

Using Euler's Method

Use Euler's Method to calculate the first three approximations to the given initial value problem for the specified increment size. Calculate the exact solution and investigate the accuracy of your approximations.

$$16. y' = ye^x$$

We make a function to calculate the First Order Differential equation using Euler's Method

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In[31]:= EulersMethod[f_, {y0_, x0_, xn_, h_}] :=  
  Module[{x = x0, y = y0, k1}, Reap[While[x < xn, k1 = h f[y, x];  
    y = y + k1;  
    x = x + h;  
    Sow[{x, y}]]][2, 1]]
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We then make a function in order to pass it through "EulersMethod" function

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f[y_, t_] := y * e^t
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We set the value of $y(0)=2$, x_0, y_0 and step size n

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In[32]:= Solution[n_] := EulersMethod[f, {2, 0, 1.5, n}];
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We then find the exact value to the differential equation using mathematica built-in function called “DSolve”

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In[4]:= Df[x_] = DSolve[{y'[x] == y[x] * e^x, y[0] == 2}, y[x], x]
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Out[4]= {{y[x] -> 2 e^{-1+e^x}}}
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We then make a function to find the error between the exact value and Euler’s method

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In[28]:= error[n_] = Abs[Solution[n] - 2 e^{-1+e^n}];
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Tables of Euler’s Method and Exact Value

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In[*]:= TableForm[Solution[0.5], TableHeadings -> {None, {"n step size", "Euler's Method"}}] //  
Magnify[#, 2] &
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Out[*]=
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n step size	Euler's Method
0.5	3.
1.	5.473081906
1.5	12.91177145

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In[27]:= TableForm[Table[{n, N[Df[n], 20], N[error[n], 20]}, {n, {0.5, 1, 1.5}}],  
TableHeadings -> {None, {"n", "Exact value", "Error"}}] //  
N // Magnify[#, 2] &
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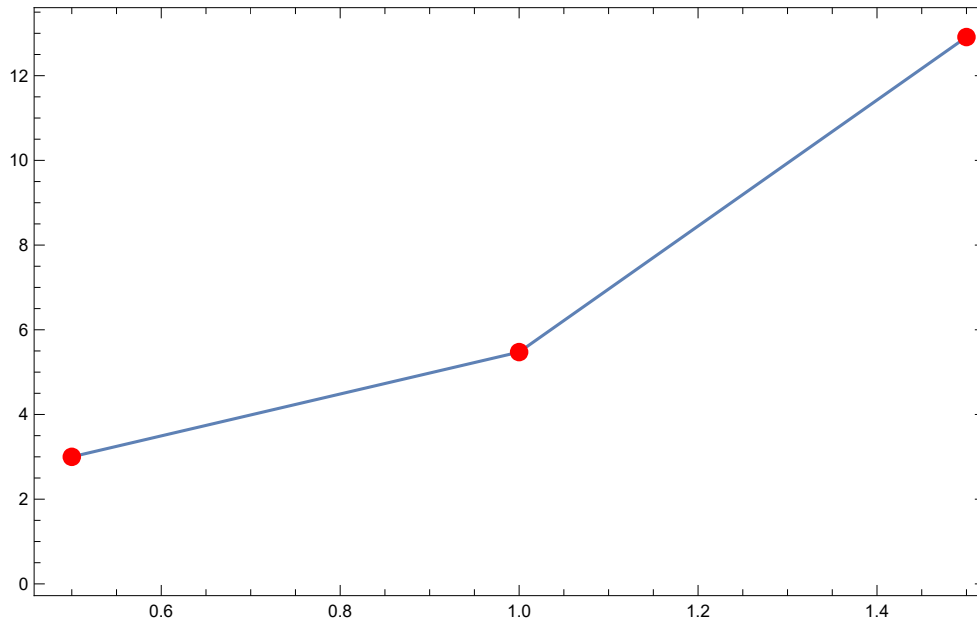
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Out[27]=
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n	Exact value	Error
0.5	$y[0.5] \rightarrow 3.826185873$	0.8261858725
1.	$y[1.] \rightarrow 11.14988305$	7.14988305
1.5	$y[1.5] \rightarrow 65.02919032$	60.02919032

Graphical visualization of the functions

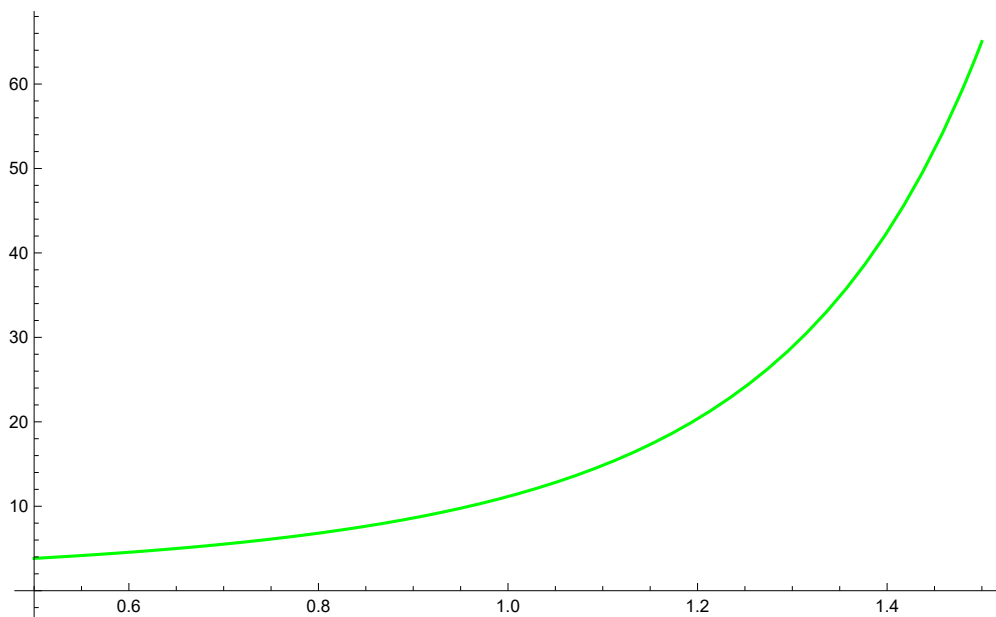
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In[41]:= Plot1 = ListLinePlot[Solution[0.5], Mesh → All, MeshStyle → Red, PlotRange → All,
  Frame → True, Epilog → {Red, PointSize[Medium], Point[Solution[0.5]]}]
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Out[41]=



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In[42]:= Plot2 = Plot[2 e-1+ex, {x, 0.5, 1.5}, PlotStyle → Green]
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Out[42]=



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In[46]:= Legended[Show[Plot1, Plot2, PlotRange -> All],  
SwatchLegend[{Green, Blue}, {"Exact", "Euler's Approximation"}]]
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Out[46]=

