

# CHAPTER 8b. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS



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## Taylor Series Expansion



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### ■ Fundamental Case

Assume that the problem is a first-order differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x) \quad \text{subject to } y = y_0 \text{ at } x = x_0 \quad (5)$$

If the variables are separated and the integration is carried out on both sides, then

$$\int_{y_0}^y dy = \int_{x_0}^x f(x) dx \quad (6)$$



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Or

$$y|_{y_0}^y = \int_{x_0}^x f(x) dx$$

$$y - y_0 = \int_{x_0}^x f(x) dx$$

$$y(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x) dx \quad (7)$$



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## ■ Fundamental Case

– Recall Taylor's Series Expansion

$$f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0) + hf^{(1)}(x_0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f^{(2)}(x_0) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x_0) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_{n+1}$$

where

$x_0$  = base value or starting value

$x$  = the point at which the value of the function is needed

$h = x - x_0$  = distance between  $x_0$  and  $x$  (step size)

$n!$  = factorial of  $n = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1$

$f^{(n)}$  = indicates the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of the function  $f(x)$

$R_{n+1}$  = the remainder of Taylor series expansion

(8)



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## ■ Fundamental Case

### – Taylor’s Series Expansion

Eq. (8) can be expressed as

$$g(x) = g(x_0) + (x - x_0)g'(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!}g''(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!}g'''(x_0) + \dots \quad (9a)$$

Or

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x - x_0) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!} \left. \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right|_{x=x_0} + \dots \quad (9b)$$



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### – Taylor’s Series Expansion

- Comparing Eq. 9b and Eq. 7, we can evaluate the integral of Eq. 7 by a Taylor Series Expansion:

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x - x_0) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!} \left. \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right|_{x=x_0} + \dots$$

$$y(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x) dx$$



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## ■ Fundamental Case

### – Taylor’s Series Expansion

- In view of the integral of the second equation, the comparison implies that

$$\int_{x_0}^x f(x) = (x - x_0) \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!} \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \Big|_{x=x_0} + \dots$$

- Therefore, Equations 9b and 7 can be used to solve first order equations.



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## ■ Example 1 - Taylor Series Expansion

Solve the following differential equation using Taylor’s series expansion:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$y_0 = 1$$

The higher-order derivative can be obtained as follows:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 6x \quad \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = 6 \quad \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 4$$



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## ■ Example 1 (cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

Using the Taylor's series expansion of Eq. 9b gives

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x - x_0) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=x_0} + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!} \left. \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right|_{x=x_0}$$

$$y(x) = 1 + (x - 1)(3x_0^2) + \frac{(x - 1)^2}{2} (6x_0) + \frac{(x - 1)^3}{6} (6)$$



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## ■ Example 1(cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

Substituting for  $x_0 = 1$  in the last equation, gives the solution of the differential equation

$$y(x) = 1 + (x - 1)(3) + 3(x - 1)^2 + (x - 1)^3$$



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■ Example 1(cont'd)  $y(x) = 1 + (x-1)3 + 3(x-1)^2 + (x-1)^3$

x	y(x)			
	One Term	Two Terms	Three Terms	Four Terms
1	1	1	1	1
1.1	1	1.3	1.33	1.331
1.2	1	1.6	1.72	1.728
1.3	1	1.9	2.17	2.197
1.4	1	2.2	2.68	2.744
1.5	1	2.5	3.25	3.375
1.6	1	2.8	3.88	4.096
1.7	1	3.1	4.57	4.913
1.8	1	3.4	5.32	5.832
1.9	1	3.7	6.13	6.859
2	1	4	7	8



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■ Example 1(cont'd)

