

# Assignment 7: Euler's Method and Backward Euler's

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Part 1 : First, I will create a function called `eulerMethod` that will take as input, the differential equation, the initial  $t$  value, the  $y$ ( initial  $t$ ), the step size and the  $t$  for which we want to estimate  $y(t)$ . Then, this function will perform however many iterations of the Euler's method it needs to estimate  $y(t)$  and then the function will return this estimate.

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In[ ]:= eulerMethod[diffEq_, initialT_, initialY_, stepSize_, finalT_] := (  
    t = initialT;  
    w = initialY;  
    totalSteps = (finalT - initialT) / stepSize;  
    For[i = 0, i < totalSteps, i++, w = N[w + stepSize * diffEq[t, w], 32];  
    t = t + stepSize];  
    Return[N[w, 5]]  
)  
  
In[ ]:= (*This cell sets up the differential equation for part 1.*)  
yPrime[t_, y_] := 1 - t + 4 y  
  
In[ ]:= (*This cell sets up the solution to the above differential equation  
with initial condition  $y(0)=1$ . This is the same solution we found  
in class. We will need this when we are comparing the Euler's method  
and backward Euler's estimate with the exact analytical solution.*)  
y[t_] := N[t / 4 - 3 / 16 + (19 / 16) E^(4 t), 5]  
  
(*Part 1.a: This cell makes a grid to show our estimations for  $y(t)$  for  
different values of  $t$  and different step sizes using the Euler's method.*)  
Grid[Table[{t, eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.05, t], eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.025, t],  
eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.01, t], eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.001, t], y[t]},  
{t, {0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2}}], Frame -> All, ItemSize -> 7]
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ReplacePart[%64, 1 → Prepend[First[%64],

{"t", "h = 0.05", "h = 0.025", "h = 0.01", "h = 0.001", "Exact Value"}]]

Out[ ]:=

t	h = 0.05	h = 0.025	h = 0.01	h = 0.001	Exact Value
0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.1	1.5475	1.57612	1.59529	1.60763	1.60904
0.2	2.3249	2.40801	2.46446	2.50112	2.50533
0.5	7.29019	7.92641	8.37669	8.67707	8.712
1	45.5884	53.8079	60.0371	64.3826	64.8978
1.5	282.072	361.759	426.408	473.56	479.259
2	1745.67	2432.79	3029.33	3484.16	3540.2

In[ ]:= (\*Now, I will create a function for backward

Euler's. This is similar to the first function,

but in the formula for calculating "w", in the input for the differential equation,

I replaced t with (t+stepSize) and I replaced w with y[t+stepSize]. This is the

same formula we were given in class for the for backward Euler's, in class.\*)

backwardEuler[diffEq\_, initialT\_, initialY\_, stepSize\_, finalT\_] := (

t = initialT;

w = initialY;

totalSteps = (finalT - initialT) / stepSize; For[i = 0, i < totalSteps,

i++, w = N[w + stepSize \* diffEq[t + stepSize, y[t + stepSize]], 32];

t = t + stepSize];

Return[N[w, 5]]

)

(\*Part 1.b: This cell makes a grid to show our estimations for y(t) for

different values of t and different step sizes using the backward Euler's.\*)

Grid[Table[{t, backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.05, t], backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.025, t],

backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.01, t], backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, 0.001, t], y[t]},

{t, {0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2}}], Frame → All, ItemSize → 7]

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ReplacePart[%70, 1 → Prepend[First[%70],

{"t", "h = 0.05", "h = 0.025", "h = 0.01", "h = 0.001", "Exact Value"}]]

