

Math 2650

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[> restart:with(DEtools):with(plots):
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▼ Euler's method

Consider the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \quad y(0) = 1$$

We verify that

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[> y:= x-> 1/(1-x);
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$$y := x \rightarrow \frac{1}{1-x} \tag{1.1}$$

is a solution. On the interval (0, 1), it is a differentiable function, and

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[> D(y)(x)-y(x)^2;
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$$0 \tag{1.2}$$

so it satisfies the equation, and

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[> y(0);
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$$1 \tag{1.3}$$

so it satisfies the initial condition, hence it is a solution.

Lets try and use Euler's method to construct an approximate solution

Below we write a little Maple procedure for the forward Euler's method.

▼ Euler's Method

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> FEuler:=proc(f,t0,x0,h,N)
  local t,x,n,sol:
  t:=evalf(t0):
  x:=evalf(x0):
  sol:=[[t,x]]:
  for n from 1 to N do
  x:=x+h*f(t,x):
  t:=t+h:
  sol:=[op(sol),[t,x]]:
  od;
end;
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    t := evalf(t0);
    x := evalf(x0);
    sol := [[t, x]];
    for n to N do
        x := x + h*f(t, x); t := t + h; sol := [op(sol), [t, x]]
    end do
end proc

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> y:='y';
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y := y
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> x0:=0;xf:=1.2;y0:=1;
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x0 := 0
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xf := 1.2
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y0 := 1
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> N:=6;
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> h:=evalf((xf-x0)/N);
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h := 0.2000000000
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> f:=(x,y)->y^2;
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f := (x, y) → y2
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> out:=FEuler(f,x0,y0,h,N);
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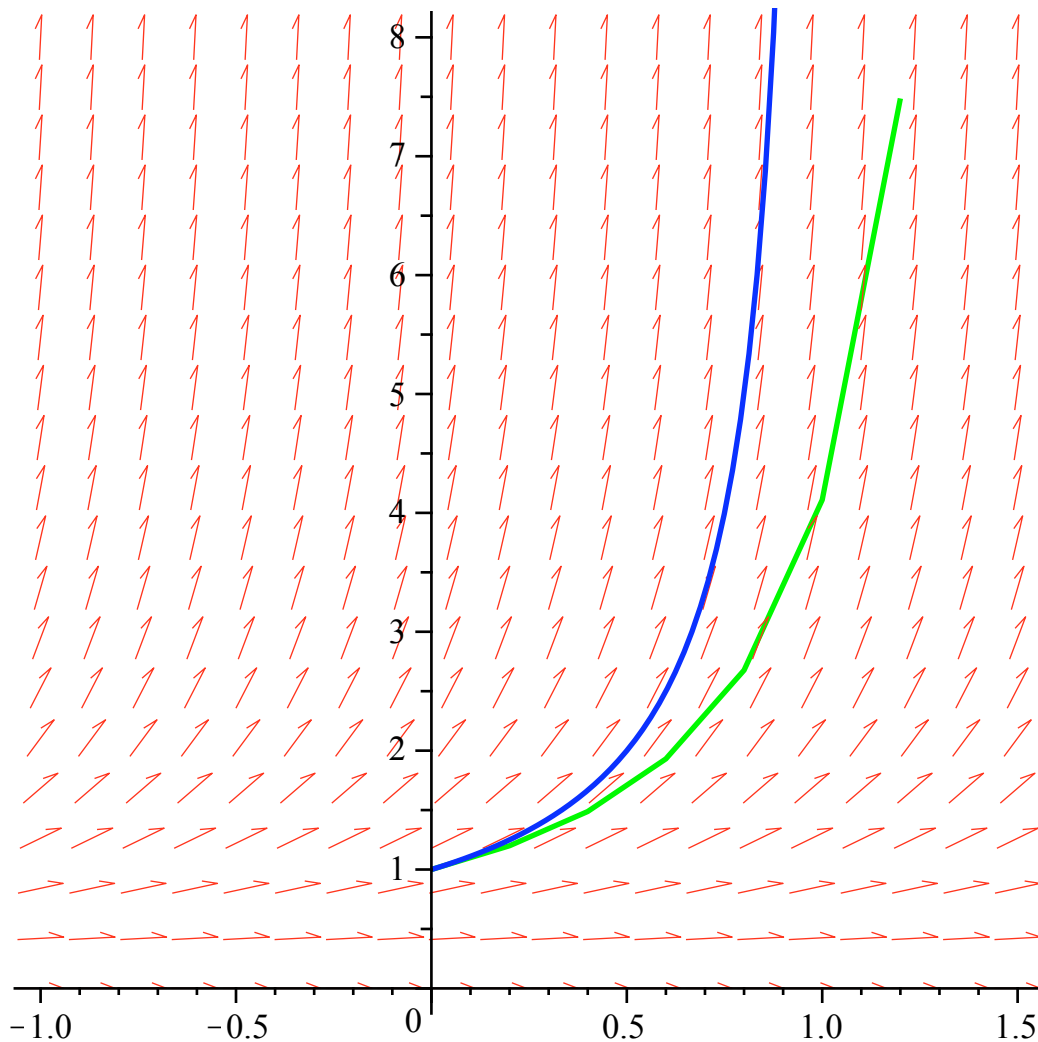
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out := [[0., 1.], [0.2000000000, 1.2000000000], [0.4000000000, 1.4880000000],
[0.6000000000, 1.930828800], [0.8000000000, 2.676448771], [1.0000000000,
4.109124376], [1.2000000000, 7.486105004]]
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> EulerApprox:=plot(out,color=green,thickness=2):
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> DF:=DEplot(diff(y(x),x)=y(x)^2,y(x),x=-1..1.5,y=0..8):
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> EX:=plot(1/(1-x),x=0..1,color=blue,thickness=2):
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> display(EulerApprox,DF,EX);
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Note the exact solution (blue) has a vertical asymptote at $x=1$. The approximate solution (green) misses this feature,