The exact solution can be obtained as follows:

$$\int_1^y dy = \int_1^x 3x^2 dx$$

$$y-1 = \frac{3x^3}{3} \Big|_1^x = x^3 \Big|_1^x$$

$$y-1 = x^3 - 1$$

$$y = x^3$$



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## ■ Example 1(cont'd) $y = x^3$

x	y(x)				
	One Term	Two Terms	Three Terms	Four Terms	TRUE
1	1	1	1	1	1
1.1	1	1.3	1.33	1.331	1.331
1.2	1	1.6	1.72	1.728	1.728
1.3	1	1.9	2.17	2.197	2.197
1.4	1	2.2	2.68	2.744	2.744
1.5	1	2.5	3.25	3.375	3.375
1.6	1	2.8	3.88	4.096	4.096
1.7	1	3.1	4.57	4.913	4.913
1.8	1	3.4	5.32	5.832	5.832
1.9	1	3.7	6.13	6.859	6.859
2	1	4	7	8	8



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## ■ Example 1(cont'd) – Taylor Series

- Examining the table, we notice that the Taylor’s series solution for this example gives no error when using 4 terms.
- This is because, the derivatives beyond the third equal to zero.
- In this case, Taylor’s series expansion provides the true solution when all the terms are used.



# Taylor Series Expansion

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## ■ General Case

Assume that the problem is a first-order ordinary differential equation of the following form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad \text{subject to } y = y_0 \text{ at } x = x_0$$

In this case the Taylor series expansion is

$$g(x) = g(x_0, y_0) + (x - x_0)g'(x_0, y_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!}g''(x_0, y_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!}g'''(x_0, y_0) + \dots \quad (10)$$



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## ■ General Case

Or in equivalent form, Taylor series can be given as

$$y(x, y) = y_0 + (x - x_0) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}} + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}} + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!} \left. \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}} + \dots \quad (11)$$





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## ■ Example 2 - Taylor Series Expansion

Solve the following differential equation using Taylor's series expansion:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2y \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$x_0 = 1 \\ y_0 = 1$$

The higher-order derivatives can be obtained as follows:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6xy + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$$



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## ■ Example 2 - Taylor Series Expansion

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6xy + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 6xy + 3x^2(3x^2y) \\ = 6xy + 9x^4y \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{\substack{x_0=1 \\ y_0=1}} = 15$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 6y + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 36x^3y + 9x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} \\ = 6y + 6x(3x^2y) + 36x^3y + 9x^4(3x^2y) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left. \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right|_{\substack{x_0=1 \\ y_0=1}} = 87 \\ = 6y + 6x(3x^2y) + 36x^3y + 27x^6y$$



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### ■ Example 2 (cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

Using the Taylor's series expansion of Eq. 11 gives

$$y(x, y) = y_0 + (x - x_0) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}} + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}} + \frac{(x - x_0)^3}{3!} \left. \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}}$$

$$y(x, y) = 1 + (x - 1)(3) + \frac{(x - 1)^2}{2}(15) + \frac{(x - 1)^3}{6}(87)$$



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### ■ Example 2 (cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

Substituting for  $x_0 = 1$  and  $y_0 = 1$  in the last equation, gives the solution of the differential equation for four terms as

$$y(x) = 1 + (x - 1)(3) + 7.5(x - 1)^2 + 14.5(x - 1)^3$$



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## ■ Example 2 (cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

$$y(x) = 1 + (x-1)(3) + 7.5(x-1)^2 + 14.5(x-1)^3$$

x	y(x)			
	One Term	Two Terms	Three Terms	Four Terms
1	1	1	1	1
1.1	1	1.3	1.375	1.3895
1.2	1	1.6	1.9	2.016
1.3	1	1.9	2.575	2.9665
1.4	1	2.2	3.4	4.328
1.5	1	2.5	4.375	6.1875
1.6	1	2.8	5.5	8.632
1.7	1	3.1	6.775	11.7485
1.8	1	3.4	8.2	15.624
1.9	1	3.7	9.775	20.3455
2	1	4	11.5	26

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## ■ Example 2 (cont'd)

