

# **Practical:8**

## **Euler methods for**

### **solving first order**

#### **initial value problems**

##### **of ODE' s.**

In this practical, we will use Euler's method to solve ode  $dy/dx=f(x,y)$  with initial condition  $y=y_0$  at  $x=x_0$ . We find the approximate value of  $y(x_n)=y_n$ , where  $x_n=x_0+nh$  and  $h$  is the step size. The general formula is  $y_{i+1}=y_i+f(x_i,y_i)h$ .  
 $y_1=y(x_1)= y_0+f(x_0,y_0)h$   
 $y_2=y(x_2)= y_1+f(x_1,y_1)h$   
 $y_3=y(x_3)= y_2+f(x_2,y_2)h$   
 $y_4=y(x_4)= y_3+f(x_3,y_3)h.....$

**0.1 Question : Consider the IVP**  
 **$dy/dx=(x^2)+y$  with  $y(0)=1$ .**

**Find the approximated**  
**value of  $y$  at 0.4 or  $y(0.4)$  with**  
**step size 0.1.**

Solution: The number of iterations  $n =4$

$x_0=0, h=0.1$   
 $x_1=x_0+h=0+0.1=0.1$   
 $x_2=x_0+2h=0+0.2=0.2, x_2=x_1+h$   
 $x_3=x_0+3h=0+0.3=0.3$   
 $x_4=x_0+4h=0+0.4=0.4$

We need to find  $y(x_4)$ .

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(%i9) kill(all)$
      f(x,y):=x^2+y;
      x0:0;
      y0:1;
      xn:0.4;
      n:4;
      h:0.1;
      print("      ", "x0", "      ", "y0", "      ", "f(x0, y0)", "
            ", "y[i]")$;
      for i:1 thru n do(
        slope:f(x0,y0),
        y[i]:y0+h·slope,
        print(i, " iteration"),
        print("      ", x0, "      ", y0, "      ", slope, "
              ", y[i]),
        y0:y[i],
        x0:x0+h);
      print("The approximation y(0.4)=", y[n])$;

(%o1) f(x,y):=x2+y
(%o2) 0
(%o3) 1
(%o4) 0.4
(%o5) 4
(%o6) 0.1

      x0      y0      f(x0, y0)      y[i]
1  iteration
      0      1      1      1.1
2  iteration
      0.1      1.1      1.11      1.211
3  iteration
      0.2      1.211      1.251
1.3361
4  iteration
      0.3      1.3361      1.4261
1.47871

(%o8) done
The approximation y(0.4)= 1.47871

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