24 \cdot Y(4) + a^2(-a^3) = 0$$

$$Y(4) = \frac{a^5}{24}$$

And so on.

The solution is

$$y(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Y(k)x^k$$

$$y(x) = Y(0)x^0 + Y(1)x^1 + Y(2)x^2 + Y(3)x^3 + Y(4)x^4 + \dots$$

$$y(x) = 1.1 + ax + a^2x^2 - a^3x^3 + \frac{a^5}{24}x^4 + \dots$$

#### 4. Conclusion

The observations of the present study have shown that the (DTM) is easy to apply and effective. As a result, the conclusion comes through this work, is that the Differential Transform Method can be applied to a wide class of differential equations, due to the efficiency in the application to get the possible results.

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