

Math 114 Spring 2018  
Calculus I Practice Homework 7.5 Solutions  
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1. Suppose  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$  and  $f(1) = 3$ . Use Euler's method to approximate  $f(4)$  using three steps.

**Solution:** We have

$$\begin{aligned}f(2) &\approx f'(1)(2-1) + f(1) = 3/2 \cdot 1 + 3 = 4.5 \\f(3) &\approx f'(2)(3-2) + f(2) \approx 9/4 + 9/2 = 27/4 \\f(4) &\approx f'(3)(4-3) + f(3) \approx 27/8 + 27/4 = 81/8.\end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose  $f'(x) = 4 - \frac{f(x)}{x}$ , and  $f(2) = 2$ . Use Euler's method and four steps to approximate  $f(4)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}f(5/2) &\approx f'(2)(.5) + f(2) = 3/2 + 2 = 7/2 \\f(3) &\approx f'(5/2)(1/2) + f(5/2) \\&\approx \left(4 - \frac{7/2}{5/2}\right) / 2 + 7/2 = 13/10 + 7/2 = 24/5 \\f(7/2) &\approx f'(24/5)(1/2) + f(3) \\&\approx \left(4 - \frac{24/5}{3}\right) / 2 + 24/5 = 6/5 + 24/5 = 6 \\f(8) &\approx f'(7/2)(1/2) + f(7/2) \\&\approx \left(4 - \frac{6}{7/2}\right) / 2 + 6 = 8/7 + 6 = 50/7.\end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose  $f'(x) = xf(x)$ , and  $f(0) = 3$ . Use four steps to estimate  $f(4)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}f(1) &\approx f'(0)(1-0) + f(0) = 0 \cdot 1 + 3 = 3 \\f(2) &\approx f'(1)(2-1) + f(1) \approx (1 \cdot 3) \cdot 1 + 3 = 6 \\f(3) &\approx f'(2)(3-2) + f(2) \approx (2 \cdot 6) \cdot 1 + 6 = 18 \\f(4) &\approx f'(3)(4-3) + f(3) \approx (3 \cdot 18) \cdot 1 + 18 = 72.\end{aligned}$$

4. Suppose  $f'(x) = e^x$  and  $f(0) = 1$ . Use four steps to estimate  $f(4)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}f(1) &\approx f'(0)(1 - 0) + f(0) = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 = 2 \\f(2) &\approx f'(1)(2 - 1) + f(1) \approx e^1 + 2 \\f(3) &\approx f'(2)(3 - 2) + f(2) \approx e^2 + e + 2 \\f(4) &\approx f'(3)(4 - 3) + f(3) \approx e^3 + e^2 + e + 2.\end{aligned}$$

5. Suppose  $f'(x) = f(x)$  and  $f(0) = 1$ . Use four steps to estimate  $f(4)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}f(1) &\approx f'(0)(1 - 0) + f(0) = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 = 2 \\f(2) &\approx f'(1)(2 - 1) + f(1) \approx 2 \cdot 1 + 2 = 4 \\f(3) &\approx f'(2)(3 - 2) + f(2) \approx 4 \cdot 1 + 4 = 8 \\f(4) &\approx f'(3)(4 - 3) + f(3) \approx 8 \cdot 1 + 8 = 16\end{aligned}$$

6. Suppose  $f'(x) = \sin(f(x)) - x$  and  $f(0) = 2$ . Use three steps to estimate  $f(\pi)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}f(\pi/3) &\approx f'(0)(\pi/3 - 0) + f(0) = (\sin(2) - 0)(\pi/3 - 0) + 2 \approx 2.95 \\f(2\pi/3) &\approx f'(\pi/3)(2\pi/3 - \pi/3) + f(\pi/3) \approx (2.95 - \pi/3)(\pi/3) + 2.95 \approx 4.94 \\f(\pi) &\approx f'(2\pi/3)(\pi - 2\pi/3) + f(2\pi/3) \approx (4.94 - 2\pi/3)(\pi/3) + 4.94 \approx 7.92.\end{aligned}$$

7. Suppose  $f'(x) = f(x) - x$  and  $f(1) = 3$ . Use one step to estimate  $f(2)$ .

Now use two steps to estimate  $f(2)$ . Now use four steps to estimate  $f(2)$ . What happens?

**Solution:** One step:

$$f(2) \approx f'(1)(2 - 1) + f(1) = (3 - 1)(1) + 3 = 5$$

Two steps:

$$\begin{aligned}f(3/2) &\approx f'(1)(3/2 - 1) + f(1) = (3 - 1)(1/2) + 3 = 4 \\f(2) &\approx f'(3/2)(2 - 3/2) + f(3/2) \approx (4 - 3/2)(1/2) + 4 = 21/4 = 5.25\end{aligned}$$

Four steps:

$$\begin{aligned}f(5/4) &\approx f'(1)(5/4 - 1) + f(1) = (3 - 1)(1/4) + 3 = 7/2 \\f(3/2) &\approx f'(5/4)(3/2 - 5/4) + f(5/4) \approx (7/2 - 5/4)(1/4) + 7/2 = 65/16 \approx \\f(7/4) &\approx f'(3/2)(7/4 - 3/2) + f(3/2) \approx \left(\frac{65}{16} - \frac{3}{2}\right)(1/4) + \frac{65}{16} = \frac{301}{64} \approx 4.0625 \\f(2) &\approx f'(7/4)(2 - 7/4) + f(7/4) \approx \left(\frac{301}{64} - \frac{7}{4}\right)(1/4) + \frac{301}{64} = \frac{1393}{256} \approx 5.44141.\end{aligned}$$

Each successive answer takes more work, but the answers are drifting upwards, suggesting all of them are underestimates converging to some higher answer.

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9. Stewart 2.7.5
10. Stewart 2.7.15
11. Stewart 2.7.19
12. Stewart 2.7.25
13. (★) Stewart 2.7.37