Out[ ]:=

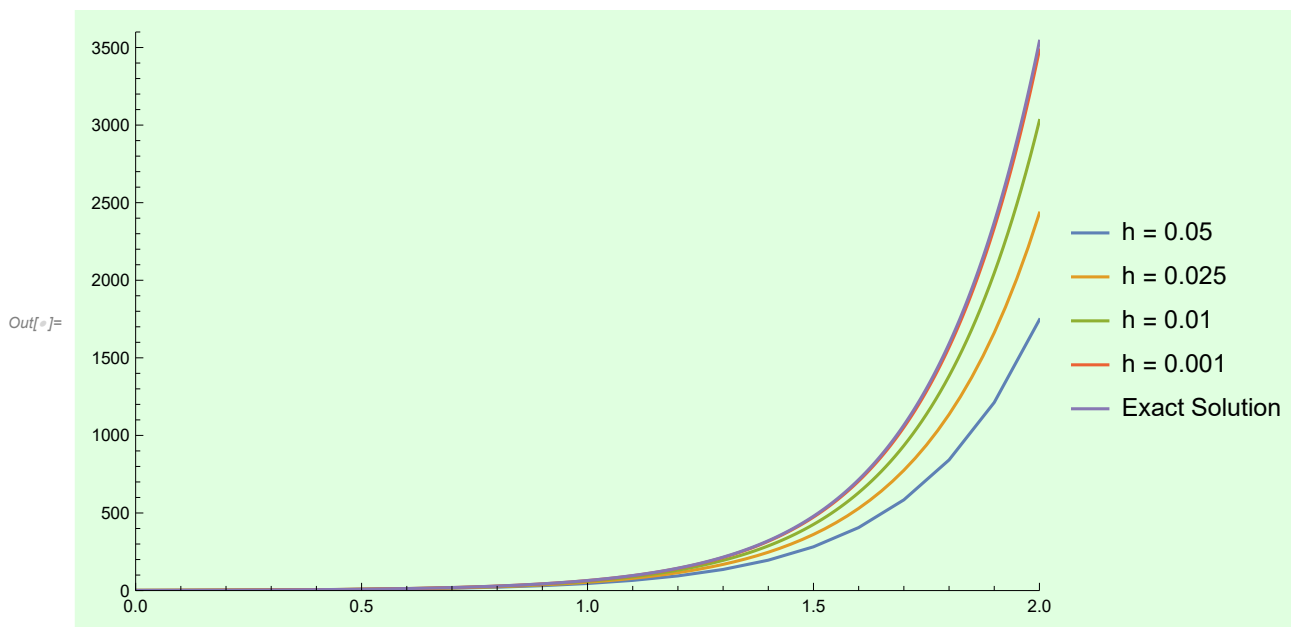
t	h = 0.05	h = 0.025	h = 0.01	h = 0.001	Exact Value
0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.1	1.66939	1.63873	1.6208	1.61021	1.60904
0.2	2.65571	2.57931	2.53463	2.50824	2.50533
0.5	9.49598	9.09768	8.86476	8.72719	8.712
1	71.4746	68.1332	66.1792	65.0252	64.8978
1.5	528.639	503.552	488.881	480.216	479.259
2	3905.86	3720.08	3611.45	3547.28	3540.2

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In[31]:= (*Part 1.c: This cell makes lists with the eulerMethod function with different step
          sizes. The list will be in a form that we can easily plot, using ListLinePlot[.])
eulerStepSizePoint05 = Table[{t, eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, .05, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.05}];
eulerStepSizePoint025 = Table[{t, eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, .025, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.025}];
eulerStepSizePoint01 = Table[{t, eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, .01, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.01}];
eulerStepSizePoint001 = Table[{t, eulerMethod[yPrime, 0, 1, .001, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.001}];
exactValues = Table[{t, y[t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.0001}];

(*This cell plots the exact solution and also plots
  our Euler's method estimate with the different step sizes.*)
ListLinePlot[{eulerStepSizePoint05, eulerStepSizePoint025, eulerStepSizePoint01,
  eulerStepSizePoint001, exactValues}, PlotRange -> {{0, 2}, {0, 3600}}, PlotLegends ->
  {"h = 0.05", "h = 0.025", "h = 0.01", "h = 0.001", "Exact Solution"}, ImageSize -> 500]

