

6.6 Euler's Method

Euler's Method is used to approximate the solution to a differential equation by using Δx increments

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + f(x_n, y_n)\Delta x, \quad \text{where } \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

Show that the given function is a solution of the differential equation.

1. $y' = \frac{-2y}{3x} \quad y = -3x^{\frac{-2}{3}}$

Solve the following separable differential equations in 2 and 3.

2. $\frac{dy}{dx} = x - 1 + xy - y$

3. $\frac{dy}{dx} e^{2x} = \csc y \quad \text{and } y = 0 \text{ when } x = 0$

Use the first 3 steps for Euler's Method in problems 4 – 7

4. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} \quad y(2) = 2 \quad \Delta x = 0.1$

5. $y' = \frac{y(1 + x^2)}{x^2} \quad y(1) = 1 \quad \Delta x = 0.1$

$$6. \quad y' = \frac{\sqrt{1-y^2}}{x} \quad y(1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad dx = 0.1$$

$$7. \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = x - 1 + xy - y \quad y(1) = -1 \quad \Delta x = 0.1$$