

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
- Euler's Method
- Separable Equations

(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

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

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