and suggests that the solution is valid for values of x greater than 1. Note also the mismatch between the slope lines

and the approximate solution. This is of course wrong, and is due to the finite step size.

Now for

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y \quad y(0) = 1$$

we will use Euler's method again. First with a stepsize $h=0.1$

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> x0:=0;xf:=1;y0:=1;
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    x0:=0
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    xf:=1
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    y0:=1
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> N:=10;
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                                N := 10
> h:=evalf((xf-x0)/N);
                                h := 0.1000000000
> f:=(x,y)->x^2+y;
                                f := (x,y) → x2 + y
> out01:=FEuler(f,x0,y0,h,N);
out01 := [[0., 1.], [0.1000000000, 1.1000000000], [0.2000000000, 1.2110000000],
          [0.3000000000, 1.3361000000], [0.4000000000, 1.4787100000], [0.5000000000,
          1.6425810000], [0.6000000000, 1.8318391000], [0.7000000000, 2.0510230100],
          [0.8000000000, 2.3051253110], [0.9000000000, 2.5996378420], [1.0000000000,
          2.9406016260]]

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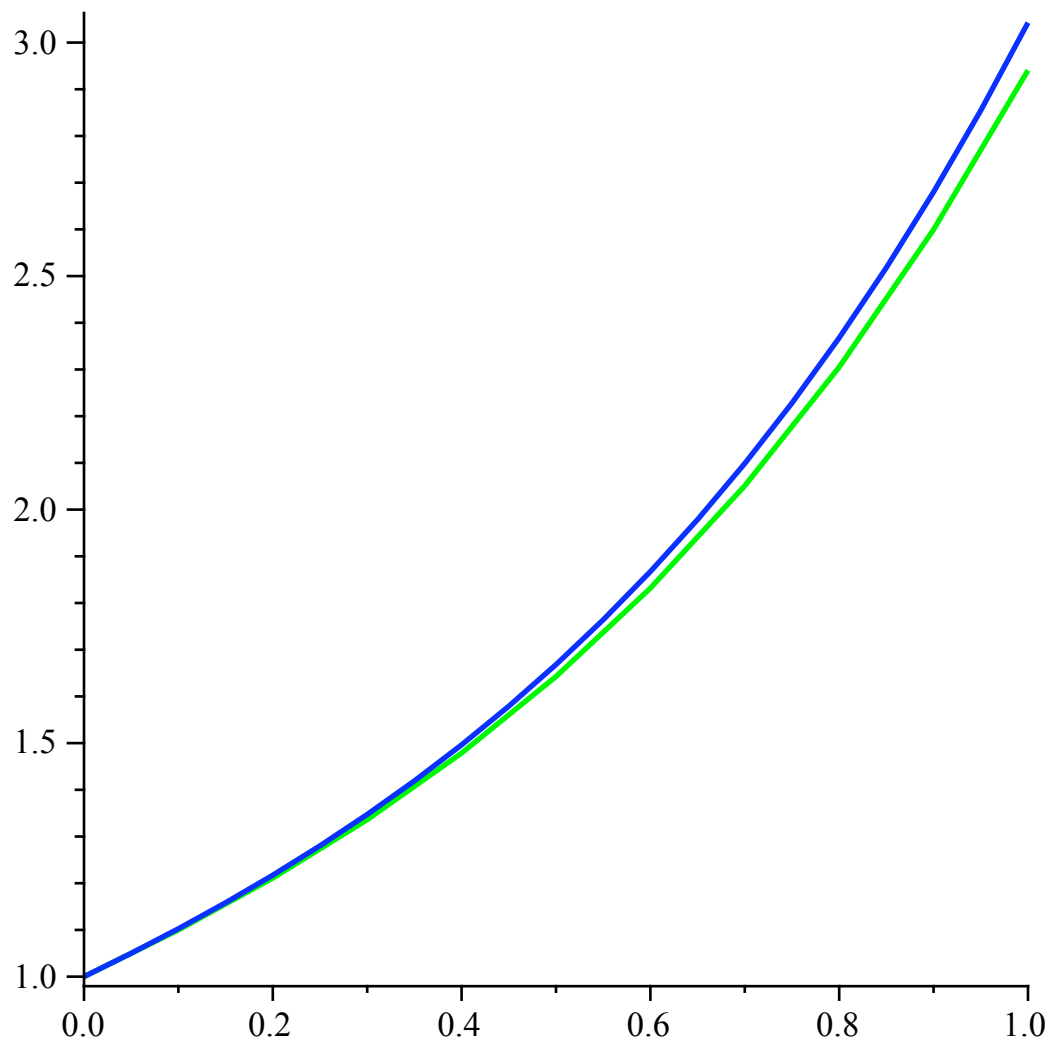
Next with a stepsize h=0.05

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> N:=20;
                                N := 20
> h:=evalf((xf-x0)/N);
                                h := 0.0500000000
> out005:=FEuler(f,x0,y0,h,N);
out005 := [[0., 1.], [0.0500000000, 1.0500000000], [0.1000000000, 1.1026250000],
          [0.1500000000, 1.1582562500], [0.2000000000, 1.2172940620], [0.2500000000,
          1.2801587650], [0.3000000000, 1.3472917030], [0.3500000000, 1.4191562880],
          [0.4000000000, 1.4962391020], [0.4500000000, 1.5790510570], [0.5000000000,
          1.6681286100], [0.5500000000, 1.7640350400], [0.6000000000, 1.8673617920],
          [0.6500000000, 1.9787298820], [0.7000000000, 2.0987913760], [0.7500000000,
          2.2282309450], [0.8000000000, 2.3677674920], [0.8500000000, 2.5181558670],
          [0.9000000000, 2.6801886600], [0.9500000000, 2.8546980930], [1.0000000000,
          3.0425579980]]
> O1:=plot(out01,color=green,thickness=2):
> O05:=plot(out005,color=blue,thickness=2):
> display(O1,O05);

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The accuracy of the approximate solution (the numerical solution) increases as the step size decreases.