

$\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 + t^2$ is a Riccati equation. We solve this by making the substitution; $y = -\frac{1}{f} \frac{df}{dt} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{f^2} \left(\frac{df}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2f}{dt^2} = y^2 - \frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2f}{dt^2}$$

$$\therefore y^2 - \frac{1}{f} \frac{d^2f}{dt^2} = y^2 + t^2 \text{ OR } \underline{\underline{\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + t^2f = 0}} \quad (1)$$

SOLUTION 1

The second order differential equation (1) above is the special Bessel equation whose solution is:

$$f = \sqrt{t} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

Where A and B are arbitrary constants and J and Y are the Bessel functions of the first and second kind, respectively. Differentiating once we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] + t\sqrt{t} \left\{ A \left[\frac{1}{2t^2} J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] + B \left[\frac{1}{2t^2} Y_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - Y_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] + t\sqrt{t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2t^2} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] - \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{1}{2t} + t \left[\frac{1}{2t^2} - \frac{AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{t} - \frac{t \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}$$

$$\text{Now } y = -\frac{1}{f} \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{t \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} - \frac{1}{t}$$

Using the initial condition, $y(1) = 0$, we have;

$$0 = \frac{AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} - 1 \text{ OR } \frac{AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BY_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{OR } A \left[J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right] = B \left[Y_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - Y_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{\left[J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]}{\left[Y_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - Y_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]} A \text{ OR } B = \kappa A \text{ with } \kappa = \frac{J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{Y_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - Y_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}$$

$$\text{Now } y = \frac{At \left[J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa Y_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{A \left[J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa Y_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]} - \frac{1}{t} \text{ OR } y = \underline{\underline{\frac{t \left[J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa Y_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa Y_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} - \frac{1}{t}}} \quad (2)$$

SOLUTION 2

If, however;

$$f = \sqrt{t} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] + t\sqrt{t} \left\{ A \left[\frac{1}{2t^2} J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] + B \left[-\frac{1}{2t^2} J_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] + t\sqrt{t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2t^2} \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] - \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{f} \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{1}{2t} + t \left\{ \frac{1}{2t^2} \left[\frac{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} \right] - \frac{AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2t} \left[\frac{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} + 1 \right] - \frac{t \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{t \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]} - \frac{t \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}$$

$$y = \frac{t \left[AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)} - \frac{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{t \left[AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}$$

Using the initial condition, $y(1) = 0$, we have:

$$0 = \frac{AJ_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BJ_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} - \frac{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + BJ_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} \Rightarrow B = \frac{J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{J_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} A$$

$$\therefore B = \kappa A \text{ where } \kappa = \frac{J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}{J_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)}$$

