

## 14. THE EULER SCHEME (4/12/2024)

Goals.

- (1) Review ODE; *derive* an ODE
- (2) Solving an ODE numerically
  - (a) The power of linear approximation
  - (b) Calculating by hand
  - (c) Calculating on a computer

Final exam  
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Diff eqn: Equation where (1) unknown function  
(2) involves derivatives

Eq.:  $y' = f(y; x)$  for unknown  $y = y(x)$

Ideas: (1) Testing if a formula is the formula of a solution

(2) Ansatz

(3) Particular solution if our solution depends on a parameter, can determine the value of parameter from info s.t.  $y(0), y'(0)$ .

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EULER'S METHOD

1. COMPOUND INTEREST (BERNOULLI 1683)

(1) Suppose you have a \$100 bank balance which earns an annual interest rate of 30%.

(a) Suppose the interest is paid once, at the end of the year. How much would your balance be at that time?

$$\$100 + 30\% \cdot \$100 = \$130$$

(b) Suppose instead that interest is paid four times a year. What is the quarterly interest *rate*? What would the balance be at the end of the first quarter?

$$\text{per quarter: } 7.5\% = \frac{30\%}{4}, \text{ so after 1 quarter } \$100 + 7.5\% \cdot \$100 = 107.5$$

- (c) Suppose further that interest is *compounded*: after every quarter the interest is added to the balance. What would be the balance at the end of the year?

After 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: \$107.5 + 7.5%. \$107.5 ← key idea

$$\text{Here: } \$107.5 \cdot (1 + 7.5\%) = 1.075 \times \$107.5$$

$$\text{so at end of year } \$100 \cdot (1.075)^4.$$

- (d) Suppose instead that interest is compounded *daily* and that at a particular day the balance is  $y$  dollars. What is the balance the next day?

$$\text{daily rate: } \frac{0.30}{365}, \quad \text{daily interest: } \frac{0.30}{365} \cdot y$$

$$\text{new balance: } y + \frac{0.30}{365} y$$

(2) Suppose interest is compounded *continuously* and that at a particular time  $y$  the balance is  $y(t)$  dollars, where  $t$  is measured in years.

(a) What is the approximate interest rate for the period between times  $t, t + h$  if  $h$  is very small?

$$\text{rate is: } \approx \frac{h}{1 \text{ year}} \cdot \frac{0.30}{h} = 0.30$$

(b) What is the balance at time  $t + h$ ?

$$y(t+h) \approx y(t) + y(t) \cdot 0.30 \cdot h = y(t) + (0.30 y(t)) \cdot h$$

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so  $y'(t) = 0.30 \cdot y(t)$

## 2. THE EULER SCHEME

(3) Consider the ODE  $y' = 0.3y$  from the previous page. We will work on the interval  $[0, 1]$  with  $y(0) = 100$ .

(a)  $[n = 1]$  What is  $y'(0)$ ? Approximate  $y(1)$  using a linear approximation.

$$y'(0) = 0.3 \cdot y(0) = 30$$

$$\text{so } y(1) \approx y(0) + 30(1-0) = 100 + 30 = 130$$

(b)  $[n = 2]$  Approximate  $y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  using a linear approximation. What is  $y'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  approximately? Use this to estimate  $y(1)$ .

$$y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx y(0) + 30 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 115 \quad \text{so } y'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx 0.3 \cdot y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx 0.3 \cdot 115 = 34.5$$

approximate value to plug in

$$\text{so } y(1) \approx y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + y'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \approx 115 + 34.5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 132.25$$

(c)  $[n = 3]$  do the same but dividing the interval into three steps.

linear approx

approx values from previous step

$$y(0) = 100 \text{ so } y'(0) = 30, \quad y\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 100 + 30 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 110 \approx y\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \Rightarrow y'\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{so } y'\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 0.3 \cdot y\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 33 \quad \text{so } y\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \approx 110 + 33 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 121$$

$$\text{so } y'\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \approx 0.3 \cdot 121 = 36.3 \quad \text{so } y(1) \approx 121 + 36.3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 133.1$$

# The Euler Scheme

Input: ODE  $y'(x) = f(y; x)$ , interval  $[a, b]$ , initial value

$$y(a) = y_0.$$

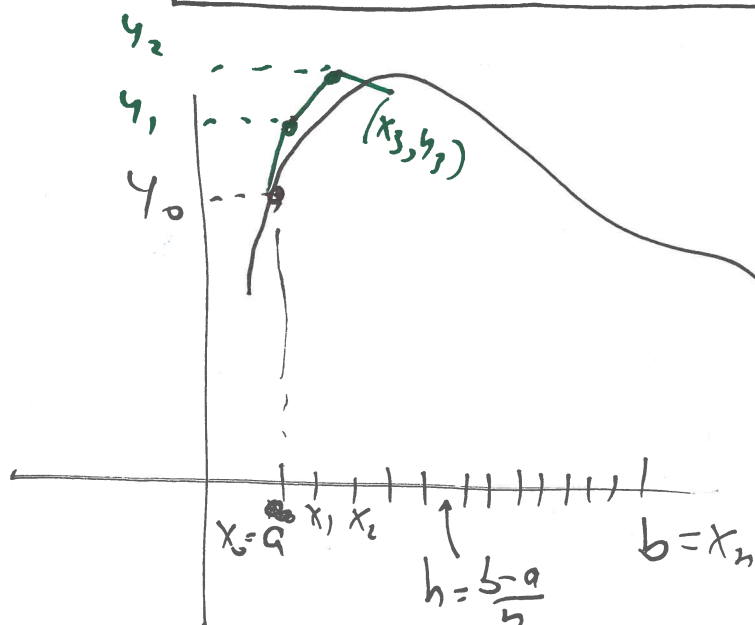
choose:  $n$ , number of steps  $\Rightarrow$  step length  $h = \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Methods ~~set~~ set  $x_0 = a, x_1 = a+h, x_2 = a+2h, \dots, x_n = a+nh = b$

Approximate:  $y_1 \approx y_0 + f(y_0; x_0)h$  [our approx to  $y(x_1)$ ]

$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(y_i; x_i)h$

 [our approx to  $y(x_{i+1})$ ]  
got from ~~input~~  $y_i$



(4) Consider the ODE  $y' = x^3 - xy$  on the interval  $[1, 3]$ .

(a) Use two steps of the Euler scheme to approximate  $y(3)$  if  $y(1) = 0$ .

$$\Delta x = \frac{3-1}{2} = 1 \quad ; \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} y_0 = 0 \\ x_0 = 1, x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} y_0 = 0 \\ y_1 = y_0 + f(y_0; x_0)h = 0 + (1^3 - 1 \cdot 0) \cdot 1 = 1 \leftarrow y(2) \approx 1 \\ y_2 = y_1 + f(y_1; x_1)h = 1 + (2^3 - 2 \cdot 1) \cdot 1 = 7 \leftarrow y(3) \approx 7 \end{array}$$

$\begin{array}{ccccccc} y_0 & & x_0^3 & y_0 & y_0 & & h \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ y_1 & & x_1^3 & x_1 & y_1 & & h \end{array}$

(b) For which  $A, B, C$  do we have that  $y(x) = Ax^2 + B + Ce^{-x^2/2}$  satisfies the equation?