

*Intro to Euler's Method (5.1b)*

1. Given the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - 2$  and  $y(0) = 5$ :

(a) Find an approximation for  $y(0.8)$  using the tangent line at  $(0, 5)$ .

$$m = y'(0) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

The tangent line equation:

Your estimate of  $y(0.8) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- (b) The idea of Euler's Method is to improve this estimate by taking more than one step. Find an approximation for  $y(0.8)$  by using Euler's (say "oilers") method with two equal steps.

$$\text{Let } \Delta x = \frac{0.8 - 0.0}{2} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

What about  $\Delta y$ ? Let slope  $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ . Now solve for  $\Delta y$ .

$$\Delta y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Now for any point  $(x, y)$  of the curve, won't the slope  $m$  at  $(x, y)$  be  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ? So we can write

$$\Delta y = \Delta x * \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)}$$

$$y(0) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$y(0.4) \approx y(0) + \Delta y = y(0) + \Delta x * y'(0) = \underline{\hspace{1cm}} + (\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) * (\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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- (c) Check your work by solving the differential equation.

- (d) Check your work with Demos: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/p7vd3cdmei>. Change  $g(x, y) = x - 2$  and on new lines add your equation, and the points  $(0.8, f(0.8))$  and  $(0.8, e)$  where  $f$  is your solution to the differential equation, and  $e$  is your estimate using Euler's method with two steps.

- (e) Use GeoGebra <https://www.geogebra.org/m/mPwa7SKk> to improve your estimate:

With 4 Steps:                      With 8 Steps:                     

- (f) Go to <https://mathorama.com/ti/> and use EULERM .

2. Given the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + y$  Find the following
- (a) If  $y(0) = 0$  estimate  $y(3)$  using Euler's Method with 3 steps.
  - (b) If  $y(0) = 0$  estimate  $y(3)$  using Euler's Method with 6 steps.
  - (c) If  $y(1) = 1$  estimate  $y(0)$  using a step size ( $\Delta x$ ) of 0.5.

3. (Inspired by 2013 BC 5) Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(2x + 2)$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition  $f(0) = -1$

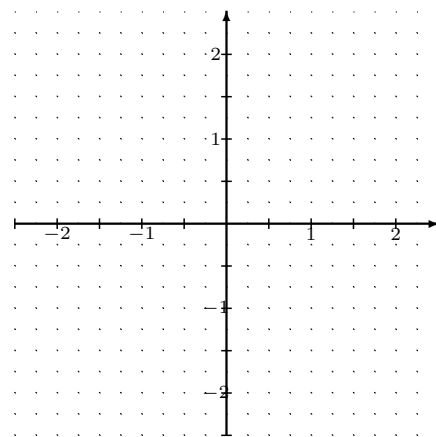
(a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) + 1}{\sin x}$

(b) Using the tangent line from  $(0, -1)$ , estimate  $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

(c) Use  $\left.\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right|_{(0,1)}$  to justify why you think the estimate in part (b) is an underestimate or an overestimate.

(d) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 0$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

- (e) Find  $y = f(x)$ , the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition  $f(0) = -1$ .



- (f) To check your work, graph  $f$ , the tangent line at  $(0, -1)$ , and the point  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$ . Use your calculator and/or <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/p7vd3cdmei>

4. Let  $y = f(x)$  be the solutions to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - x$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = 2$ . What is the approximation for  $f(0)$  obtained using Euler's method with two steps of equal length starting at  $x = 1$ ?

- (a)  $-\frac{5}{4}$
- (b)  $-1$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (e)  $\frac{27}{4}$

5. Let  $y = f(x)$  be the solutions to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y - 1$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = -2$ . What is the approximation for  $f(1.4)$  if Euler's method is used, starting at  $x = 1$  with two steps of equal size?

- (a)  $-2$
- (b)  $-1.24$
- (c)  $-1.2$
- (d)  $-0.64$
- (e)  $0.2$

4. (2005 BC 4) Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$ .

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential at the twelve points indicated, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point  $(0,1)$ .

(b) The solution curve that passes through the point  $(0,1)$  has a local minimum at  $x = \ln(3/2)$ . What is the  $y$ -value of this local minimum?

(c) Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 1$ . Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 0$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(-0.4)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ . Determine whether the approximation found in part (c) is less than or greater than  $f(-0.4)$ . Explain your reasoning.