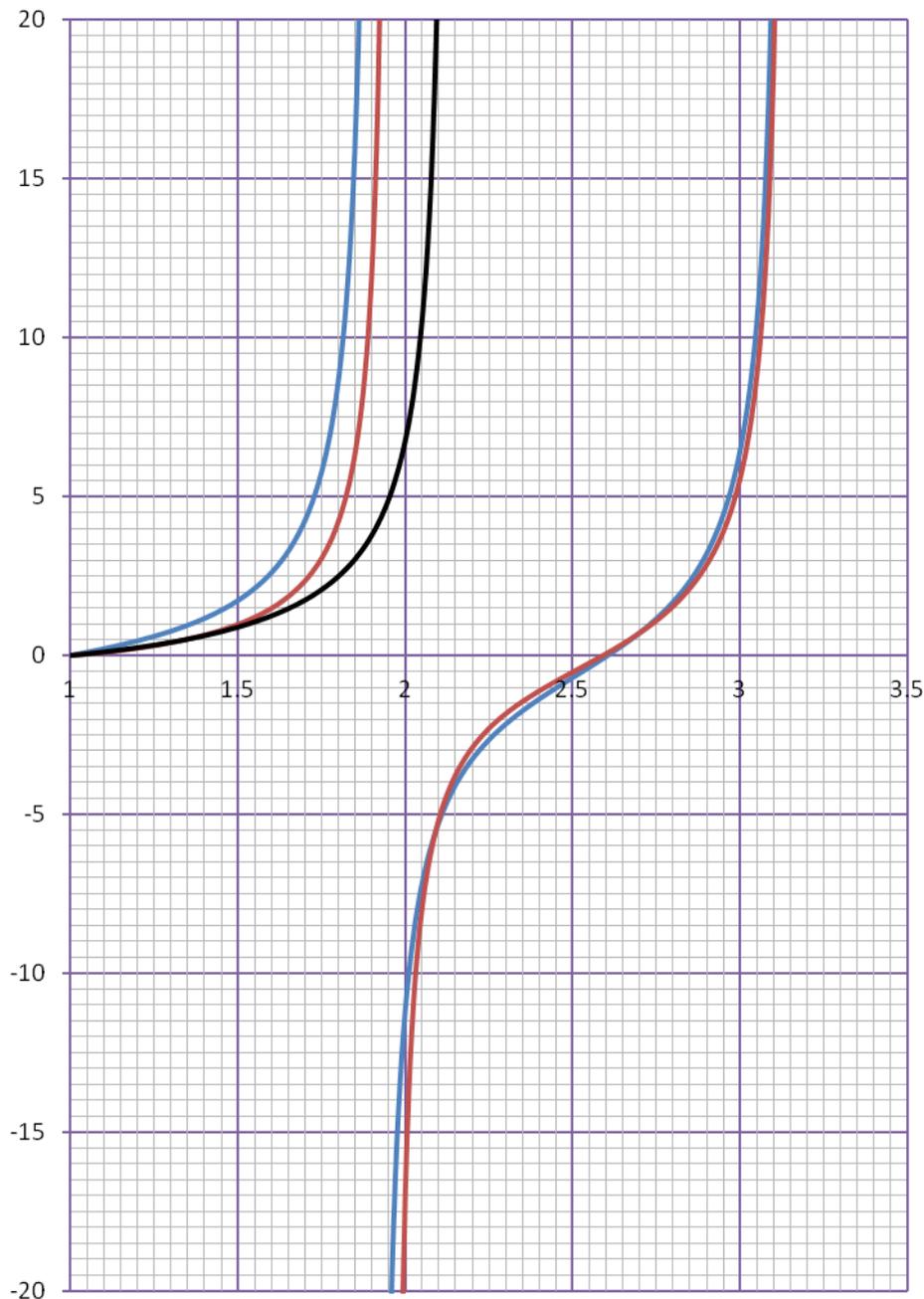
$$\text{Now } y = \frac{At \left[J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa J_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}{A \left[J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa J_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]} - \frac{AJ_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{At \left[J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa J_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}$$

$$\text{OR } y = \frac{t^2 \left[J_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa J_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right] - J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)}{t \left[J_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + \kappa J_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right]}$$

$$\text{Now, } J_{-\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{x^2} J_{\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) - J_{\frac{7}{4}} \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{t^2 \left[J_{\frac{5}{4}}\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) + \kappa J_{\frac{3}{4}}\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right] - J_{\frac{1}{4}}\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)}{t \left\{ J_{\frac{1}{4}}\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) + \kappa \left[\frac{3}{x^2} J_{\frac{3}{4}}\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) - J_{\frac{7}{4}}\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right] \right\}} \quad (3)$$

We now compare solution (2) and (3) with the numerical solution (Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg with $h = 0.01$) in the graph below. The numerical solution for $h = 0.1$ is: $y(2) = 6.747927$. When the grid is refined, we obtain: $y(2) = 6.7096647805$. Both exact solutions will have hit discontinuity by the time and are unmatched.



Graph 1: Graph of $y(t)$ satisfying: $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 + t^2$. The numerical solution (———), the exact solution 1 (———) and the exact solution 2 (———).