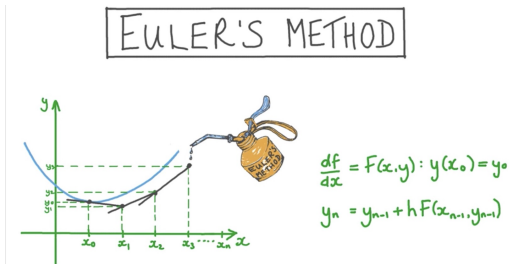


MATH 226 Differential Equations



Class 30: Monday, April 28, 2025



Notes on Assignment 19
Assignment 20

Project 3
Due: Friday, May 9

Numerical Methods For Studying Differential Equations

Euler's Method

Numerical Accuracy

Improved Euler

Runge-Kutta Method

Numerical Methods for First Order Systems

Euler's Method

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Leonhard Euler

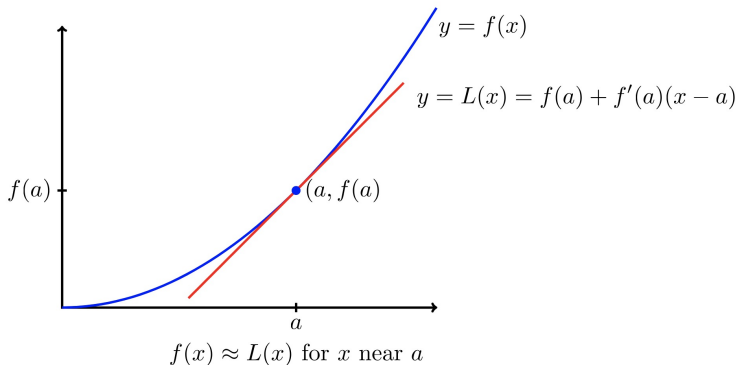
April 15, 1707 – September 18, 1783

Swiss mathematician, physicist, astronomer, geographer, logician
and engineer

[Link To Euler's Biography](#)

The Most Important Diagram in Calculus

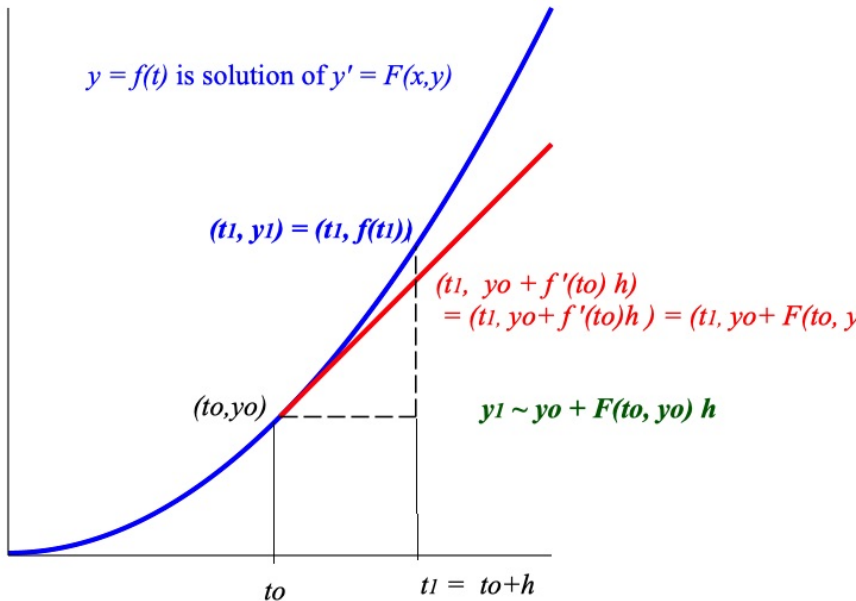
Linear Approximation



$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)h \text{ where } h = x - a$$

Suppose f is the solution of the Differential Equation

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y) \text{ with initial condition } y_0 = f(x_0)$$



Given $y' = F(t, y)$ with $f(t_0) = y_0$

$$y_1 = y_0 + F(t_0, y_0)h$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + F(t_1, y_1)h \text{ where } t_1 = t_0 + h$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + F(t_2, y_2)h \text{ where } t_2 = t_1 + h$$

$$y_4 = y_3 + F(t_3, y_3)h \text{ where } t_3 = t_2 + h$$

...

