

Lesson 11 Euler's method

Last time $M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$

Not exact: $\frac{2}{2x} \left[\underbrace{\text{Thing in front of } dy}_N \right] \neq \frac{2}{2y} \left[\underbrace{\text{Thing in front of } dx}_M \right]$

Special case: Look for an "integrating factor" u that is a function of x alone: $u(x)$

Mult by u : $(uM) dx + (uN) dy = 0$

Need $\frac{2}{2x} [uN] = \frac{2}{2y} [uM]$

$$u'N + uN_x = uM_y$$

$$\boxed{\frac{u'}{u} = \frac{M_y - N_x}{N}}$$

Aha! This will work if $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N}$ is a fcn of x alone. Say $P(x)$.

Then $\frac{du}{dx} \frac{1}{u} = P$. Get $u = e^{\int P(x) dx}$

EX: $\underbrace{(2x - y^2)}_M + \underbrace{(xy)}_N \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$M_y - N_x = -2y - y = -3y \leftarrow \text{Not zero, Not exact}$$

But $\frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = \frac{-3y}{xy} = -\frac{3}{x} \leftarrow \text{fcn of } x \text{ alone!}$

$$\frac{u'}{u} = \frac{M_y - N_x}{N} = -\frac{3}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln|u| = -\frac{3}{x}$$

$$e^{\ln|u|} = -3 \int \frac{1}{x} dx = -3 \ln|x| + C$$

$$|u| = e^{-3\ln|x|} e^C$$

$$u = \underbrace{\pm e^C}_K e^{\ln|x|^{-3}} = K|x|^{-3} = \underbrace{\pm K}_{\tilde{K}} x^{-3}$$

Take $\tilde{K} = 1$. Get $\boxed{u(x) = \frac{1}{x^3}}$

Use it:

$$uM + uN y' = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{2x-y^2}{x^3}}_M + \underbrace{\frac{xy}{x^3}}_N y' = 0 \quad \text{is exact!}$$

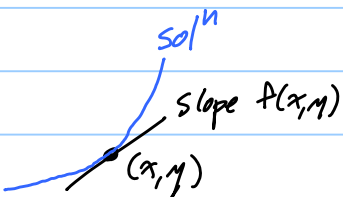
Get Q with $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = M$ and $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} = N$.

Then $Q(x, y) = C$ gives solⁿ $y(x)$ implicitly.

Sometimes you can solve for y , sometimes not.

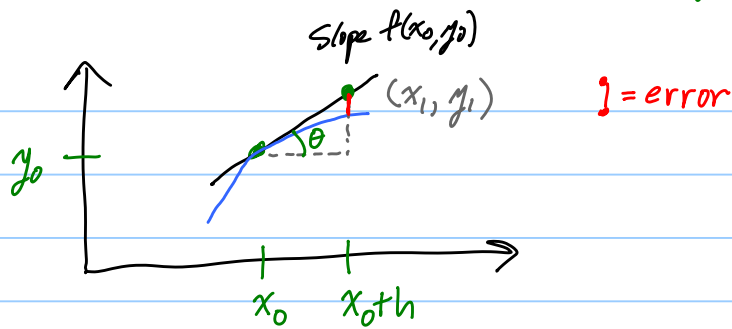
Fine points: Can cook up Q 's on rectangles when eqn is exact, or more generally on regions without holes.

Euler's method: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \leftarrow \text{slope of tangent line to } y = y(x) \text{ at } (x, y)$



Big idea: follow tangent line for small interval h .

Start at initial condition $y(x_0) = y_0$



$$x_1 = x_0 + h$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \underbrace{(\text{Base } \Delta)}_h \underbrace{\tan \theta}_{f(x_0, y_0)}$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0)$$

Repeat!

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_n, y_n)$$

EX: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - x + 4y$

$f(x, y)$

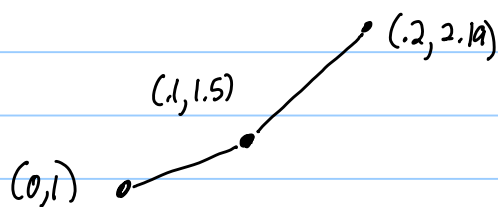
$y(0) = 1$

$x_0 = 0$ $y_0 = 1$

Step size $h = .1$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0) = 1 + (.1) [1 - 0 + 4 \cdot 1] = 1.5$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h f(x_1, y_1) = (1.5) + (.1) [1 - (.1) + 4(1.5)] = 2.19$$



n	x_n	y_n	$y_n + h f(x_n, y_n)$
0	0	1	1.5
1	.1	1.5	2.19
2	.2	2.19	3.146
3	.3	3.146	4.4744
4	.4	4.4744	6.3246
5	.5	6.3246	

$$x(0) := 0 ;$$

$$y(0) := 1 ;$$

$$N := 10 ; h := .1 ;$$

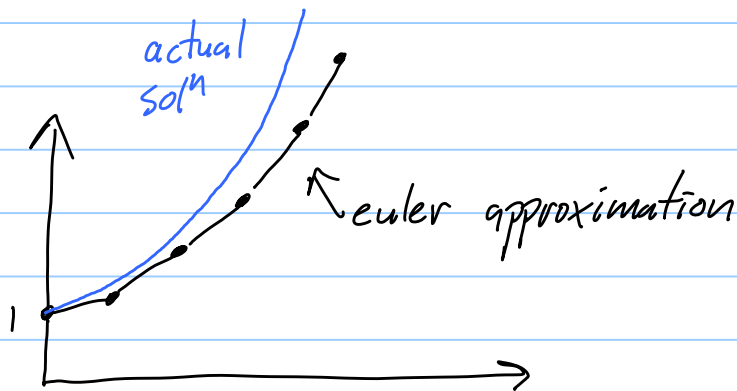
for n from 0 to N-1 do

$$x(n+1) := x(n) + h$$

$$y(n+1) := y(n) + h * (1 - x(n) + 4 * y(n))$$

end do ;

Typical plot :



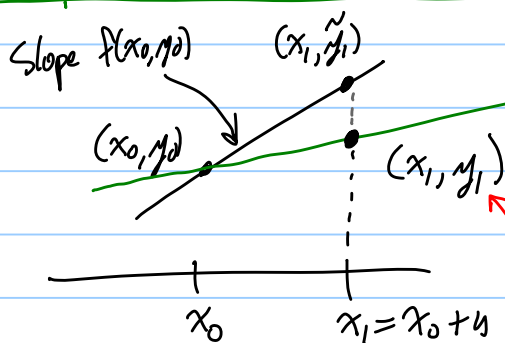
Easy case : $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$.

$$\text{Euler method : } y_n = y_0 + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(x_n) h$$

← Riemann sum!

$$\rightarrow y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt \leftarrow \text{actual sol}^n !$$

Improved Euler Method :



$$\begin{aligned} \text{New slope} &= \text{Ave of } f(x_0, y_0) \text{ and } f(x_1, \tilde{y}_1) \\ &= \frac{f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_1, \tilde{y}_1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

← improved approx.

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h$$

$$\tilde{y}_{n+1} = y_n + h f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - h \left[\frac{f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_{n+1}, \tilde{y}_{n+1})}{2} \right]$$

Easy case: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$

Improved euler $y = y_0 + \underbrace{\text{Approx} \int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt}_{\text{Trapezoid method!}}$

Hmmm. What would give Simpson's rule here?

Ans: Runge-Kutta method