

## Quiz 24

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*You must show your work to get full credit.*

We are look at Euler's method for a system of rate equations with initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x, y), & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x, y), & y(t_0) &= y_0.\end{aligned}$$

It will be based on the basic approximations that we already know and love:

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+h) &\approx x(t) + x'(t)h \\ y(t+h) &\approx y(t) + y'(t)h\end{aligned}$$

which holds when  $h$  is small.

To start we choose a small number  $h$ , the **step size**. Let  $k \geq 0$  be an integer and assume that we have computed  $t_k$ ,  $x_k$ , and  $y_k$  in such a way that

$$\begin{aligned}x_k &\approx x(t_k) \\ y_k &\approx y(t_k).\end{aligned}$$

To be explicit about what this notation means here  $x_k$  is our approximation to the value of the true solution  $x(t)$  at the point where  $t = t_k$ . Then by our basic approximations we have

$$\begin{aligned}x(t_{k+1}) &= x(t_k + h) \approx x(t_k) + x'(t_k)h \approx x_k + x'(t_k)h \\ y(t_{k+1}) &= y(t_k + h) \approx y(t_k) + y'(t_k)h \approx y_k + y'(t_k)h\end{aligned}$$

But from the differential equations for  $x$  and  $y$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t_k) &= f(x(t_k), y(t_k)) \approx f(x_k, y_k), \\ y'(t_k) &= g(x(t_k), y(t_k)) \approx g(x_k, y_k).\end{aligned}$$

Putting these approximation together gives

$$\begin{aligned}x(t_{k+1}) &\approx x_k + f(x_k, y_k)h, \\ y(t_{k+1}) &\approx y_k + g(x_k, y_k)h.\end{aligned}$$

So to summarize here is Euler's method for the system:

**Initial Step:** Set

$$\begin{aligned}t_0 &= t_0 \\ x_0 &= x_0 \\ y_0 &= y_0.\end{aligned}$$

**Euler Step from  $k$  to  $k+1$ :**

$$\begin{aligned}t_{k+1} &= t_k + h \\ x_{k+1} &= x_k + f(x_k, y_k)h \\ y_{k+1} &= y_k + g(x_k, y_k)h\end{aligned}$$

It is not hard to see that after  $n$  steps we have that

$$t_n = t_0 + nh.$$

Then  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  will be good approximations to the true values  $x(t_n)$  and  $y(t_n)$ .

Let us now do an example on the calculator. As a sample system we use

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x - 3y & x(0) &= 4 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -x + 2y & y(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

and we will approximate  $x(2)$  and  $y(2)$  by taking 20 steps of size  $h = .1$ . The scheme for this is

$$\begin{aligned}t_0 &= 0 \\ x_0 &= 4 \\ y_0 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

and taking an Euler step looks like

$$\begin{aligned}t_{k+1} &= t_k + .1 \\ x_{k+1} &= x_k + (2x_k - 3y_k)(.1) \\ y_{k+1} &= y_k + (-x_k + 2y_k)(.1)\end{aligned}$$

To set the calculator up to deal with this go to the MODE screen and edit to look like

```

NORMAL  SCI ENG
FLOAT  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
RADIAN  DEGREE
FUNC  PAR  POL  SEQ
CONNECTED  DOT
SEQUENTIAL  SIMUL
REAL  a+bi  re~θi
FULL  HORIZ  G-T

```

Store the value of the step size in the H register: at the main screen and type `.1 STO ALPHA H`  
Press `2ND TABLESET` and edit until it looks like

```

TABLE SETUP
TblStart=0
ΔTbl=1
Indpnt : Auto Ask
Depend: Auto Ask

```

To enter the equations go to the `Y=` window and (where we will use  $u$  for  $x$  and  $v$  for  $y$ ) and enter:

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Plot1 Plot2 Plot3
nMin=0
\ u(n)=u(n-1)+(u(n-1)-3v(n-1))H
u(nMin)=4
\ v(n)=v(n-1)+(-u(n-1)+2v(n-1))H
v(nMin)=10
\ w(n)=
w(nMin)=

```

Here  $n$  is entered with the X,T,θ,n bottom,  $u$  is entered with `2ND u` (which is the 7 key),  $v$  is entered with `2ND v` (which is above the 8 key), and  $H$  is entered with `ALPHA H`.

Now `2ND TABLE` will give you the first first several values for  $x_k$  and  $y_k$ . To easily get access to more values go back to `2ND TABLESET` and edit until it looks like:

## TABLE SETUP

TblStart=0

 $\Delta \text{Tbl}=1$ Indpnt : Auto Depend:  Ask

and you can now get that

$$x(2) \approx x_{20} = 649.49$$

$$y(2) \approx y_{20} = -369.4$$

1. (a) With the same system use 40 steps of size  $h = .05$  to approximate  $x(2)$  and  $y(2)$ .

$$x(2) \approx x_{40} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{40} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- (b) Get a still better approximation of  $x(2)$  and  $y(2)$  by taking 200 steps of size  $h = .01$ .

$$x(2) \approx x_{200} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{200} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

2. For the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = .05x \left( \frac{10 - x - .2y}{10} \right) \qquad x(0) = 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = .03y \left( \frac{20 - .5x - y}{20} \right) \qquad y(0) = 2$$

- (a) Use 20 steps of size  $h = .1$  to estimate  $x(2)$  and  $y(2)$ .

$$x(2) \approx x_{20} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{20} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- (b) Get a better approximation of  $x(2)$  and  $y(2)$  by taking 40 steps of size  $h = .05$ .

$$x(2) \approx x_{40} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{40} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- (c) Get a still better approximation of  $x(2)$  and  $y(2)$  by taking 200 steps of size  $h = .01$ .

$$x(2) \approx x_{200} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{200} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$