The exact solution can be obtained as follows:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 y \Rightarrow \int_1^y \frac{dy}{y} = \int_1^x 3x^2 dx$$

$$\ln y - \overset{0}{\ln 1} = \frac{3x^3}{3} \Big|_1^x = x^3 \Big|_1^x$$

$$\ln y = x^3 - 1$$

$$y = e^{x^3 - 1}$$

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## ■ Example 2 (cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

$$y = e^{x^3-1}$$

x	y(x)				
	One Term	Two Terms	Three Terms	Four Terms	TRUE
1	1	1	1	1	1
1.1	1	1.3	1.375	1.390	1.392
1.2	1	1.6	1.9	2.016	2.071
1.3	1	1.9	2.575	2.967	3.310
1.4	1	2.2	3.4	4.328	5.720
1.5	1	2.5	4.375	6.188	10.751
1.6	1	2.8	5.5	8.632	22.109
1.7	1	3.1	6.775	11.749	50.049
1.8	1	3.4	8.2	15.624	125.462
1.9	1	3.7	9.775	20.346	350.374
2	1	4	11.5	26.000	1096.633



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## ■ Example 2 (cont'd) - Taylor Series Expansion

- Viewing the results of the solution based on Taylor series expansion, we notice that as the number of terms increases, the accuracy of the solution improves.
- Also, as the step size decreases, the accuracy of the solution improves.



# First-order Ordinary Differential Equations

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## ■ Euler's Method

- As we noticed in the previous example, in some cases the derivatives are not easily computed.
- Therefore, the Taylor series of Eqs. 9, 10, and 11 can be truncated so that only the term with the first derivative is used.



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## ■ Euler's Method

- The value of the dependent variable  $y = g(x)$  can be computed using

$$g(x) = g(x_0, y_0) + (x - x_0)g'(x_0, y_0) + e \quad (12a)$$

or

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x - x_0) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}} + e \quad (12b)$$



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## ■ Euler's Method

- For better accuracy,  $(x - x_0)$  should be made small.
- Notice that  $(x - x_0) = \Delta x = h$
- The above equations can be rewritten in a more compact form for computer implementation as

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$



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## ■ Euler's Method

The iterative procedure for basic Euler's method is given by

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i) \quad (13)$$

where

$$h = x - x_0$$

$$f(x_0, y_0) = g'(x_0, y_0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0 \\ y=y_0}}$$



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## ■ Example 3 – Euler’s Method

Solve the following differential equation for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  using a step size of  $h = 0.1$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2}y = 0 \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 0$$

Here we have

$$y(0) = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{matrix} x_0 = 0 \\ y_0 = 1 \end{matrix}$$



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## ■ Example 3 (cont'd) – Euler’s Method

First Iteration ( $i = 0$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad y_0 = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

$$f(x_0, y_0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x_0=0 \\ y_0=1}} = \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore y_1 = 1 + 0.1 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = 1 + 0.05 = 1.05$$



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## ■ Example 3 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

Second Iteration ( $i = 1$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_1, y_1)$$

$$x_1 = 0.1, \quad y_1 = 1.05, \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

$$f(x_1, y_1) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x_1=0.1 \\ y_0=1.05}} = \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}(1.05) = 0.5250$$

$$\therefore y_2 = 1.05 + 0.1(0.5250) = 1.05 + 0.0525 = 1.1025$$



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## ■ Example 3 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

Third Iteration ( $i = 2$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + hf(x_2, y_2)$$

$$x_2 = 0.2, \quad y_2 = 1.1025, \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

$$f(x_1, y_1) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x_1=0.2 \\ y_0=1.1025}} = \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}(1.1025) = 0.55125$$

$$\therefore y_3 = 1.1025 + 0.1(0.55125) = 1.157625$$





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## ■ Example 3 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

- See the spreadsheet output in the next viewgraph for the rest of the iterations.
- Expression for the exact solution can be obtained as follows:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}y \Rightarrow \int_{y_0}^y \frac{dy}{y} = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{2} dx$$

$$\begin{matrix} x_0 = 0 \\ \ln 1 = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\ln y - \ln 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - x_0) \Rightarrow \ln y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$y = e^{\frac{x}{2}}$$



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## ■ Example 3 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

