

You must show your work to get full credit.

We are look at Euler's method for a system of rate equations with initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x, y), & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x, y), & y(t_0) &= y_0.\end{aligned}$$

It will be based on the basic approximations that we already know and love:

$$\begin{aligned}x(t+h) &\approx x(t) + x'(t)h \\ y(t+h) &\approx y(t) + y'(t)h\end{aligned}$$

which holds when h is small.

To start we choose a small number h , the **step size**. Let $k \geq 0$ be an integer and assume that we have computed t_k , x_k , and y_k in such a way that

$$\begin{aligned}x_k &\approx x(t_k) \\ y_k &\approx y(t_k).\end{aligned}$$

To be explicit about what this notation means here x_k is our approximation to the value of the true solution $x(t)$ at the point where $t = t_k$. Then by our basic approximations we have

$$\begin{aligned}x(t_{k+1}) &= x(t_k + h) \approx x(t_k) + x'(t_k)h \approx x_k + x'(t_k)h \\ y(t_{k+1}) &= y(t_k + h) \approx y(t_k) + y'(t_k)h \approx y_k + y'(t_k)h\end{aligned}$$

But from the differential equations for x and y we have

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t_k) &= f(x(t_k), y(t_k)) \approx f(x_k, y_k), \\ y'(t_k) &= g(x(t_k), y(t_k)) \approx g(x_k, y_k).\end{aligned}$$

Putting these approximation together gives

$$\begin{aligned}x(t_{k+1}) &\approx x_k + f(x_k, y_k)h, \\ y(t_{k+1}) &\approx y_k + g(x_k, y_k)h.\end{aligned}$$

So to summarize here is Euler's method for the system:

Initial Step: Set

$$\begin{aligned}t_0 &= t_0 \\ x_0 &= x_0 \\ y_0 &= y_0.\end{aligned}$$

Euler Step from k to $k+1$:

$$\begin{aligned}t_{k+1} &= t_k + h \\ x_{k+1} &= x_k + f(x_k, y_k)h \\ y_{k+1} &= y_k + g(x_k, y_k)h\end{aligned}$$

It is not hard to see that after n steps we have that

$$t_n = t_0 + nh.$$

Then x_n and y_n will be good approximations to the true values $x(t_n)$ and $y(t_n)$.

Let us now do an example on the calculator. As a sample system we use

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x - 3y & x(0) &= 4 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -x + 2y & y(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

and we will approximate $x(2)$ and $y(2)$ by taking 20 steps of size $h = .1$. The scheme for this is

$$\begin{aligned}t_0 &= 0 \\ x_0 &= 4 \\ y_0 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

and taking an Euler step looks like

$$\begin{aligned}t_{k+1} &= t_k + .1 \\ x_{k+1} &= x_k + (2x_k - 3y_k)(.1) \\ y_{k+1} &= y_k + (-x_k + 2y_k)(.1)\end{aligned}$$

To set the calculator up to deal with this go to the **MODE** screen and edit to look like

```

NORMAL  SCI ENG
FLOAT  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
RADIAN  DEGREE
FUNC  PAR  POL  SEQ
CONNECTED  DOT
SEQUENTIAL  SIMUL
REAL  a+bi  re^θi
FULL  HORIZ  G-T

```

Store the value of the step size in the **H** register: at the main screen and type **.1 STO ALPHA H**. Press **2ND TABLESET** and edit until it looks like

```

TABLE SETUP
TblStart=0
ΔTbl=1
Indpnt : Auto Ask
Depend: Auto Ask

```

To enter the equations go to the **Y=** window and (where we will use u for x and v for y) and enter:

```

Plot1 Plot2 Plot2
nMin=0
\ u(n)=u(n-1)+(u(n-1)-3v(n-1))H
u(nMin)=4
\ v(n)=v(n-1)+(-u(n-1)+2v(n-1))H
v(nMin)=10
\ w(n)=
w(nMin)=

```

Here n is entered with the **X,T,θ, n** bottom, u is entered with **2ND u** (which is the **7** key), v is entered with **2ND v** (which is above the **8** key), and H is entered with **ALPHA H**.

Now **2ND TABLE** will give you the first first several values for x_k and y_k . To easily get access to more values go back to **2ND TABLESET** and edit until it looks like:

TABLE SETUP

TblStart=0

 $\Delta Tbl=1$ Indpnt : Auto Depend: Ask

and you can now get that

$$x(2) \approx x_{20} = 649.49$$

$$y(2) \approx y_{20} = -369.4$$

1. (a) With the same system use 40 steps of size $h = .05$ to approximate $x(2)$ and $y(2)$.

$$x(2) \approx x_{40} = \underline{1068.6} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{40} = \underline{-611.3}$$

- (b) Get a still better approximation of $x(2)$ and $y(2)$ by taking 200 steps of size $h = .01$.

$$x(2) \approx x_{200} = \underline{1731.5} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{200} = \underline{-994}$$

2. For the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = .05x \left(\frac{10 - x - .2y}{10} \right)$$

$$x(0) = 3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = .03y \left(\frac{20 - .5x - y}{20} \right)$$

$$y(0) = 2$$

- (a) Use 20 steps of size $h = .1$ to estimate $x(2)$ and $y(2)$.

$$x(2) \approx x_{20} = \underline{3.201} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{20} = \underline{2.1008}$$

- (b) Get a better approximation of $x(2)$ and $y(2)$ by taking 40 steps of size $h = .05$.

$$x(2) \approx x_{40} = \underline{3.2011} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{40} = \underline{2.1008}$$

- (c) Get a still better approximation of $x(2)$ and $y(2)$ by taking 200 steps of size $h = .01$.

$$x(2) \approx x_{200} = \underline{3.2011} \qquad y(2) \approx y_{200} = \underline{2.009}$$

So we have computed $x(2)$ and $y(2)$ to
four decimal places.