

2.7 Euler Method

Use tangent lines to approximate soln to IVP

Ex IVP: $y' = y^2, y(2) = 1$

Side note: by § 2.4 theorem 2.4.2,
 $f(y) = y^2$ & $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$ are continuous
 \Rightarrow sol'n to IVP is ~~exists~~
exists & is unique
on some interval containing $t_0 = 2$

~~2.7: Use tangent lines to approximate soln~~

§ 2.2 Solve $\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2, y(2) = 1$
separable, not linear

$$\int y^{-2} dy = \int dt \Rightarrow -y^{-1} = t + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{-t+C} \quad \& \quad 1 = \frac{1}{-2+C} \Rightarrow C = 3$$

$y = \frac{1}{3-t}$

But can't always solve IVP so

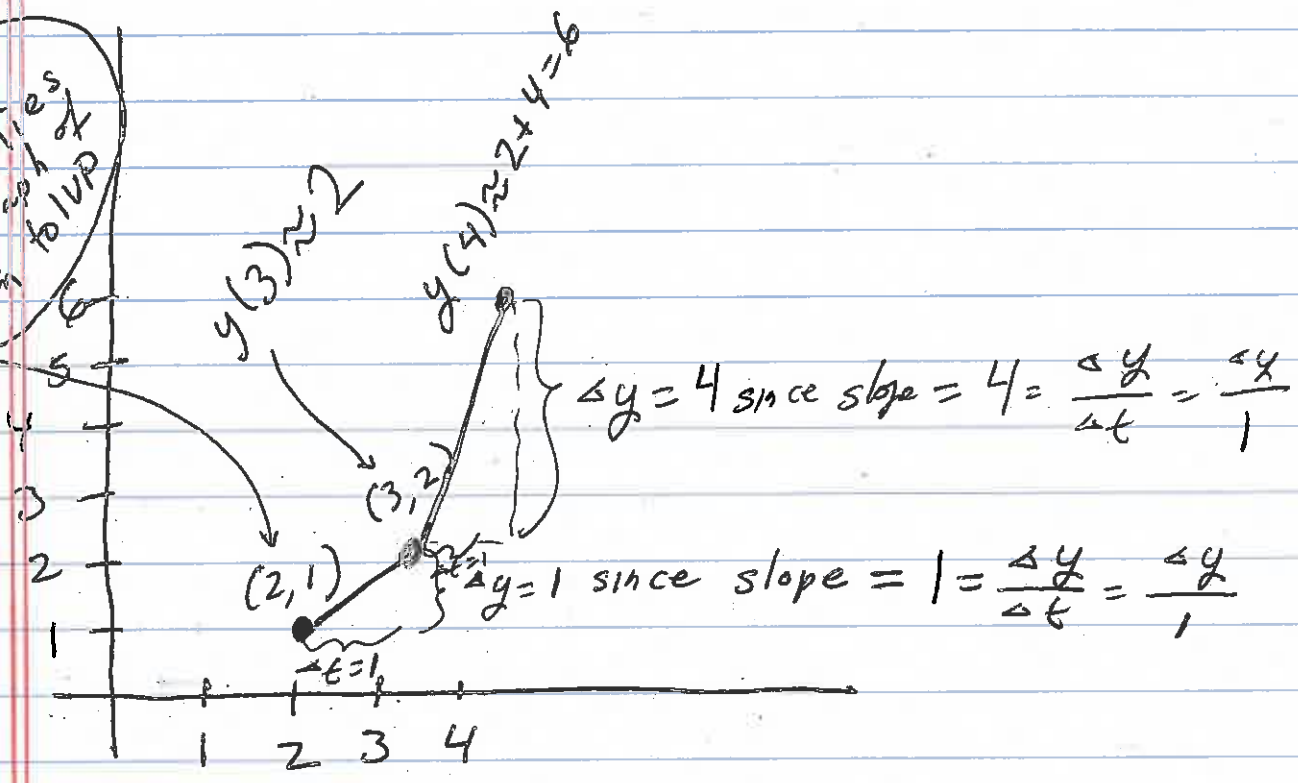
§2.7: use ^{multiple} tangent lines to approx soln

Ex 1: IVP: $y' = y^2, y(2) = 1$

Ex 1a: Let $\Delta t = 1$

$y(2) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow (2, 1)$ lies on graph of soln to IVP

