

Intro to Euler's Method (6.1b)

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

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

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 .

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 $f(0) = -1$

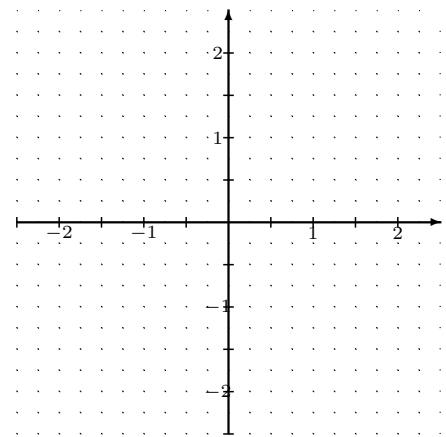
(a) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) + 1}{\sin x}$

(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 $f(0) = -1$.

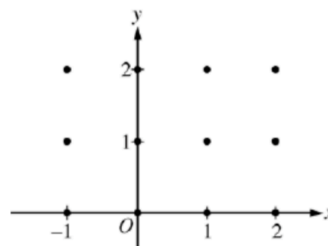


- (f) To check your work, graph f , the tangent line at $(0, -1)$, and the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$. Use your calculator and/or <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/p7vd3cdmei>

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.