

## Math 11B Discussion Section

With your group, come up with plain language definitions for the following terms. Write down the associated formulas where applicable.

- Direction Field
- Separable Equations
- Euler's Method

(1) Consider the differential equation  $y' = y + xy$  and let  $f(x, y) = y + xy$ .

(a) Compute the following table

$f(-2, 3)$	$f(-1, 3)$	$f(0, 3)$	$f(1, 3)$	$f(2, 3)$
$f(-2, 2)$	$f(-1, 2)$	$f(0, 2)$	$f(1, 2)$	$f(2, 2)$
$f(-2, 1)$	$f(-1, 1)$	$f(0, 1)$	$f(1, 1)$	$f(2, 1)$
$f(-2, 0)$	$f(-1, 0)$	$f(0, 0)$	$f(1, 0)$	$f(2, 0)$
$f(-2, -1)$	$f(-1, -1)$	$f(0, -1)$	$f(1, -1)$	$f(2, -1)$

(b) Sketch a solution curve which passes through  $(0, 1)$ .

(2) Use Euler's method with step size 0.5 to compute the approximate  $y$ -values  $y_1, y_2, y_3$ , and  $y_4$  of the solution to the initial-value problem  $y' = y - 2x, y(1) = 0$ .

(3) Program a calculator or computer to use Euler's method to compute  $y(1)$ , where  $y(x)$  is the solution of the initial-value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3x^2y = 6x^2, \quad y(0) = 3$$

for a step size of  $h = 0.01$ .

Verify that  $y = 2 + e^{-x^3}$  is the exact solution of the differential equation.

(4) Find the solution of the differential equation which satisfies the given initial condition.

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y}, y(0) = -3$ .

(b)  $P' = \sqrt{Pt}, P(1) = 2$ .

