

CH. 5 DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS5.2 Euler's Method

Consider the IVP:

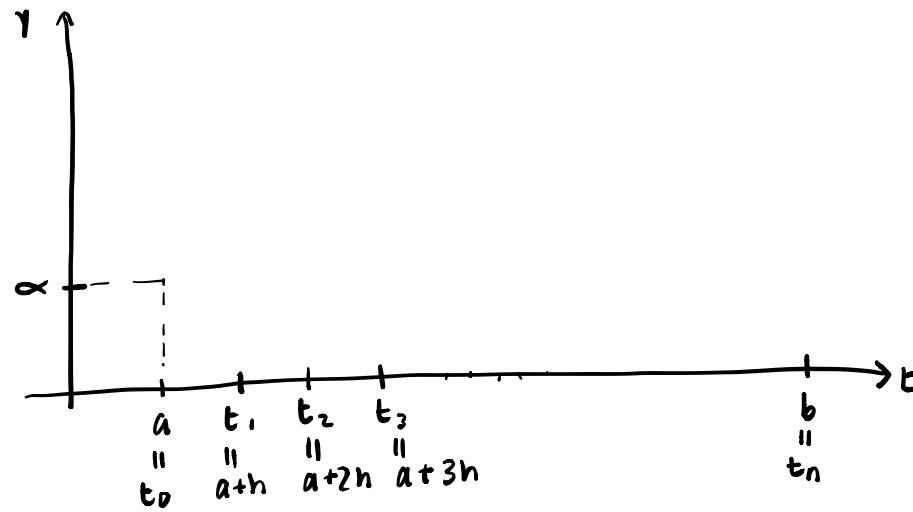
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y) \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

$$y(a) = \alpha$$

We begin with a grid of $(n+1)$ points $t_0 = a < t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < \dots < t_n = b$ along the t -axis with equal step size h .

$$t_i = a + ih \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$\uparrow h = \frac{b-a}{n}$



The Euler's method finds $y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n$ such that

$$y_i \approx \underbrace{y(t_i)}_{\substack{\text{approximate} \\ \text{solution}}}$$

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true solution

$$y_0 = \alpha$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(t_i, y_i)$$

$$i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$y' = f(t, y)$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(t_0, y_0)$$

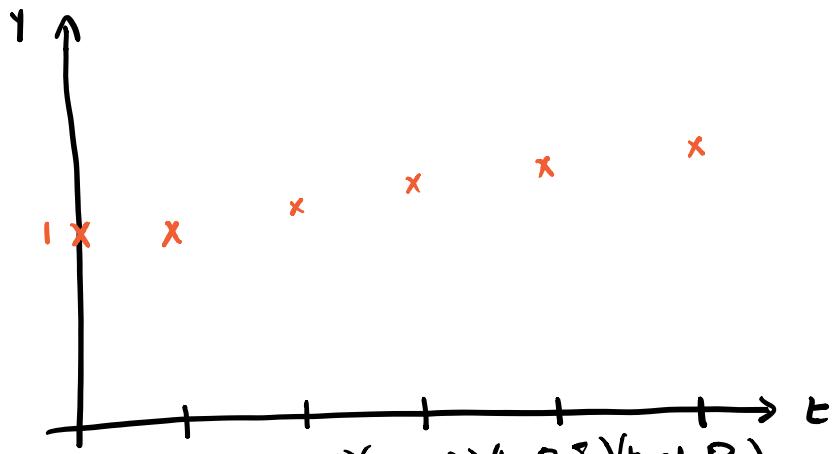
$$y_2 = y_1 + h f(t_1, y_1)$$

$$y_3 = y_2 + h f(t_2, y_2)$$

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$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h f(t_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$$

Ex 1) Apply Euler's method to IVP: $\frac{dy}{dt} = [ty + t^3] \quad y(0) = 1$
 $f(t, y) \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$
 with step size $h = 0.2$



$$(t_0 = 0) (t_1 = 0.2) (t_2 = 0.4) (t_3 = 0.6) (t_4 = 0.8) (t_5 = 1.0)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(t_i, y_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_0 + h f(t_0, y_0) \\ &= 1 + (0.2) [f(0, 1)] \\ &= 1 + (0.2)(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + h f(t_1, y_1) \\ &= 1 + (0.2) [f(0.2, 1)] \\ &= 1 + (0.2) [0.2(1) + (0.2)^3] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_0 &= 0 \\ t_1 &= 0.2 \\ t_2 &= 0.4 \\ t_3 &= 0.6 \\ t_4 &= 0.8 \\ t_5 &= 1.0 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2 = 1.0416$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + h f(t_2, y_2) \\ &= 1.0416 + (0.2) [0.4(1.0416) + (0.4)^3] \end{aligned}$$

$$y_3 = 1.13773$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_4 &= y_3 + h f(t_3, y_3) \\ &= 1.13773 + (0.2) [0.6(1.13773) + (0.6)^3] \end{aligned}$$

$$y_4 = 1.31746$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_5 &= y_4 + h f(t_4, y_4) \\ &= 1.31746 + (0.2) [0.8(1.31746) + (0.8)^3] \end{aligned}$$

