Math 2150 - Homework # 13

Eulers method

1. (a) Consider the initial-value problem

$$y' = 2x - 3y + 1, \quad y(1) = 5$$

Approximate the solution to this problem on the interval $1 \le x \le 1.25$ using a step interval of h = 0.05. What do you approximate the solution's value to be at x = 1.25 ?

- (b) Use the methods you've learned to find the actual solution to the initial-value problem and compare it to your approximation at the point x = 1.25. How close was the approximation?
- 2. Consider the initial-value problem

$$y' = 1 + y^2, \quad y(0) = 0$$

Approximate the solution to this problem on the interval $0 \le x \le 0.5$ using a step interval of h = 0.1. What do you approximate the solution's value to be at x = 0.5

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3. Consider the initial-value problem

$$y' = xy + \sqrt{y}, \quad y(0) = 1$$

Approximate the solution to this problem on the interval $0 \le x \le 0.5$ using a step interval of h = 0.1. What do you approximate the solution's value to be at x = 0.5

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