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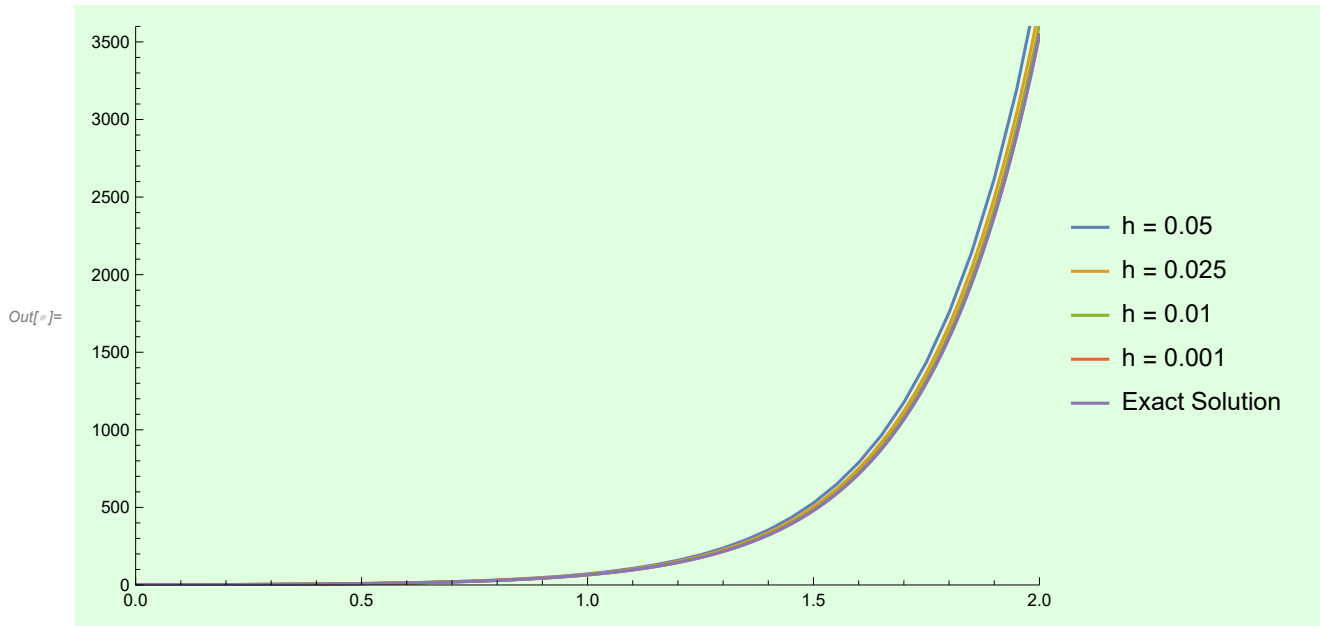
(*Part 1.d: This cell makes lists with the backwardEuler function with different step
          sizes. The list will be in a form that we can easily plot, using ListLinePlot[.])
backwardEulerStepSizePoint05 =
  Table[{t, backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, .05, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.05}];
backwardEulerStepSizePoint025 =
  Table[{t, backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, .025, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.025}];
backwardEulerStepSizePoint01 =
  Table[{t, backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, .01, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.01}];
backwardEulerStepSizePoint001 =
  Table[{t, backwardEuler[yPrime, 0, 1, .001, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.001}];

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In[ ]:= (*This cell plots the exact solution and also plots
our backward Euler's estimate with the different step sizes.*)
ListLinePlot[{backwardEulerStepSizePoint05, backwardEulerStepSizePoint025,
backwardEulerStepSizePoint01, backwardEulerStepSizePoint001, exactValues},
PlotRange -> {{0, 2}, {0, 3600}}, PlotLegends ->
{"h = 0.05", "h = 0.025", "h = 0.01", "h = 0.001", "Exact Solution"}, ImageSize -> 500]

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Part 2: First, I will create a function to perform the Euler's method for the new equation. This equation will be different from the original one, because it takes in as input the number of steps and computes the  $h$  value from that. Then, it outputs its estimate for  $u(T)$ .

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eulerMethodNewEquation[diffEq_, leftBound_, rightBound_, numberOfSteps_, T_] :=
(
  stepSize = (rightBound - leftBound) / numberOfSteps;
  t = leftBound;
  w = 2;
  totalSteps = (T - leftBound) / stepSize;
  For[i = 0, i < totalSteps, i++, w = N[w + stepSize * diffEq[t, w], 32];
  t = t + stepSize];
  Return[N[w, 5]]
)

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In[86]:= (*This cell sets up the differential equation for part 2.*)

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uPrime[t_, u_] := Cos[Pi * t] + u

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In[85]:= (*This cell sets up the analytical solution to the initial problem for part 2.*)