See also class notes



slope at $(2, 1)$: $y' = y'(t, y) = y^2$

$y'(2, 1) = 1^2 = 1$

$y(2) = 1$
 $y(2 + \Delta t) = y(2 + 1) = y(3) \approx y(2) + \Delta y$

$= y(2) + \text{slope} \cdot \Delta t = 1 + (1)(1) = 2$

slope at $(3, 2)$: $y'(3, 2) = 2^2 = 4$

exact

3

t	$y = \frac{1}{3-t}$	approx y
2	1	1
3	not defined	2
4	$\frac{1}{3-4} = -1$	6

bad approx
 Δt too large

Better approx: choose smaller Δt

See class notes + chalk board for

Ex 16: $\Delta t = 0.1$

Ex 2: IVP $y' = t + 2y, y(0) = 0$

Let $\Delta t = 0.1$

$\S 2.4: f(t,y) = t + 2y$
 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t,y) = 2$ } cont \Rightarrow unique soln in some interval about $t=0$

$\S 2.1$: Linear, not separable

$y' - 2y = t$

$u(t) = e^{\int -2 dt} = e^{-2t}$

$e^{-2t} y' - 2e^{-2t} y = te^{-2t}$

$a = t \quad dv = e^{-2t}$
 $du = dt \quad v = \frac{e^{-2t}}{-2}$

$e^{-2t} y = \int (e^{-2t} y)' dt = \int te^{-2t} dt = \frac{-te^{-2t}}{2} - \frac{e^{-2t}}{4} + C$

$y = -\frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{4} + Ce^{2t}$

$\S 2.7$: Approx soln using multiple tangent lines

$y' = t + 2y, y(0) = 0$

$y'(0,0) = 0 + 2(0) = 0 \hookrightarrow$ slope 0

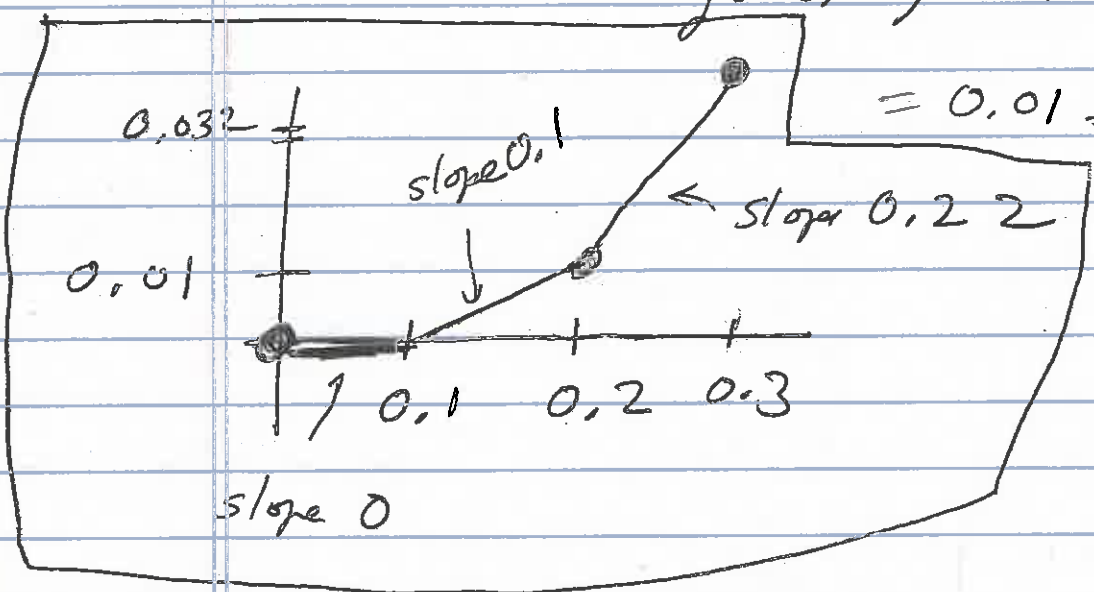
slope = $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$

Given $\Delta t = 0.1$

t	approx y
0	0
0.1	0
0.2	0.01
0.3	0.032

$0 + \text{slope} \Delta t = 0 + 0(0.1)$
 $y'(0.1, 0) = 0.1 + 2(0) = 0.1$
 $y(0.2) = y(0.1) + \Delta y = 0 + (0.1)(0.1)$
 $y'(0.2, 0.01) = 0.2 + 2(0.01) = 0.22$

$y(0.3) = y(0.2) + \Delta y = 0.01 + (0.22)(0.1)$
 $= 0.01 + 0.022 = 0.032$



eqn of tangent lines
 at $t = 0 : y = 0$

at $t = 0.1 : \text{slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \Rightarrow 0.1 = \frac{y - 0}{t - 0.1}$

$\Rightarrow y = 0.1t - 0.01$

at $t = 0.2 : 0.22 = \frac{y - 0.01}{t - 0.2}$

$y = 0.22t - 0.044 + 0.01$

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Approx soln' using multiple
tangent lines

$$y = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq t \leq 0.1 \\ 0.1t - 0.01 & 0.1 \leq t \leq 0.2 \\ 0.22t - 0.34 & 0.2 \leq t \leq 0.3 \\ \vdots & \end{cases}$$