

$$m_2 = \frac{2 \times 4.34}{1.5} = 4.8$$

$$y(1.5) = 3.1 + \frac{0.25}{2} (4.96 + 5.79) = 4.44$$

Iteration 3

$$m_1 = \frac{2 \times 4.44}{1.5} = 5.92$$

$$y_e(1.75) = 4.44 + 0.25(5.92) = 5.92$$

$$m_2 = \frac{2 \times 5.92}{1.75} = 6.77$$

$$y(1.75) = 4.44 + \frac{0.25}{2} (5.92 + 6.77) = 6.03$$

Iteration 4

$$m_1 = \frac{2 \times 6.03}{1.75} = 6.89$$

$$y_e(2.0) = 6.03 + 0.25(6.89) = 7.75$$

$$m_2 = \frac{2 \times 7.75}{2} = 7.75$$

$$y(2.0) = 6.03 + \frac{0.25}{2} (6.89 + 7.75) = 7.86$$

Exact solution of the equation

is obtained as $y'(x) = 2y/x$ with $y(1) = 2$

$$y(x) = 2x^2$$

The exact values of $y(x)$ and the estimated values by both the methods are tabulated below.

x	y(x)		
	Euler's method	Heun's method	Analytical
1.00			
1.25	2.00	2.00	2.00
1.50	3.00	3.10	3.125
1.75	4.20	4.44	4.50
2.00	5.60	6.03	6.125
	7.20	7.86	8.00

All estimated values are accurate to two decimal places. It is clear that Heun's method provides better results compared to Euler's method.

Error Analysis

It can be easily shown that Heun's method provides better results compared to Euler's method.