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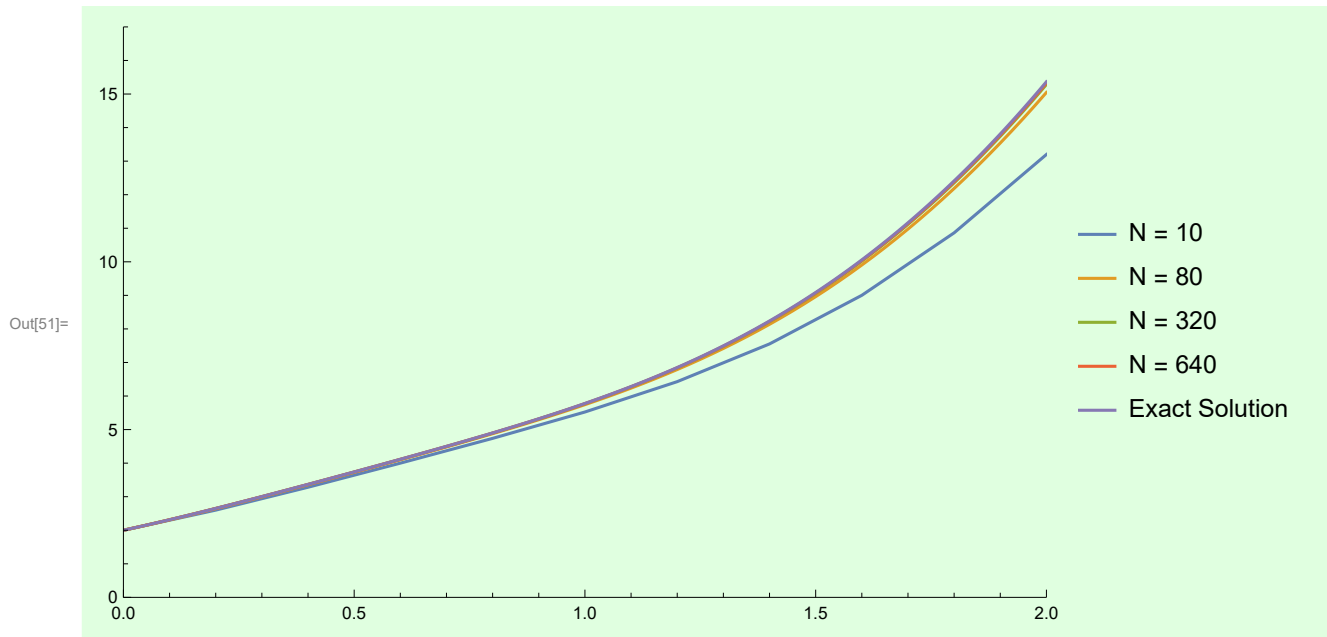
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u[t_] := ((3 E^t) + (2 (Pi^2) E^t) - Cos[Pi * t] + Pi * Sin[Pi * t]) / (1 + Pi^2)

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(*Part 2.a: This cell makes lists with the
eulerMethodNewEquation[] function with different number of steps. The
list will be in a form that we can easily plot, using ListLinePlot[.])
forwardEulerNis10 = Table[{t, eulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 10, t]},
{t, 0, 2, 2 / 10}]; forwardEulerNis80 =
Table[{t, eulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 80, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 2 / 80}];
forwardEulerNis320 =
Table[{t, eulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 320, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 2 / 320}];
forwardEulerNis640 =
Table[{t, eulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 640, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 2 / 640}];
newExactValues = Table[{t, u[t]}, {t, 0, 2, 0.0001}]