$i$	$x$	$x_i$	$y_i$	$f(x_i, y_i)$	$y$ (Euler)	$y$ (True)	% Error
0	0	0	1	0.5		1	
1	0.1	0.1	1.050000	0.525000	1.050000	1.051271	0.12
2	0.2	0.2	1.102500	0.551250	1.102500	1.105171	0.24
3	0.3	0.3	1.157625	0.578813	1.157625	1.161834	0.36
4	0.4	0.4	1.215506	0.607753	1.215506	1.221403	0.48
5	0.5	0.5	1.276282	0.638141	1.276282	1.284025	0.60
6	0.6	0.6	1.340096	0.670048	1.340096	1.349859	0.72
7	0.7	0.7	1.407100	0.703550	1.407100	1.419068	0.84
8	0.8	0.8	1.477455	0.738728	1.477455	1.491825	0.96
9	0.9	0.9	1.551328	0.775664	1.551328	1.568312	1.08
10	1	1	1.628895	0.814447	1.628895	1.648721	1.20

$$\text{True Function : } y = e^{\frac{1}{2}x}$$



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## ■ Example 4 - Taylor Series Expansion

Solve the following differential equation using Euler's method for  $1 \leq x \leq 2$  with a step size of  $h = 0.1$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 1$$

$$y(1) = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{matrix} x_0 = 1 \\ y_0 = 1 \end{matrix}$$



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## ■ Example 4 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

First Iteration ( $i = 0$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

$$f(x_0, y_0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x_0=1 \\ y_0=1}} = 3x^2 = 3(1)^2 = 3$$

$$\therefore y_1 = 1 + 0.1(3) = 1 + 0.3 = 1.30$$



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## ■ Example 4 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

Second Iteration ( $i = 1$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_1, y_1)$$

$$x_1 = 1.1, \quad y_1 = 1.30, \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

$$f(x_1, y_1) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x_1=1.1 \\ y_0=1.30}} = 3x^2 = 3(1.1)^2 = 3.630$$

$$\therefore y_2 = 1.30 + 0.1(3.630) = 1.6630$$

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## ■ Example 4 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

Third Iteration ( $i = 2$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + hf(x_2, y_2)$$

$$x_2 = 1.2, \quad y_2 = 1.663, \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

$$f(x_2, y_2) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x_2=1.2 \\ y_0=1.663}} = 3x^2 = 3(1.2)^2 = 4.320$$

$$\therefore y_3 = 1.663 + 0.1(4.320) = 2.095$$

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## Example 4 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

- See the spreadsheet output in the next viewgraph for the rest of the iterations.
- Expression for the exact solution can be obtained as follows:

$$\int_1^y dy = \int_1^x 3x^2 dx$$

$$\begin{matrix} x_0 = 1 \\ y_0 = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$y-1 = \frac{3x^3}{3} \Big|_1^x = x^3 \Big|_1^x$$

$$y-1 = x^3 - 1$$

$$y = x^3$$



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## Example 4 (cont'd) – Euler's Method

$i$	$x$	$x_i$	$y_i$	$f(x_i, y_i)$	$y$ (Euler)	$y$ (True)	% Error
0	1	1	1	3		1	
1	1.1	1.1	1.300000	3.63	1.300000	1.331	2.33
2	1.2	1.2	1.663000	4.32	1.663000	1.728	3.76
3	1.3	1.3	2.095000	5.07	2.095000	2.197	4.64
4	1.4	1.4	2.602000	5.88	2.602000	2.744	5.17
5	1.5	1.5	3.190000	6.75	3.190000	3.375	5.48
6	1.6	1.6	3.865000	7.68	3.865000	4.096	5.64
7	1.7	1.7	4.633000	8.67	4.633000	4.913	5.70
8	1.8	1.8	5.500000	9.72	5.500000	5.832	5.69
9	1.9	1.9	6.472000	10.83	6.472000	6.859	5.64
10	2	2	7.555000	12	7.555000	8	5.56

True Function :  $y = x^3$