

# Euler's Method calculations using the TI89

Ex2, Using the TI89,

Use Euler's Method to solve

$$y' = \frac{y^2 + 2ty}{3 + t^2} \quad y(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

at  $t = 1$

- a) using steps of size .1 (ie, 10 of them)
- b) using steps of size .01 (ie, 100 of them)
- c) If we want accuracy to .005, what step size do we seem to need?

## On your TI89

- 1) Press **MODE** and set Graph = DIFF EQUATIONS
- 2) PRESS **2nd** **F1** <sup>F6 Y=</sup>. Enter  $y1' = (y1^2 + 2 \cdot t \cdot y1) / (3 + t^2)$   
 $y11 = \frac{1}{2}$
- 3) PRESS **2nd** **F1** <sup>F</sup>. Set Solution Method = Euler  
Fields = FLDOFF
- 4) PRESS **2nd** **F2** <sup>F7 WINDOW</sup>. Set  $t0 = 0$   
 $tmax = 1$   
 $tstep = .1$   
 $tplot = 0$   
 $xmin = -1$        $ncurves = 0$   
 $xmax = 100$        $Estep = 1$   
 $xsc1 = 1$   
 $ymin = -10$   
 $ymax = 10$   
 $ysc1 = 1$

NOTES 1)  $t0 = t_0$   
 $tmax = t_1$   
 $\frac{tmax - t0}{tstep} \times Estep = n$   
 = total # steps  
 2) You can change  $\begin{cases} y1' = \\ y11 = \end{cases}$   
 to get a different IVP  
 then change  $tplot = t_0$ , too.

IF the equation degenerates, you may have to restrict  $xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax$ .

5) Press **HOME**. PRESS **CATALOG**. PRESS **alpha** **C**.  
Scroll to BldData. Press **ENTER**.

6) Press **2nd** **alpha**. Type euler. Press **alpha**.  
Press **enter**

7) Press **APPS** **6** **3**. Type "errorlog" in the  
Variable place and enter it (tuz)

8) Above C1 type "time"  
above C2 type "Euler"

9) enter C1 = euler[C1]  
C2 = euler[C2]

You should get a table that looks like  
this:

Data	t	y1
	C1	C2
1	0.	.5
2	.1	.50833
⋮	.2	.5203
⋮	⋮	⋮
11	1.	.76799

= y<sub>0</sub>  
= y<sub>1</sub>  
= y<sub>2</sub>  
⋮  
= y<sub>10</sub>, the approximation given  
by a step size of h = .  
Record this value.

10) Press **HOME**, then **F7 WINDOW** **F2**. Change Estep to 10.

This gives:  
$$Estep \times \frac{1}{Estep} \times (t_1 - t_0) = 10 \times 10 \times 1 = 100 \text{ steps}$$
  
or  $h = .01$

11) Press **HOME**, then re-enter BldData euler.

$$h = \frac{tstep}{Estep}$$

12) Press apps 6 1

13) Now the table has been rebuilt for  $h = .01$  steps. It should look like:

Data	$t$	$y1$
	$c1$	$c2$
1	0	.5
2	.1	.50998
⋮	⋮	⋮
11	1.	.7966

(note once you have built this table once, you don't have to do it again -- it will readjust if you change step size ~~again~~)

14) Repeat steps 10) - 13), but in step 10), set  $E_{step} = 100$ . This is  $h = .001$  in Euler's method. Your table should now look like:

Data	$t$	$y1$
	$c1$	$c2$
1	0	.5
2	.1	
⋮		
11	1.	.79966

15) Since the first two digits have stabilized, we probably now have an answer accurate to  $.005$ .

### Solving the equation exactly (when possible)

16) Now press **HONE**, then **F3**.  
Scroll down to **DEsolve** and press **enter**.

17) **DEsolve** ( $y' = (y^2 + 2*txy)/(3+t^2)$ ,  $t, y$ )

the solution is

$$y = \frac{-(t^2+3)}{t-@1}$$

NOTE

@1 is a variable, like our C.

18) Press **F2**, and enter "solve"

19) Press **↑**, **ENTER** } Replace y with .5, @1 with X  
to bring solution down. t with 0,  
to get "solve (.5 =  $-(0^2+3)/(0-X)$ , X)"  
add this

and enter this.

You should get  $x=6$ .

20) Scroll up again to  $y = \frac{-(t^2+3)}{t-@1}$  and press **enter**

Replace t with 1, @1 with 6 and erase "y=".

Press **enter**.

You should get  $\frac{4}{5}$ , which is .8, as

our exact answer. So our approximation, .79966, was, in fact, good to within .005.

Generally, of course, you can't do 17-20, and just have to guess based on the approximations.