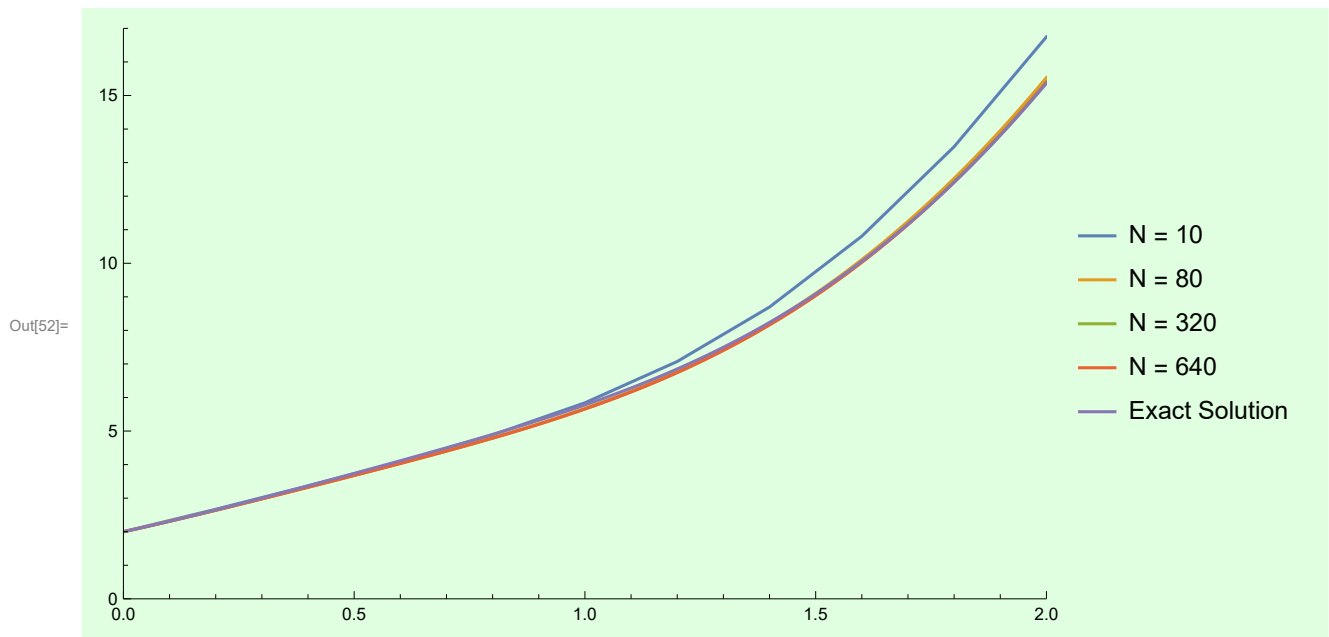
(*This cell plots the exact solution and also plots our
Euler's method estimates with the different numbers of steps.*)
ListLinePlot[{forwardEulerNis10, forwardEulerNis80, forwardEulerNis320,
forwardEulerNis640, newExactValues}, PlotRange -> {{0, 2}, {0, 17}}, PlotLegends ->
{"N = 10", "N = 80", "N = 320", "N = 640", "Exact Solution"}, ImageSize -> 500]
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(*This is similar to the last function, but the formula
(to calculate w in each iteration) is changed to the one for the backward Euler's.*)
backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[diffEq_, leftBound_, rightBound_, numberOfSteps_, T_] :=
(stepSize = ((rightBound - leftBound) / numberOfSteps);
t = leftBound;
w = 2;
totalSteps = (T - leftBound) / stepSize; For[i = 0, i < totalSteps,
i++, w = N[w + stepSize * diffEq[t + stepSize, u[t + stepSize]], 32];
t = t + stepSize];
Return[N[w, 5]]
)
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(*Part 2.b: This cell makes lists with the backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[]
function with different numbers of steps. The list will be
in a form that we can easily plot, using ListLinePlot[].*)
backwardEulerNis10 = Table[{t, backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 10, t]},
{t, 0, 2, 2 / 10}]; backwardEulerNis80 =
Table[{t, backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 80, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 2 / 80}];
backwardEulerNis320 =
Table[{t, backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 320, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 2 / 320}];
backwardEulerNis640 =
Table[{t, backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, 640, t]}, {t, 0, 2, 2 / 640}];

(*This cell plots the exact solution and also plots our backward
Euler's method estimates with the different numbers of steps.*)
ListLinePlot[{backwardEulerNis10, backwardEulerNis80, backwardEulerNis320,
backwardEulerNis640, newExactValues}, PlotRange -> {{0, 2}, {0, 17}}, PlotLegends ->
{"N = 10", "N = 80", "N = 320", "N = 640", "Exact Solution"}, ImageSize -> 500]
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In[88]:= (\*Part 2.

c:This Grid[] function below will show the max error for the forward Euler's and backward Euler's for different values of n.To get the max error for a particular n, inside the Grid[] function is a Max[] function in which there is a list, made up of the differences between Euler's estimate and the actual solution at different t values.\*)

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Grid[Join[{"Number of steps (n)",
  "Max Error Forward Euler's", "Max Error Backward Euler's"}], Table[
  {n, Max[Table[Abs[u[t] - eulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, n, t]], {t, 0, 2, 2 / n}]],
  Max[Table[Abs[u[t] - backwardEulerMethodNewEquation[uPrime, 0, 2, n, t]],
    {t, 0, 2, 2 / n}]]], {n, {10, 80, 320, 640}}]], Frame -> All]
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Out[88]=

Number of steps (n)	Max Error Forward Euler's	Max Error Backward Euler's
10	2.168	1.381
80	0.319	0.168
320	0.081	0.042
640	0.041	0.021

As n increases, the max error decreases for both methods. If we round a little bit, when n doubled from 320 to 640, the max error got cut in half for both of the methods. When n quadrupled from 80 to 320, the max error was divided by 4 for both methods.