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + F(t_n, y_n)h \text{ where } t_n = t_{n-1} + h$$

Example: Consider the Differential Equation

$$y' = 3 + t - y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

This is First Order Linear:

$$y' + y = 3 + t$$

Integrating Factor is $e^{\int 1 dt} = e^t$

$$e^t y' + e^t y = 3e^t + te^t$$

$$(e^t y)' = 3e^t + te^t$$

$$e^t y = 3e^t + te^t - e^t + C$$

$$y = 3 + t - 1 + Ce^{-t} = t + 2 + Ce^{-t}$$

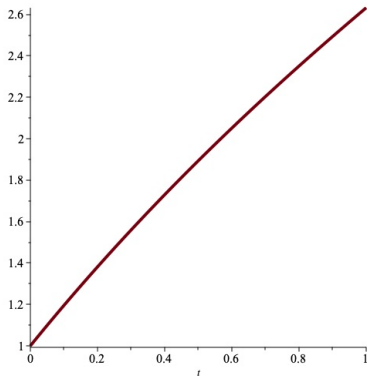
Apply Initial Condition:

$$1 = 0 + 2 + C \text{ so } C = -1$$

$$\text{Solution is } y = t + 2 - e^{-t}$$

$$y' = 3 + t - y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Solution is } y = t + 2 - e^{-t}$$



Euler's Method

$$y' = 3 + t - y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Solution is } y = t + 2 - e^{-t}$$

$$\text{Set Step Size } h = 0.1$$

$$y_0 = 1$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + y'(0)h = 1 + (3 + 0 - 1)h = 1 + 2h = 1 + 2(.1) = 1.2$$

$$\text{True Value is } .1 + 2 - e^{-.1} = 1.195162582$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + y'(.1)h = 1.2 + (3 + .1 - 1.2)(.1) = 1.2 + .19 = 1.39$$

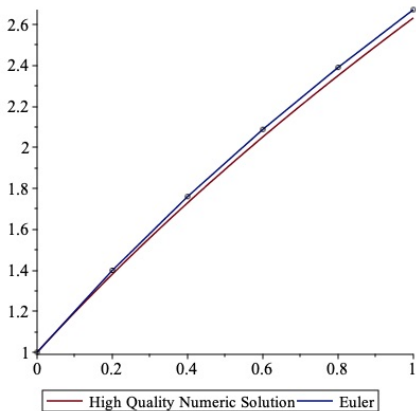
$$\text{True Value is } .2 + 2 - e^{-.2} = 1.381269247$$

t	Exact	$h = 0.1$	$h = 0.05$	$h = 0.025$
0	1.	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.1	1.195162582	1.2	1.1975	1.196312109
0.2	1.381269247	1.39	1.38549375.	1.383348196
0.3	1.559181779	1.571	1.564908109	1.562001654
0.4	1.729679954	1.7439	1.736579569	1.733079832
0.5	1.893469340	1.9095	1.901263061	1.897312320

Euler's Method with $h = 0.1$

$$y' = 3 + t - y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Solution is } y = t + 2 - e^{-t}$$

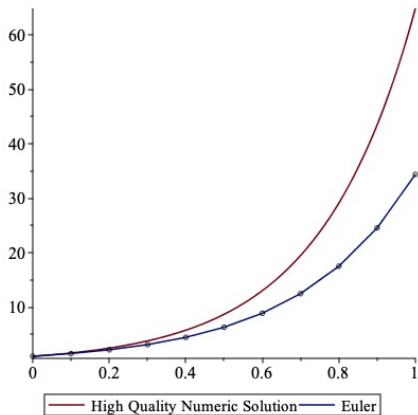


What Can Go Wrong?

Euler's Method with $h = 0.1$

$$y' = 1 - t + 4y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

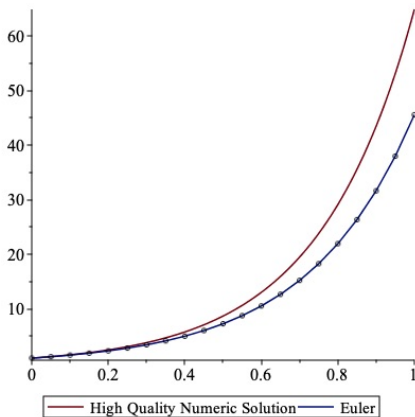
$$\text{Solution is } y = \frac{t}{4} - \frac{3}{16} + \frac{19}{16}e^{4t}$$



What Can Go Wrong?
Cut Step Size in Half
Euler's Method with $h = 0.05$

$$y' = 1 - t + 4y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Solution is } y = \frac{t}{4} - \frac{3}{16} + \frac{19}{16}e^{4t}$$



What Can Go Wrong?

Euler's Method with $h = 0.05$ but extend the interval to $[0,2]$

$$y' = 1 - t + 4y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Solution is } y = \frac{t}{4} - \frac{3}{16} + \frac{19}{16}e^{4t}$$