$$y_5 = 1.6306$$

Ex 2) Use Euler's method with step size $h=0.5$ to approximate the solution of the IVP: $\frac{dy}{dt} = t^2 - y$ $y(0) = 1$

$$f(t, y) = t^2 - y \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_0 + hf(t_0, y_0) \\ &= 1 + (0.5)[0^2 - 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$t_0 = 0$$

$$t_1 = 0.5$$

$$t_2 = 1.0$$

$$t_3 = 1.5$$

$$y_1 = 0.5 \quad 0.5, 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + hf(t_1, y_1) \\ &= 0.5 + (0.5)(0.5^2 - 0.5) \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2 = 0.375 \quad 1.0, 0.375$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + hf(t_2, y_2) \\ &= 0.375 + (0.5)(1.0^2 - 0.375) \end{aligned}$$

$$y_3 = 0.6875$$

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Proof: Use Taylor's Thm on y about $t = t_i$

$$y(t) = y(t_i) + \frac{y'(t_i)(t - t_i)}{1!} + \frac{y''(\bar{z})(t - t_i)^2}{2!}$$

Now, set $t = t_0 + h$

$$y(t_i + h) = y(t_i) + \frac{y'(t_i)h}{1!} + \frac{y''(\bar{z})h^2}{2!}$$

Euler's m/d is obtained by dropping $\Theta(h^2)$ term in the formula

$$y(t_i + h) \approx y(t_i) + \underset{\uparrow}{y'(t_i)h}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$$

$$y(t_i + h) \approx y(t_i) + f(t_i, y_i)h \Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(t_i, y_i)$$

Error Bounds for Euler's Method

Let $D = \{(t, y) \text{ such that } a \leq t \leq b, -\infty \leq y \leq \infty\}$ and $f(t, y)$ has a Lipschitz constant L . Suppose that $y(t)$ is the unique soln to the IVP: $\frac{dy}{dt} \approx f(t, y)$, where $|y''(t)| \leq M$ for all t in $[a, b]$. Then for the approximation y_i of $y(t_i)$ by the Euler's method with step size h , we have

$$|y(t_i) - y_i| \leq \underbrace{\frac{hM}{2L} [e^{L(t_i-a)} - 1]}_{\text{maximum error}}$$

Ex.) Consider the IVP: $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2}{t} y + t^2 e^t$, $1 \leq t \leq 2$, with exact $y(1) = 0$

$$\text{soln } y(t) = t^2(e^t - e^1)$$

(a.) Use Euler's method with $h=0.2$ to approximate the soln at $t=1.4$

(b.) Compare it with the actual value of y

(c.) Find the maximum error in approximating $y(1.4)$ by y_2 .

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(a.) $t_0 = 1, t_1 = 1.2, t_2 = 1.4$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(t_0, y_0) = 0 + (0.2) \left[\frac{2}{1}(0) + (1)^2 e^1 \right] = 0.5437$$
$$y_2 = y_1 + h f(t_1, y_1) = 0.5437 + (0.2) \left[\frac{2}{1.2}(0.5437) + (1.2)^2 e^{1.2} \right] = \boxed{1.6811}$$



(b.) $y(1.4) = (1.4)^2 (e^{1.4} - e^1) = \boxed{2.6204}$

True error = $|2.6204 - 1.6811| = 0.9393$

(c.) $|y(1.4) - y_2| \leq \frac{hM}{2L} [e^{L(t_i-a)} - 1] = \frac{0.2M}{2L} [e^{L(1.4-1)} - 1]$

FIND $L - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{2}{t} \Rightarrow \max_{t \in [1, 2]} \left| \frac{2}{t} \right| = \frac{2}{1} = 2 \Leftarrow L$

FIND M - $y''(t)$

$$y(t) = t^2 e^t - t^2 e^t$$

$$y'(t) = (t^2 e^t + e^t 2t) - (2t e^t)$$

$$y''(t) = (t^2 e^t + e^t 2t) + (e^t 2 + 2t e^t) - 2e^t$$

$$= t^2 e^t + 4t e^t + 2e^t - 2e^t = e^t (t^2 + 4t + 2) - 2e^t$$

$$\max \Rightarrow y''(2) = e^2 (2^2 + 4 \cdot 2 + 2) - 2e = 98.0102 = M$$

$$|y(1.4) - y_2| \leq \frac{0.2(98.0102)}{2(2)} [e^{2(1.4-1)} - 1]$$

$$|y(1.4) - y_2| \leq 6.005$$

5.3 Higher-Order Taylor Methods

NOTE: Euler's method was derived by dropping the $\theta(h^2)$ term in the Taylor series expansion of $y(t)$ about $t = t_i$. One can derive methods with higher-order by retaining more terms in the Taylor series expansion.

$$y(t) = y(t_i) + \frac{y'(t_i)(t-t_i)}{1!} + \frac{y''(t_i)(t-t_i)^2}{2!} + \frac{y'''(t_i)(t-t_i)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ + \frac{y^n(t_i)(t-t_i)^n}{n!} + \frac{y^{(n+1)}(t_i)(t-t_i)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

$$t = t_i + h$$

$$y(t_i + h) \approx y(t_i) + \frac{y'(t_i)h}{1!} + \frac{y''(t_i)h^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{y^n h^n}{n!}$$